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**9-14 May 2013 (6-days) Sabah's Lost World - Maliau Basin Trek**  
**Approx. Rm1600 (per pax for group 8 pax), Rm1500 (12-16 pax)**  
**Excludes Air Asia Fares**

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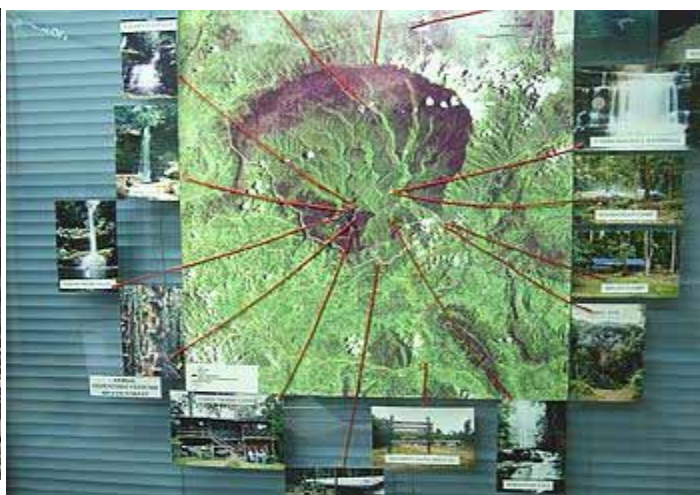
9 MAY 2013 THU AK5152 LCCT 0700AM TAWAU 0950AM

14 MAY 2013 TUE AK5155 TAWAU 1900PM LCCT 2145PM

**Update 24 May 2012** April to May are the best months to visit Maliau because of the Orchid flowering season. Expect a sizeable crowd especially in April, mostly foreigners who are aware of this fact. Normal return fares all in is an affordable Rm600. Dates are subject to availability of place in Maliau Basin. Check out the Sep08 pics on the link above. We can arrange a **2D1N trip to Mabul, Kapalai & Mataking snorkeling** trip for a min group of 4 pax. If you are a Foreign Passport Holders, let us know. The entry and other fees imposed by Maliau Basin Authorities are higher for non-Malaysians. **IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN GROUP OR WOULD LIKE US TO CONSIDER OTHER DATES, DO CONTACT US.**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit (**for Maliau trip, participants have to be fit or get fit**) with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!



Six of the seven-tier Maliau Falls / Satelite Photo of the sunken Basin

This trip is for regular trekkers to whom Maliau Basin needs no introduction. One has to be fit or has to get fit to endure the long hours of jungle trekking. Group will buy/cook own meals. For this purpose, a **separate Group Fund of Rm300** will be collected. The group fund will also be used to pay for the food porters if needed and the optional night drive Rm160 per vehicle. Excess will be returned and if insufficient, members will have to top up. Members have the option of paying for pre-arranged meals by Maliau Park on Trek days at a cost of Rm208 per person per day (Rm624 for 3 days). Note that accommodation in the jungle is basic but we budget for a standard double at Maliau Basin Science Center (MBSC) on our last night.

**Day 1 Agathis Camp:** Fly Air Asia 0700AM from KLIA arriving 0950AM Tawau. We go to the local market for seafood. We also visit the supermarket to buy our provisions for the duration of this trip. Its 300km 4.5hr to the security gate of Maliau Basin Conservation Area. After registration, we travel another 20km to Agathis Camp. This good sized camp has flush toilets, cold showers, hammock beds, kitchen and dining areas and generators for lighting at night. Optional Night Drive that goes about 10km one way.

**Day 2 Nepenthes aka Camel Trophy Camp:** After breakfast, we trek 7.5kms (4-6 hours) through steep hills, as we will ascending to the highest level of the Basin. Built in 1993 by the participants of the Camel Trophy Sabah Expedition 1993, camp has two flush toilets, two cold showers, mattress in bunk beds, small kitchen, small dining area and solar-powered florescent lighting at night.

**Day 3 Ginseng Camp:** The trek to Giluk Falls is 30 min one way. We spent some time taking photos before returning to Nepenthes to pickup our backpacks for a 6.5km 4-5hr trek to Maliau Junction, then another 1km 1hr to Ginseng Camp, passing through beautiful heath forest and moss-covered ground, with abundance of wild orchids and pitcher plants - a photographer's paradise. There are virtually no trees with diameter exceeding two inches as the soil is thin and nutrient-deficient. We are now in the midst of what is know as the "Lost World of Sabah". This is a raised camp with excellent facilities - flushed toilets, cold showers, big kitchen and dining areas, bunk beds with mattresses and generator lights.



Start at Agathis Camp / Camel Trophy Camp

**Day 4 Ginseng Camp:** After breakfast, we trek to the spectacular Maliau Falls via Lobah Camp 6km 2-3 hr involving a steep descent to the seven tiers fall. Strong trekkers have the option of trekking up to the upper levels of this huge waterfall. The clear tannin coloured pools are great for swimming. Daredevils can swim the 50 meters distance to the base of the Maliau Falls. We return to Ginseng Camp that has been described as a "four-stars Camp" with good facilities. (Note other organisers will do one night here instead of Yongo's two. With 3 nights on the Maliau Trail, members cover the same distance in a less difficult three days instead of two days).

**Day 5 Back to Agathis Camp and MBSC:** Morning visit and a dip perhaps in the Ginseng Waterfall. We return to Agathis Camp on an relatively easy 9km 5-6hr, early enough for cleaning up, soak in Agathis River. We transport out to MBSC for a final night stay in standard doubles at this Science Center. Meals (dinner & breakfast) will be at own cost.

**Day 6 Go Home:** After breakfast, we depart by 4WD back to Tawau 300km 5hr. It will a late lunch/early dinner meal. We wander around Tawau market for some shopping. Dried seafood is good value here. We rejoin our vehicle which takes us to the Tawau Airport. Depart 0700PM and arrive 0945PM.



Ginseng Camp sleeping area / World smallest Nepenthes plant species

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Cost covers the accommodation, Maliau permits, consevation fees, guide fees and 4WD transport.
2. Cost does not cover airfares, airport taxes and your meals.
3. Cost is for Malaysia Passport Holders. Foreigners are subject to higher fees by Maliau Conservation Authorities.

4. A group fund of additional Rm300 per participant will be pooled to buy food, camping gas, food porters and optional night drive. Balance of fund will be returned to the members.
5. Participants are expected to assist in food preparation and cleaning up for the duration of the Maliau trek. There are paid porters available and group can opt for that OR group can carry equal load of provisions and equipment.
6. Personal porters are available at Rm100 per day for maximum load of 12kgs. Two pax can share a porter to lower costs.
7. Yongo will plan out the menu and buy the provisions.
8. Rangers will be with us to act as guide and carry VHF radios for emergency use.
9. A deposit of Rm550 is payable to confirm your place.

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