

ORANGUTAN & RIVER JUNGLE TOUR BORNEO

4th-11th JULY 2013

Hosted by world-renowned Orangutan expert

Dr Gary Shapiro

PRESIDENT OF ORANG UTAN REPUBLIK FOUNDATION



As part of this tour guests will help raise funds to save the orangutans





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Saving the Environment through Tourism





ORANGUTAN & RIVER JUNGLE TOUR (8 DAYS) EXPEDITION ITINERARY - 4th to 11th JULY 2013

A unique experience of orangutans inside the jungles of southern Borneo with your personal host, Dr. Gary Shapiro

Travel type:	Small group of 10 to 12. Children 12 years and older allowed.
Expedition grade:	Easy to moderate in parts
Activities:	Orangutan viewing & professional education, wildlife viewing, reforestation program, river cruising, bird watching and more.
Accommodation:	Hotel, river klotok (boat) and jungle lodge
Transport:	River boat (klotok), car and on foot.
How this helps Orangutans:	You will be supporting two non-profit foundations in their work protecting orangutans as an endangered species and rainforest habitat in Indonesia, the Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) and The Orangutan Project (TOP)
Price:	\$3,895 = \$2,895 fare (inclusive of a \$145 donation to TOP) plus \$1,000 in donations to the OURF. See below for more details
Trip duration:	Eight (8) Days

OVERVIEW

Come and experience the intimacy of orangutans and the jungle the way they should be experienced and make a personal difference by contributing to organizations helping to save the red ape from extinction.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure you can have nowhere else in the world, hosted by Dr Gary Shapiro, a scientist and orangutan conservationist. Under the auspices of the Australian-based Orangutan Odysseys, raising funds for The Orangutan Project and the Orang Utan Republik Foundation, you will be guided upriver in a small, exclusive expedition hosted by a man who know orangutans and this location like few others in the world.

In this eight-day Orangutan Odysseys' tour, beginning and ending in Bali, and traveling upriver by boat to the jungle of Tanjung



Puting National Park, in Kalimantan, southern Borneo, you will spend time with ex-captive orangutans who wander freely and are accustomed to being close to human beings. You will go back in time to a place in the jungle where one of the first orangutan research camps was established in 1971 to conduct some of the first field research on the red ape.

On this tour we usually see a range of wild animals, such as macaques, proboscis monkeys, the false gavial (a strange-looking crocodile) and exotic winged species like the bird of paradise and the electric-blue kingfisher. Your meals on the boat will be prepared in authentic Indonesian style by an Indonesian cook. You will sleep on the boat under stars not visible from the northern hemisphere, with the forest night lit by fireflies and luminous plants.



Your host is Dr. Gary Shapiro, an orangutan scientist who did pioneering research in the late 1970s teaching orangutans in Tanjung Puting National Park to communicate with sign language. He also conducted an ecological study of the Sekonyer River in 1986. Gary will take you back in time to those early days of field research in this location and introduce you to some of the orangutans who remain from that period, some still using the sign language he taught them. Gary now works from his Los Angeles base and travels extensively in Indonesia, with a home in Bali. He is the president of the non-profit Orang Utan Republik Foundation, working in Indonesia to help save orangutans from extinction.

With Gary you will get a full and unusual understanding of what you are seeing, as this adventure of a lifetime takes you upriver by a kind of boat called a klotok, where you will eat and sleep in the jungle for three nights.

Gary says: "If we are going to save orangutans, we need to first, understand and then care about them. Come with me on a unique tour where we will look into the eyes of orangutans I have known personally for over three decades. Through those special encounters come a profound understanding of our common connection and their distinct personalities. Our journey will bring to life the amazingly biodiverse rain forest habitat, the orangutan's vital role in it, and perhaps our own personal transformation towards becoming a more caring human being."



You will likely also see many other wild animals, such as the macaque, the proboscis monkey, the false gavial (a strange-looking crocodile) and exotic birds like the bird of paradise and the electric-blue kingfisher. Your meals on the boat will be in authentic Indonesian style, prepared by an Indonesian cook. You will sleep on the boat under stars not visible from the northern hemisphere, with the forest night lit by fireflies and luminous plants.

After Borneo, we return to Bali. For those who want to stay longer and experience more of Indonesia's charm, we can organize some options that will intrigue you. If you are the sort of person interested in adventure and making a contribution to preserving the rainforest and a species of great ape, then this is your expedition.

Part of the purpose of this trip is to raise awareness about the plight of orangutans and to raise funds for conservation. This tour follows current practices of ethical treatment of primates and eco-tourism guidelines.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend time with your expert host to learn more about orangutans and the rainforests
- Sleep aboard and travel through the jungle on our klotoks (river boats)
- · See the orangutans in their natural rainforest habitat
- Travel up jungle rivers to witness proboscis, ebony and grey macaque monkeys
- See the people of Borneo and their way of life
- · Help save the orangutans from extinction

EXEDITION ITINERARY 11 - 18 May, 2013 (8 days)

<u>Day 1 - 11th July:</u> Arrive in Bali. We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to our hotel for overnight stay. Trip briefing at hotel.

<u>Day 2 - 12th July:</u> Fly to Pangkalan Bun, Central Kalimantan via Jakarta. Fly from Bali in the early morning via Jakarta to Pangkalan Bun. In the afternoon we take the town river boat ride (motorized canoe) and walking tour. Overnight at Swiss Belinn Hotel in Pangkalan Bun.(B)

Day 3 - 13th July: Pangkalan Bun – Pondok Tanggui – Camp Leakey. An early morning start today will have us travelling in our Orangutan Odyssey klotok boats up the Sekonyer River to our first stop at orangutan Feeding Station #2, Pondok Tanggui. From there it's back on the river up to Camp Leakey, one of the oldest orangutan science camps and facility for orphaned orangutans, where we are likely to see orangutans near the boat. We arrive in time for the afternoon orangutan feeding session and a tour of the rainforest. We will likely see other wildlife of Borneo here, such as long-tailed macaques, gibbons and probospis monkeys. Overnight on the klotok. We provide a mattress, pillow and mosquito net. (B.)



<u>Day 4 - 14th July:</u> Camp Leakey - Crocodile Lake. In the early morning you will be awakened by the sounds of gibbons and jungle "music." We spend another full day at Camp Leakey where we will take a short trek around the camp, see the facilities, and learn more about the history of the camp. Then back to the boat for lunch. We will have a second opportunity to see the afternoon orangutan feeding. Then it's back to the klotok and a short cruise down to Crocodile Lake, where we will spend the night. Overnight on the klotok.. (B,L,D)

<u>Day 5 - 15th July:</u> Crocodile Lake - Pesalat Plantation - Tanjung Harapan - Rimba Lodge. After being awakened by the sounds of the jungle we will cruise back down the Sekonyer River to Pesalat Plantation. Here we plant some trees to help regenerate the forest and support the Friends of the National Parks Foundation (FNPF). An optional short jungle trek can also be arranged. Then we head off to check into Rimba Eco Lodge and after lunch to travel by river to Tanjung Harapan station for the afternoon feeding of orangutans. Overnight at Rimba Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - 16th July: Rimba Lodge - Pondok Tanggui -Tanjung Harapan Village - Fireflies. After breakfast at the lodge we are back on the river traveling up to Pondok Tanggui for morning feeding. After lunch we have a rest and the option of a walk through the Tanjung Harpan village to meet some of the local people and maybe take a canoe ride. From there we will return to the boat and, depending on time, have an orangutan viewing at Tanjung Harapan feeding station. Later that afternoon we will take the boat down the river to a mangrove of nipa palms, where we will have dinner among millions of glittering fireflies. This is an amazing sight that you will not forget. On the way we will watch proboscis monkeys playing along the river banks. Then it's back to Kumai by klotok and overnight at Swiss Bellnn Hotel in Pangkalan Bun. (B,L,D)



<u>Day 7 - 17th July:</u> Pangkalan Bun - Jakarta - Bali. This morning there is some time for a tour of Pangkalan Bun, see the markets, maybe visit the Yellow Palace before checking out and flying back to Bali. (B) Transfer to your hotel in Bali. (B)

<u>Day 8 - 18th July:</u> **Depart for home or trip extension.** Day at leisure prior to departing for home or extending your stay.(B)

TRIP EXTENSIONS

Why not think about seeing more amazing locations in Indonesia after your orangutan expedition? For more details about some of the exciting trip extensions to other parts of Indonesia click here

INCLUSIONS

- All hotel accommodations in Bali & Pangkalan Bun
- All local tours including klotoks and guides
- Most meals (B,L,D) and drinks (no alcohol) in Kalimantan and on the klotok (see as noted on itinerary)
- All domestic flights to and from Bali, Indonesia
- All transfers in each destination, including meeting at airport on arrival
- National park fees (including personal camera fees), ranger and local guide fees, boat mooring fees
- Professional guides (Australian & Indonesian)
- Donations of \$1,000 to the Orang Utan Republik Foundation. Raised and collected prior to departure
- Donation of \$145 to the Orangutan Project for adopting one orangutan and sponsoring a section of rainforest for one year. Included in trip fare
- Orangutan Odysseys custom T-shirt





EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares to Bali, Indonesia
- Visa on arrival (US \$25)
- Departure Tax (IDR 150,000)

DONATIONS, FEES AND COSTS

The purpose of this trip is to create awareness of the threat of extinction facing orangutans because of the destruction of their rainforest habitat and to raise funds to help orangutans. The trip host Gary Shapiro will have parts of his travel costs paid by Orangutan Odysseys and is taking no fee. He is donating his time and expertise to help make this a special experience for our guests. Orangutan Odysseys has now raised over \$100,000 to save the orangutans and their rainforests.

DONATIONS

We hope that the unique experience of this trip will convince you of the value of your donations (included in our tour fare) to the non-profit organizations The Orangutan Project (TOP) and Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) for the excellent work they do in helping to save orangutans and orangutan habitat. We would also suggest that you consider organizing fundraising in your community to benefit orangutans and the rainforest. Your contribution will help preserve land for orangutans, build support and educate Indonesians to save the red ape, and support various rescue centres for young orangutans whose mothers have been killed. Please help us fight for the survival of orangutans however you can. Your generosity is greatly appreciated



MORE INFORMATION

If you decide to join this trip, we will send you further travel details. Please do not hesitate to contact us at oo@orangutanodysseys.com for more information.

Website Links for more information:

- The Orang Utan Republik Foundation: www.orangutanrepublik.org
- The Orangutan Project: www.orangutan.org.au
- Orangutan Odysseys <u>www.orangutanodysseys.com</u>

EXPEDITION GRADES

This expedition is considered easy to moderate as the Kalimantan component has only several short walks involved in it. However, please note this region has high levels of heat and humidity and we recommend that guests consult their family doctor prior to departure for health issues relating to these conditions.

