BINTULU WEEKEND NATURE ESCAPE

Whenever you're in Bintulu, don't miss the opportunity to explore beyond the city.

Drive towards Sungai Asap, Murum and the heart of Sarawak's interiorwhere longhouses, rivers and rainforest landscapes reveal a different side of Bintulu.

The journey brings a little sense of adventure, with winding roads and changing conditions along the way. An SUV or four-wheel drive is recommended for a more comfortable and confident journey.

We experienced this route ourselves, and we're excited to share it with travellers looking for something different.

Take your time, meet the local community and discover the natural beauty beyond Bintulu.

Pre-book your accommodation, local host and guided activities before departure to enjoy further discount on your car rental rate.

PACKAGE 1

WEEKEND INTERIOR ESCAPE

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Bintulu – Sungai Asap – Murum – Lepau Uten

2 Days / 1 Night
DIY Self-Drive Adventure

A short weekend journey into Sarawak's interior, combining indigenous culture, remarkable longhouses, rainforest scenery and a guided waterfall experience.

Route: Bintulu → Sungai Asap → Murum/Long Urun → Lepau Uten → Bintulu

DAY 1

Bintulu – Sungai Asap – Lepau Uten

6:00 AM | Depart from Bintulu

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Collect your pre-booked four-wheel-drive rental vehicle and begin the journey towards Sungai Asap.

Guests should have breakfast before departure or bring a packed breakfast, drinking water and light snacks.

Allow approximately three to four hours to reach Sungai Asap, depending on traffic, weather and road conditions.

9:30 AM | Arrive at Sungai Asap

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Meet the pre-arranged local host who will assist with the community visits.

Visit Uma Ukit Apau Koyan

Discover the home of the Ukit community and see its remarkable 185.4-metre traditional rattan-decorated wall, recognised by the Malaysia Book of Records.

Activities may include:

* Guided longhouse visit
* Introduction to Ukit culture
* Viewing traditional rattan craftsmanship
* Meeting local artisans
* Purchasing handicrafts * Photography with the community's

Visit Uma Belor Leo Dian

Continue to one of Sarawak's longest uninterrupted Kayan longhouses, with approximately 101 family doors connected by an extensive communal veranda.

Learn about:

* Kayan longhouse architecture
* Traditional community life
* Local customs and handicrafts
* The importance of the shared ruai

All longhouse visits must be arranged in advance. Visitors should not enter without the host's permission.

12:00 PM | Lunch with the Local Host

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Enjoy a pre-arranged home-cooked lunch at Sungai Asap.

The menu may include local vegetables, rice, chicken, river fish and seasonal produce, depending on availability.

1:00 PM | Continue to Long Urun

Depart from Sungai Asap and travel towards the Murum and Long Urun interior area.

Stop briefly at an approved scenic location if time, weather and local access conditions permit.

(Access to Murum Dam facilities or restricted areas is not included and requires separate official permission)

3:30 PM | Meet the Lepau Uten Host

Meet the local host at the agreed Long Urun meeting point.

Depending on the latest road conditions, guests may continue by:

* Approved rental four-wheel-drive vehicle; or
* Locally arranged four-wheel-drive transfer

The host must confirm the final access arrangements before departure.

4:30 PM | Arrive at Lepau Uten

Check in to the pre-booked room at Lepau Uten Jungle Homestay and Camping.

Spend the late afternoon at leisure:

* Relax beside Batang Belaga
* Take photographs of the rainforest surroundings
* Enjoy a short riverside walk
* Try fishing or kayaking, subject to local arrangements
* Watch the sunset from the riverside

6:30 PM | Host-Prepared Dinner

Enjoy a pre-arranged local dinner at the homestay.
Spend a peaceful evening surrounded by the rainforest.

Overnight: Lepau Uten Jungle Homestay and Camping

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DAY 2 — SUNDAY

Waterfall Experience – Return to Bintulu

7:00 AM | Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast prepared by the local host.

Prepare non-slip shoes, swimwear, drinking water, insect repellent and a waterproof bag.

8:00 AM | Guided Waterfall Experience

Travel with the local host or guide to a nearby waterfall.

Depending on weather and river conditions, the experience may include:

* Longboat river journey
* Guided rainforest walk
* Waterfall visit
* Riverside swimming where confirmed safe
* Nature photography
* Fishing
* Short picnic beside the river

Guests must remain with the local guide throughout the activity.

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11:00 AM | Return to Lepau Uten

Return to the homestay, freshen up and prepare for departure.

11:30 AM | Early Lunch

Enjoy a pre-arranged lunch prepared by the host.

12:30 PM | Check-Out and Depart

Begin the return journey to Bintulu.

Use the local four-wheel-drive transfer for the off-road section where required, then continue with the rental vehicle.

Approximately 5:00–6:00 PM | Arrive in Bintulu

Return the rental vehicle at the agreed Bintulu location and conclude the weekend adventure.

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

* Two-day/one-night weekend escape
* Flexible DIY self-drive arrangement
* Visit Sungai Asap
* See the record-holding traditional rattan-decorated wall
* Visit two distinctive indigenous longhouses
* Experience Ukit and Kayan culture
* Explore the Murum and Long Urun interior landscape
* Overnight at Lepau Uten
* Host-prepared local meals
* Guided waterfall and river experience
* Special four-wheel-drive rental rate

ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED

Guests must arrange the following before departure:

1. Four-wheel-drive rental vehicle

2. Approved self-drive route
3. Longhouse host and visiting permission
4. Room at Lepau Uten
5. Local guide for the waterfall
6. Final off-road transfer, if required
7. Saturday lunch and dinner
8. Sunday breakfast and lunch
9. Longboat, kayaking or fishing activities
10. Emergency contact and check-in arrangements

CAR RENTAL ARRANGEMENT

Collection: Bintulu Airport or agreed Bintulu location
Return: Bintulu Airport or agreed Bintulu location
Duration: Two days
Recommended Vehicle: Four-wheel-drive/SUV
Availability: Weekends only

Where required, guests should park the rental vehicle at an agreed secure location and continue with transportation arranged by the local host if bad weather.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Subject to the selected rental package:

* Two-day four-wheel-drive rental
* Standard insurance for approved roads
* Roadside assistance within the approved service area
* Suggested travel itinerary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Unless added to the confirmed quotation:

* Accommodation at Lepau Uten
* Local guide and host
* Meals and packed food
* Longboat and local four-wheel-drive transfers
* Community contributions
* Attraction, conservation or permission fees
* Fuel

* Additional insurance
* Personal expenses
* Travel insurance

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This package is available any day however we recommend to do it on the weekend and must be booked in advance.

The itinerary is subject to weather, road conditions, river levels, community activities and guide availability.

A local host or guide is compulsory for longhouse visits, off-road access and waterfall activities. Night driving on remote roads is not recommended.

Leave the city behind and experience the culture, rivers and rainforests of Sarawak’s interior all in one unforgettable weekend.