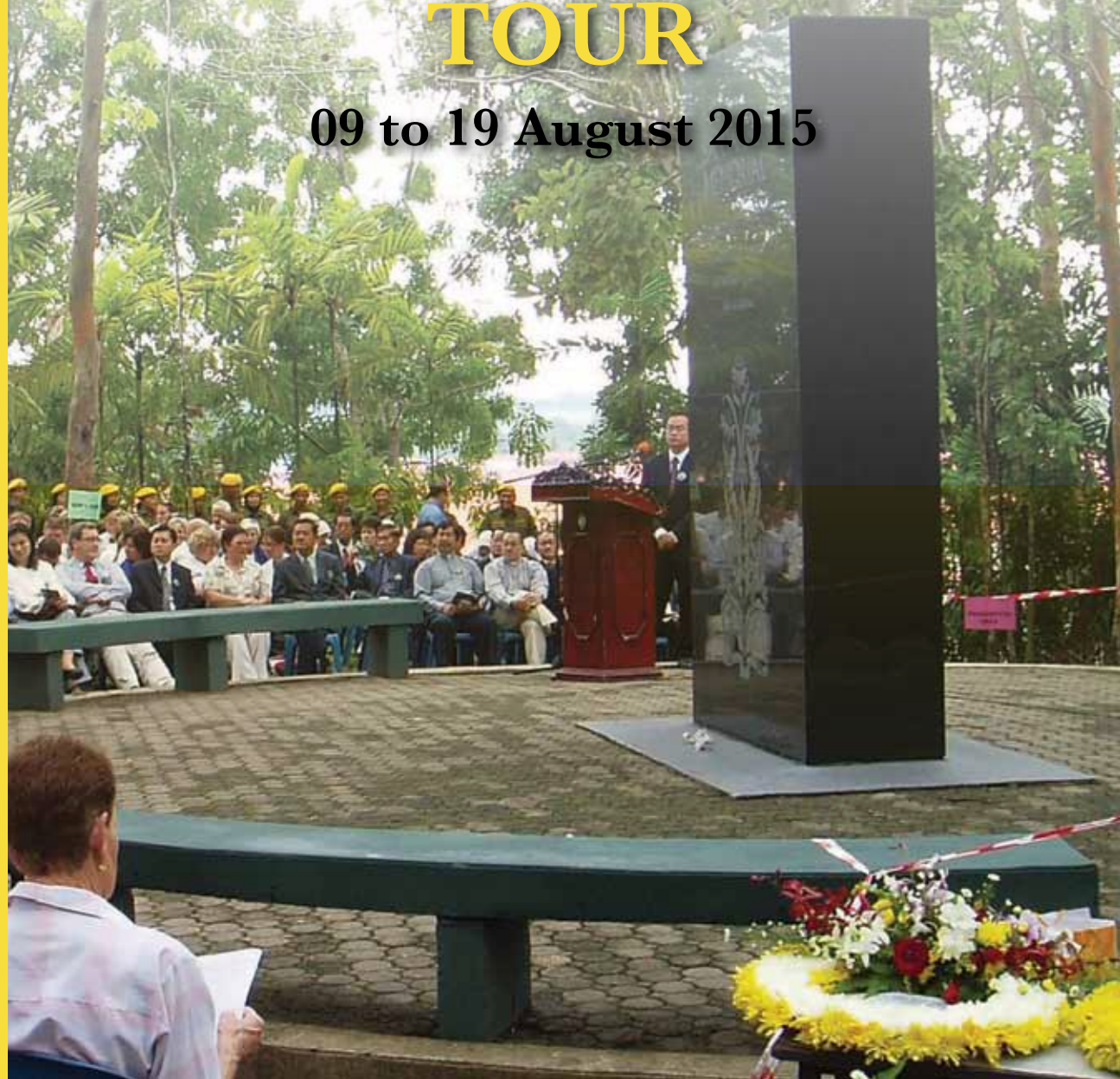




SANDAKAN MEMORIAL DAY TOUR

09 to 19 August 2015



DEPARTS AUSTRALIA 9TH AUGUST FOR 10 DAYS

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70th Anniversary - Sandakan Memorial Park

Commemorates a tragedy and an atrocity. The tragedy was the death between January and August 1945, within sight of Allied victory in the Pacific War, of approximately 2400 Australian and British prisoners of war held by the Japanese in the Sandakan POW camp, North Borneo. The atrocity was the manner of the death inflicted upon them by their captors; starvation, overwork, beatings and punishments and the forcing of over 1000 sick and weak POW's on three marches under brutal physical conditions.

In 1942 and 1943 the Japanese brought to Sandakan about 2700 Australian and British POWs, the great majority of whom had been captured at the surrender at Singapore in February 1942. They were used as a labour force to build a military airstrip. In late 1944, as the Allies advanced in the Pacific, the airstrip was bombed and destroyed. Early in 1945 the Japanese decided to move the POWs 260 kilometres west into the mountains to the small settlement of Ranau. On three forced marches between January and June approximately 500 prisoners died. The remainder died at the Ranau and Sandakan camps.

Of all those who had been alive in January 1945, by the end of August only six Australians survived. Two of the six escaped into the jungle during the second march in June 1945. Assisted by local people, they were eventually picked up by Allied units. Another four escaped from Ranau in July and again, with the help of local people, were fed and hidden from the Japanese until the end of the war.

Today the POW dead, whose bodies were recovered, are buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission war cemetery at Labuan. Those who could not be identified, or who have no known grave are commemorated on Memorials to the Missing at Labuan and Singapore.

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DAY 1 - Sunday 09 AUGUST:

DEPART AUSTRALIA (meals in flight)

Check-in 2 hours before departure, for convenience check your luggage all the way through to Kota Kinabalu, carrying just an overnight bag. Depending on your city of departure, you have a choice of flying straight through via Singapore with SINGAPORE AIRLINES, or, an overnight stay flying with MALAYSIA AIRLINES, as you may wish to break your journey. Contact Specialised Travel for the flight schedules and travelling times that best suit you.

Accommodation: Inflight OR Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA

DAY 2 - Monday 10 AUGUST:

ARRIVE KOTA KINABALU (B,D)

Again, depending on your city of departure, your arrival time with Singapore Airlines can be late morning or late afternoon. If you are flying Malaysia Airlines, your luggage is already checked through to Kota Kinabalu, and you have your boarding pass, we walk from your hotel to the airport to depart Kuala Lumpur early morning for Kota Kinabalu. Breakfast in-flight. Upon arrival you will be greeted by our tour operator and transfer to the hotel to check-in. This evening we have a welcome to Borneo dinner at our resort.

Accommodation: Magellan Resort

DAY 3 - Tuesday 11 AUGUST:

KOTA KINABALU (B,L)

Breakfast at the resort. Depart for a full day tour to Mt. Kinabalu and the Kundasang Australian War Memorial

Gardens. Transverse along Sabah's Crocker Range past Kinabalu Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Mt. Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Malaysia towers majestically at 4,095m (13,431 ft) the base of which lies the Kundasang Australian, British and Borneo War Memorial. Lunch at Hotel Perkasa Kundasang before we take the journey to Ranau, the end point of the Death Marches, we continue onto the Last Camp. Return to the resort late afternoon for an evening at leisure.

Accommodation: Magellan Resort

DAY 4 - Wednesday 12 AUGUST:

KOTA KINABALU-LABUAN (B,D) Early take-away breakfast from the resort. Transfer to the Domestic airport for our early morning flight for a half day visit to Labuan Island. We embark a guided tour of the War Cemetery where many of the victims of the Death Marches are laid to rest and visit the Japanese Surrender Point. Return flight after midday, transfer back to the resort for an afternoon at leisure. Farewell to Kota Kinabalu Dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Magellan Resort

DAY 5 Thursday 13 AUGUST:

KOTA KINABALU - SANDAKAN (B,L,D)

Breakfast at the resort prior to checkout at 9:00 am. Transfer to the airport for our short flight to Sandakan. Arrive then transfer to Sepilok Nature Resort for lunch before we visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre. Then continue to Sepilok Orang Utan Centre around 3:00pm to come face to face with this fascinating endangered creature in

its natural habitat as they learn to survive once more in the jungles of Borneo. A raised wooden walkway takes you to the observation deck where Orangutans slowly emerge from the rainforest to be fed by the Rangers. Dinner at the hotel. Time to relax in the evening.

Accommodation: Four Points Hotel

**DAY 6 - Friday 14 AUGUST:
SANDAKAN (B,L,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Proceed for a city tour of Sandakan including a visit to Agnes Keith House Museum, the recently restored British colonial government quarters "Newlands" that was once occupied by its most famous tenant, Agnes Newton Keith. Long remembered for her first book Sabah Land Below The Wind, which made her famous in 1939, followed by her two books: Three Came Home in 1946 and White Man Returns in 1951, both about Sabah and Borneo. This trilogy of books span the pre-war, war and post-war periods and are therefore considered historically factual and relevant to our visit to the War Memorials. Proceed to the adjacent English Tea House and Restaurant for lunch. We also visit the Church where Australian RSL Clubs have helped restore the Stained Glass Windows. We transfer to the official function hosted by the President of Sandakan Municipal Council. Return to the hotel later in the evening.

Accommodation: Four Points Hotel

**DAY 7 – Saturday 15 AUGUST:
SANDAKAN (B,D)**

Early breakfast at the hotel. We transfer by coach to the Sandakan War Memorial Dawn Service. Morning tea at the Memorial Park before returning to the hotel. Afternoon and evening at leisure. As you are right in the heart of the town everything is walking distance. Dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Four Points Hotel

**DAY 8 - Sunday 16 AUGUST:
KUALA LUMPUR / SINGAPORE (B,L)**

Breakfast at the hotel and morning at leisure before we transfer to the airport for your flight to Kuala Lumpur or Singapore. Lunch in flight. Upon arrival at the city of your choice, you will be met by our tour operator and transfer to your hotel. The next two days are at your leisure to explore either of these two great cities.

Accommodation: JW Marriott Hotel KL or Grand Copthorne Riverside, Singapore

**DAY 9 - Monday 17 AUGUST:
KUALA LUMPUR / SINGAPORE (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Both Kuala Lumpur and Singapore are known for their shopping and interesting sites. It is totally up to you how you spend this free day.

Accommodation: JW Marriott Hotel KL or Grand Copthorne Riverside, Singapore

**DAY 10 - Tuesday 18 AUGUST:
KUALA LUMPUR / SINGAPORE (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. You have the choice to extend your stay in Malaysia, or Singapore. Our tour operator will transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. Contact Specialised Travel for the overnight flights home that best suit you.

**DAY 11 - Wednesday 19 AUGUST:
AUSTRALIA (B in flight)**

Arrival time depends on the flight schedule into your home city.

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twin share, ex Australia**

Single room supplement \$890. Includes Departure Taxes, Fees and Fuel Surcharge.

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Booking deadline with \$400 deposit
30 January 2015

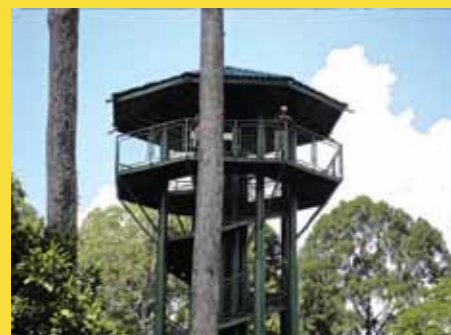
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PACKAGE TOUR INCLUSIONS:

International economy class airfares ex Australia with Malaysia Airlines or Singapore Airlines, economy flights within Malaysia, transfers and tours in air conditioned coaches, English speaking professional guides, daily breakfasts plus lunches and dinners as per itinerary, accommodation in the deluxe Sutera Harbour Resort in Kota Kinabalu, the new Sheraton Four Points in Sandakan and JW Marriott in Kuala Lumpur or Grand Copthorne Riverside in Singapore. Exclusively conducted for Specialised Travel.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

We strongly suggest you consider Travel Insurance (20% group discount applies) AUST, NZ, UK passport holders gain entry Visa on arrival at no cost. Passport must be valid for six months from your date of entry. Meals not included in itinerary. Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, mini bar, photo / video fees.





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offered in such cases.

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ROOM TYPES & BEDDING

- Prices for this tour are based on existing bedding at the hotels selected. Additional bedding will need to be specifically requested and is subject to availability.
- A Single Supplement is required to be paid if sole occupancy of a room is required.
- Single, interconnecting, twin as against double, smoking or non-smoking rooms need to be clearly referred to on the booking form, and are based upon availability.

PASSPORT VALIDITY & VISA REQUIREMENTS

- Passports will require at least six months validity from the date of entry into a foreign country.
- Depending upon your Nationality, a Visa may be required prior to departing Australia.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE & SECURITY CONTROL

- Economy Class travellers are allowed 20kgs per person. Business Class passengers are permitted 30 Kgs. No one bag may exceed 35 Kgs.
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- No sharp objects such as a nail file, scissors, Swiss Army knife, etc; is permitted in the aircraft cabin. Please ensure such items are packed into your check-in luggage.
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