

# Pinnacles Tour

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

The trip to view the Pinnacles is tough and challenging and the Park offers it only as a 3 day 2 night trip.

The first day includes a boat ride on the Melinau River for 1-2 hours visiting Batu Bungan, the Penan Longhouse along the way. The group will also stop for Wind and Clearwater Cave tour (which is optional and if you are not doing the tour then you will need to wait for anyone who is) before continuing to Kuala Litut which is the beginning of the 8km walking trail to Camp 5 and return in 2 days, at a pre-arranged time.

Camp 5 is a forest shelter that caters to visitors travelling on the Head Hunter's Trail and to those climbing the Pinnacles, providing accommodation for up to 50 guests per night. As space is limited reservations are essential. Accommodation is basic, with bathrooms, kitchens, dining room and five rooms with raised sleeping platforms. Sleeping mats are provided but visitors are required to bring their own bedding. Eating facilities at Camp 5 are self-catering with an equipped kitchen that provides gas and utensils for cooking and eating. You need to take enough food for 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches. Some snack foods such as peanuts, chocolates and soft drinks are on sale at the Camp. Camping in tents is not permitted.

Located beside a clear stream Camp 5 is an ideal place to swim and relax after your walk. The following morning the hike begins around 6.30am. The trail to the top is only 2.4km long but rises 1,200 metres to the viewpoint. The last section of the trail is near vertical with rope sections and ladders to climb. Fit, experienced trekkers may reach the top in 2-3 hours, the less experienced around 4-5 hours. For many, the descent is more difficult and can take 5 hours or more. Our safety policy is that we do not take anyone below 16 years up the Pinnacles.

The climb is well worthwhile though as it culminates in spectacular views of the pinnacle formations, some of which tower up to 40 metres high. The trail itself, which climbs steeply from the Melinau Gorge passes through some intriguing limestone forest and as you reach the higher altitudes includes some spectacular pitcher plants (*Nepenthes* sp.) sightings of rare orchids and Mountain Shrews. You need to take water, snacks, first aid kit torch just in case, you must have good, flexible trekking shoes. The rocks are slippery and very sharp.

After another night at Camp 5 you retrace your steps back to Park Headquarters.

If you choose not to climb then you can enquire about the walking trails which take you to the Kerangas Forest or the Melinau Gorge. Guided tours are available to take you through this fascinating vegetation.

**Included in cost:**

- Guiding Fee
  - o Once the climb begins there can be no refund, regardless of why you are unable to reach the top. If the guide decides that you cannot continue due to your fitness levels or conditions on the Pinnacles then you must comply. This is for your safety and the safety of others. It rarely happens that a climb is cancelled due to weather. If the guide cancels the start of the climb due to unsafe weather conditions then rm80 will be refunded.
- Accommodation for 2 nights at Camp 5
  - o Fully equipped kitchens with cooking gas are included
- Long Boat return from Park HQ to Kuala Litut, sharing with others in your group
  - o It is not possible to walk to Camp 5 from Park Headquarters. If you have a reason to be back before 12.30pm then you need to have your own charter boat.

**WARNING:** You are not permitted to climb the Pinnacles unaccompanied, you must have a licensed guide.

**Additional Costs:**

- Independent Porters charge rm100 per day, plus rm15 park entry fee and rm10 per night accommodation fee, and will carry a maximum of 17.5kg. We can assist you in finding a porter.

**Cancelation Fee**

- If you decide not to go to the Pinnacles and cancel this reservation no later than the morning of the day before there is no cancellation fee. If when you arrive in Mulu you decide to change to another guide or agency to take you on this trek, then an rm200 cancellation fee will be charged.
- Confirmation of this reservation is acceptance of these conditions

**Trekking to Camp 5 and the Pinnacles  
What do you need to take?**

**Essentials**

- Good hiking shoes for the climb
- Rubber shoes for pushing the boat
- Insect repellent
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Personal Medications
- Toiletries
- Torch Light
- Spare batteries
- Raincoat
- Towel

- Light blanket
- Enough food for 3 days

**For climbing the pinnacles:**

- Small back pack
- Energy snacks/ lunch
- 2 water bottles (1 is left at the halfway point for you to use one the return journey)

**OPTIONAL**

- Mosquito net
- Pillow (inflatable)
- Sandals for bathroom
- Gloves (the rocks are sharp)