Best of Brunei



Approximately 7½ Hours

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Brunei, an incredibly wealthy nation on the island of Borneo, is a stunning mixture of old and new. From elaborate mosques to simple water-villages, Brunei offers a culture very distinct from the other parts of Borneo. Enjoy a short cruise to a **water village** for tea in a **local home**. The water village is home to 30,000 people and has schools, hospitals, police stations, shop and mosques, all located over the water. Then, move quietly along the narrow**mangrove channels**, stopping to listen and look for the birds and animal life that call the mangroves home. If you are lucky you can observe the shy proboscis monkeys found only on Borneo. Your guide will explain the mangrove ecology and some of the diversity of plants and animal life in the tangle of mangroves, vines, palms and trees. The boat returns to the center of Bandar Seri Begawan, where you will stop by the open-air **Kianggeh Market** for a chance to mingle with the local people, followed by a visit to the **Royal Regalia**. This facility offers a replica inside view of the palace, and the regalia used by the Sultan during Jubilee celebrations. A delicious **lunch** will be served in Bandar before you return to the ship.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered and shoes must be removed before you enter the Royal Regalia. At the Royal Regalia, a walk of 40 yards is required from the bus parking to building with 45-50 minutes of standing and walking inside. Cameras and purses are not allowed inside mosques and museums. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Brunei Highlights



Approximately 4 Hours

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The richest man in the world is the Sultan of Brunei, and Brunei is one of only a few countries that do not impose income taxes. In fact, here, the Sultan actually gives out money during the Hari Raya Festival. Setting out, you will catch a view of the Sultan's residences, and those of his siblings, as well as the Sultan Polo horse ground and one of Asia's largest amusement centers—the Sultan's gift to his people. Next, view the rich Islamic heritage of Brunei with a drive past the elaborate gold-plated Mosque of Brunei. Visit the **Royal Regalia**, offering a replica inside view of the palace, and the regalia used by the Sultan during Jubilee celebrations.

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Mangrove Cruise & Malay Technology Museum



Approximately 5 Hours

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Stop by the **Malay Technology Museum** for an insight into the crafts and skills of ancient times—boatmaking, fishing, metalworking and gold smithing. Then, explore the**waterways of Brunei** as you embark a **boat** traveling past old and new water villages on mangrove-lined canals. Moving quietly along the narrow channels, stop to listen and look for the birds and animal life that call the mangroves home. If you are lucky you can observe the shy proboscis monkeys, only found in Borneo. Your guide will explain the mangrove ecology and some of the diversity of plant and animal life in the tangle of mangroves, vines, palms and trees. The boat returns to the center of Bandar Seri Begawan stopping along the way so you can visit a **local home** for a cup of tea.

Notes:
Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered and shoes must be removed before you enter the private home. Participants must be agile enough to get on and off the boat. The jetty is uneven and has steps. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.
This excursion is led in English

Private Car (Half Day)





Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.

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Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your

own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations. Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.
Notes:
Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Water Village & Tea



Approximately 4½ Hours

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Brunei, a super-rich country that is a bit off the beaten track, is a fascinating study in lifestyles, from elaborate mosques to simple water villages. Your drive today includes a quick photo stop at some of Brunei's impressive landmarks, including the Jame Mosque. Then, visit the **Royal Regalia**, offering a replica inside view of the palace, and the regalia used by the Sultan during Jubilee celebrations. Complete your Brunei experience with a visit to a **water village** for tea in a **local home**. The water village is home to 30,000 people and has schools, hospitals, police stations, shop and mosques, all on piles over the water.

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