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# Malaysia & Borneo

**2 – 15 June 2005 – Peninsula Malaysia**
**14 – 28 June 2005 – Sabah**

Jet Departure Tours
Guide: Keith Barnes

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| June 2005 | Arrival Kuala Lumpur |
| June 2005 | KL – Kuala Selangor (full day) |
| June 2005 | The Gap (Broadway – Fraser's Hill Tekekon Loop) |
| June 2005 | Fraser's Hill (Bishops Road & Bishops Trail) p.m. New Road |
| June 2005 | Fraser's Hill (Tekekon Loop & Bishops Trail) a.m. Waterfall Trail |
| June 2005 | Fraser's Hill (Gap Road) p.m. New Road |
| June 2005 | Tanah Negara HQ (Bukit Tabur – Bukit Tabur Tanah Negara HQ |
| June 2005 | Tanah Negara HQ (Bukit Teresek – Jerun Bucik – River Trail) |
| June 2005 | Tanah Negara HQ (River Trail – Swamp Loop) |
| June 2005 | Tanah Negara HQ (River Trail – Jurek Bucik) |
| June 2005 | Tanah Negara HQ (Kuala Tahan – Boat to Jenderuh) |
| June 2005 | Departure Kuala Lumpur |
| June 2005 | Arrival Day Kota Kinabalu |
| June 2005 | Mt Kinabalu National Park (HQ & Ranu Sisu Trail) |
| June 2005 | Mt Kinabalu National Park (Ranu Sisu & Mesilau Trail) |
| June 2005 | Mt Kinabalu National Park (Ranu Sisu & Resort) |
| June 2005 | Mt Kinabalu National Park (Bukit Ular – Liwagu Trail (lower)) |
| June 2005 | Mt Kinabalu National Park (Bukit Ular & Liwagu (lower) – Poring Hot Springs |
| June 2005 | Poring Hot Springs – Lahad Datu – Danum Valley (BML) |
| June 2005 | Danum Valley – Borneo Rainforest Lodge (Walk to Lodge & Canopy) |
| June 2005 | Danum Valley – Borneo Rainforest Lodge (Walk to Lodge & Dugong Trail) |
| June 2005 | Danum Valley – Borneo Rainforest Lodge (Canopy Tower) – Kota Kinabalu via Sepilok |
| June 2005 | Kota Kinabalu |

**INTRODUCTION**

Borneo and Malaysia are hard to beat as a rainforest birding destination in Asia. The amazing efficiency make for a wonderfully pleasant trip and the sublime forests combine with some of the most incredible birds remaining on the globe today including Great Slaty Woodpecker, Rhinoceros and Helmeted Hornbill, Long-tailed and Black-and-Red Broadbills and a band of eclectic and secretive pittas to make this perhaps the ultimate destination in the Orient. The real birding highlight though came in the form of a group of the gregarious Bornean Bristlehead. The remarkable bird happened to be the last bird family to be clinched by two of the tour's participants, a serious achievement. Then of course, there is the fabulous Orang-utan, of which we saw 13 on this tour along with a band of other mammals including Gamang, Bornean Gibbon, Leopard Cat and Banded Palm Civet. This tour encountered 242 bird species and 34 mammal species including four species of bat – a rather incredible all round day and one where we enjoyed quite a bit of comfort in the fine facilities available throughout modern Malaysia!

*Rhinoceros Hornbill is one of the greatest birds of a trip to SE Asia*

Inner Bukit Lumpur is pretty devoid of birds and our highlight of the first night was the amazing buffet at the hotel where we feasted on the finest Asian cuisine…always the great benefit of a birding trip in Asia! The next morning we were off at sparrows, and nailed our first bird…a Eurasian Tree Sparrow! But much more exciting goodies were to follow and we were soon on our way up the Gap road.

**Kuala Selangor**
We arrived in Kuala Selangor and headed straight to the raised bunds in the reserve where we soon saw Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Smyrna Kingfisher and Blue-throated Bee-eater as well as the mangrove specials and a host of herons and waders. We also found the localised Copperpenny Barbet and Laced Woodpecker as well as our first Common Flameback, a species that would be seen in abundance on the tour. We then headed to the Kuala Selangor Nature Park where we had our first encounter with the gregarious Bornean Bristlehead. Mangrove Blue Flycatcher and Atkinin's Babbler. This was only a one night stop and after we had visited the shady cove to Sunbeds and enjoyed a spectacular local meal we headed off to Fraser's Hill birding the road up from the lowlands, and encountering a bunch of birds by goodies on our ascent, particularly as we approached the central Malay highlands near the Gap!

**Fraser's Hill**
The wonderfully cool hill station resort of Fraser's Hill has a charm of its own. We hit the trails as soon as possible picking up on a series of highly sought-after specialities including Green Magpie, Long-tailed Sibia, Silver-eared Mesia, Blue Nuthatch, Bull's Head Tapper, Fire-tufted Barbet, Black-and-Crimson Oriole, Golden Babbler and Mountain Fulvetta. We also had time to explore the famous Bishop's trail where a Rusty-naped Pitta skittily studied us although we did encounter Pygmy Wren Babbler and Streaked Wren Babbler amongst some mixed flock game such as Greater Rittiwanger, Crimson-winged Woodpecker, Malaysian Cuckooshrike, Blue-winged Leafbird, Chestnut-crowned and Chestnut-capped laughing thrushes, white-bellies, Yellowish, Streaked and Black-eared Bulbuls, Black-headed Sibia, Black-throated Babbler, Black-and-White Bulbul, Black-headed Bulbul, Black-throated Wren Babbler, Chestnut-hooded Babbler, Black-throated Babbler, Black-throated Sunbird, Black-headed, Yellow-crowned, Black-crowned, Yellow-vented, Black-throated, Yellow-throated and Grey-headed Bulbuls, Arrangar shrike, the Kaka and a Kuling Swift. Dusky Broadbill, Black-and-Red Broadbill, Long-tailed Broadbill, Black-and-Yellow Broadbill, Black-headed Bulbul, Black-throated Bulbul