



Central Borneo Orangutan Odyssey



TRAVEL TYPE

Small groups and family friendly. Ages 13+



EXPEDITION GRADE

Moderate to Difficult
(some jungle trekking involved)



DURATION

10 Days



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel, Klotok and Luxury river boat



Expedition Overview

There really is nothing like giving back. In this specially crafted expedition you will visit the habitat of the great orangutan and at the same time help protect the environment for generations to come. Since 2009 Orangutan Odysseys has raised in excess of \$1,000,000 for The Orangutan Project. Orangutan Odysseys will continue sponsoring orphaned orangutans, protecting more rainforest through the Safeguard program (a jungle patrol system that prevents poachers and illegal loggers), and providing cash donations.

The Tanjung Puting and Palangkaraya Odyssey combines the unique experience of visiting the Tanjung Puting National Park and famed Camp Leakey and feeding stations within. Then travelling to Palangkaraya to continue your travels up the river aboard a "luxury" river boat and visiting the orangutan islands and visitors centre at Nyaru Menteng.

This expedition will give you an excellent insight into all facets of life in Borneo and gain a deeper understanding of the plight of the orangutan due to deforestation. You will garner a greater understanding of life in Borneo and the life of an orangutan in Borneo, as you visit two of the islands most important orangutan populations. From luxury boats to small dugout canoes. From wide rivers to deep forests and from small river towns to traditional Dayak villages, this 11-day adventure provides it all.

EXPEDITION GOALS

Our goal is to provide our guests with a unique experience, to observe wild and semi-wild orangutans in their natural habitat. We will provide a safe platform to observe the wildlife that Borneo has to offer; including proboscis nose monkeys, gibbons and more. We will also provide you with comprehensive information throughout the expedition so that you fully understand your surroundings. Furthermore, Orangutan Odysseys has partnered with The Orangutan Project which supports conservation programs in Borneo in Sumatra. Each guest's tour fare includes the adoption of an Orangutan for one year.

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 humour and a willingness to encounter the unexpected and you will find your trip to Indonesia the adventure of a lifetime!

HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the famed Camp Leakey and neighboring feed stations in the Tanjung Puting National Park. See wild and semi-wild orangutans in their natural habitat.
Travel upstream on our klotok (river boat) and dine beneath the stars.
Travel along the Rungan River aboard a luxury river boat in a private cabin.
Observe amazing wildlife including orangutans, proboscis monkeys, hornbills, red langurs and brahmini kites.
Visit the orangutan visitors centre at Nyaru Menteng, where you will learn and understand the work BOSF are doing to help save and protect the orangutan.

ACTIVITIES

- Orangutan viewing
- Wildlife viewing
- Local village visit
- Bird watching
- Luxury boat and more

You will be supporting The Orangutan Project (TOP) in their work protecting orangutans, as well as vital environmental research.

You will also be helping Friends of the National Park in regenerating areas of cleared rainforest.



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To see so many orangutans and their babies, lots of monkeys and wild pigs was amazing

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ITINERARY

*Subject to change due to local conditions

Day 1: Arrive in Jakarta.

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Jakarta (FM7) for your overnight stay.

Day 2: Jakarta - Pangkalan Bun - Tanjung Puting National Park

This morning you will fly from Jakarta to the Central Borneo town of Pangkalan Bun. On arrival, you will be met at the airport by our local OO guide. You will then be taken to the Port of Kumai where you will board our klotok and start your journey up the Sekonyer River into the National Park. Later, you will visit feeding station #1 and see your first orangutans. Afterwards, you will board our klotok and travel along the river looking for proboscis monkeys. Overnight on the klotok. You will be provided with a mattress, pillow and mosquito net. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Pondok Tanggui - Camp Leakey - Crocodile Lake

This morning, after breakfast board the klotok and head to Pondok Tanggui (feeding station #2) for the morning feeding. After this, you will travel up the Sekonyer River to Camp Leakey, the oldest camp, set up for the orphaned orangutans. Upon arrival at Camp Leakey you will have lunch aboard the klotok. You will start your visit with a short trek in the surrounding forrest and visit the information center. You are likely to see orangutans (or have them see you) near the boat. You will then head off to see the afternoon feeding. After enjoying feeding time and being given a tour of the surrounding forest area, its back to the boat and cruising down the Camp Leakey River to Crocodile Lake where you will spend the night on board the klotok. You will most likely see other wildlife of Borneo such as gibbons and proboscis monkeys. You will be provided with a mattress, pillow and mosquito net. (B,L,D)



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The highlight was staying on the klotok in Tanjung Puting and waking to the magical sound of gibbons singing in the jungle
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Day 4: Crocodile Lake - Pesalat Reforestation - Tanjung Harapan

Today you will travel up river to Pesalat Plantation where you will plant some trees to help regenerate the forest. After lunch you will take a tour of the local village, and in the afternoon you will slowly travel down river, stopping along the way to watch the proboscis monkeys on the riverbanks. As dusk falls we will travel back to Kumai harbour and enjoy a dinner along the river as we go. Overnight in Pangkalan Bun at Swiss Belinn hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Pangkalan Bun - Palangkaraya

Today you will fly from Pangkalan Bun to Palangkaraya. Upon arrival your will be transferred to your resort hotel near Palangkaraya. (B,L)

Day 6: Palangkaraya - Cruise Day 1

This morning you will be met at your hotel and transferred to your wonderful "luxury" boat to start your journey. Cruise past the stilted and floating houses of the provincial capital and continue upriver along the forest-lined river, passing villages. After lunch, we stop at the tiny hamlet of Katimpun. Taking a walk along the town boardwalks we visit a little local foundation, Ransel Buku, which provides books and other cultural activities for the village children. Returning to the boat, we continue the cruise upstream and in the early evening, take a canoe through the shimmering black water lakes. Keep an eye out for proboscis monkeys, hornbills, brahmini kites and possibly wild orangutans. Return to the boat for a quiet dinner in the midst of the jungle. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Cruise Day 2: Bapallas Island - Sei Gohong

Today the boat will move up the Rungan River as you enjoy breakfast. On arrival to Bapallas Island you will take a motorised canoe to observe orangutans. Then continue on to the BOSF Education Centre where adult orangutans are waiting to be placed on the pre-release islands. Learn about the BOSF rehabilitation programs. After returning to the boat, enjoy a leisurely lunch on board while cruising to Sei Gohong. Upon arriving in Sei Gohong you will then be transferred to car to go to Tangkiling Hill where we you will walk up to see the sunset, stopping along the way to see the colourful Dayak spirit houses and the huge boulder, Batu Banama, and hear about its legend. Back to the boat for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Cruise Day 3: Sei Gohong - Muara Rungan - Palangkaraya

An optional dawn forest walk for bird watching behind the village of Sei Gohong before breakfast back on board the boat. After breakfast you will then transfer to canoes for closer observation of the orangutans on Kaja Island and later to enter the black water lakes. It is possible to swim here, if you wish, as it is clean tannin water. We will then continue to cruise downstream to Muara Rungan passing Katimpun village while enjoying lunch. This afternoon you will leave your river boat and be transferred to Swiss Bel Hotel for overnight accommodation. (B,L)

Life is better
in the jungle



Day 9: Sebangau National Park - Trekking - Palangkaraya

Hotel pick up at 8.30 am for the trip to Kereng Bangkirai Port where we will register at the Sebangau National Park Authority for entry into the Park. Accompanied by a National Park Ranger we will then be transferred to a motorised canoe for a 40 minute canoe ride across the beautiful black water of Sebangau Lake and continue to travel up the Sebangau River. We will travel as far as possible by canoe (which will depend on river depth) until such time as we disembark and start trekking into the forest to see the endemic vegetation and hopefully the likes of proboscis monkeys, hornbills, ants nests, wild orangutan and their nests, monitor lizards and many others. Walking through the peat swamp forest is challenging, especially when water levels are high, but there is a rough trail to walk on. On completion of this walk, we return to the National Park Camp where this a small tower which can be climbed for beautiful views of the landscape. Enjoy a simple lunch box and relax. Return to your boat for the return journey to Kering Bangkirai at 3.00 pm. You will then be transferred back to your hotel - Swiss Belhotel Palangkaraya for your overnight accommodation. (B,L)

Day 10: Palangkaraya - Jakarta

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Jakarta. Upon arrival in Jakarta you can connect to your flight home or onward travels. Tour ends (B) Please note: Additional accommodation can be arranged on Day 10 in Jakarta should you require it.

Please ensure that if departing for home or onward travels on Day 10 that all departing flights are booked for early to late PM to allow enough connecting time from your Palangkaraya flight.

Guests have the option to stay Rimba Lodge overnight for one or both nights in Tanjung Puting National Park. Please contact us for a quote.

INCLUSIONS

- Domestic airfares
- Accommodation in Jakarta
- Accommodation Palangkaraya
- Accommodation in Tanjung Puting on klotok
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B,L,D)
- National park fees
- Airport transfers
- Experienced local guide
- One orangutan adoption in partnership with The Orangutan Project
- Orangutan Odysseys water bottle and travel pack

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares and any expenses due to flight delay or cancellation
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses - alcohol, laundry, phone calls
- Tipping

COST

\$3750.00 (AUD)
from Jakarta (Twin Share)
- Minimum 2 people



TRAVEL INFORMATION



WEATHER

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

Daytime temperature is generally 86F/30C to 95F/35C and nighttime is 79F/26C to 84F/29C
The Wet Season is Oct- Feb
The Dry Season is Jun-Sep



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport with at least 6 months validity from your return travel date is required by all visitors. Entry visas are NOT required for citizens of Australia, Germany and the United Kingdom, however we always suggest that you check visa requirements for your country prior to traveling.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is mandatory to take part in this trip and Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance is required for all trekkers. If you are an Australian resident, this can be obtained from our website by clicking on the Insurance menu tab or emailing our office at hayley@orangutanodysseys.com.

We strongly recommend that you also take out trip cancellation, baggage loss and accident insurance.



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

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 widely accepted whereas American Express is limited in its acceptance.

TIPPING

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



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