

Brunei Tour



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Tour Summary

The small country of Brunei is located in steamy Southeast Asia on the northern coast of Borneo, the third largest island in the world. The South China Sea makes up the northern coastline. By land, Brunei is completely bordered by the Malaysian state of Sarawak. The Indonesian state of Kalimantan encompasses the southern two thirds of Borneo. The sovereign nation of Brunei is a land of resplendent mosques and lush rainforests. It boasts a high standard of living, bolstered by the good fortune of having abundant petroleum deposits. There are five major regions of Brunei and we will visit them all in this comprehensive tour inside the last of the grand Malay kingdoms.

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The Sultan & His Brunei





The sultan of Brunei is one of the most powerful heads of states in the world. He controls all important aspects of government, including finance, the military, and natural resources. He is also the prime

minister and the religious leader of the country. He is well regarded among the Brunei population.



The wealthy Brunei economy is largely bolstered by crude oil and natural gas production, both of which account for about half of its GDP. We will visit the oil-rich production city of Seria in one chapter.



Brunei was a British protectorate from 1888 until its independence in 1984. The country was briefly occupied by Japan from 1941 to 1945 during World War II. The dramatic growth began in the 1980s, hit a fevered pitch in the 1990s, but has since slowed.

We will visit the rapid and magnificent growth of the Jerudong region in another chapter.



We will visit the extraordinary Empire Hotel and Country Club in Jerudong, one of only a few 7-star hotels in the world. The “Emperor Suite” where Bill Clinton and other heads of state have resided rents for a cool \$16,600 per night, complete with a live-in butler and a private pool with connecting hot tub.



The other major towns in Brunei are the port town of Muara, the oil producing town of Seria, and its neighboring town, Kuala

Belait. We will also visit the little-visited Tutong region, home to the famous “black lake.”



The total population of Brunei Darussalam is a little under 400,000 people, of which around 130,000 live in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan. We will take a walking tour around town, as well as touring two of the most beautiful mosques in the world.



We will also visit the “water village” in Bandar Seri Begawan, the largest settlement built on stilts in the world. It is necessary to take a boat across the Brunei River to visit. Once above water at the house level, the village is a labyrinth of walkways.



To complete our tour of the entire country of Brunei, we will leave Bandar Seri Begawan by boat and visit the northern Temburong region, a sparsely populated and mountainous district of Brunei.



We will pay a visit to a pagan indigenous group of residents, the Iban tribe, descendants of the fierce

headhunters of Borneo. There was nothing but smiles from the Temburong Iban when we paid a visited.



You can bet we will take more than one adventure once we arrive by boat at the Ulu Ulu Rainforest Resort. There are no roads here. Only boat traffic, rope bridges, and rainforest canopy walkways. Please join us on this comprehensive tour of Brunei, the last of the Malay Kingdoms, which will be fully explored in this tour!

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