



View the Wallace Line from Bali

In the Footsteps of Wallace in the Malay Archipelago (Borneo, Singapore and Indonesia)

5 – 20 January 2021

“This was a fantastic experience for me. Delightful travelling companions, the best tour leaders one could wish for and some really extraordinary experiences. Would highly recommend – one of the best trips I’ve ever done”

Melissa Brown, In the Footsteps of Wallace in the Malay Archipelago, 2014



Jon Baines
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Orangutan at Semenggoh Wildlife Centre

Alfred Russel Wallace was one of the greatest - and most fascinating - intellectuals of the nineteenth century. He developed the theory of evolution through natural selection in the Malay Archipelago, independently of Charles Darwin. He was passionately engaged in social issues and also made significant contributions in areas ranging from land reform to astrobiology. He was known as the greatest living authority on the region, particularly of its zoogeography and discovered what is now known as the Wallace Line - a dividing line between Asian and Australasian animal species that extends between the islands of Bali and Lombok and Borneo and Sulawesi.

This tour follows in the footsteps of this remarkable naturalist, through the cultures and spectacular landscapes of Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. The tour is led by George and Jan Beccaloni, world-renowned authorities on Wallace. These expert naturalists are also highly knowledgeable about this region, with a number of unique personal contacts.

Arrive in Kuching, a cosmopolitan city set on the Sarawak River that blends many cultures and races. Wander through the old town and along the river near your waterfront hotel.

Alfred Russel Wallace came to Sarawak in 1855 at the invitation of the 'White Rajah' Brooke. A collector for museums of the day, Wallace travelled extensively around Kuching. Visit the Sarawak Museum to learn about the peoples of Borneo and Wallace's contribution in Sarawak. In the afternoon visit Fort Margherita and the Brooke Gallery to hear about the 'White Rajahs' of Borneo. In the evening hear a talk on Wallace before a welcome dinner at the Kuching Old Courthouse.

Next morning drive to the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, where injured, orphaned or captive orangutans are cared for and reintroduced into the wild, giving visitors the opportunity to watch



Kuching riverfront



Bako National Park, Sarawak (top);
Take a boat past Bunaken Island, northern Sulawesi (above)

the orangutan up close in their natural habitat. In Wallace's day there was a huge demand for these fascinating creatures. Continue to the longhouse village of Anah Rais for a local lunch and learn about the culture of the Land Dayaks. This community was visited by Wallace during one of his collecting forays. Return to Kuching.

Next morning drive to Bako and take a boat trip into beautiful Bako National Park. Encompassing seven distinct ecosystems, it is also one of the best places in Sarawak to experience wildlife, with opportunities to see multitudes of colourful birds, long-tailed macaques, water monitors, wild boar and the proboscis monkey.

Return to Kuching in the afternoon and visit the small town of Peninjau at the foot of Mount Serambu, where Wallace spent many nights collecting insects at a bungalow belonging to James Brook. There is a small visitor centre at the base of the trail that leads to the remains of the

bungalow (too steep and slippery to visit). Look through the local durian gardens and visit the local community before dinner at the open air market in the nearby town of Siniwan.

Fly to Singapore next morning and transfer to your hotel before exploring Singapore's rich tapestry of cultures, from Little India to Malay Kampong Glam to Arab Street and Chinatown. Relax over a Singapore Sling at Raffles in the evening before dinner along the Singapore River.

Visit Singapore's Natural History Museum the next day and see the Wallace Exhibition, including the statues of Wallace and Ali, a Malay man who accompanied Wallace. The afternoon is at leisure with the option to visit the extraordinary Gardens by the Bay or the Aquarium.

Fly to Manado in northern Sulawesi. Arrive early afternoon and check into your hotel. Next morning take a scenic trip up into the beautiful highlands of the island, a cool retreat away from the coast that Wallace visited in 1859. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Spend the following day in beautiful Tangkoko National Park with its lush rolling hills. Spot black macaques, vivid birds and the tiny nocturnal tarsier, which fits into the palm of a hand. Return in the evening.

Take a boat trip out to the islands where you can relax on the beach, with options for snorkelling



A green turtle in Bunaken: copyright J&G Beccaloni



in the Bunaken Marine Reserve, amongst some of the best coral reef diving and snorkelling areas in the world. Alternatively, you may spend the day at leisure.

Fly to the dramatic cone shaped island of Ternate next morning. Ternate was the most important of the “Spice Islands” of Maluku, once the world’s single major producer of cloves. It is also from where Wallace posted his famous “Ternate Essay”, his pioneering account of evolution by natural selection, to Charles Darwin in 1858. Darwin had it published alongside his own account of the theory, without Wallace’s knowledge. Spend the afternoon exploring the island and its history.

The following morning take the ferry to Halmahera and drive to the Weda Bay eco-resort. Halmahera boasts a pristine environment of white sandy beaches and unspoiled forests. Spend the afternoon at leisure or take an optional trip into the hills to spot Wallace’s golden birdwing butterfly.

Take an early morning rainforest walk to spot Wallace’s standardwing bird of paradise. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the lovely resort, with various optional activities.

Next morning transfer by road and speedboat to Ternate. Fly to Bali and settle in at leisure at your

beachfront hotel in Sanur. The following morning drive east to Amed and have lunch overlooking the Wallace Line. Return to Sanur and in the evening enjoy a farewell dinner.

The next morning depart Bali or extend.



The spice island of Ternate (top); The lush terraces of Bali (above)

Itinerary 5 – 20 January 2021

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

4 nights Kuching – 2 nights Singapore – 4 nights Manado – 1 night Ternate
– 2 nights Halmahera – 2 nights Bali

5 Jan (Tues) Pm	Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia D Arrive and check into the Ranee Hotel	12 Jan (Tues) Am	Manado B L D Take a trip up into the Minahasa highlands and see some of the beautiful areas that Wallace visited in 1859
6 Jan (Wed) Am	Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia D Tour Kuching and visit the Sarawak Museum	Pm	At leisure
Pm	Visit Fort Margherita and the Brooke Gallery to learn about the “White Rajahs of Sarawak”.	13 Jan (Wed) Am	Manado B L D Drive to the Tangkoko National Park for a full day’s trip to spot black macaques, hornbills, tarsiers
Eve	Overview of the tour and talk: “ <i>Wallace - a historical background</i> ”. Welcome dinner at the Kuching Old Courthouse	Pm	Return to the hotel by boat
7 Jan (Thur) Am	Kuching B L D Visit the Semenggoh Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre	14 Jan (Thur) Am	Manado B L D Take a boat trip out to the islands. Relax on the beach or option to snorkel
Pm	Continue to the longhouse village of Anah Rais in Bidayuh village for a local lunch and to learn about the culture of the Land Dayaks. Return to Kuching	15 Jan (Fri) Am	Manado / Ternate B L D Fly to Ternate and transfer to the hotel
8 Jan (Fri) Am	Kuching B L D Drive to Bako ferry and take a boat trip into the Bako National Park to view proboscis and silver leaf monkeys, long tailed macaques, bearded pigs and monitor lizards	Pm	Explore the historic spice island, including a former home of Wallace
Pm	Return to Kuching and transfer to the small town of Peninjau. Visit the small visitor centre and visit the local community	16 Jan (Sat) Am	Ternate / Halmahera B L D Take the ferry to Halmahera and then drive to the Weda Bay Resort
Eve	Dinner at the open-air market in Siniwan. The old shops hark back to the days when the town was a trading centre and a major gold producing area.	Pm	At leisure in the coastal cottages. Optional trip into the hills to spot Wallace’s golden birdwing butterfly
9 Jan (Sat) Am	Kuching / Singapore B D Fly from Kuching to Singapore	17 Jan (Sun) Am	Halmahera B L D Early rainforest walk to look for Wallace’s standardwing bird of paradise displaying
Pm	Arrive and transfer to the hotel. Explore Little India, Kampong Glam, the Malay quarter, Arab Street and Chinatown	Pm	At leisure with optional activities
Eve	Dinner on the Singapore River	18 Jan (Mon) Am	Halmahera / Ternate / Bali B D Transfer by road and speedboat to Ternate
10 Jan (Sun) Am	Singapore B L Visit the Natural History Museum and see the Wallace Exhibition	Pm	Fly via Makassar to Bali
Pm	At leisure. Option to visit Gardens by the Bay or the Aquarium	Eve	Arrive Sanur and transfer to the hotel
11 Jan (Mon) Am	Kuching / Manado, Indonesia B D Fly to Manado	19 Jan (Tues) Am	Bali B D Drive up the east coast to Amed
Pm	Arrive early afternoon and transfer to the Cocotinos Manado Hotel	Pm	Lunch overlooking the Wallace Line. Return to Sanur and at leisure. Option to visit the excellent Bali Bird Park
		Eve	Farewell dinner
		20 Jan (Wed) Am/PM	Bali B Depart for the airport or extend



Off the coast of Halmahera

Hotels

Ranee Hotel (Kuching, Sarawak)

Overlooking the Sarawak River, this elegant centrally located hotel in two converted 19th-century shop houses has a period feel. The lobby and restaurant are dressed with antiques and vintage finds including old suitcases, local textiles, tiffin tins, a large cannon and a bicycle.

Swissotel Merchant Court (Singapore)

This comfortable and well equipped 4-star hotel is ideally located by Clarke Quay. It has good modern amenities and excellent, warm customer service.

Cocotinos Manado (Manado, Sulawesi)

This is a boutique dive resort located within Wori Bay, overlooking the beautiful Bunaken National Marine Park. The hotel is located on a volcanic beach in full view of Siladen Island and Manado Tua, a majestic dormant volcano. The resort has attractive décor using natural local materials, a pool and spa.

Bela International Hotel (Ternate)

The Bela International is the best hotel on the small spice island of Ternate. It provides a good range of facilities including a pool and offers superb views of the ocean and surrounding islands from its vantage point.

Weda Bay Resort (Halmahera)

This simple, well run eco-resort was used as a base when filming the BBC documentary *Bill*

Bailey's Jungle Hero and is known for its good food, welcoming hosts and excellent guides. Stay in bungalows on a beach with some of the world's best diving and birding close by.

Puri Santrian Hotel (Bali)

Set in beautiful tropical grounds near the beach in Sanur, the Puri Santrian Hotel has a lovely pool, good breakfast and welcoming staff. It is a very attractive place to relax at the end of the tour.



The best diving in the world (top);
Clarke Quay, Singapore (above)

Tour Leaders

Dr George Beccaloni is an entomologist/ evolutionary biologist, museum curator and the Director of the Wallace Correspondence Project. George founded the Wallace Memorial Fund in 1999 and in 2002 he played a key role in helping acquire the world's largest and most important collection of Wallace's manuscripts, books and insect specimens from Wallace's grandsons for the nation. George co-edited the book *'Natural Selection and Beyond: The Intellectual Legacy of Alfred Russel Wallace'* (Oxford University Press) and was the historical consultant for the highly acclaimed BBC series *"Bill Bailey's Jungle Hero"*.

George has travelled widely in the tropics and has led scientific expeditions to Papua New Guinea, Ecuador and Madagascar. He has visited the 'Malay Archipelago' on eight occasions and has been to most of the important Wallace-related sites in the region - including all the places which this tour will be visiting. George has a broad interest and knowledge of natural history and is a keen macro-photographer.

Jan Beccaloni is a museum curator specialising in spiders and their relatives as well as a natural historian, Secretary of the Wallace Memorial Fund, the Meetings Secretary of the British Arachnological Society and the author of the acclaimed book *'Arachnids'*. Jan is an experienced and popular tour leader who enjoys travelling and has conducted scientific fieldwork in the UK, Brunei, Madagascar and Costa Rica.

"All guides were first class. (Tour leaders) George and Jan were a delight and their knowledge base combined with their relaxed and warm manner made the trip."

Maggie Silver, In the Footsteps of Wallace in the Malay Archipelago, September 2014

The ground only cost of the tour is US \$6,351

The ground only cost does not include international flights or transfers on arrival and departure. Those taking the ground only package should start the tour in Kuching and end in Bali.

The cost includes:

- Comprehensive briefing notes
- The services of tour leaders Dr George and Jan Beccaloni
- 15 nights' accommodation in 4-star and boutique hotels, lodges and in more remote areas the best accommodation available

The single room supplement is US \$1,102

Please note there is limited single accommodation in Halmahera

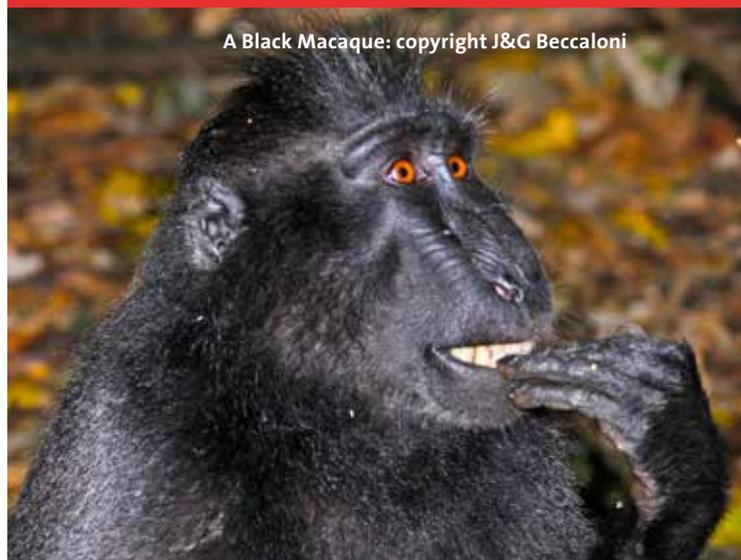
- Breakfasts daily and other meals as indicated on itinerary
- A full programme of tours and talks as per the itinerary
- Admission fees where applicable
- Local English-speaking national guides throughout
- All transport including flights from Kuching to Singapore, Singapore to Sulawesi, Sulawesi to Ternate, Ternate to Halmahera and Halmahera (via Ternate) to Bali
- Tips

The cost excludes:

- Meals not mentioned
- All personal extras such as water, portorage, laundry, inoculation fees and drinks
- All optional excursions, tours and visits
- Travel insurance

NB Due to the nature of the tour places are strictly limited.

A Black Macaque: copyright J&G Beccaloni



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To travel with us is to dig below the surface, revealing the deeper destination. Of course, you will visit the great historical sites; marvel at the wonders of architecture and engineering; be moved by the riches of culture and art; and experience the most spectacular landscapes in the world. What we also do is make sure that you see the country as it is today, giving you privileged access that independent travel and other tour companies rarely get close to. We give you a variety of experiences, from the sublime to the humble, in the company of intelligent, curious, like-minded people. And while we can be worthy, we also make sure that you have a lot of fun.



Visit the Anah Rais longhouse in Sarawak (top); Sample a Singapore Sling at the Raffles; The tiny tarsier; Balinese rice terraces with Mt Agung in the background (above)

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