

# EXPEDITION DOSSIER TANJUNG PUTING ORANGUTANS -7 DAY EXPEDITION

## For Indonesian (Borneo) Orangutan Expeditions

## **EXPEDITION OVERVIEW**

There really is nothing like giving back. That's right, in this specially crafted expedition you will visit the habitat of the great Orangutan and at the same time help protect its environment for generations to come.

Since 2009 No Roads Expeditions, Team BigFish & Orangutan Odysseys have raised in excess of \$60,000 for the Australian Orangutan Project. In 2011, OO will continue with this project by sponsoring more orphaned Orangutan and protecting more rainforest through Safeguard, a jungle patrol system that prevents poachers and illegal loggers.

The Tanjung Puting National Park is home to rare and interesting species including the Proboscis monkey and the false gavial, a strange looking crocodile. But it is the Orangutan that most people come here to visit. It's sheer beauty and passive demeener endears one of our closest relatives to our hearts. We will see both wild and rehabilitated Orangutans and have the opportunity to get close to these magnificent creatures. If you are interested in adventure and giving back to the world at the same time, then you have got to be part of this expedition.

## **EXPEDITION GOALS**

Orangutan Odysseys is dedicated to the work the Australian Orangutan Program does in Borneo. We will know the full extent to which we will support the AOP in the coming months, but initially each participant's fare will include the cost of adopting and Sponsoring 100 hectares of rainforest.

In addition one Orangutan for 1 year (\$55) and we are aiming at protecting up to 10000 hectares of jungle from poachers through the AOP sponsored Safeguard Program (minimum of \$75 for 100 hectares). Safeguard trains and supports a group of Safeguard Protection Units that patrol the jungle stopping poachers and illegal loggers. For more information on this and other AOP programs check out their website at <a href="https://www.orangutan.org.au">www.orangutan.org.au</a>.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

You are embarking on an adventure to places and amongst people whose lives are very different from your own. Many aspects of life in Indonesia will seem unusual. Remember that these are often the same aspects that make an area an exotic and attractive destination. While boat expeditions are considered easy, no trek is easy, even those rated "easy or moderate". In addition to the personal physical challenges you may face, travel conditions can present unexpected obstacles, such as rough and bumpy roads and changeable weather. To prepare for this "pack" a flexible and relaxed attitude. Bring a spirit of adventure and inquiry, a healthy sense of humor and a willingness to encounter the unexpected and you will find your trip to Indonesia the adventure of a lifetime!



#### PROJECT FUNDRAISING OBJECTIVES

Participants in this expedition will help raise funds by getting friends, family and colleagues to adopt orphaned Orangutans. Your expedition costs include for the adoption of One baby orangutan and sponsoring of 100 hectares or rainforest.

## INTINERARY FOR THE SAVE THE ORANGUTAN TRIP \*\*

\*\* Subject to changes due to Park access

| Day<br># | Proposed Daily Programme   | Meals provided |
|----------|--|----------------|
| 1        | <b>Leave Australia</b> - Arrive in Bali (via your own pre booked flight) and transfer to our hotel for overnight stay. Hotel costs to be included  | Nil            |
| 2        | <b>Fly to Pangkalan Bun via Benjamasin.</b> Fly direct from Bali in the early morning direct through to Pangkalan Bun via Benjamasin. This evening we do the city boat "cruise". Overnight at Blue Kecubung Hotel in PB. | Nil            |

- Pangkalan Bun Camp Leakey Crocodile Lake. Early start today will have us travelling in our own Klotok boats up the Sekonyer river to Camp Leakey, the oldest camp set up for the orphaned Orangutans. Arrive at Camp Leakey, take a short trek in the surrounding area and meet some of the residents and carers, and then visit the museum. Then back to boat for lunch. We are likely to see Orangutans (or have them see us) near the boat. Then we will be back at the camp for the afternoon feeding time. After enjoying the feeding time of the Orangutans and being given a tour of the surrounding forest area, back to the boat and cruising down the Camp Leakey River to Crocodile Lake where we will spend the night. We most likely will see other wildlife of Borneo such as Gibbons & Proboscis monkey. Overnight on the Klotok. We provide a mattress, pillow and mosquito net.
- 4 Crocodile Lake Pondok Tangguy Trajan Harapan Rimba Lodge. Leave early and back to Pondok Tanguii for morning feeding. Then we cruise back down to check into Rimba Lodge and Tarjan Harapan station for afternoon feeding. Stay Rimba Lodge.

  Breakfast

  Lunch

  Dinner
- Rimba Lodge Pondok Tangguy Pesalat Reforestation. Morning start sees us back up to Tanguii for morning feeding again and then we will travel up river to Pesalat Plantation where we get to plant some trees to help regenerate the forest. You will be given GPS coordinates to locate the trees that you planted. From there we will take a tour the local village. Later that afternoon we will take the boat down the river to a mangrove of Nipah palm area where we will get to enjoy dinner watching millions of fireflies. On the way, we will watch proboscis monkey along he riverbanks. Then we cruise back to Kumai and overnight in Pangkalan Bun.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

**Breakfast** 

Lunch

**Dinner** 





Today will allow some free time for shopping or a walk through the streets of Pangkalan Bun to see the Yellow Palace and local markets before catching your plane back to Bali.

7 Bali & return home Breakfast

#### **EXPEDITION GRADES**

This expedition is considered easy as the Kalimantan component has short walks involved in it.

#### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required by all foreigners traveling to Indonesia. For United States, British and Australian citizens, a visa can be obtained upon arrival in Jakarta and Bali. Passports must have at least 6 months before they expire.

## INDONESIAN TOURIST VISA.

All visitors to Indonesia require a Tourist Visa, which is valid for 30 days. Visas are available on arrival. You will need a valid passport, proof of sufficient funds for your stay and an onward airline ticket with confirmed bookings. The fee is currently US\$25 (it is advised you have the exact money to prevent delays). Ensure your passport is valid through to your return date home. International Departure Tax is currently Rp150,000 (approx \$17) and Domestic Departure Taxes can vary between Rp 15,000 and Rp 50,000 (approx \$2 & \$6).

## **RECOMMENDED CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT LIST**

On top of the list below, we recommend you bring a fresh set of clothes to leave in your hotel when you return to Bali, Lombok or Jakarta. This way you will have a very fresh set of clothes to change into when you return from your expedition. **For Boating Expeditions:** These expeditions are very laid back affairs. Pack all your gear into a Duffel Bag or back pack. This will be left on the boat when you go exploring. For security purposes bring a small padlock just in case.

- 1 pair of light weight long pants
- 2 pair light weight shorts
- One long sleeve cotton shirt
- 3 t-shirts
- 1 long sleeve cotton t-shirt (for sleeping in)
- 4 pair underwear
- 1 light weight polar fleece
- Light hiking boots or firm runners
- Pair of thongs to wear around the boat and in villages
- Socks
- Hat with wide brim to keep sun and rain off your face
- Waterproof torch or headlamp with spare batteries
- Rain poncho (something light weight)





- Cotton towel
- A one-litre water bottle to carry with you
- A personal first aid kit. Your personal first aid kit will contain Band-Aids, blister dressings, topical cream for bites and grazes, antibiotic cream for cuts and scratches, paracetamol, Deep Heat or other muscle linament and the all-important insect repellent. Another first aid kit will be carried by the guide.
- Gaiters (optional)
- Snacks such as barley sugar, Mentos, chocolate, muesli bars etc.
- Bathers (for swimming in the pool back in Bali)
- Sunscreen
- Tropical strength insect repellant
- Sunglasses
- A book or something to write in
- Camera etc

**Sleeping gear:** For our Orangutan Expeditions, we provide very comfortable foam mattresses. To sleep IN we suggest you bring a sarong, a bed liner of the type used at youth hostels, OR an empty doona cover that you can sleep inside, together with a lightweight blanket of the type they provide on airline flights. We also provide mosquito nets for the beds.

## **Optional Equipment:**

- Camera, camera batteries, lens cleaner, tripod .
- A small supply of favorite snacks bigger supply for longer and remote area trips.

## 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 additional information at any time.

## **FLIGHTS WITHIN INDONESIA**

Indonesia has an extensive flight schedule. Flights to most destinations are conducted on jet aircraft. However, flights to Lombok from Bali and some flights in Borneo are conducted using twin propeller aircraft.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance is required for all trekkers. This can obtained from our Sister Company No Roads Expeditions website by clicking on the Insurance menu tab. Go to <a href="https://www.noroads.com.au">www.noroads.com.au</a>. Trip cancellation insurance will reimburse you for any non-recoverable air or land expenses should you have to cancel your trip due to personal or family illness, leave the trek early, as well as cover any emergency medical evacuation expenses should you become ill during the trip. We strongly recommend that you take out baggage loss and accident insurance. You can avail of such policies in most western countries.

In the event that an aircraft evacuation is required, Orangutan Odysseys will undertake to arrange the evacuation on the condition that the expenses reimbursed by the passenger before departing the country.



<sup>\*</sup>If you have something you are particularly prone to, ear infections or sinus problems; bring what you need with you.



## **MEDICINES AND FIRST AID**

All trekkers are recommended to carry a personal first aid kit with medicines for common ailments, cuts and bruises, pain killers, etc. Any one using any prescription medicines regularly should carry a supply for the whole duration of their expedition. Please consult your doctor and include items and medicines that may be required for you or for the area you are traveling in. Orangutan Odysseys does not supply any medicines and takes no legal responsibility for any medical treatment or professional medical support to our clients.

## **MONEY**

The currency in Indonesia is the Ruphia (Rp). Exchange rates vary depending on the strength of the US dollar. Cash and travelers' checks are readily accepted and can be exchanged for Ruphia at the airport, hotels or banks in any major city. Credit cards such as American Express, Visa and MasterCard are accepted in many hotels, shops and restaurants in major towns and cities. For spending money while on expedition it is best to have money in local currency (Rp).

Depending on the type of trip you are booked on you will require to budget spending money for:

- 1) Meals not listed in your itinerary.
- 2) International airport departure tax (Rp150, 000 per person).
- 3) Personal items such as laundry, phone calls, snack, etc.
- 4) Alcoholic/bottled beverages and drinks including bottled water.
- 5) Tips. All tipping is at your discretion.
- 6) Souvenirs and handicrafts.
- 7) Tourist Visa US\$25

## **TIPPING**

If you would like to show your appreciation to a particular guide for a job well done, do so at your own discretion. Also, remember to mention the good service provided to a member of the tour operations management to be used as an example to encourage better staff performance and excellence. A typical tip would be approx. Rp50, 000 per day on the expedition per client.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

Many of the places you will visit are pristine. As travelers, we should try to have as little impact on these natural environments as possible. As such we recommend the following:

- 1. We discourage the use of soaps when washing both body and clothes. Vigorous scrubbing is usually sufficient. Even biodegradable soap is not good for any water course and as such is harmful to the ecosystem
- 2. Please do not dispose of plastic bags and wrappers in either pits or in fires. These take years to degrade or let off toxic fumes when burnt. Simply put them in your pack until you return home (they can be discarded in waste bins before going through customs and immigration).
- 3. Please do not dispose of batteries in country. They are extremely harmful to the environment and usually local governments do not have any means to dispose of them correctly. Return old batteries to your home country for disposal there.
- 4. At campsites, use toilet facilities that are provided. If you are in the remote, walk off the track and dig a small hole approximately 15cm deep and at least 100m from any water course. If safe to do so, burn used toilet paper in the hole (toilet paper takes a long time to degrade). Once fire is out, cover with soil. Tampons and sanitary pads should be placed in a plastic bag and placed in the rubbish bin back at camp.



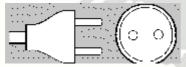


By abiding by these simple guidelines, you will be protecting the local environment for the people who live there and for your children's children.

## **ELECTRICITY**

Indonesia uses 220 Volt for its electricity. (Few years ago, the voltage was 110V. But then was switched to 220 Volts.) The voltage in many places is unstable. If you plan to bring a computer, for example, you have to get a voltage *stabilisator* ("stavolt" is one famous brand) or a UPS.

The electrical outlet has two round holes, similar to those in continental Europe.



#### **GIFTS**

If you feel like handing out gifts to local children we encourage items that will last like footballs, tennis balls, pencils and sharpeners as well as writing paper. We discourage the handing out of balloons and the like as well as lollies. There really are no dental facilities for the villagers along the way.

## **IMMUNIZATION**

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. Plan ahead for getting your vaccinations. Some of them require an initial shot followed by a booster, while some vaccinations should not be given together. This also applies to some malaria prophylactics, which have to be begun at least a week before you leave home.

## **WOMENS HEALTH**

On top of the normal health consideration, women are advised to bring a tube of Canestan and tampons. The Canestan is used for the treatment of thrush (which can be very painful if left untreated) and can be applied to both internal and external thrush. The tampons are used to apply the Canestan internally.

## TRIP BRIEFING MEETING

More information and guidelines will be furnished during Trip Briefing prior to your departure for your expedition. Topics discussed then will include the following subjects.

- Lodging, meals and other conditions while on expedition.
- Security and safety.
- Tipping.
- Evacuation Procedures.
- Cultural and Environmental Considerations.
- Other relevant information.

## **FINAL CHECKLIST**

Please make sure you have the following items before you travel to the airport for your flight to Indonesia.

- 1. Luggage duffel bag with personal clothing/equipment, etc.
- 2. Day pack (back pack) as hand luggage.
- 3. Valid passport.
- 4. Photocopy of the main page of your passport.
- 5. Return Air-tickets with confirmed seat and other travel documents.
- 6. Medical/travel insurance papers/certificates.
- 7. Traveler's' checks, credit cards, cash dollars for expenses while in Indonesia





## WHAT DO OUR ORANGUTAN EXPEDITIONS INCLUDE?

## **DONATIONS TO HELP SAVE THE ORANGUTAN & HABITAT**

You trip fees will include a donation amount which will go fully and directly to helping saving the Orangutans and their rainforest habitat.

## **SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED LOCAL GUIDE**

All our trek 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, keeping the health and happiness of the trekkers as well his crew, uppermost. Our guides are committed to making sure that all our trekkers have an enjoyable trek, comes back safe and are overwhelmed by their experience. Your guide will be a friend and companion, who takes pleasure in showing you his country's specialties and, perhaps, meet his home and family too.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

While many of our expeditions use tents to accommodate clients, our other forms of accommodation – hotels and guest houses are always clean and comfortable. On this expedition we use our klotok. The process of eco-friendly lodgings is a slow one, however No Roads encourages those establishments that recycle and obtain power through wind or the sun. We try to use these places as much as possible.

## **ALL MEALS WHILE ON EXPEDITION**

The expedition includes three basic meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner, each day. We usually also serve up afternoon tea, tea and coffee as well as purified water.

## **TRANSPORT**

We usually provide all domestic airfares as well as transportation to the expedition start point and transportation back to your guest house or hotel.

## **CONSERVATION FEES, NATIONAL PARK AND TREK PERMITS**

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

#### **ARRIVAL IN BALI**

Upon your arrival in Denpasar airport on please go through to collect checked luggage and then (all together if in a group) please proceed though customs and though the exit. Once outside you will see many people waiting for arriving passengers. There will be our operations staff with an Orangutan Odysseys sign reading "YOUR NAME." Please go direct to him/her and introduce yourselves. You will be taken straight to your hotel, issued rooms, time for Expedition Briefing fixed, etc. Do let us know if there are any last minute changes to your arrival time.





## **RECOMMENDED RESTUARANTS IN BALI**

The following are some recommended restaurants in the Legian, Seminyak and Jimbaran areas:

- Mades Warung: Great Indonesian food is an excellent setting Jalan Legian, Legian. Mains approx \$6-\$8
- Oche: Basic Indonesian fare on Jalan Legian, Legian. Mains approx \$3-\$4
- La Luchiola: Excellent International fare in one of the best settings in Bali overlooking Seminyak beach.
   Seminyak. Main approx \$20
- Ku De Ta: Excellent stylish Bar and Resturant. Great for after dinner drinks in excellent location. Seminyak. Main approx \$20-\$25
- The Living Room: Excellent fusion cuisine. Beautiful restaurant and bar. Seminyak. Main approx \$20 \$25
- Jimbaran Bay seafood. Great seafood on the beach at Jimbaran Bay. Prices very reasonable and awesome location on beach. Any restaurant is good along this strip.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & SUPPORT:**

If you have any comments, questions or want more information please let us know. We are here to support you with all information to help you prepare for your travels to Indonesia.

## **BOOKINGS**

If you would like to discuss this or any other matter with us please feel free to call us on 0418 119769 or email us at <a href="mailto:oo@orangutanodysseys.com">oo@orangutanodysseys.com</a>.

# **OUR CONTACT PHONES & ADDRESS**

Once you have confirmed you booking you will be provided with your Australian and Indonesian contact details which you should then keep with you at all times during your trip.

