

Explore the traditional Indonesian Kampung of Sri Bintan and get a glimpse into the daily lifestyle of the villagers. During the 3 hours guided tour you can experience many interesting village activities. See crafts women weave pandan leaves into usable products. Discover how the local blacksmith makes agricultural tools from scrap metal !. Visit a working rubber plantation - try rubber tapping and learn how rubber is made from trees! You can also find and enjoy many exotic fruits when in season. The 5 - 6 hours tour finishes off with an optional traditional village lunch, accompanied by Indonesian dance performance.



Services include

- Local guide

A 3-hours walk with two local village guides from the Gunung Bintan area. The guides will provide stories on people, culture and nature of the area.

- Traditional lunch

You will be served traditional lunch after visiting the village. The food is prepared by the villagers.

- Village Activities

Depending of the season and time of the year, you may witness various traditional village activities around the kampung. During harvesting season, you may be able to buy local durians and other exotic fruits, observe the production of handicrafts, made from the leaves of the local pandanus plants, or see village festivals as they unfold. As a showcase of their hospitality, the villagers will demonstrate their skills in playing traditional instruments, accompanied by dancers from the villages. Our guides will explain the meaning of the music and dances performed and will invite the guests to participate.



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Bintan Island

An Encounter with People and Nature of Riau Archipelago

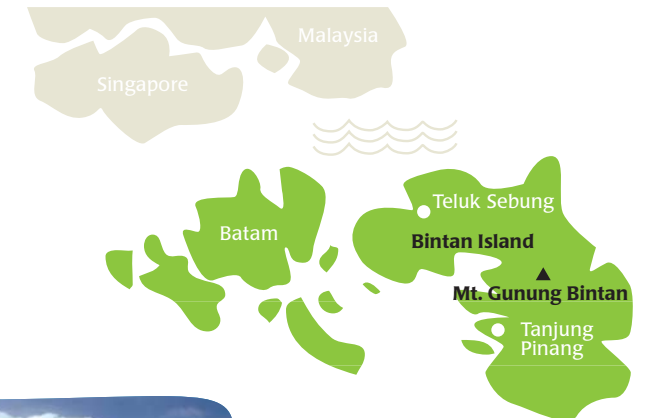
Bintan Island is the largest of the enchanting Riau Archipelago in the South China Sea. Experience endless tropical beaches and rich coastal lifestyles with a historical and cultural past. Situated at the crossroads of the famous India-China maritime trade route, the island was the hot seat for numerous power struggles among the Malays and Bugis warriors. It was also the site of major foreign interests due to the strategic location at the centre between the profitable China-India trade routes. The Portuguese, the Dutch, the Arabs and of course the British, were all once part of the glorious past of the island's history.



hour short ride from the tropical garden city of Singapore, Bintan Island is easily accessible with convenient and high-speed catamaran ferries, operated by Bintan Resort Ferries. Easy accessibility to Bintan's ecotourism destinations is one of the major plus points for its attractions, allowing short but inspiring eco-tours into the natural beauty of Bintan's tropical landscapes.

The two main entry points to Bintan are the Bandar Bentan Telani Ferry Terminal in the northern part of the island, operated by Bintan Resorts. You have also the option of coming from other Indonesian destinations via the international airport on neighbouring Batam Island. Chartered speedboat services can be arranged between Telaga Punggur or Nongsa Ferry Terminal in Batam and Bandar Bentan Ferry Terminal (BBT) in Bintan Resorts. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes. Alternatively, you may wish to take the daily speedboat services from Telaga Punggur Ferry Terminal in Batam to Tanjung Uban in Bintan Island and hire a car to Bintan Resorts for 45 minutes drive.

The dry calm season from late March to early November is characterized by clear sunny days and calm pristine waters. Late November to early March is generally the windier season with passing showers, although you still get good



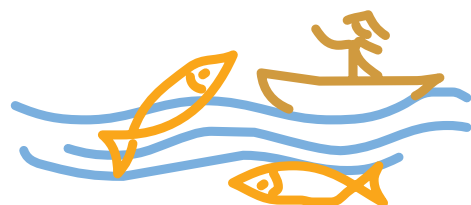
sun throughout the day. This period is suited for windborne sports such as windsurfing. The island's annual windsurfing competition - The Mana Mana

Amslam, as a part of the Asian Windsurfing Tour - is held during this windy season in January.

BEVEP's (Bintan Ecotourism Venture Project) objective is to strengthen self-help capabilities of low-income families in Bintan in the ecotourism sector. Through education and on-the-job training programmes, the project creates a livelihood opportunities with and for the local communities, protecting natural and cultural resources of the island.

BEVEP's ecotourism destinations can be reached by land from various locations on the island. It will take between 30 minutes to 90 minutes by car to arrive at the eco tour starting points. The below trip offers an opportunity to get a taste of exploring the nature beauty and the community.





Traditional Fishing

Try fishing the traditional way. Embark on a tour to see and learn how the local fishermen catch fish and crabs in rivers and the sea. Using traditional methods, the local fishermen utilize the resources of the mangroves lining Bintan's Sungai (River) Sebung Kecil without destroying them.

Enjoy a ride in a sampan (traditional rowing boat) on the calm waters of the Sebung Kecil River. Test your skills by trying to throw the jala or casting net. If all efforts fail, your tour guide will ask you to make a bubu (boo-boo). This is traditional fish traps made from bamboo or wire to catch crab and fish. Local village guides will certainly teach some fishing techniques and provide an introduction into the flora and fauna richness of coastal ecosystems in Bintan.

This 2 - 3 hours programme is prepared and conducted by the village ecotourism enterprise of Sungai (River) Sebung Kecil, Yayasan Ekowisata Tunas Harapan. All participants originate from the settlements along Sungai Kecil. Your tour with our local guides from Sungai Kecil will involve you into the multi-faceted coastal life, both on and off the water, in Bintan Island.

In line with the principles of ecotourism, the revenues from the ecotour will benefit the families of the villages at Bintan.

Services Included:

- Local guides.

A 1-hour trip in traditional rowing boats (sampan) with two local village guides from the Sungai Kecil area. The guides will provide stories on people, culture and nature of the area.



- Snacks and Drinks

You will be served traditional seafood snacks and energizing freshly cut coconut drinks after the tour.

- Village Activities

Depending of the season and time of the year, you may witness various traditional village activities in the Sungai Kecil area. During fishing season, you may be able to visit local fish markets, observe the production of handicrafts, made from the leaves of the local pandanus plants, or see village festivals as they unfold. As a showcase of their hospitality, the villagers will demonstrate their skills in playing traditional instruments, accompanied by dancers from the villages. Our guides will explain the meaning of the music and dances performed and will invite the guests to participate.

Option: Upon request, sea-fishing tours can be arranged for a minimum of four persons.



Discover Bintan's rainforest and see the fantastic views from the 340 meter high summit of Gunung Bintan. During the 5 hours trek through the rainforest, you can see giant trees over 40-metre tall, home to rare animals such as silver leaf monkeys, sun birds, eagles and kites to name a few. During the trek you can learn about the practical uses of many plants and discover the local legend of the princess pool. Finally you can cool down with a shower under the waterfall.

The local village guides

of Sri Bintan will take you along a natural trail used by the villagers. After a 2-hour ascent you will reach some of the Bintan last forest giants 40 meter high dipterocarp



(two-winged-fruit) rain forests trees. The climb continues through thick native palm forest for another hour, before enjoying the scenic view of Bintan Bay and Tanjung Pinang from the top of the mountain at 340 m above sea level.

Refresh yourself with mountain water and taste local fruit delights, amongst them the king of fruits, the durian, grown along the lower reaches of Gunung Bintan. The 5 - 6 hours trek ends at the village of Bekapur.



Services included:

- Local guide

A 5-hour trek with two local village guides from the Gunung Bintan area. The guides will provide stories on people, culture and nature of the area.

- Snacks and drinks

You will be served traditional snacks and energizing freshly cut coconut drinks while and after climbing the mountain.

- Village Activities

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Package	Price per person in Euro* (no accommodation; retail incl. of land transport)
Sebung Kecil River Adventure	15
Sea-fishing tour (Optional) <i>(Fishing boat hire includes)</i>	210
Gunung Bintan Adventure Trek	15
Sri Bintan Kampung Eco Tour	15

**Price valid till December 31, 2006*