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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

presents

HIDDEN GEMS OF BORNEO

CRUISING THE RAJANG & THE NATURAL WONDERS OF SABAH

February 14 to 29, 2012

The fast-disappearing wonders of Malaysian Borneo, renowned for its wealth of natural and cultural treasures, is a “must-see” now. Set forth on an adventure of a lifetime and return in spirit to the age of exploration and travel in luxury aboard the colonial-styled riverboat the RV *Orient Pandaw*, uniquely designed to navigate the sinuous waterways of Sarawak’s grandest river, the Rajang. The wonderful greenery, the simple life of the local inhabitants and the unique traditional cuisine all come together to offer a striking contrast to the concrete jungles of Western Civilization. Also see the tallest peak of South East Asia – Mt. Kinabalu, and visit Sepilok for a peek of the endangered “old man of the forest” – the orangutan. Leading the journey will be Gerry Ellis, award-winning nature-environmental photojournalist, who will enhance your experience every step of the way.

“When I was right in the middle of Borneo, you thought you were in a different world.”

— David Attenborough
Naturalist and Broadcaster



YOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2/3 – LOS ANGELES/EN ROUTE/

KOTA KINABALU

SHANGRI-LA TANJUNG ARU RESORT & SPA.

(Meals Aloft; D)

Arrive in Kota Kinabalu and transfer to your hotel.

Your stay for the next 4 nights is in an award-winning resort hotel, offering exceptional service and superb accommodations along a private beach.

Highlights:

- Relax and acclimate yourself at your hotel's world-class spa before beginning your adventure.
- Enjoy a welcome dinner, a first glimpse of the great hospitality and fine cuisine you'll find throughout your journey.

DAYS 4/5 – KINABALU NATIONAL PARK/TUNKU

ABDUL RAHMAN MARINE PARK

SHANGRI-LA TANJUNG ARU RESORT & SPA. (B, L)

Explore Kinabalu National Park, a World Heritage Site and home to a huge range of exotic plants and birdlife. The next day visit the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park. Every room at the hotel is a fine balance of modern luxury along with the colors and textures of traditional Borneo.

Highlights:

- Over 400 different types of ferns, 1,200 species of orchids and 10 different types of pitcher plants can be found at the Kinabalu National Park.
- Take the opportunity to snorkel the colorful coral reefs of the Marine Park in search of various fish in all shapes and sizes and colors of the rainbow.
- Spend your day sunbathing, swimming, snorkeling, diving or take a short nature trail around the island.

DAY 6 – SANDAKAN/SEPILOK ORANGUTAN REHA-

BILITATION CENTER & FOREST RESERVE

SHANGRI-LA TANJUNG ARU RESORT & SPA. (B, L)

Fly into the Sandakan district to begin your exploration of the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center and the Sandakan town that borders it. Your hotel offers exceptional cuisine, ranging from Asian gourmet specialties to international fine dining.

Highlights:

- Discover the endangered orangutan, the only representative of the great apes outside central Africa.
- Learn about the rehabilitation program that saves and returns orangutans back into the wild.
- Visit the majestic Puu Gih Jih Chinese temple, erected in the 19th century and one of the oldest stone buildings in Sabah.

DAY 7 – KOTA KINABALU/SIBU/DURIN BRIDGE

RV ORIENT PANDAW. (B, L, D)

Take a short flight to Sibiu and begin your waterway adventure aboard your colonial-style riverboat. Your home

for the next 8 nights was uniquely designed to navigate the sinuous waters of Southeast Asia.

Highlights:

- Your vessel is decorated in rich-colonial style, exuding a casual and relaxed elegance, and offers travelers the best in comfort.
- Enjoy lectures in the onboard theatre, fine local cuisine and exceptional viewing on the promenade and observation deck.
- With a ratio of one staff member for every two passengers, guests will enjoy a very high level of hospitality.

DAYS 8/9 – KANOWIT RIVER/KAPIT

RV ORIENT PANDAW. (B, L, D Daily)

Begin your adventure up the narrow Kanowit River into the heart of the jungle, dropping anchor in the evening. Visit the provincial town of Kapit the following day. Enjoy a dinner featuring local specialties aboard your vessel on the second evening.

Highlights:

- Cruise through the rainforest, one of the most botanically diverse ecosystems on our planet.
- Take a guided walk through the Kapit Marketplace to witness local life and culture.
- Visit Fort Sylvania, once a fortress that defended against Iban attacks, now a converted museum.
- At a longhouse, join a traditional Iban miring ceremony, a colorful and noisy ritual used to invoke ancestral spirits.

DAYS 10/11 – PELAGUS RAPIDS/BALEH RIVER

RV ORIENT PANDAW. (B, L, D Daily)

Enjoy a guided nature walk through the Bornean rainforest before cruising along the Pelagus Rapids. Arrive at the Baleh River and visit the local villages of Mujong and Song the following day. Watch a shipboard performance of traditional Bornean dance presented by the children and adults of Song.

Highlights:

- Board an expedition vessel up the Baleh River to the village of Mujong for a visit to a school where you meet both the teachers and their enthusiastic young scholars, who embody Malaysia's hopes for the future.
- Have a picnic lunch, grilled outdoors, on the secluded, shaded riverside beach.
- Visit the picturesque settlement of Song as you make your way back downstream towards your vessel.

DAYS 12/13 – RAJANG VILLAGE/SARIKEI

RV ORIENT PANDAW. (B, L, D; B, D)

Explore the twisting creeks that lead from the river into the rainforest's interior before spending the rest of the day on your vessel towards the South China Sea, arriving at Rajang at sunset. The next day visit the village of Rajang and the cosmopolitan town of Sarikei. Attend a stirring performance of the tradi-

tional Lion Dance from the local students on the second evening.

Highlights:

- Set out at first light aboard a longboat where you float effortlessly as the jungle and town come to life.
- Stroll through the tranquil streets of the village of Rajang to observe the local culture.
- Sail upstream to Sarikei, and savor their local spicy cuisine, search for handicrafts in the market, or just spend the day enjoying the tropical beauty.

DAY 14 – SARIKEI/SIBU

RV ORIENT PANDAW. (B, L, D; B, D)

Take a guided walk through the verdant jungle for one last glimpse of life in the rainforests of Borneo. Enjoy a final dinner aboard your vessel as you spend the evening exchanging your experiences in the heart of Borneo with your travel companions.

Highlights:

- Visit the Pala Munsoh, a picturesque waterfall that plunges into a shaded pool, or an excursion to the nearby Pau waterfall and a pepper garden.
- Watch the locals tap rubber or tend to their rice paddies.
- Enjoy lunch at the longhouse and sample a glass of traditional palm wine.

DAYS 15/16 – SIBU/KUALA LUMPUR/LOS ANGELES

AIRPORT HOTEL. (B, Meals Aloft)

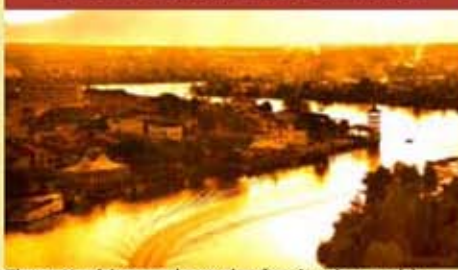
Board your flight to Kuala Lumpur and spend an evening at an airport hotel before boarding your flight back to Los Angeles.



Enjoy fine cuisine, blending modern concepts and traditional ingredients.



KUCHING POST-EXTENSION:



Fly to Kuching and see the fascinating architecture dating back to the days of the White Rajahs, including ancient Chinese temples and colorful markets. Drive through rural Sarawak – passing pepper gardens, cocoa and rubber plantations. Visit the Semenggoh Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre for another chance to observe this fascinating creature. Then, explore Bako National Park's lush mangroves, soaring rainforest and short desert-like scrubs dotted with carnivorous pitcher plants and home to a wide variety of wildlife.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS:

February 14 to 29 – prices per person

- \$5,295 land only, double occupancy
- \$1,995 single supplement
- \$200 cabin upgrades
- \$2,500 estimated international airfare from Los Angeles, incl. taxes and flights within Malaysia OR \$700 domestic air in Malaysia, if purchasing international air independently

YOUR POST-EXTENSION COSTS:

February 28 to March 2 – prices per person

- \$1,195 land only, double occupancy
- \$295 single supplement

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

Smith Travel

(800) 225-2029

alumtrav@smith.edu

Or

Mary-Jean Eraci at Classic Escapes

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Luxurious furnishings aboard RV ORIENT PANDAW, one example of the fine accommodations throughout your entire adventure.



YOUR NATURALIST GUIDE:



Gerry Ellis is an award-winning nature-environmental photojournalist and long-term documentary projects have become a hallmark of his career. His work has encompassed numerous projects for World Wildlife Fund, Chevron PNG, the Australian government, and the National Audubon Society. Gerry's work has appeared in countless magazine projects for publications including the Paris Match, Ranger Rick, New York Times, GEO and National Geographic, as well as award-winning book projects. Gerry has traveled to Borneo and surrounding Indo-Malaysia on assignment and guiding since 1995 – including extensive work on the island's endangered orangutan.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar, based on main deck cabin category
- 9 Days/8 Nights cruise on the mighty Rajang River aboard the RV Orient Pandaw.
- Breakfast daily and other meals as specified in itinerary.
- Visit to Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, as well as Semenggoh Nature Reserve on the extension.
- Gerry Ellis will accompany group with a minimum of 15 travelers.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities.
- All entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

I adore Borneo: it is one of the last truly wild places and its wildness never disappoints. It is a place of wild edges - edges at which the senses revel and are lost: eyes, ears, taste buds and mind. A place where humans have made only a hint of an impression, albeit colorful, exotic and mythic. Edges where wild reveals its magic in flowers grander than a person's reach and in the slow stare of an orange ape. I adore its mystery and its unknown.

— Gerry Ellis
Naturalist and Photographer

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form and send it to Smith Travel, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063, together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main and \$250 per person for the extension. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, Classic Escapes will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 95 days prior to departure (November 11, 2011). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 21, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers, not including organization escort). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. The minimum on the extension is 10 passengers. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Borneo. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. Alumnae Association of Smith College recommends a comprehensive package and will forward an application upon receipt of your reservation form.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee plus \$300 for the non-refundable deposit for the cruise.
- 94-80 days prior to departure, less \$750 plus \$300 for the non-refundable deposit for the cruise.
- 79-65 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on the main trip and the extension as well as non-refundable deposit for the cruise.
- Less than 65 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION FORM.



RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print) _____ **TOUR CODE:** 12ASL0214/Smith _____

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 Per Person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on Hidden Gems of Borneo departing on February 14, 2012. Cost is \$5,295 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Los Angeles is \$2,500 including departure taxes. (As of March 21, 2011 - subject to change). **Final payment due date is: November 11, 2011.**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES OR Charge deposit to:

MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only. Request and submit Credit Card Authorization form and returned to Classic Escapes via mail, e-mail or fax to 718-204-4726.

1. NAME (As it appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

2. NAME (As it appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:(1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____

MOBILE: () _____ FAX: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE Bed TWO Beds

I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Smith Travel or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement.

I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker

I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of \$1,995.

I desire an upgrade to Upper Deck Cabin, if available and will pay an additional \$200 per person. If selected cabin category is not available, next available cabin category will be offered.

Post-Extension to Kuching - \$1,195 per person, double occupancy. Single Supplement \$295

Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Los Angeles.

Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand I will be billed for the internal flights within Malaysia (\$700 for main trip per person additional).

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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"Borneo is like nowhere else on Earth—the culture will fascinate you, and the intrigue of the rainforest will amaze... Orangutans, hornbills, monkeys, and strange creatures such as the unusual proboscis monkeys and mudskippers thrive in the lush rainforests—as well as pygmy elephants!"

— Rick Prebeg
Production Coordinator/Photographer,
Jack Hanna's Into the Wild™

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