

"I want to share with you
the ultimate experience
of orangutans in the jungle."

PROF. SHAWN THOMPSON



THE INTIMATE APE TOUR BORNEO

11TH - 18TH MAY 2013



Hosted by author and
photographer

Prof Shawn Thompson



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



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THE INTIMATE APE TOUR (8 DAYS) EXPEDITION ITINERARY ~ 11 to 18 MAY 2013



An intimate experience with orangutans in the jungles of southern Borneo with your personal host, Professor Shawn Thompson

Travel type:	Small group of 10 to 12. Children 12 years and older allowed
Expedition grade:	Easy to moderate in parts
Activities:	Orangutan viewing, wildlife viewing, reforestation program, river cruising, bird watching and more. Professional help in photography and writing
Accommodation:	Hotel, river boat (klotok) 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:	\$3,495 = \$2,995 fare (inclusive of a \$145 donation to The Orangutan Project) plus \$500 in donations to the Orang Utan Republik Foundation. See below for more details
Trip duration:	Eight (8) Days

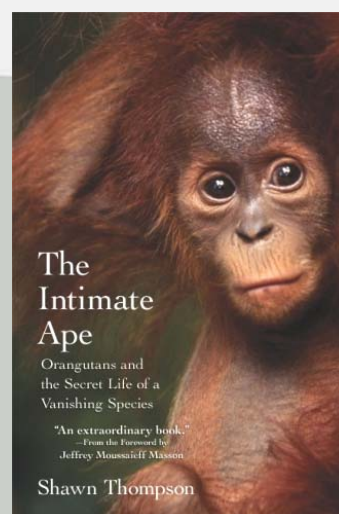
OVERVIEW

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 Shawn Thompson, a professional photographer, journalist, university professor and the author of the acclaimed book *The Intimate Ape: Orangutans and the Secret Life of a Vanishing Species*.

Under the auspices of the Australian-based Orangutan Odysseys, raising funds for The Australian Orangutan Project and the Orang Utan Republik Foundation, you will be guided upriver in a small, exclusive expedition hosted by a man who knows orangutans and this location like few others..

In this eight-day Orangutan Odysseys' tour, beginning and ending in Bali, and travelling upriver by boat into 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 projects, Camp Leakey, was established in 1971 to conduct some of the first field research on the red ape.





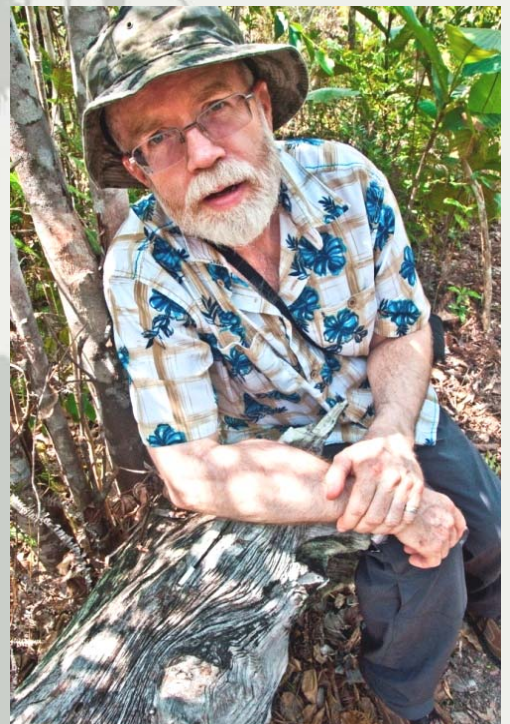
On this tour we usually see a range of wild animals, such as macaques, proboscis monkeys, the false gavia (a strange-looking crocodile) and exotic winged species like the bird of paradise and the electric-blue kingfisher. Your meals on the boat will be prepared in authentic Indonesian style by an Indonesian 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. After Borneo, we return to the exotic island of Bali where it is well worth lingering. For those wishing to stay longer in Bali, we can organize some intriguing options of seeing temples, craft districts and the countryside. 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.

Your host is Prof. Shawn Thompson, a photographer and journalism professor

Prof. Thompson made the same journey upriver on the Sekonyer repeatedly over the decade he was writing his book and sees the river and the tropical forest as a kind of sanctuary that can bring out the best in people, as part of a process of reflection, self-discovery and sharing knowledge.

He says of the experience: "Sometimes it feels like I leave the best part of me along the endlessly winding Sekonyer River and among the hot tropical timeless trees at Camp Leakey and that that part of me is waiting there when I return. The old reference points fade out like ghosts and the experience materializes with you in its midst. When I first came here in 2001, writing the book that would become *The Intimate Ape: Orangutans and the Secret Life of a Vanishing Species*, I felt another dimension of intimacy unfolding. It is something I want to share with people who appreciate this kind of experience."

As the host of the tour, Prof. Thompson worked as a newspaper photographer, editor and reporter for 17 years and has taught journalism, photography and communication in university for another 14 years. He has published six books, as well as magazine articles in the mainstream press, including a series of online columns for *Psychology Today* magazine about human beings and apes. He is a member of the board of the Orang Utan Republik, a charitable foundation working at the grassroots level in Indonesia to save orangutans.



Part of the purpose of this trip is to raise awareness about the plight of orangutans as a species facing extinction and to raise funds for conservation. This tour follows ethical and health principles to protect primates. Guests should be reasonably fit to handle high heat and humidity. Guests should respect the health of primates and fellow travelers and must be free of illness and communicable diseases. Guests who develop an illness in transit will be required to stay at a distance and wear a surgical mask. The tour does not take travelers inside rehabilitation projects where orangutans are being prepared for release again into the wild and could thus be affected unnecessarily by human presence. The orangutans viewed in the tour are free ranging and without barriers, either as totally wild creatures or habituated to humans for a considerable extended period of time and managed under Indonesian authorities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend time with your expert host to learn more about photography and writing
- 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
- Trek through the magnificent rainforests





EXEDITION ITINERARY 11 - 18 May, 2013 - 8 days

Day 1 - 11th May: **Arrive in Bali.** We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to our hotel for overnight stay. Trip briefing at hotel.

Day 2 - 12th May: **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 May: **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 proboscis monkeys. Overnight on the klotok. We provide a mattress, pillow and mosquito net. (B,L,D)



Day 4 - 14th May: **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)

Day 5 - 15th May: **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 May: **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 Blue Kecubung Hotel in Pangkalan Bun. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - 17th May: **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)

Day 8 - 18th May: **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

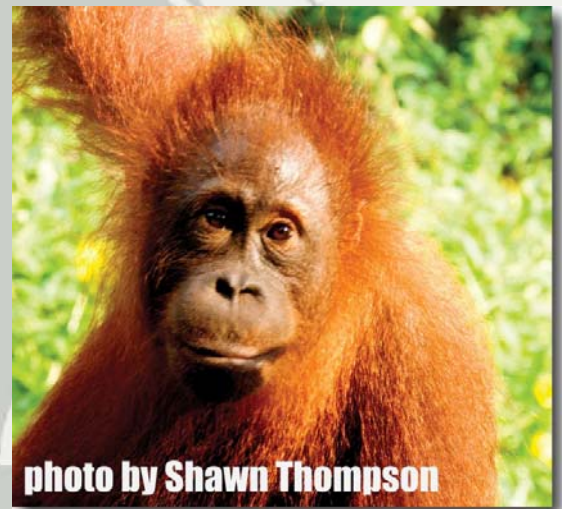
- All hotel accommodations in Bali & Pangkalan Bun
- All local tours including klotoks and guides
- Most meals (B,L,D) and drinks (no alcohol) in Kalimantan and on the klotok (see as noted on itinerary)
- All domestic flights to and from Bali, Indonesia
- All transfers in each destination, including meeting at airport on arrival
- National park fees (including personal camera fees), ranger and local guide fees, boat mooring fees
- Professional guides (Austrian & Indonesian)
- Donations of \$500 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)
- Some meals & drinks (see itinerary)

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 Shawn Thompson will have 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
- Video of author Shawn Thompson: <http://youtu.be/yDo3kjXJXxY>
- Shawn Thompson Tour Video: <http://youtu.be/tkXKmvHlu4c>
- The Intimate Ape: Orangutans and the Secret Life of a Vanishing Species: <http://www.amazon.com/The-Intimate-Ape-Orangutans-Vanishing/dp/0806531339>
- Orangutan Odysseys – www.orangutanodysseys.com

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..