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EXCLUSIVE GUIDED VISIT TO TEGORA MERCURY MINE

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"From cinnabar to quicksilver: Sarawak's link to global industry and war."

The Tegora Mercury Mine was established by the Borneo Company in 1867 after the discovery of cinnabar, a striking red mineral that is also highly toxic. Horse-drawn tramways carried the ore from Tegora Hill to Jambusan and onward to Buso on the Sarawak River, where it was shipped abroad. Mercury extracted from cinnabar fuelled industries and science in the late nineteenth century, making Tegora one of the few significant mercury mines in Southeast Asia.

By the 20th Century, mining ceased but during the Japanese occupation in World War II, the mine was reactivated. Cinnabar was roasted to release liquid mercury, which was critically needed for producing mercury fulminate, an explosive compound that was essential for producing armaments and chemical warfare components. Mines like Tegora became strategically important, alongside other wartime sources overseas.

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8.30am - 2.30pm



Tasik Biru Car Park



Trekking Attire



Boats carrying quicksilver on the Sigai river



Participation in this outing is **at your own risk**. The visit involves trekking through forest terrain, and participants must be dressed appropriately for tropical and humid conditions.

Physical fitness is essential, as the trek requires approximately one hour of walking each way across streams and steep ground.

A local lunch will be provided at Puak Village, Bau!

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On the way from the quicksilver mines at Tegora: the tunnel at Jambusan

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