



# Last Place On Earth Challenge 2023



## TRAVEL TYPE

Adventure, Challenge and Fundraising



## EXPEDITION GRADE

Hard Adventure  
Difficult to Extreme



## DURATION

17 Days  
7th - 23rd June 2023



## ACCOMMODATION

Jungle Lodges and Four  
Star Hotels



## Expedition Overview

The Last Place on Earth Challenge has been created to help raise urgently needed funds along with worldwide awareness to this critically important habitat. This is your chance to become part of an event that truly helps to make a difference for the orangutans, rhinoceros, elephants and tigers and their rainforest home in the Leuser Ecosystem.

At around 2.63 million hectares, the Leuser Ecosystem really is a world unto itself—a rich expanse of original tropical lowland rainforests, cloud-covered mountains and swampy peatlands. It is among the most biodiverse ecosystems ever recorded by science, and it is the Last Place on Earth where Sumatran orangutans, elephants, tigers and rhinoceros still roam free side by side.

Unfortunately, the Leuser Ecosystem is now under threat. Despite being protected under Indonesian national law, massive industrial development is being planned for logging, palm oil, pulp and paper plantations and mining which threaten the entire ecosystem, as well as the continued wellbeing of the millions of Acehnese traditional landholders who depend on the ecosystem for their food, water and livelihoods.

Will you join this event as either a participant or a sponsor to help with the protection of the Leuser Ecosystem?



Time is definitely short, especially in the lowland rainforests and the carbon-rich peatlands. We need to take urgent action to secure the permanent protection of the priceless Leuser Ecosystem. Given the scale of the climate and biodiversity crisis, we simply cannot afford to lose the critical habitat. The funds raised from this event will go to our local partners working tirelessly on the ground to protect and restore the Leuser Ecosystem.

TREK  
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SURVIVE



## ITINERARY

This remarkable expedition has it all. You will be tested to your limits as well as thrilled like never before inside the amazing Leuser Ecosystem. A truly amazing, non-stop, exciting adventure in the Last Place on Earth ...and YOU will be making a DIFFERENCE to help save the precious and endangered Leuser Ecosystem!

Dates: 7th - 23rd June 2023

Duration : 17 Days / 16 Nights

Grade: Difficult / Extreme

### **Day 1:** 7th June: Arrive Medan

Today you will fly into Medan (Sumatra) and be met at the airport by one of our event team members and transferred to your accommodation. Tonight the group, along with our local guides, will meet for dinner and a tour briefing in the hotel.(D)

### **Day 2:** 8th June: Medan - Ketembe

This morning we will conduct a final gear check before boarding our bus for travel (approx 10 hours drive) through to our basecamp in Ketembe (Aceh). With some nice weather, we will see amazing views of the mountains, volcanoes and more across the incredible Leuser Ecosystem and the areas where we will spend the next two weeks. Overnight at our jungle lodge (B,L,D)



**Day 3:** 9th June: Ketambe Jungle Trekking 2 days/1 night. You will spend the next two days experiencing the wildlife, waterfalls, hot springs. After an early breakfast, we will head off into the Park. This amazing ecosystem will provide us with viewings of orangutans, Thomas Leaf monkeys, gibbons, macaques, hornbills and more. We will start the trekking adventure into the jungle viewing wildlife as we trek. We will stop at a river along the way for a swim and may even find a hot water spring. As we continue to trek will enjoy more viewings of wild orangutans; hopefully including that of a dominant male. We may also see gibbons and most certainly hear them. Tonight we will camp overnight in tents in the National Park - camping equipment including tent, mattress, pillow and blanket is supplied. (B,L,D)

The Sumatran Tiger  
is classed as  
Critically Endangered  
with a population less  
than  
400

**Day 4:** 10th June: Ketambe - Leuser Ecosystem Trek  
This morning we will wake to the amazing sounds of the jungle before trekking out of the jungle looking for wildlife along the way. Afternoon we return to Ketambe lodge for our overnight stay. (B,L,D)

**Days 5 - 9:** 11th- 15th June: Ketambe - Summit Gunung Kafi Climb

**Day 5:** This morning our transportation will pick us up from the Ketambe lodge at 6:00 am to transfer to Meluak village. We will arrive at Meluak village (our starting point) at around 7:30 am. Upon arrival, we will prepare all the equipment with our guides and porters and start trekking at around 9:00 am. We will walk for approximately 9 hours (including a 1 hour stop for lunch) to camp 1. (B,L,D)

**Day 6:** After breakfast, we will start trekking at 7:00 am from camp 1 to camp Belanda for lunch. We will then continue trekking to Camp 3 (Camp Teturunan) for overnight. (Approximately 8 hours trekking today) (B,L,D)

**Day 7:** After breakfast, we will start trekking at 7:00 am. We will hike to the top of Mount Kafi (approx. 2,500 ASL). We will find a nice place to stop and enjoy lunch then visit Uning, a place where the animals often go to drink. Please note: we will provide masks as it is possible that sulphur gas will be around. (Approximately 6 to 7 hours trekking today) (B,L,D)

**Day 8:** After an early breakfast we will start trekking back down the mountain at 6:00 am. We will hike to Camp 1 via Camp Belanda (Camp 2), where we will stop for lunch. We will then continue walking to approximately 7 to 8 hours trekking today) (B,L,D)



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*It is a great way to contribute and make a difference.*

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**Day 9:** After breakfast will leave Camp Manuk at 6:00 am and return to Meluak village with a lunch stop along the way (approximately 7 hours trekking). We expect to arrive at Maluak village around 4:00 pm where will stop for a drink, coffee or tea with the local guide team. We will then say thank you and farewell our wonderful team. Afterwards, we will travel back to Ketembe for dinner and our overnight stay at our jungle lodge. (B,L,D)

**Day 10 - 11:** 16th - 17th June: Ketambe - FKL research station - Reforestation and Trekking - Ketambe

**Day 10:** This morning we will wake to the amazing sounds of the jungle before trekking out of the jungle looking for wildlife along the way. We will then travel to meet Rudi and hear about his program with FKL. At FKL we will be introduced to their important work and take a short jungle trek looking for wildlife. We will stay overnight at the research station jungle lodge. (B,L,D)

**Day 11:** Today will spend with FKL- Programme to be finalised. We will spend our final night at Ketambe jungle lodge and prepare for rafting the next day.(B,L,D)

**Day 12 - 14:** 18th - 20th June: Ketambe - Gelombang 3 days / 2 nights rafting on the Alas River.

**Day 12:** This morning we depart Ketambe after breakfast at 7:00 am and travel approximately two hours to Muaras Tulen village. We will arrive at Muaras Tulen village (our starting point) at around 9:30 am and start rafting to camp 1 (Muara Renun) at around 11:00 am. Muara Renun is our camping spot for tonight.

**Day 13:** This morning we will start rafting after breakfast at approximately 7:00 am. We will arrive at Soraya Research Station and the elephant area). We stop here for our overnight camping.

**Day 14:** Today we trek 5 to 6 hours, (including a one hour lunch stop) in the Soraya area and then back to the camp, stop for our night of camping.

**Day 15:** 21st June: Soroya - Gelombang - Lake Toba.

This morning, after breakfast we will travel down the river by motorised canoes to Gelombang village and transfer to Lake Toba for our overnight accommodation.

Lake Toba is the site of the biggest eruption recorded in history and plays a significant role with the orangutans. Along the way, we will travel Subu Salam - Sidikalang - Tele -Pangururan. We will cross Lake Toba to the island of Samosir and arrive in Parapat at around noon where we will have a two-night stay at the Tabo Cottages on Samosir Island. (B,L,D)





**Day 16:** 22nd June: Lake Toba

Today you will tour Samosir Island to Tomok, Ambarita and Simanindo. On this magnificent island, you can visit the typical Toba Batak villages: Tomok with its kings' tombs, Ambarita with its megalith execution tables and in Simanindo you can see traditional Batak dances. There is also the option of just relaxing around the hotel and having a swim. Overnight at Lake Toba. (B,L)

**Day 17:** 23rd June: Lake Toba - Medan Airport - Home.

An early morning departure will have us head off to Medan airport to meet with your connecting flights home or onward travel. Tour ends (B)

\*Subject to changes without notice due to prevailing conditions

**TRIP EXTENSIONS**

Why not think about seeing more amazing locations in Indonesia after your orangutan expedition? For details about our exciting trip extensions to other parts of Indonesia contact us: [alice@orangutanodysseys.com](mailto:alice@orangutanodysseys.com)



The Sumatran Rhino  
is classed as  
Critically Endangered  
with a population less than  
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Image by Colby Bishop for the Sumatran Rhino 82



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How does the LPOE Challenge work?

The expedition consists of a group of up to 10 adventurous and passionate people from countries around the world. The team will be travelling through the critically endangered Leuser Ecosystem, from trekking in pristine jungles to rafting down rivers to climbing a 2,500m+ mountain. All to help raise awareness and urgently needed funds to help save this vital jungle habitat. To become one of the lucky LPOEC 2023 participants, simply go to the 'Bookings' tab on this page and follow the directions.

Applications are open on a first come first served basis, until all 10 positions have been filled. There is no pre-registration or qualifications required, but we are asking that you declare your understanding about the type of expedition travel, the level of difficulty and the costs involved.

### How much will it cost?

The expedition cost in 2023 is AUD\$4,655 per person. Each participant has a mandatory fundraising component of AUD\$2,000 (minimum) per person which MUST be raised two weeks prior to the departure date. This is separate to the tour cost. More details about all the costs along with inclusions and exclusions can be found on the tour page.

### When is it on and how long does it go for?

The expedition begins on 7th June 2023 and finishes on the 23rd June 2023. The expedition will take 17 days/16 nights to complete, including travel and briefing days. Please see the 'Itinerary' page for details about each day, including locations, activities and travel times. How are funds raised?

Each participant has their own minimum personal fundraising target of AUD\$2,000, as part of their expedition commitment. The remainder of the targetted \$50,000 is planned to be met through corporate sponsorship, general donations, and event supporters. We will also be launching the \$1 donate option and hope to get up to 100,000 people across the globe to donate \$1 each through the website. Links to this page will be promoted on Social Media. People will also be able to sponsor their favourite trekker (that's you) and follow the event through Facebook and Twitter. Donations will be accepted in all currencies via credit card and Paypal, through the fundraising website. Tax receipts for all donations are automatically generated and sent via email. If you wish to help the challenge by hosting an LPOEC fundraiser, please contact us, using the Contact Us form provided on the website or email [garry@orangutanodysseys.com](mailto:garry@orangutanodysseys.com). We believe we have the means to raise over \$50,000 in a united effort by all countries, which will significantly help conservation efforts in this location.



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*OO organised one of the best experiences of our lives.  
Cannot recommend Orangutan Odysseys enough.*

*If you visit the orangutans  
with them you are also doing your bit to help  
save these incredible creatures and their habitat*

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### Where does the money raised go?

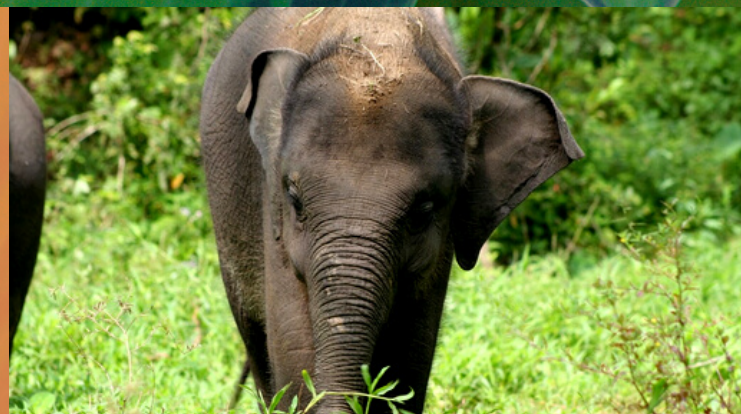
100% of monies raised will go towards the local on-ground conservation projects via The Orangutan Project (TOP). Our local Indonesian NGO partners FKL and HAKA will be the main beneficiaries to continue their mission to save the Leuser Ecosystem. "TOP strives to get the best conservation and welfare results for orangutans and their habitats by effectively using every dollar raised to support genuine on the ground conservation work through a wide range of partners. Working in a non-partisan way provides the orangutans with their best chance. The Last Place on Earth Challenge is a perfect display of both the challenge to save orangutans and the spirit of mutual cooperation that is needed to meet that challenge", says Leif Cocks, TOP Founder, and President.



### How do I get to Medan?

Medan is in northern Sumatra, with the major airport being Medan Kualanamu International Airport (KNO). There are many daily direct flights to Medan from both Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Airlines that service these routes include: Singapore Airlines, Silk Air, Air Asia, Malaysian Airlines and Jetstar Asia. Please contact us if you would like a quote for your flight connection to Medan from either Singapore or Kuala Lumpur.

The Sumatran Elephant  
is classed as  
Critically Endangered  
with a population less than  
2,400





## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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Accommodation at Medan hotel on Day 1 (twin-share basis)  
Accommodations in Ketambe and Lake Toba (twin-share basis)  
All meals as outlined in the itinerary (B,L,D)  
All National park fees  
All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles to all locations  
Professional local guides through the expedition  
Donation included for one Orangutan Adoption  
Event t-shirt, OO water bottle and travel pack  
Ranger and local guide fees  
Porters  
Access to the FKL restoration site and accommodation in Jungle Lodge  
Camping equipment including; tent, mattress, blanket and pillow  
Rafting safety equipment including' helmet and life jacket  
Drinking water throughout

### EXCLUSIONS

International airfares or any costs relating to delays or cancellations  
Travel Insurance (mandatory and must include cover for emergency evacuation)  
Tipping  
Personal expenses; laundry, alcohol, phone calls, etc

### ACTIVITIES

Mountain climbing  
Jungle trekking  
River rafting  
Wildlife viewing  
See wild orangutans  
Camping by rivers  
Meeting conservationists  
And much more....

The Sumatran Orangutan  
is classed as  
Critically Endangered  
with a population less than  
13,000





## BOOKING INFORMATION

### YOU'RE READY TO SIGN UP! - WHAT NEXT ?

Thank you for deciding to join the Last Place on Earth Challenge for 2023. You will be part of a team that will experience an incredible challenge, as well as help contribute to the long term survival of the Leuser Ecosystem. This will be a life changing expedition that will remain with you for life. The expedition cost is \$4655. We are accepting bookings strictly on a "first come, first served" basis. There is no pre-registration or pre-qualification necessary. Simply follow the directions below.

***\*Please note that you will be required to confirm the following conditions as part of your entry.***

You understand this is will be a physically difficult journey, through a hot and humid environment that can be harsh at times.

You understand the tour cost is \$4655 and that your deposit is strictly non-refundable. Please note any forfeited deposits will be donated to the event.

We recommend travel insurance be taken out immediately after your booking is made to allow you to submit a claim in the case of injury or sickness.

You understand the dates of the event and that you are available for that period of time.

You understand that the fundraising component of the event is required to be fully completed two weeks PRIOR to departure.

You will be required to provide your credit card details so that any shortfall in the minimum fundraising amount be deducted from this credit card prior to your departure.

You are a minimum of 18 years of age.

### **To book please follow these two steps.**

#### 1 - Booking and Deposit Payment

Please click 'book now' on the tour page. Complete the required information on the booking form and pay your 20% deposit via Paypal or direct deposit.

#### 2 - Entry Form LPOE Entry Form 2022.pdf

Please download and complete the Entry Form. Scan or take a photo of your completed form, then send it to [alice@orangutanodysseys.com](mailto:alice@orangutanodysseys.com)

Congratulations! You are now part of this amazing event for 2023 and can now start helping us promote the event and commence your fundraising.



## SUMATRAN TRAVEL INFORMATION



### ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

#### ARRIVAL AT YOUR DESTINATION CITY - MEDAN, NORTH SUMATRA

Upon arrival in Medan, please collect your checked luggage, clear customs & immigration (for International flights) and proceed through to the arrivals exit of the terminal. Here you will see and meet an Orangutan Odysseys representative waiting to greet you, he/she will be holding an Orangutan Odysseys sign with your name on it. They will then transfer you to your overnight accommodation.

### DOMESTIC FLIGHTS WITHIN INDONESIA

Orangutan Odysseys use only commercial airlines. In Indonesia, our preferred airline is Garuda Indonesia and its subsidiaries, however, some of our domestic flight bookings are subject to flight schedules, availability and destinations. Therefore the selected airline may be different on occasions. bit of body text

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport with at least 6 months validity from your return travel date is required by ALL visitors. This is very strictly enforced for visitors to Indonesia. Entry visas are not required for citizens of Australia, USA, Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom, among other countries. Please carefully check the requirements for your country. Note: Visa's are the responsibility of each individual traveller. Orangutan Odysseys requires a copy be sent to our office and asked that you carry a photocopy with you at all times.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is mandatory for all Orangutan Odysseys trips, we strongly recommend that travel insurance is taken out upon booking your tour. Travel Insurance MUST include cover for Emergency Medical Evacuation. Orangutan Odysseys can provide an insurance quote for Australian residents, please click on the 'Book Travel Insurance' tab on the right of your trip page. We also recommend that your insurance also provides cover for trip cancellation, baggage loss and accident insurance. In the event that an aircraft evacuation is required, Orangutan Odysseys will undertake to help arrange the evacuation on the condition that the expenses are reimbursed by the passenger (or their insurance provider) before departing the country.





## WEATHER

Sumatra is a tropical climate with high humidity and hot temperatures throughout the year.

Daytime temperature is generally

73F/23C to 86F/30C

and nighttime is 73F/23C to 80F/27C

The Wet Season is Sep- Jan

The Dry Season is Feb-Aug



## HEALTH AND FIRST AID

No vaccinations are required for entry to Indonesia. However, you should consider cholera, typhoid and hepatitis vaccinations and make sure your tetanus cover is up to date.

Please plan ahead and consult your doctor regarding personal health requirements as well as vaccinations and anti-malarial medication recommended for the area you are travelling to.

Orangutans share 97% human DNA making them susceptible to our diseases like the common cold and flu



## ELECTRICITY

Indonesia uses 220 Volt for its electricity. The electrical outlet has two round holes, similar to those in continental Europe. The voltage may be unstable in some places.



Be healthy for  
you  
and me



## MONEY

The currency in Indonesia is the Rupiah (Rp). Money can be changed at the airport and some hotels. ATM's are also available in some areas while on tour. Credit cards such as Visa and MasterCard are sometimes accepted whereas American Express is limited in its acceptance. Orangutan Odysseys recommends spending money in local currency while on the expedition.

## TIPPING

Tipping while not compulsory is encouraged to show your appreciation to our guides, drivers and assistants during your travel.

## RECOMMENDED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Please note that our experiences are very laid back. Pack all your gear into either a lightweight suitcase or backpack. Your baggage will always be left with the expedition crew or securely in a lodge when you go trekking and exploring.

- 1-2 pairs of lightweight long pants (required for jungle trekking)
- 2-3 pair lightweight shorts (can be combined with long pants if zip-off style)
- 1-2 long sleeve cotton shirts
- 2-3 t-shirts
- Underwear
- 1 lightweight polar fleece
- Hiking boots OR sturdy runners.
- Pair of thongs/sandals
- Socks. Longs socks to keep leeches out (required for jungle trekking)
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Tropical strength insect repellent
- Torch or headlamp
- Rain poncho (something lightweight)
- Lightweight travel towel
- Water bottle
- A personal first aid kit, including, Band-Aids, blister dressings, cream for bites and grazes, paracetamol, Deep Heat or other muscle creams.

Another first aid kit will be carried by the guide. Please note: If you have something you are particularly prone to, ie. ear infections or sinus problems; please bring your required medications for this.

Optional items:

- Gaiters
- Snacks such as barley sugar, Mentos, chocolate, muesli bars etc.
- Bathers/swimsuit
- Sunglasses
- Notebook and pen
- Camera and spare batteries, lens cleaner
- Sarong
- Sleeping bag liner
- Camping gear: For camping components of your trip, we provide tents, inflatable mattress, pillow and blanket.

Note: If you have any questions regarding the above list or any other items that you want to ask about please contact us. We can provide you with additional information at any time.



## **CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Please note that Sumatra is comprised mostly of people and locations of the Muslim religion. As such you should be prepared for: The 'Call to Prayer' at around 4.00 am each morning from the many mosques that are scattered around the towns where you might stay. Alcohol. Purchasing alcohol can be difficult to impossible (and expensive) once in Sumatra. Should you require any alcohol other than beer, we suggest that this be purchased ahead of your arrival. 1 litre of alcohol per person is allowed through customs in Indonesia. Please also make sure when flying domestically in Indonesia that the bottle remains unopened until your final destination and is carried in your stowed luggage only. Women are requested to dress modestly when walking through towns and villages. Head covering is not required, but covering of the shoulders and knees are suggested. a little bit of body text



## **THE ENVIRONMENT**

Many of the places you will visit are pristine. We should try to have as little impact on these natural environments as possible. As such we recommend the following: We discourage the use of commercial soaps when washing both body and clothes. We recommend the use of biodegradable soap to wash hands to help protect the ecosystem. All rubbish taken into the park is taken out of the park. If you have rubbish, can you please leave it in rubbish bins provided or give it to your guide to be carried out. Please do not dispose of batteries in the country. They are extremely harmful to the environment. At campsites, use toilet facilities as directed by your guide. By abiding by these simple guidelines, you will be protecting the local environment for native wildlife and local people.

## **HEALTH PROTOCOLS, GUIDELINES AND SAFETY PROCEDURES**

These guidelines have been prepared using the ICUN guidelines along with the expert advice of Leif Cocks, president and founder of The Orangutan Project (TOP), to inform visitors about their responsibilities during their visit to Bornean and Sumatran Eco-tourism Sites. We request that you read these guidelines carefully and understand the appropriate behaviour that is needed during your time in Indonesia. Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines will ensure the well-being of the animals, their environment and yourselves, and help to maintain a stable and long term viable tourism facility for all. As you trek through the forests or visit the care centres it is important to remember that you are entering the habitat of one of the rarest great ape species on earth. The population of Sumatran and Bornean orangutans can generate from two different origins.



Ex-captive individuals who have been rehabilitated and released in the forest. Captive and rehabilitation experiences often result in released rehabilitant orangutans not fearing humans and even expecting to interact with them. Wild individuals, some of whom have become habituated to human presence, with the remaining being native (i.e. not used to people's presence in their forest habitat). Inappropriate behaviour by visitors may affect the behaviour and health of orangutans from both populations negatively, which places them at increased risk of becoming stressed, or the transfer of diseases. By following these simple guidelines, visitors are able to see the orangutans at all locations in a way which is both safe for themselves and safe for the orangutans, whilst at the same time, experiencing a more natural, unique experience in the forest.



Keep  
them  
safe

### **GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES**

A maximum group size of visitors (varies depending on the location) is to be adhered to whilst in the forest. Research from other eco-tourist sites that allow great ape trekking has shown that visitor group size can affect the behaviour of the great apes encountered and (as a result), the visitor's experience. Where groups of visitors are too high in number, the animals become stressed and nervous and move away from visitor groups. Every member of a visitor group should maintain a minimum distance of 10 metres from the closest orangutan. The potential for disease transfer, both humans to orangutan and orangutan to human, is very high due to the close genetic relationship humans share with great apes. Pneumonia, influenza, tuberculosis, hepatitis A, B, C, and E, cholera, herpes, parasites, and even the common cold can all be passed between great apes and humans. If an orangutan moves towards a visitor group or any member of the group, it is primarily the responsibility of the guide to move the whole visitor group back (maintaining the minimum distance at all times). Every member of a visitor group should nonetheless move away from any orangutan that approaches, and alert others of the approach. Once in the presence of orangutans (less than 50 metres away, the distance at which orangutans are considered to be associating with one another), visitors may stay **NO LONGER THAN ONE HOUR**. The visit will be formally timed from the point of entering the orangutan's presence. When this period is over, the group is to leave the area that the orangutan is in. Timing is the guide's responsibility and the viewing period can **NOT** be extended. Remember that visitors are guests in the locations, which are the orangutan's home, and that what is best for the orangutans is to freely roam and forage naturally in the forest without excessive disturbance.



Orangutans share over 97% of its genetic DNA with humans and as a result, they are like us in many ways. It is important to remember that orangutans are highly intelligent, thinking, feeling beings and should be treated with due care and respect. Visitors are to observe the following orangutan etiquette guidelines.



### Orangutan Viewing

- Visitors must not touch the orangutans under any circumstances. Touching is very dangerous, for various reasons: diseases, infections and even parasites can easily pass between orangutans and humans and physical contact makes the likelihood of this higher. Touching also gives the orangutans the chance to grab; some of them do, with all four hands, typically to steal food or other goods. A mature orangutan is more than four times stronger than a human and can inflict serious injuries if they feel threatened, irritated or upset. Binoculars may be useful because they allow close up views of orangutans from safe distances. Please do not use binoculars unless orangutans are relaxed, and stop using them if orangutans show signs of becoming uneasy. Binocular lenses pointed at an orangutan can look like "big eyes" and orangutans sometimes seem to find this uncomfortable. Camera usage must also follow the same guidelines for binoculars. Camera lenses may often be larger than those of binoculars and thus may irritate the orangutans. Also limit the use of flash photography as this may also affect the orangutans.
- Visitors must not feed the orangutans under any circumstances.
- Visitors should not under any circumstances move to or stay in a location that puts them between two orangutans, especially a mother and her infant or a male and his female consort. Orangutan mothers are extremely protective of their young and can become aggressive if they feel that their infant is being threatened. Male orangutans can become aggressive if anyone approaches their consort.
- Visitors or guides should not call out to the orangutans or otherwise lure them to change their behaviour. Calling or luring the orangutans can cause stress and it automatically disrupts natural behaviour.
- Visitors should refrain from making any sudden movements and should not attempt to gain the attention of the orangutans by waving their arms, etc., for the same reasons given above. In addition to disrupting their behaviour. Visitors should refrain from making too much noise within the forest and try to talk quietly. Loud noise can be interpreted as a threat by the orangutans. If an orangutan begins to make kiss-squeak vocalisations, throaty grunts or growls, or "raspberry" sounds, breaking and throwing branches, or shakes trees, these are signs of irritated disturbance and aggressive threats. It is best to move on and leave the orangutan alone.



## **VISITOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Visitors must not enter the forest if they are feeling unwell or recently had an illness. It is each visitor's moral responsibility to report any sign of disease to their guide before entering the forest. Spending time around the orangutans whilst unwell can seriously risk infecting them. Any orangutan infected by humans could potentially infect other orangutans as well. If the guide feels that a visitor is not well enough to enter the forest, it is within his/her authority to refuse entry to the visitor. Eating or having food visible whilst in the forest increases the risk of both disease transmission and attacks from orangutans. One of the main reasons that orangutans contact and attack humans is to steal food, and seeing food is, therefore, a major provocation. Visitors should take any litter they have out of the forest when they leave. This includes fruit skins, as discarded foods may later attract orangutans and allow for disease transfer. It is most preferable to bring only the essentials into the forest. Refrain from smoking in the forest. Smoking is NOT permitted when in the presence of orangutans.

## **FOREST RESPONSIBILITIES**

Like any tropical forest, its surrounding areas represent a complicated and diverse (but above all, fragile) habitat. The whole forest system is a delicately balanced network of animal and plant species and many species are heavily dependent upon one another. We, therefore, ask visitors to follow these simple guidelines. Visitors should not remove, damage, or alter any of the vegetation within the forest. Leaves, seeds and shells all play a role within the forest ecosystem and should not be taken out. It is the responsibility of every person entering the forest to help ensure the survival of this critically endangered species and its habitat. Visitors should discourage other members in their party, including their guides, from acting in a way which contradicts these guidelines, and should express their disapproval and report to the management team any activity which puts either the visitors or the orangutans at risk.





## WHAT DO OUR ORANGUTAN EXPEDITIONS INCLUDE?

### DONATIONS TO HELP SAVE THE ORANGUTAN AND HABITAT

Your trip fee will include a donation for one Orangutan Adoption which will go fully and directly to helping save the orangutans and their rainforest habitat.

### SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED LOCAL GUIDE

Orangutan Odysseys guides have been carefully selected for their ability and temperament. Each guide has training and proven abilities in eco-friendly methods, safety and careful trek operations as well as an understanding of the importance of keeping the health and happiness of the trekkers and crew a priority. Our guides are committed to making sure that all our trekkers have an enjoyable trek, come back safely and are overwhelmed by their experience. Your guide will be a friend and companion, who takes pleasure in showing you their country's specialities and perhaps their home and family too.

### ACCOMMODATION

Our expeditions use tents, boats, hotels and guest houses, accommodations are always clean and comfortable. Orangutan Odysseys encourages the use of eco-friendly places where possible.

### MEALS WHILE ON EXPEDITION

Meals included are as per itinerary (B,L,D) - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. We also often provide afternoon tea, tea and coffee as well as purified water in bottles and by dispensers.

### TRANSPORT

Orangutan Odysseys expeditions include all domestic airfares, airport transfers in private air-conditioned vehicles as well as all forms of transportation during your expedition as per the itinerary.

### CONSERVATION FEES, NATIONAL PARK AND TREK PERMITS

All trekking permits, National Park and Conservation Fees are included.

### FINAL CHECKLIST:

Please make sure you have the following items before you travel to the airport for your flight to Indonesia: Luggage with personal clothing/equipment, Day pack/backpack as hand luggage, Valid passport (6-month validity), Photocopy of the main page of your passport, Return air tickets, Medical/travel insurance papers/certificates, Credit cards and cash for expenses while in Indonesia

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or want more information please feel free to contact the Orangutan Odysseys office in Australia on +61 (0)417 973 355 or email Alice at [alice@orangutanodysseys.com](mailto:alice@orangutanodysseys.com).

