

Sabah 4D3N Semporna Islands Hopping Tour

TOUR CODE: 4DSEMIH (Validity: Until 31 December 2023)

DAY 1: KUALA LUMPUR ➔ TAWAU ➔ SEMPORNA

Welcome to **Tawau Airport**. Meet & greet on arrival by our local representative and transfer to **Semporna** (Seat-in coach basis) hotel for check-in. After check-in, rest of the day is free time at your own leisure & expense. Meals on your own expense. (Walking distance to many restaurants). Semporna is a small township located in the east coast of Sabah. It is a popular gateway to not just island hopping trips to some of the most beautiful islands of the Celebes sea but also the gateway to world famous diving sites such as Sipadan and Mabul island. Semporna is home to the sea gypsies and stilt houses protruding from the sea.



Overnight in Semporna.

DAY 2: SEMPORNA ➔ ISLANDS HOPPING (Breakfast/Packed Lunch)

After breakfast, join one of the below island hopping activities. (Include packed lunch, drinking water, snorkelling gear, conservation fee & jetty fee).

Option 1: Bohey Dulang > Mantabuan > Sibuan Island.

Hike to the peak of Bohey Dulang island to see the magnificent view of the ancient volcano crater. Snorkel in the blue sea of Mantabuan with its majestic backdrop and stroll along the powdery white beach of Sibuan Island.

★**Bohey Dulang Island** is the only island in Tun Sakaran Marine park with a hiking trail. It may take around 45 minutes to hike the steep incline to get the best aerial view from atop the island. At the end of hike, you'll be awarded with a breath-taking view.



Note: Bohey Dulang involves hiking up to the peak to view the ancient volcano crater. Toes covering shoe is a compulsory requirement, else you will not be allowed to climb.

★**Mantabuan Island** is the best spot for sightings of underwater creatures. Despite being the smallest island in Tun Sakaran Marine Park, the volcanically and mostly submerged island is a paradise for divers who seek to see magnificent coral reefs with great visibility.



★**Sibuan Island** is home to the "Bajau Laut" (sea gypsies), who live in small huts on the island's coast.

This island is locally known as 'Battleship Island' for its distinctive shape, and is popular to snorkelers and divers alike due to its largely untouched conditions.



Option 2: Matakang Island > Timba Timba Island > Pom Pom Island.

★**Matakang Island** is home to the first 'Underwater Post Office' in Malaysia, also known as the 'Shipwreck Post', and is connected to Pulau Matakang Kecil (Small Matakang Island) via a narrow sand bank. House reefs surround the whole island where you can easily snorkel or dive. During the months of May to August, you may be lucky enough to spot Hawksbill and green turtles laying their eggs on the beach.



★**Timba Timba Island** is covered with soft, pure white sand. Apart from being known for its wonderful beach, it is also a great place to look for rarer macro marine life that includes cuttlefish, frog fish, crab and occasionally nurse sharks. While turtles can be seen in numbers, other frequent sightings include blue ribbon eels, moray eels, lobster and barracudas.



★**Pom Pom Island** is has rich tropical vegetation and is surrounded by white sand and the turquoise waters of the Celebes Sea. It is on part of this beautiful island that "Pom Pom Island Resort & Spa" finds it home. Pom Pom Island Resort & Spa is a new and exclusive resort located on Celebes Sea (Latitude 04°36', Longitude 118°52'). Geographically, Pom Pom Island is among the few rare islands found on the South China Sea





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Option 3: Mabul & Kapalai Island.

★ **Mabul Island** is a small oval shaped island fringed by sandy beaches and perched on the northwest corner of a larger 200-hectare reef. The reef is on the edge of the continental shelf and the seabed surrounding the reef slopes out to 25–30m deep. Mabul is also renowned for its amazing array of macrolife, making it an underwater photographer's dream location to capture some of the rarest ecological species on film. Flamboyant cuttlefish, blue-ringed octopus, spike-fin gobies, frogfish and moray eels are just some of the spectacular critters you will encounter beneath the waters of Mabul.

Note : Entrance to Mabul Water Bungalow (for photo taking) is optional.

Exclude entrance fee (Current fee is MYR 30 per person). Pay on the spot at Mabul Water Bungalow.

★ **Kapalai Island** is a world-class diving & snorkelling destination filled with beautiful coral reefs covering the ocean bed and colourful fishes decorating the seas which can also be appreciated through snorkelling. You may have the chance to encounter the nomadic sea gypsies, also known as Bajau Laut, throughout your snorkelling adventure.

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DAY 4: SEMPORNA ➤ TAWAU ➔ KUALA LUMPUR (Breakfast)

After breakfast, free time at your own leisure until the transfer to **Tawau Airport** (Seat-in-Coach basis) for your departure flight.

(Semporna hotels: Breakfast available at certain hotels)

Note: For Islands Hopping Tour:

1. All island hopping tour is subject to permit (ticket) issued by Sabah Parks office in Semporna and has to be done every morning.
2. Sabah Parks implemented new fee to hike up to Bohey Dulang w.e.f 01 January 2023. As this hike is optional, the fee & climbing permit is not included in the package price.

Climbing Fee for Bohey Dulang Island: MYR 20 Per Adult / MYR 10 Per Child.

Mountain Guide Fee Bohey Dulang Island: MYR 50 per guide per climb. Pay on the spot.

Maximum 5 persons in a group (adult or child)). Join up with other fellow climbers to make the head count to maximum number for one Mountain Guide is allowed.

3. During weekends and peak season such as public holidays, there are a lot of people going on island hopping tour and the queue may be long until our company manage to get the permit issued.
4. Standard standby time for Island Hopping tour is 0815 – 0830, however there are occasions when the pick-up will be delayed up to 0900 -0930.