

Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd

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Safe, comfortable and reliable. This is the perfect tour for those who have always wanted to bird South-east Asia but have had some reservations – until now, that is! Join our Australian and local guide on this tour and be amazed at how sophisticated and modern this country has become in recent decades. Travelling and birding here are a breeze and Malaysia has many fascinating and beautiful birds awaiting us. We'll stay at comfortable, quality accommodation with a range of food to suit all taste-buds; the road network is excellent, while the locals are friendly and helpful. And the birds...there's an amazing variety to be observed, ranging from the stately Crested Fireback and magnificent Rhinoceros Hornbill to

forest floor gems like Banded Pitta and Striped Wren-Babbler. Other specialities include Black Eagle, Black-thighed Falconet, Large Green Pigeon, Black-bellied Malkoha, Blue-rumped Parrot, Buffy Fish Owl, Rufous-backed Kingfisher, Banded Woodpecker, Crested Jay, Green Magpie, Large Wren-Babbler, Long-billed Spiderhunter, Crimson-breasted Flower-pecker, Malayan Peacock-Pheasant, the strange Rail-Babbler and the cute Black-and-Red Broadbill. We have exceeded 210 species on the last 3 tours! There are many mammals (including Taipir), flowers and beautiful butterflies to be observed. This tour explores one of the richest areas for birds in Southeast Asia, featuring Kuala Selangor, Fraser's Hill and famous Taman Negara National Park.

Tour starts & finishes: Kuala Lumpur International airport, Malaysia

Scheduled departure & return dates:

• 25 April – 3 May 2025

Questions? Contact BELLBIRD BIRDING TOURS:

- Freecall 1800-BIRDING
- email birds@bellbirdtours.com

Price: AU\$6,699 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: Peter Waanders and local guide

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports

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- Further tour details
- Daily itinerary
- Booking information





Tour starts & finishes: Kuala Lumpur Int'l Airport (see itinerary for details of pickup locations)

Scheduled departure and return dates: Tour commences with dinner on 25 April 2025 and finishes in the afternoon of 03 May 2025. See daily itinerary for further details.

Leader: Michael Greenshields and local guide

Difficulty: Low/Medium/High/Excellent level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on mostly flat, often paved, surfaces, but may include some very short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any challenging walks.

What to bring: Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, power adaptors (British style), strong insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, travel umbrella, hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Sturdy footwear recommended. Scopes, super-telephoto lenses with tripods, and heavy suitcases are discouraged.

Clothing: Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a rain-proof jacket. Neat casual attire for dinners. Shorts and sandals or thongs (flip-flops) are acceptable for non-birding time.

Group size: Minimum 4, maximum 8 participants.

Cost: AU\$6,699 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twinshare occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$990. Not included: drinks, tips, personal expenses. Earlybird discount of \$99 for bookings received up to 12 months before departure date. Return-client discount may apply. *Tour price will change with currency fluctuations* >=5%.

Bookings: Online at https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings/ - see last page of this brochure.



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Peninsular Malaysia birding tour

Sabah extension. From 4–14 May 2025, we offer our Sabah tour. Located in northern Borneo, Sabah is a heaven for birders. Teeming, complex rainforests fan out from Mount Kinabalu to the lowlands and coast. The wildlife is incomparable, with a host of enticing birds (including 48 endemics) and a charismatic mammal fauna (including Orang-Utan). The tour includes 2 days at the world renowned Danum Valley Rainforest Lodge. An immediate return-client discount applies to the Peninsula Malaysia tour if you book both. Visit http://www.bellbirdtours.com/tours/sabah-borneo/

Day 0 (25 May 2025). Fly to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (own arrangements), where you will be greeted by our Australian guide and transferred to your hotel (transfer and hotel included in price) to rest and refresh. Should you decide to travel earlier, please make your own way to our hotel this evening. We will meet for dinner, introductions and orientation. Overnight: **Kuala Lumpur** (en-suite hotel room; meals included: D).

Day 1: Kuala Lumpur-Krau Forest-Taman Negara (26 April). After an early breakfast we'll depart Kuala Lumpur for the drive to Bukit Tinggi, a birdrich hill with native forests and beautiful botanical gardens. Our first introduction to Malaysian birding will be an impressive one with many birds awaiting us here, including a chance of the rare Malaysian Peacock-pheasant. Moving on to Krau forest, a remnant lowland rainforest which provides us for a chance of two of Malaysia's most beautiful species: Banded Pitta and Scarlet-rumped Trogon. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant and travel into the interior of the peninsula, to the jewel in the crown of Malaysia's National Parks: Taman Negara rainforest. We'll settle into our accommodation for the next couple of days before heading out for more birding. Overnight Mutiara Resort Taman Negara (en-suite hotel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Days 2 and 3: Taman Negara (27-28 April) We'll spend two full days in well-known Taman Negara National Park. Protecting the largest remaining tract of virgin rain forest in peninsular Malaysia, it is often regarded as one of the finest reserves in the world. A visit to Taman Negara is a profound experience for any naturalist. On entering the forest one is immediately overwhelmed by the awesome tranquillity and timelessness of this vast natural cathedral. Tall evergreen trees with their huge buttress roots, luxuriant lower storey undergrowth, clambering vines, spectacular butterflies and strange-looking insects are all integral features of this superbly-balanced and stable environment which is the end-product of millions of years of evolution. The potential species list is huge and includes such specialties as Crested Fireback, various spp of Woodpecker and Hornbill, Banded Pitta and Striped Wren-Babbler. Other specialities we have a good chance of observing include Black-thighed Falconet, Large Green Pigeon, Black-bellied Malkoha, Blue-rumped Parrot, Reddish Scops Owl, Rufous-backed Kingfisher, Banded Woodpecker, Banded Pitta, Black Magpie, Crested Jay, Black-





eater, Fire-tufted Barbet, Sultan Tit, Oriental Pied Hornbill (c) Endemic Guides Malaysia



throated and White-necked Babblers, Large Wren-Babbler, Long-billed Spiderhunter and Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker. We should also come across at least one of Taman Negara's most difficult specialities, which include the extraordinary Great Argus, Malayan Peacock-Pheasant, Rufous-collared Kingfisher, the strange Rail-Babbler and Grey-chested Jungle Flycatcher. Overnight **Mutiara Resort Taman Negara** (en-suite hotel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 4 (29 April). After breakfast and some final birding in Taman Negara we'll reluctantly leave this magical place behind as a change of scenery awaits us: the cool highlands of Fraser's Hill. This attractive hill station is surrounded by excellent broadleaved evergreen forests that offer a sharply contrasting avifauna to that of the lowlands, including the cute Pygmy Wren-Babbler and the beautiful Long-tailed Sibia, as well as specialities like Fire-tufted Barbet, Black-and-crimson Oriole, Javan Cuckoo-shrike, the endemic Malayan Whistling Thrush, Rufous-browed and Pygmy Blue Flycatchers, Blue Nuthatch, Black and Malayan Laughing-thrush while more difficult specialities include the endemic Malayan Partridge, Ferruginous Partridge, Yellow-vented Green Pigeon, Rustynaped Pitta and Marbled Wren-Babbler. Overnight: **Shahzan Hotel** (en-suite hotel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 5 and 6 (30 Apr-1 May). We'll spend two full days birding the forests of Fraser's Hill. A relaxed pace, gentle climate and scenic environment make for great birding, while a range of excellent local restaurants will cater for various taste buds. Overnight: **Shahzan Hotel** (en-suite hotel room, meals incl.: B, L, D).

Day 7 (2 May). After an early breakfast and some final birding we travel and bird down the hills to the lowlands near the coast, picking up any key species we may have missed. Arriving in the town of Kuala Selangor we have lunch and check into our final hotel for the trip, before heading out again to bird the nearby bird-rich city park (Oriental Pied Hornbill, Greater Flameback, Rubycheeked Sunbird, Pink-necked Green Pigeon and Crested Goshawk are just some of the birds awaiting us here). Overnight: **Kuala Selangor** (en-suite hotel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 8 (3 May). This morning will find us birding the Kuala Selangor Mangrove and lowland forest reserve. Here the mangroves and coastal forests offer specialities such as Mangrove Pitta, Mangrove Blue Flycatcher, Mangrove Whistler, Chestnut-bellied Malkoha, Golden-bellied Gerygone, Lesser Adjutant stork and, with luck, Buffy Fish Owl. After a final, late lunch we check the Paya Indau wetlands to add some common waterbirds such as White-breasted Waterhen, Redwattled Lapwing and a chance of Yellow Bittern, before we reluctantly head back to the airport for your flight home (own arrangement). We can arrange for you to be returned to a hotel which we can book for you if you wish to stay on. Please don't book any flights departing before 6pm this evening. (meals included: B, L). *Or why not join our Sabah extension? Details on next page*.





Important information for your tour:

- Recommended reading: <u>Birds of South-east Asia, by Craig Robson</u> <u>A Guide to the Mammals of Southeast Asia, by Charles Francis</u>
- Travel insurance is <u>compulsory</u> for this tour and you will be required to provide evidence of such, prior to paying your final balance.
- Arranging flights to and from Kuala Lumpur are your own responsibility.
- Visas can be obtained upon arrival. Please ensure you have a valid passport.
- Please make your own enquiries regarding visas, inoculations and travel health issues.
- There are two terminals in Kuala Lumpur International Airport: KLIA1 is where the major carriers arrive, KLIA2 is the hub for low-cost airlines such as TigerAir and AirAsia. The terminals are linked by train. Please let us know your flight details and arrival terminal.

Pre- and post tour options:

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If you wish to arrive earlier in Kuala Lumpur, please make your own way to your accommodation for Day 0, in time for dinner and introductions. We can book you into our hotel for any number of nights leading up to, or after, the tour, please enquire. We can also arrange your international and domestic flights, hotel bookings, travel insurance and other travel arrangements for you through our partnership with HelloWorld. Please tick the relevant boxes on the booking form and we'll contact you to discuss.

Price inclusions and exclusions:

Included: All meals commencing with Dinner on Day 0 and finishing with Lunch on Day 8, some snacks, some fruit, some drinks, unlimited drinking water refills. Accommodation in private en-suite rooms, transport using comfortable and reliable vehicle, expert Australian guiding accompanied by a local guide, airport transfers, any entry fees during the tour, taxes.

Excluded: Travel to the meeting point if you're already in Malaysia; onward travel arrangements, Pre- & post trip accommodation, Meals before the first dinner, and after the last lunch, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance, visa / passport fees, anything else not specifically included.

Currency fluctuations: The tour price is set in AU\$ but will change (up or down!) with currency fluctuations of 5% or more. This applies to the unpaid balance of your tour price only.

Bookings: Please book online: https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings/ or complete the booking form in the back of this brochure.

Trip reports & photos of our previous Peninsular Malaysia tours: http://www.bellbirdtours.com/



Peninsular Malaysia birding tour Possible species list

Lesser Whistling Duck Long-billed Partridge Malaysian Partridge Ferruginous Partridge Crested Partridge Red Junglefowl Crestless Fireback Crested Fireback Mountain Peacock-

Pheasant

Malayan Peacock-Pheasant

Great Argus Little Grebe Painted Stork Lesser Adjutant Yellow Bittern Cinnamon Bittern

Black-crowned Night Heron

Striated Heron Eastern Cattle Egret Grey Heron Purple Heron

Great Egret Intermediate Egret

Little Egret Western Osprey Black-winged Kite Crested Honey Buzzard Crested Serpent Eagle

Bat Hawk

Changeable Hawk-Eagle Blyth's Hawk-Eagle Wallace's Hawk-Eagle Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle

Black Eagle Crested Goshawk Brahminy Kite

White-bellied Sea Eagle Lesser Fish Eagle

Grey-headed Fish Eagle White-breasted Waterhen

Purple Swamphen Common Moorhen Common Buttonquail Barred Buttonquail Black-winged Stilt Grey-headed Lapwing Red-wattled Lapwing

Whimbrel Eurasian Curlew Common Sandpiper

Rock Dove Spotted Dove Little Cuckoo-Dove Common Emerald Dove

Zebra Dove

Cinnamon-headed Green

Pigeon

Little Green Pigeon Pink-necked Green Pigeon Orange-breasted Green

Pigeon

Thick-billed Green Pigeon Large Green Pigeon Yellow-vented Green

Pigeon

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon

Jambu Fruit Dove

Mountain Imperial Pigeon

Short-toed Coucal Greater Coucal Lesser Coucal Raffles's Malkoha Red-billed Malkoha

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha Chestnut-bellied Malkoha Black-bellied Malkoha Green-billed Malkoha

Asian Koel

Little Bronze Cuckoo Violet Cuckoo Banded Bay Cuckoo Plaintive Cuckoo Rusty-breasted Cuckoo Square-tailed Drongo-

Cuckoo Indian Cuckoo Large Hawk-cuckoo Oriental Bay Owl Reddish Scops Owl Mountain Scops Owl Oriental Scops Owl Collared Scops Owl Barred Eagle-Owl **Buffy Fish Owl** Spotted Wood Owl Brown Wood Owl Collared Owlet Brown Hawk-Owl Large Frogmouth Gould's Frogmouth Blyth's Frogmouth Malaysian Eared Nightjar

Large-tailed Nightjar

Grey-rumped Treeswift

Savanna Nightjar

Whiskered Treeswift Glossy Swiftlet Edible-nest Swiftlet Germain's Swiftlet Silver-rumped Spinetail Asian Palm Swift House Swift Red-naped Trogon Diard's Trogon

Cinnamon-rumped Trogon Scarlet-rumped Trogon Orange-breasted Trogon Red-headed Trogon Oriental Dollarbird

Rufous-collared Kingfisher Banded Kingfisher

Stork-billed Kingfisher White-throated Kingfisher Collared Kingfisher Blue-banded Kingfisher Blue-eared Kingfisher Common Kingfisher

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher Red-bearded Bee-eater Blue-tailed Bee-eater Blue-throated Bee-eater White-crowned Hornbill Rhinoceros Hornbill Great Hornbill

Helmeted Hornbill Oriental Pied Hornbill

Black Hornbill

Bushy-crested Hornbill Wreathed Hornbill Wrinkled Hornbill Fire-tufted Barbet Lineated Barbet

Golden-whiskered Barbet Red-crowned Barbet Red-throated Barbet Golden-throated Barbet Black-browed Barbet Yellow-crowned Barbet Blue-eared Barbet Coppersmith Barbet Sooty Barbet

Malaysian Honeyguide

Speckled Piculet Rufous Piculet

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker

Grey-capped Pygmy

Woodpecker

White-bellied Woodpecker Banded Woodpecker Checker-throated Woodpecker Greater Yellownape Lesser Yellownape Crimson-winged Woodpecker

Laced Woodpecker Olive-backed Woodpecker

Common Flameback
Greater Flameback
Bamboo Woodpecker
Maroon Woodpecker
Bay Woodpecker
Orange-backed
Woodpecker

Rufous Woodpecker Buff-rumped Woodpecker Buff-necked Woodpecker

Great Slaty Woodpecker Black-thighed Falconet

Peregrine Falcon Blue-crowned Hanging

Parrot

Blue-rumped Parrot Red-breasted Parakeet Long-tailed Parakeet Green Broadbill

Black-and-red Broadbill Long-tailed Broadbill Silver-breasted Broadbill

Banded Broadbill

Black-and-yellow Broadbill

Dusky Broadbill Rusty-naped Pitta Giant Pitta

Malayan Banded Pitta

Garnet Pitta Hooded Pitta Blue-winged Pitta Mangrove Pitta

Golden-bellied Gerygone Bar-wing. Flycatcher-shrike Black-winged Flycatcher-

shrike

Large Woodshrike

Rufous-winged Philentoma

Common Iora Green Iora Maroon-breasted Philentoma



Possible species list

White-breasted
Woodswallow
Javan Cuckooshrike
Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike
Lesser Cuckooshrike
Pied Triller
Ashy Minivet

Fiery Minivet
Grey-chinned Minivet
Scarlet Minivet
Mangrove Whistler
Tiger Shrike
Brown Shrike
White-bellied Erpornis

Blyth's Shrike-babbler Black-eared Shrike-babbler Dark-throated Oriole Black-naped Oriole

Black Oriole

Black-and-crimson Oriole

Black Drongo Bronzed Drongo

Less. Racket-tailed Drongo Great. Racket-tailed Drongo White-throated Fantail Malaysian Pied Fantail

Spotted Fantail

Black-naped Monarch Asian Paradise Flycatcher

Crested Jay
Black Magpie

Common Green Magpie

House Crow Slender-billed Crow Large-billed Crow Rail-babbler

Grey-headed Canary-

flycatcher
Sultan Tit
Cinereous Tit
Straw-headed Bulbul
Black-and-white Bulbul

Black-headed Bulbul Black-crested Bulbul Scaly-breasted Bulbul Grey-bellied Bulbul Red-whiskered Bulbul Puff-backed Bulbul

Stripe-throated Bulbul

Yellow-vented Bulbul Olive-winged Bulbul Cream-vented Bulbul Asian Red-eyed Bulbul Spectacled Bulbul Finsch's Bulbul Ochraceous Bulbul

Grey-cheeked Bulbul Yellow-bellied Bulbul Hairy-backed Bulbul Buff-vented Bulbul Mountain Bulbul Streaked Bulbul Cinereous Bulbul Pacific Swallow

Rufous-bellied Swallow Pygmy Wren-babbler Yellow-bellied Warbler Mountain Tailorbird Mountain Leaf Warbler Chestnut-crowned Warbler

Zitting Cisticola
Rufescent Prinia
Yellow-bellied Prinia
Common Tailorbird
Dark-necked Tailorbird
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird
Ashy Tailorbird

Large Scimitar Babbler

Chestnut-backed Scimitar

Babbler

Grey-throated Babbler
Grey-headed Babbler
Chestnut-rumped Babbler
White-necked Babbler
Black-throated Babbler
Chestnut-winged Babbler
Rufous-fronted Babbler

Golden Babbler

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler Rufous-winged Fulvetta

Brown Fulvetta Mountain Fulvetta Large Wren-Babbler Marbled Wren-Babbler Streaked Wren-Babbler Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler

Collared Babbler

Abbott's Babbler Horsfield's Babbler Short-tailed Babbler Moustached Babbler Sooty-capped Babbler

Scaly-crowned Babbler Rufous-crowned Babbler White-chested Babbler Ferruginous Babbler Striped Wren-Babbler Buff-breasted Babbler

Black-capped Babbler Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush Black Laughingthrush

Malayan Laughingthrush Himalayan Cutia Blue-winged Minla

Silver-eared Mesia Long-tailed Sibia Oriental White-eye Everett's White-eye

Asian Fairy-bluebird Velvet-fronted Nuthatch Blue Nuthatch

Asian Glossy Starling Common Hill Myna Javan Myna

Common Myna

Chestnut-capped Thrush Oriental Magpie-Robin Rufous-tailed Shama White-rumped Shama Rufous-browed Flycatcher Pale Blue Flycatcher

Hill Blue Flycatcher
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
Malaysian Blue Flycatcher
Mangrove Blue Flycatcher
Grey-chested Jungle

Flycatcher
Large Niltava
Verditer Flycatcher
Lesser Shortwing
White-tailed Robin
Chestnut-naped Forktail

Slaty-backed Forktail White-crowned Forktail Malayan Whistling Thrush Rufous-chested Flycatcher Little Pied Flycatcher Pygmy Flycatcher

Greater Green Leafbird Lesser Green Leafbird Blue-winged Leafbird

Orange-bellied Leafbird

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker Scarlet-breasted Flowerpecker

Thick-billed Flowerpecker

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker Orange-bellied Flowerpecker Plain Flowerpecker

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird

Plain Sunbird

Brown-throated Sunbird Red-throated Sunbird Purple-naped Sunbird Copper-throated Sunbird Olive-backed Sunbird Black-throated Sunbird

Crimson Sunbird
Temminck's Sunbird
Little Spiderhunter
Thick-billed Spiderhunter
Long-billed Spiderhunter

Spectacled Spiderhunter Yellow-eared Spiderhunter Grey-breasted Spiderhunter

Streaked Spiderhunter Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Baya Weaver

Pin-tailed Parrotfinch White-rumped Munia Scaly-breasted Munia Chestnut Munia White-headed Munia Paddyfield Pipit



Steps to book this tour:

Step 1: Essential reading

- Download, save and read the itinerary (this document)
- Read our <u>terms and conditions</u> and the <u>release of liability waiver</u> (both can be found on https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions).
- Read our <u>health & safety information</u> page (<u>https://bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/</u>)

Step 2: Online booking

Head over to our secure online booking page: https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings.

Step 3: Pay the deposit

To secure your seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (eg due to changing fuel prices). Payment options:

Domestic electronic funds transfer: please send funds to the following bank account:

- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
- account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- Branch No. (BSB) 015-140 Account No. 206136528
 - Please use your *surname* as the booking reference.
- Visa, Mastercard & Google Pay: through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of ~3%, which we pass on to you. Please contact us to use this option, and we'll email you a secure payment link.
- International electronic funds transfer: please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ bank charges or AU\$20 bank transaction fee, see notes below) to the following bank account:
 - international swift code: anzbau3m (no IBAN codes are used in Australia)
 - bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
 - account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
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 - If possible, please use your *surname* as the booking reference.
 - If you are asked to provide our physical address, this is: 101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
 - Please specify AU\$ as the recipient's currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at *both* ends; if no such option exists, please add AU\$20 to cover the bank fee at the recipient's end.

Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.

Step 4: You're done!

Sit back and wait for your booking confirmation to arrive (24-48 hrs). Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please contact us via: https://www.bellbirdtours.com/about-us/.