



View the Wallace Line from Bali

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

15 – 30 September 2022

*“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



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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.

Following one night in Ternate, the tour provides two options mid-itinerary. Option A spends an additional two nights in Ternate with day trips in the company of Jan Beccaloni, while Option B travels to Halmahera for two nights with George Beccaloni. The itineraries re-connect in Ternate and the group continue together to Bali.

## 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, combined with their relaxed and warm manner, made the trip."*

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

The spice island of Ternate





## Itinerary 15 – 30 September 2022

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

### Day 1: Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia (Thurs, 15 Sept) **D**

**Pm:** Arrive in Kuching, a cosmopolitan city set on the Sarawak River that blends many cultures and races. Check into the Ranee Hotel and at leisure.

tailed macaques, water monitors, wild boar and the proboscis monkey.

**Pm:** Return to Kuching. In the afternoon, transfer to the small town of Peninjau at the foot of Mount Serambu. It was on this mountain that Rajah James Brooke had a small bungalow, where Wallace spent many nights collecting moths. His method was simple; put up a sheet with a light behind it and then grab whatever flew in. He reportedly claimed that this mountain had the most moths he had ever encountered. There is a small visitor centre at the base of the trail that leads to the remains of the bungalow. The climb is steep and slippery so we will only have a look through the local durian gardens and visit with the local community.

### Day 2: Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia (Fri, 16 Sept) **B D**

**Am:** 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 Sarawak. Visit the Sarawak Museum to learn about the peoples of Borneo and Wallace's contribution in Sarawak.

**Pm:** Visit Fort Margherita and the Brooke Gallery to hear about the 'White Rajahs' of Borneo.

**Eve:** Overview of the tour and hear a talk on Wallace before a welcome dinner at the Kuching Old Courthouse.

**Eve:** In the evening dine al fresco at the open air market in the adjacent town of Siniwan. In Wallace's day, this town provided a stop for the boats plying from Kuching to Buso. The old shops hark back to the days when the town was a trading centre and a major gold producing area.

### Day 3: Kuching (Sat, 17 Sept) **B L D**

**Am:** 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-

### Day 4: Kuching (Sun, 18 Sept) **B L D**

**Am:** Visit the Semenggoh Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, a centre for reintroducing once captive orangutans to

the wild, giving visitors the opportunity to see orangutans up close in their natural habitat. In Wallace's day there was a huge demand for these fascinating creatures.

**Pm:** Continue to the longhouse village of Anna Rais for a local lunch. This community was visited by Wallace during one of his collecting forays. Although he approached it from upriver, having come up the Sadong River, crossed over into the water catchment above Anna Rais and then descended to Kuching along the Sarawak River. As with us, Anna Rais provided a relaxing stop in the journey and a chance to experience Bidayuh hospitality. Return to Kuching.

**Eve:** Dinner at the Junk Restaurant.

### **Day 5: Kuching / Singapore** **(Mon, 19 Sept)**

**B D**

**Am:** Depart for flight from Kuching to Singapore.

**Pm:** Arrive and transfer to the Swissotel Merchant Court on the Singapore River. Explore the cultures of Singapore from little India, to Kampong Glam, the Malay quarter. Continue to Arab Street and onto

China Town.

**Eve:** Relax over a Singapore Sling at Raffles in the evening before dinner along the Singapore River.

### **Day 6: Singapore (Tues, 20 Sept)**

**B L**

**Am:** Visit Singapore's Natural History Museum and see the Wallace Exhibition, including the statues of Wallace and Ali, a Malay man who accompanied Wallace.

**Pm:** At leisure with the option to visit the extraordinary Gardens by the Bay or the Aquarium.

### **Day 7: Singapore / Manado, Indonesia** **(Wed, 21 Sept)**

**B D**

**Am:** Fly to Manado in northern Sulawesi.

**Pm:** Arrive early afternoon and check into your hotel.

### **Day 8: Manado (Thurs, 22 Sept)**

**B L D**

**Am:** Take a scenic trip up into the beautiful highlands of the island, a cool retreat away from the coast that Wallace visited in 1859.

**Pm:** The rest of the day is at leisure.

A green turtle in Bunaken: copyright J&G Beccaloni



### Day 9: Manado (Fri, 23 Sept)

**B I D**

**Am:** Spend the following day in beautiful Tangkoko National Park with its lush rolling hills. Spot black macaques, hornbills, kingfishers and perhaps the tiny nocturnal tarsier, which fits into the palm of a hand.

**Pm:** Return to the hotel by boat.

### Day 10: Manado (Sat, 24 Sept)

**B I D**

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

### Day 11: Manado / Ternate

(Sun, 25 Sept)

**B I D**

**Am:** 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.

**Pm:** Spend the afternoon exploring the island and its history, including historic Fort Oranje where you will learn about the history of the Dutch in the Moluccas, and the probable site of Wallace’s house.



## Option A - with Jan Beccaloni

### Day 12: Ternate Tidore / Ternate

(Mon, 26 Sept)

**B L D**

**Am:** Travel boat to the neighbouring island of Tidore, known for its history in the spice trade. Visit the Portuguese Fortress, see the Sultan's palace, blacksmiths and the colourful markets. Return by boat to Ternate

### Day 13: Ternate / Sulamadaha Bay

(Tues, 27 Sept)

**B L D**

**Am:** Drive to Sulamadaha Bay and walk along a path to the beautiful to Sulamadaha Lagoon, where there is the option of snorkelling in the clear waters. Return to the hotel and at leisure, or explore Ternate at your own pace.

### Day 14: Ternate / Bali (Wed, 28 Sept)

**B D**

**Am:** At leisure.

**Pm:** Fly to Bali.

**Eve:** Arrive and transfer to the beachfront Puri Santrian Hotel in Sanur.

## Option B - with George Beccaloni

### Day 12: Ternate / Halmahera

(Mon, 26 Sept)

**B L D**

**Am:** Take the ferry to Halmahera and then drive to the Weda Bay Resort.

**Pm:** Halmahera boasts a pristine environment of white sandy beaches and unspoiled forests. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the coastal cottages. Enjoy the sight of hornbills, eagles, cockatoos, parrots, fruit doves and many other winged visitors. Optional trip into the hills to look for birds and insects and spot Wallace's golden birdwing butterfly.

### Day 13: Halmahera (Tues, 27 Sept)

**B L D**

**Am:** Early morning rainforest walk to spot Wallace's Standardwing Bird-of-Paradise.

**Pm:** The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the lovely resort, with various options including boat trips, snorkelling, kayaking in Weda Bay or a trip into the hills.

### Day 14: Halmahera / Ternate / Bali

(Wed, 28 Sept)

**B D**

**Am:** Transfer by road and speedboat to Ternate.

**Pm:** Fly to Bali.

**Eve:** Arrive and transfer to the beachfront Puri Santrian Hotel in Sanur.

### Day 15: Bali (Thurs, 29 Sept)

**B D**

**Am:** Drive east to Amed and have lunch overlooking the Wallace Line.

**Pm:** Return to Sanur and at leisure.

**Eve:** Farewell dinner.

### Day 16: Bali (Fri, 30 Sept)

**B**

**Am:** Departure for the airport or extend with the option to visit the excellent Bali Bird Park.

Some of the best diving in the world in Manado





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. There is the option of booking one of four exclusive suites at the Ranee (Margaret, Sylvia, Valerie and Elizabeth), with private terraces. The cost per room for a suite upgrade for the four nights is **USD \$276**

### **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. Rooms are garden or pool view. There is the option of upgrading to a Water's Edge room or a two-room Ocean View suite. The additional cost per room for a Water's Edge room for the 4 nights is **USD \$133** and **USD \$281** for the Ocean View suite.

### **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. Some bungalows have shared bathrooms.

### **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.



Singapore



Kuching riverfront (top); Bako National Park, Sarawak;  
A black macaque: copyright J&G Beccaloni (above)

**The ground only cost of the tour is:**

**USD \$6,073 (Option A in Ternate)**

**USD \$6,351 (Option B in Halmahera)**

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 USD \$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.**

**Jon Baines Tours will make a donation to the Wallace Correspondence Project for every guest who books on the tour.**

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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);  
Take a boat past Bunaken Island, northern Sulawesi; The tiny tarsier;  
Balinese rice terraces with Mt Agung in the background (above)

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