STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

BORNEO
SUITCASE SEMINAR

ANCIENT RAIN FORESTS
AND DIVERSE WILDLIFE

October 6 to 20, 2011

a program of the stanford alumni association
Since Travel/Study announced the Borneo Suitcase Seminar in our 2011 catalog, we have been receiving calls asking just exactly where Borneo is. I can’t tell you how delighted I am by these kinds of questions since it affirms that the unique and off-the-beaten-path programs we organize year after year resonate with you. The third-largest island in the world, Borneo includes the tiny nation of Brunei with the rest of the island flying the flags of Indonesia and Malaysia. It’s an incredible island rich in history and natural wonders, so it was an easy decision to offer a trip during which we will travel up the mighty Rajang River aboard the well-appointed RV Orient Pandaw to explore hidden villages and ancient longhouses. Don’t miss this incredible and unique adventure!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

STREAM down the mighty Rajang River and seek out endangered orangutans, rare tropical flowers and exotic birds. EXPERIENCE a miring ceremony in a traditional longhouse and enjoy an Iban warrior dance. TREK through the Taman Negara National Park on a guided tour in search of the indigenous proboscis monkey, found only on Borneo.
Itinerary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 & 7
U.S. / KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA
Fly from the U.S. to Kuching on overnight flights, crossing the international date line en route. Arrive in Kuching, the capital of Sarawak, on Friday and transfer to our hotel. This evening enjoy a festive welcome reception at our hotel.

KUCHING HILTON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
KUCHING
This morning enjoy a walking tour of Kuching and relive the history of White Rajah, the dynasty that ruled the kingdom of Sarawak from 1841 to 1946. Headed by Sir James Brooke, the White Rajah is regarded by many historians as a golden age when traditions were strong, the economy improved and violence (piracy and head-hunting) was under control. Under the Brookes, the rights and interests of indigenous people were protected and they were allowed to pursue their subsistence-based lifestyles. Tour the historic Sarawak Museum, which houses one of the best ethnography collections in Southeast Asia. KUCHING HILTON (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
KUCHING
Drive to the small Malay village of Bako and venture on a half-hour boat ride to reach the Taman Negara National. As we trek through the Park, we’ll explore flora and fauna at its best. See proboscis monkeys, found only on the island of Borneo, as well as wild boars, silver leaf monkeys, macaques, monitor lizards and exotic birds. Return to Kuching in the afternoon. KUCHING HILTON (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10
KUCHING / SIBU
Depart this morning for Sarawak’s Semenggok Nature Reserve. Speak with rangers who care for once-captive orangutans and enable them to stay in trees and make nests on treetops for sleeping at night. Return to Kuching and board a flight to Sibu where we embark the RV Orient Pandaw, our home for the next eight nights. Enjoy free time upon arrival in Sibu to explore the local markets and vibrantly colored temples. RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
KANOWIT
Cast off at dawn and proceed up the mighty Rajang. Arrive in Kanowit and visit Fort Emma. Constructed of wood, this fort has stood for over 150 years. By long boat, explore deeper inland up the Kanowit River. Return by long boat or opt to take a jungle trek back to our vessel.
RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
KAPIT
This morning walk through Kapit, the last major administrative post on the Rajang River. Visit the Teresang Market, full of intriguing fresh jungle products, kuih (cakes) and a fascinating mixture of cultures. Tour the Chinese temple and Fort Sylvia. Built in 1880 by Rajah Charles Brooke in efforts to keep peace in the area, Fort Sylvia prevented the Iban from moving upriver and fighting with the Orang Ulu. After a visit to the handicraft and tattoo museum, continue to a longhouse and experience the traditional miring ceremony. Enjoy a taste of the local rice wine and witness the Iban warrior dance. RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

BALEH RIVER

Today our vessel navigates through Batang Baleh, a scenic narrow tributary of the Rajang. During our journey into the deep jungle, view modern and forgotten longhouses along with amazingly constructed hillside rice fields. Visit a logging camp at the village of Nagamujong, which has a longhouse, school, clinic and church. Logging is strictly controlled by the local government, which operates a replanting program. RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

PELAGUS RAPIDS

Return down the Baleh to rejoin the Rajang and cruise towards Pelagus Rapids. This section of the river is incredibly beautiful with thousands of islands, reefs and shoals. Spend a full day at the resort in Pelagus where we have the opportunity to trek in the rainforest that surrounds the resort. RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

SONG

Cruise down the Rajang River and stop to visit a rubber plantation. Continue to Song, a small river station between Kanowit and Kapit. Enjoy a boat trip up the Katibas River and a short jungle trek for wildlife viewing. RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

SARIKEI

Stop at a local pineapple plantation for a mouth-watering taste of the famous Sarakei pineapple. Continue by boat to Sarakei. Explore the village on our own, with the possibility of visiting the mosque and the market to buy some of the region’s famous pak cheng (herbal soup). RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

THANJUNG MANIS

This morning the RV Orient Pandaw enters the agriculturally rich Rajang delta area. A tour of Malay includes a visit to the famous Songkat weaving workshop, which counts the royal family and Sultan of Brunei among its customers. RV ORIENT PANDAW (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

SIBU / KOTA KINABALU

Dock in Sibu and disembark the RV Orient Pandaw. Transfer to the airport and board a flight to Kota Kinabalu, where we enjoy a tour that includes the Sabah State Museum. SHANGRI LA TANJUNG ARU RESORT (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

KOTA KINABALU

Depart our hotel for a two-hour drive to Kinabalu National Park. Amid spectacular scenery, walk on guided nature trails with a naturalist and discover the Park’s numerous species of interesting flora and fauna. Meander through the Mountain Garden and see the rare collection of mountain plants and flowers. This evening at our hotel, enjoy a farewell reception and dinner. SHANGRI LA TANJUNG ARU RESORT (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

KOTA KINABALU / U.S.

Transfer to the airport where we connect to our return flights to the U.S. (B)
RV Orient Pandaw

The delightful RV Orient Pandaw has 28 identical, outside staterooms (each 170 square feet), finished with brass and teak, on two decks. All rooms are airconditioned with individual controls and have fitted windows with insect screens. The bathrooms, for a ship of this size, are roomy with granite basin tops and finished in rich brass and teak. Life onboard the Orient Pandaw provides passengers an authentic river cruising experience and is more like being a guest aboard a private motor yacht than a large cruise ship. Staterooms feature a writing desk, kimono, slippers and private deck space with rattan chairs and a table outside the stateroom for relaxing while enjoying views of the passing scenery. The Orient Pandaw’s executive chefs have evolved a fusion cuisine combining the best of Asian and Western traditions. Where possible, produce is obtained locally and there is a choice of local, European or vegetarian cuisine. Fine dining, excellent service and a hospitable management team come together to make the Orient Pandaw experience truly memorable and special.

Information

DATES
October 6 to 20, 2011 (15 days)

SIZE
Limited to 50 participants

COST
$6,795 per person, double occupancy
$7,945 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person

INCLUDED
5 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
8-night cruise aboard the RV Pandaw
13 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 12 dinners
Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
Bottled water on excursions
Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary
Internal flight in Borneo from Kuching to Sibu and Sibu to Kota Kinabalu
Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
Educational program with lecture series and pre-breakfasts, 12 lunches and 12 dinners

NOT INCLUDED
5 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
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WHAT TO EXPECT

DAYS
We consider this program to be moderately strenuous. Most of our touring is done by motorcoach and boat. Some excursions involved short walks or jungle treks. Travelers will have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful Malaysian scenery from the comfort of our ship and land. A brochure tour at times requires several hours of travel by motorcoach, the longest drives being up to three hours. Borneo’s tourism industry is in the development stage, thus patience with local services and standards will greatly improve one’s enjoyment of the trip. We expect that participants will be a self-selecting group whose interest in the places we visit far outweighs the need for creature comforts. Medical treatment and care are not always available or up to U.S. standards. Participants must be physically fit active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the Borneo Suitcase Seminar. A second deposit of $1,500 is due on January 24. Final payment is due on June 8.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until January 24. Between January 25 and June 8, the cancellation fee is $1,500-per-person. After June 8, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $2,500-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The program offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts. If you postmark your

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Faculty Leader

SCOTT PEARSON has been studying economic change in developing countries for decades. Between 1968 and 2002, Professor Pearson taught economic development and international trade at Stanford’s Food Research Institute. He has co-authored a dozen books, won several awards for his research and teaching, and advised governments on food and agricultural policy. He spends four or five months a year working abroad, mostly in Africa, Southeast Asia and Southern Europe. Since retiring, Scott has lectured on more than 40 Travel/Study trips. His passion focuses on gaining a better understanding of why empires and nation states have risen and fallen.

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“Scott is indeed a teacher extraordinaire! His presentations gave all of us a better understanding of this part of the world and its history.”

BETSY ROERING, CROATIA WALK, 2009

Reservation Form

Borneo Suitcase Seminar

Here is my deposit of $_______ ($1,000 per person) for _____ space(s).

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR

☐ Charge my deposit to my:
  □ Visa □ MasterCard □ American Express

CARD # ___________________________________________

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DATE __________________________

Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?borneo2011. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.

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“We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them.

SIGNATURE

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OR ☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates.
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FRITZ HOELSCHER
IRAN SUITCASE SEMINAR WITH SCOTT PEARSON, 2010