



# Bubbles Turtle Conservation (BTC) Experiential Program

## Know Before You Go Guide

Thank you for your interest in joining the Bubbles Turtle Conservation Experiential Program in the Perhentian Islands, Malaysia. In collaboration with Bubbles Dive Resort, we have formed a community conservation project that welcomes guests, interns, and conservation enthusiasts. Our program is dedicated to promoting education, opportunity, and awareness to aid in the recovery of sea turtle populations.

## Goal

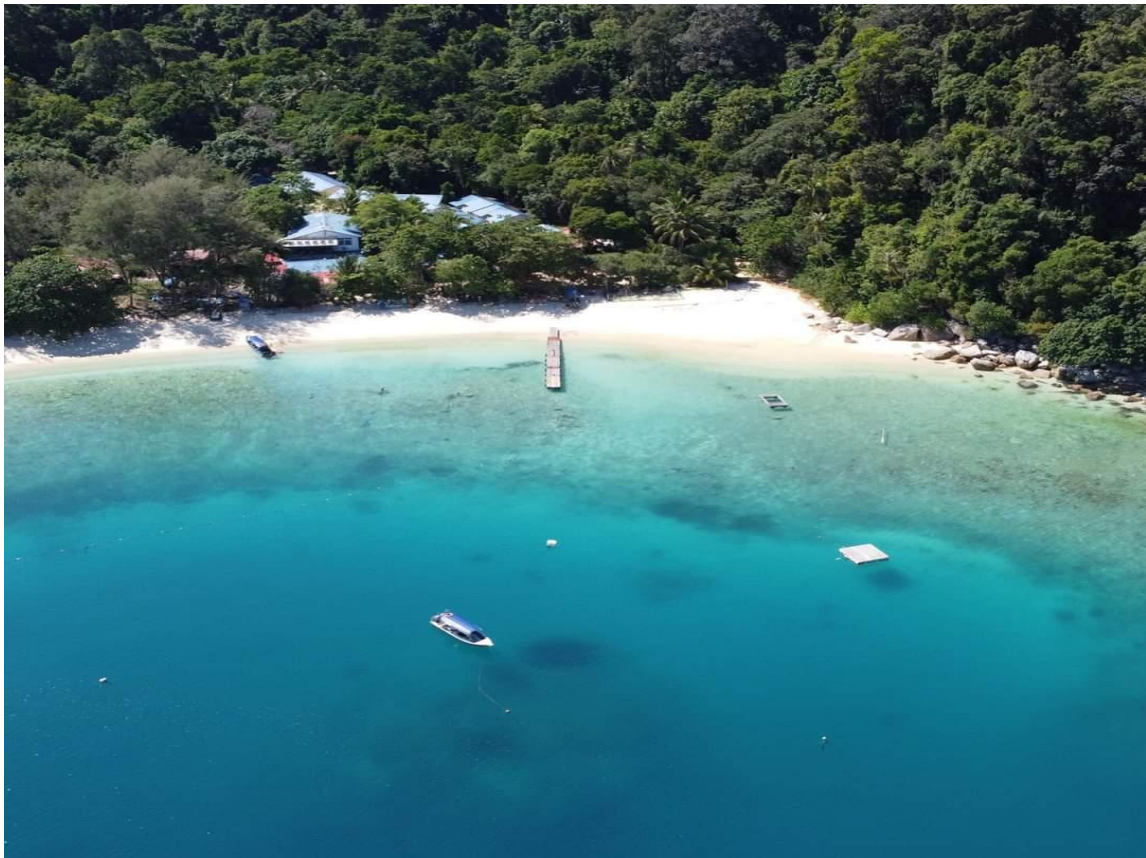
### **Turtle conservation**

Maintain hatch rate at or above 80% and to maintain the nesting beach as a viable location for nesting sea turtles.

### **Awareness**

To provide a look into the sea turtle's living environment through conducting workshops

## Your Destination



The Perhentian Islands, known as Malaysia's most beautiful, attract numerous tourists and backpackers annually. With crystal clear waters and lush green forests teeming with life, these islands, located in the northeast of Peninsular Malaysia, in Terengganu state, offer a picturesque escape. The bay of Tanjung Tukas serves as our isolated base, alongside the environmentally conscious 5-star dive shop, Bubbles Dive Resort. The bay's beauty and seclusion are its most alluring qualities. Our primary focus is the Green Turtles, nesting on the beaches from March to October, with hatchling releases starting in May.

# How to get there?

## **By Plane**

**Nearest Airport:** Kota Bharu Airport (KBR) otherwise known as Sultan Ismail Petra Airport

**Flights to KBR:** Air Asia, Malaysia Airlines, Malindo Air, and Firefly

**Fly From:** Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (KLIA2), Subang Airport (SZB).

Pickup from the airport can be arranged as long as the flight details are shared beforehand.

## **By Bus**

**Bus Stop:** Kuala Besut

**Bus Company:** PerdanaEkspress, Sani Ekspress, and Queen Ekspress

**Price:** Approximately RM45 one way

Buses normally travel overnight and from Kuala Lumpur take between 8 to 10 hours depending on the road conditions. There's a bus station in Kuala Lumpur called Terminal Bersepadu Selatan in which the busses will depart from.

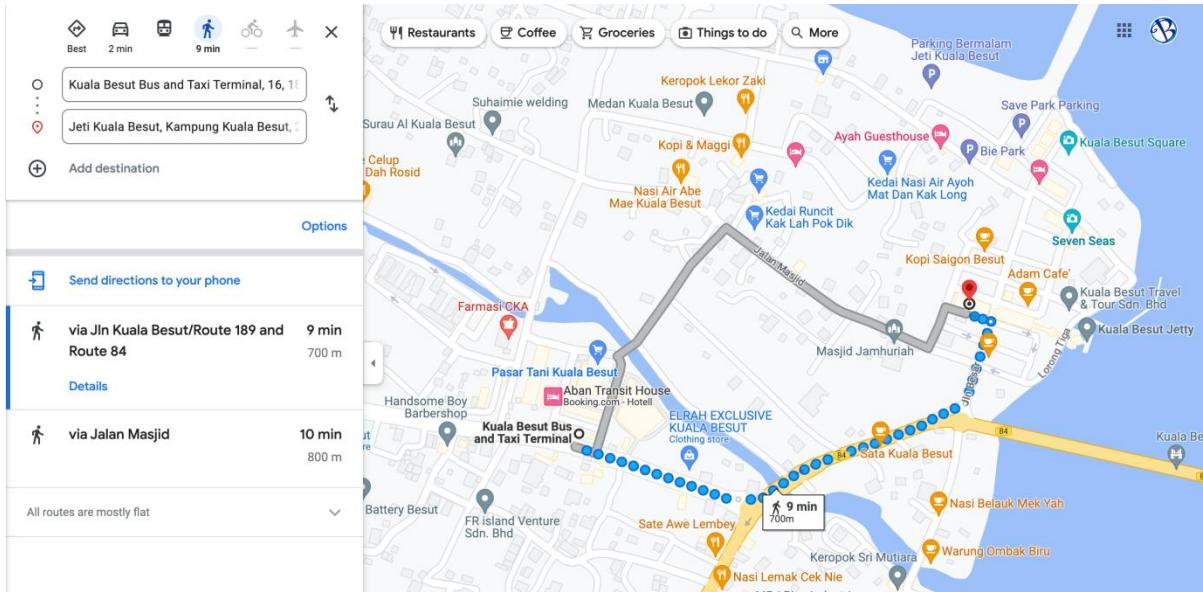
Links to bus ticket purchase website:

<https://www.busonlineticket.com>

<https://www.redbus.my>

## **Once in Kuala Besut**

Go towards the Jetty, you'll see shops and restaurants along the Jetty. Look out for the 'Bubbles Dive Resort' sign at a shop – that's our meeting point. Our rep will be there to welcome you. If they're not around, just mention you're with the 'Bubbles Project' to the person inside. Try to arrive before 10:00am, so we can set sail for the island around 11:00am.



After your arrival at the jetty, look for the store front as shown in the image. The following numbers are available for contact:

Bubbles Reception:  
+60195999628

Conservation Team:  
+601129573901

## What to bring?

Recommended	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T shirts (sport ones are the best).</li> <li>• Shorts.</li> <li>• Light weight trousers, three quarter trousers or long shorts.</li> <li>• Swim wear.</li> <li>• Towels.</li> <li>• Sun block – biodegradable is best.</li> <li>• Sandals or flip-flops.</li> <li>• Small back pack.</li> <li>• Good walking shoes or trainers (this is for the jungle trek).</li> <li>• Water bottle.</li> <li>• A hat to keep off the sun.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rash vest to wear in the sea.</li> <li>• Poncho.</li> <li>• Red bulb torch (head torches are very useful).</li> <li>• Camcorder/Digital camera if possible to film turtles.</li> <li>• Underwater camera.</li> <li>• Mosquito net.</li> <li>• Medicines – Anti-histamines, basic first aid kit, sunscreen, after sun, Diarrhoea medication and antibiotics and anti-inflammatory for ear, nose and throat problems. Peroxide and anti-bacterial Dettol can both be useful for cleaning out cuts as wounds can quickly become infected.</li> <li>• CELCOM Malaysian Sim card – this network has the best coverage at the project site, we suggest you get RM30 of credit. (Recommended if you are coming in from overseas)</li> <li>• Books</li> </ul>

# Itinerary

Below is the rough schedule of activities that will be conducted for the duration of the experiential program. During orientation and check in, you will be shown around the location where you can get familiar with the picturesque surrounding of the area. As for delivery, since we are all living together on the island we all work together to bring in food and materials to keep the whole operation running.

Day 1 Sunday	Day 2 Monday	Day 3 Tuesday	Day 4 Wednesday	Day 5 Thursday	Day 6 Friday
10:00am arrive at Jetty					10:00am check out and feedback
Speedboat transfer					Return boat transfer at 12:00pm
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Orientation & Check in	Data input & turtle ID	Data input & turtle ID	Data input & turtle ID	Data input & turtle ID	
Maintenance Activities*/ Bracelet making	Workshop 1: Patrol training, Water safety	Workshop 2: Turtle Nesting Habitat	Workshop 3: Shore Reef Exploration	Turtle talk practice +FAQ	
	Maintenance Activities*	Maintenance Activities*	Maintenance Activities*	Jungle trek / Bracelet making	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Turtle talk	Turtle talk	Turtle talk	Turtle talk	Turtle talk	
Night Patrol	Night Patrol	Night Patrol	Night Patrol	Farewell	

\* Maintenance activities include beach clean, recycling and hatchery maintenance

## Regular Program

### Day Time

Our regular program focuses on beach cleans, recycling, and hatchery work. These activities are essential for improving the environment and safeguarding the local wildlife. By conducting beach cleans, we reduce potential hazards that could harm land and marine life. Recycling is also prioritized, with trash being sorted to gather data that can be shared with organizations like clean swell. Additionally, we maintain the hatchery to create a safe space for turtle egg incubation. All these are classed under maintenance on the schedule.

## **Night Time**

During the night, we conduct our nightly turtle talks and turtle patrols. As part of the experiential program, you will get the chance to familiarise yourself with our presentation material and do our part together to spread awareness on marine conservation. You will also get the chance to join us on turtle patrols.

This is where we head out to patrol the beach and look out for nesting mother turtles. You will be shown how the team looks for turtles, gather data, identify the mother turtles, move the eggs, and release baby turtles. The night is split into two shifts. Shift 1 will be from 9:00pm to 2:00am and shift 2 will be from 3:00am to 7:00am. Part of the program is the requirement to join one of the shifts every night. If all goes well, you will have a chance to gain a little hands on experience working with them.

## **Workshops**

There are 3 developmental workshops included in this program in which participants can learn more about water safety and coastal environment in the area. Each workshop will have a brief introduction that will run for 30-45 minutes followed by the practical session for 1-2 hours.

## **Accommodation**

As you will be placed in a unisex quad share (with 2 double decker bed) fan room with an attached washroom, you will be sharing rooms with other participants of different genders.

### **Take Note:**

Follow the instructions of your facilitators and adhere to the rules of the resort and dive centre. Be prepared for early mornings and ensure punctuality, as duties may begin as early as 3am. Keep in mind that you are in a tropical environment with temperatures that can exceed 40°C, so stay hydrated, apply sunscreen, and take precautions to prevent dehydration and heat stroke. Safety is paramount, and it's important to prioritize your well-being during the program.

## Refund & Return Policy

- 1) 1 month prior to booking date - 100% full refund of the amount paid
- 2) Less than 30 days – 50% cancellation fee from the amount paid
- 3) Within 14 days – 10% refund of the amount paid
- 4) Less than 7 days – Non-refundable

## Disclaimer

As a turtle conservation program, our focus is primarily on the nighttime activities when turtles come to nest. This is why we prioritize rest in the mornings to maintain our health. Living on an island means being influenced by weather conditions, so while we aim to be flexible with our schedule, it's important to take precautions. Please note that the schedule and activities mentioned are subject to change.