

The Summit Tour

- Booking required
- This climb is not suitable for children under 16 years of age

This is the most challenging of Mulu's activities offered to visitors so when planning a trek to the Summit there are some restrictions and guidelines to keep you safe. These rules are in place both to protect the environment and to help you properly plan and prepare for the climb.

To protect the environment, a maximum group size has been set of a total of 15 persons (including guides and porters) staying the night at any one of the Summit Huts. Water supplies, toilet facilities, impact upon the surrounding vegetation and sleeping space are our main reasons for this limit.

Summit Camp Huts

Camps 1, 3 and 4 on the Summit Trail, provide shelter, cooking and toilet facilities for trekkers. The camps have basic cooking equipment including a small gas stove. WOOD FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED anywhere along the trail. Trekkers need to take their own food (make sure you have enough), raincoats, torches, first aid kit, personal medications, sleeping mats and bags, etc.

Note: airlines do not permit you to carry gas cartridges – they can be purchased at the Park Café.

Our Park Guides will share their wealth of information about the Park's animals and plants. They know the forest very well and will guide you to ensure everyone's safety. Radios are carried to stay in contact with the office and each guide regularly trains in safety, first aid and rescue techniques.

You should think about the weight of your backpack, carefully planning your supplies and equipment and consider whether you need a porter (maximum 15kg). Don't forget your own personal first aid kit and medication. The Park Guide and porter will bring and carry their own food. They do help you to set up camp but you are responsible for cooking your own food.

We only offer this trek as 4 days and 3 nights. Fitness levels can be challenged when acclimatizing to Mulu's weather, by slippery conditions, rain can slow your progress and rarely is a group all of the same fitness so the slowest person must always set the pace. Through their experiences of taking many groups up the Summit our Park Guides recommend the following timetable:

Day 1:

Begin the trek after breakfast planning to sleep at Camp 3, this is a 6 to 8 hour day of climbing.

Day 2:

A shorter day of 4 hours arriving at Camp 4 where you will spend the night. The reason we do not recommend that you attempt the Summit on Day 2 is that it would be a 10 hour day and usually the Summit is covered in cloud during the afternoons spoiling the views.

Day 3:

After an early breakfast proceed to the Summit and admire the views. The return trip to Camp 4 will take 5-6 hours. After lunch, begin the 4 hour trek back to Camp 3 to spend the night.

Day 4:

A 6 hour trek returns you to Park Headquarters arriving around 1 or 2pm.

During the trek, the guide may reorganize this schedule when he observes how your group is coping with the conditions. For a larger group, say 5-10 persons, your trek will be slower than the estimates above. Groups of more than 12 persons need to split into 2 separate parties climbing on different dates/ times and staying at different camps.

One last but important rule for the park is that all rubbish must be brought back to Park HQ. Even one piece of plastic left behind ruins the experience for the next person and takes decades to break down.

Your guide will pay a 50rm deposit before leaving Park HQ and all tins and bottles are counted and marked. The deposit is refunded when all of the rubbish is returned to Park HQ.

Summit Cancellation Fee:

A 25% deposit is made to confirm the reservation and full payment is required at least 1 week prior to the departure date. If the booking is cancelled less than 7 days prior to the date of departure then the 25% deposit becomes the cancellation fee and the remainder is refunded. The 25% deposit is refundable if there has been a confirmed cancellation of their flight to Mulu.