



Leif Cocks Borneo Orangutans Tour



TRAVEL TYPE

Small group of interested people, age limit 12 years



EXPEDITION GRADE

Moderate to difficult (some jungle trekking involved)



DURATION

8 Days



ACCOMMODATION

Local hotels, river boat (Klotok) and jungle lodges



Expedition Overview

Our destination for this trip is the jungles of Central & West Kalimantan (Borneo) to see the orangutan in its natural environment and also visit the IAR's orangutan rescue centre. We may come across Tom, the dominant male at the famous Camp Leakey feeding station. We will see both reintroduced and wild orangutans as well as a host of other rain forest animals. The Tanjung Puting National Park is home to rare and interesting species including the proboscis monkey and the false gavia, a strange looking crocodile. But, it is the orangutan that most people come here to visit. It's sheer beauty and passive demeanour endears one of our closest relatives to our hearts.

After visiting this wonderful animal's natural environment, we will head to West Borneo and visit the YIAR centre in Ketapang. This, for many, is a highlight as you will come into close proximity with many young orangutans and garner a deeper understanding of their plight. If this visit doesn't move you, nothing will! While there, we will have the opportunity to see the work being done, hear from YIAR staff about the latest news from the centre and also get involved with the enrichment programs required for the orangutans located here.

Through this expedition we will be raising funds to support this orangutan rescue centre and each participant will be adopting an orangutan as well as replanting trees to ensure the future of their habitat.

INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE

YIAR Indonesia became involved with the orangutan cause in West Kalimantan in 2009. There was only a sub-standard, temporary orangutan rescue centre in Ketapang, West Kalimantan at that stage.

YIAR took over this centre in 2009 and with financial assistance from TOP, built demountable cages to house the rescued orangutans.

By early 2010, the conditions had greatly improved at the centre and professional veterinary care was available. YIAR Director, Karmele Sanchez, and her team started to treat the injuries and ailments of the existing orangutans and brought in a number of newly rescued orangutans.

A unit of four new enclosures has been designed, built and erected and some of the larger orangutans are enjoying a taste of freedom as they swung vigorously in the hammocks and tyres and play with other orangutans, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

A nutritious diet with plenty of varied fruits and nuts has begun to improve their health and the environmental enrichment introduced into the cages on a daily basis has greatly increased their mental and physical stimulation. A 25ha area of land in the Ketapang district was purchased in 2010 by YIAR Indonesia, with financial assistance from TOP.

A rescue and rehabilitation facility has been constructed on this site that will act as a transit centre for wild orangutans rescued from deforestation and also as a rehabilitation facility for captive orangutans rescued in the area.

TOP is assisting with design, technical support and funding of the construction of this rehabilitation facility including enclosures 1ha in size built around forested areas so young orangutans can practice their climbing skills.

YIAR Indonesia also plans to secure land further north in the province of West Kalimantan so orangutans can be released in the future.



TOUR EXTENSION

After Borneo, we head back to Jakarta. For those that want an adventure on the way back, we will be offering an action-packed extension to Krakatau and Java or perhaps to see Komodo dragons. 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

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 you with a safe platform to observe the wildlife Borneo has to offer including proboscis nose monkeys, gibbons and more. We will also provide you with comprehensive information about the destination you are in so that you are fully informed of your surrounds. Further, Orangutan Odysseys has partnered up with The Orangutan Project which supports conservation programs in Borneo and Sumatra.

PROJECT FUNDRAISING OBJECTIVES

Participants in this expedition will raise funds (a minimum target of \$1000 AUD per participant) by getting friends, family and colleagues to fundraise via your own customised fundraising page, specially designed to direct these monies straight to The Orangutan Project. Details of how to achieve this goal and further information will be sent once you have booked. Participants in this expedition will also be contributing to the survival of the orangutans and their habitat by adopting an orphaned orangutan (costs included in your trips fare).

YOUR SPECIAL GUEST HOST

You will be joined on this tour by a remarkable man. Leif Cocks (TOP founder) who will travel with you throughout the journey and give you his personal views about orangutans and how his organisation is helping to save and allow them to be released back into the jungle.



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"Hi, I have now completed several Leif Cocks Orangutan Odysseys Eco-tours. On each one, we all had a great time, learnt all about the orangutan's habitat, made new friends and most importantly raised awareness & much-needed funds to help save this endangered species. In the complex world of conservation and animal behaviour, it is difficult to fully grasp the realities of what we see on just a short tour. That is why I feel that the members on this tour, being able to discuss the deeper insights of conservation and behaviour, may have enjoyed the trip so much more. The more you know about something the more interesting it gets! With any holiday a lot of time is wasted through getting from one place to the other, however, time can fly when you have the opportunity to discuss what you have just seen and what you are about to see in a holistic and in-depth context. It would be great to have you on board!"

Leif Cocks

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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 Tanjung Puting National Park and the famous Camp Leakey
- See both reintroduced and wild orangutans in their natural environment
- Trek through the jungle and plant a tree
- Sleep aboard and travel through the jungle on our river klotok (boat)
- Exclusive special access to visit the YIAR's orangutan rehabilitation centre in Ketapang
- Travel up jungle rivers to witness proboscis, ebony and grey macaque monkeys
- Help save the orangutans from extinction
- Be escorted and educated by the TOP's Founder and President, Leif Cocks

ACTIVITIES

- Orangutan and wildlife viewing
- Reforestation program
- Bird watching
- River cruising and much 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

8th to 15th March 2021

*Subject to change due to local conditions

Day 1 8th March: Arrive in Jakarta

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your Jakarta hotel (FM7) for an overnight stay. This evening the group will meet for a tour briefing and details about tomorrow's flights.

Day 2 9th March: Jakarta to 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 team and guide and be taken to the port of Kumai, where you will board our klotok (riverboat) and start your journey up the Sekonyer River into the National Park. Later that day you will visit feeding station #1 and see your first orangutans. Afterwards, you will get back aboard our klotok and travel along the river looking for orangutans and proboscis monkeys. Overnight at Rimba Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 3 10th March: Rimba Lodge - Camp Leakey - Crocodile Lake

An early start today sees you back on the klotoks travelling up the Sekonyer River to Camp Leakey, the oldest camp set up for the orphaned orangutans. On arrival at Camp Leakey, you will have lunch aboard the klotok before you start the short trek in the surrounding area to visit the information centre. You are likely to see orangutans (or have them see you) near the boat. After enjoying afternoon feeding time of the orangutans and being given a tour of the surrounding forest area, it's back to the boat and cruising down the Camp Leakey River to Crocodile Lake where you will spend the night. You will most likely see other wildlife of Borneo such as gibbons & proboscis monkey. Overnight on the klotok - we provide 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 11th March: Crocodile Lake - Pesalat - Kumai Harbour - Pangkalan Bun

An early morning start sees you back on the river travelling ever slowly searching for wild orangutans, monkeys and birds along the river edge. Maybe even a crocodile or two!. Then, it's off to Pesalat Plantation, where you get to plant some trees to help regenerate the forest. From there, you will be back on the boat for lunch and back on the river searching for wildlife and if time allows a tour of the local village. Later that afternoon you will take the boat down the river to a mangrove of Nipah Palms, where we hope to see fireflies and stop for your last night's dinner in the park. On the way, you will watch many proboscis monkeys along the river banks. Then it's back to Kumai by klotok and overnight at Swiss Belinn Hotel in Pangkalan Bun. (B,L,D)

Day 5 12th March: Pangkalan Bun- Ketapang Road Trip - Sukadana

This morning you check out of the hotel and meet our car convoy (5 cars) and start the longish road trip (9 to 10 hours) through to Sukadana. Sukadana is a town on the coast about 2 hours drive north of Ketapang. It's adjacent to the National Park where we will start the trekking from tomorrow. Lunch will be along the way. Depending on our arrival time its hoped we will be there for coconut drinks on the beach to watch the sunset. Overnight at the Mahkota Hotel in Sukadana (B,L)

Day 6 13th March: Jungle Trek into Gunung Palung National Park - Ketapang.

An early morning start where we will travel to the start point of the trek in a local village. We will then trek up the hills and through the Gunung Palung National Park for approx 90 minutes. Stopping frequently for rests and photos of the tress, river and waterfalls. Then we will reach the campsite called Lubuk Baji. Here the guides will brief you about the jungle walk and we will head out hoping to maybe spot a wild orangutan or two, perhaps some gibbons or red langurs. We will have lunch in the jungle before leaving the jungle and meeting our cars for the return travel (approx 2-3 hours) to Ketapang and our hotel. Overnight at the Nevada hotel (B,L)

Day 7 14th March: YIAR Orangutan Orphanage

Today, you will visit the orangutan clinic near Ketapang. You have been granted this very special access to the centre and while there, you will be given a tour of the facilities, talks about the current situation with the orangutans and other wildlife plus be given the opportunity to participate in the orangutan enrichment program. Final night's celebration dinner and overnight at the Nevada Hotel. (B,L)



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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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Day 8 15th March: Ketapang - Jakarta TOUR ENDS

Today you will be taken to the airport to link up with your return flight to Jakarta and your late evening return flights home. Please note that no overnight accommodation is included for this night. If this is required, please let our office know and we can assist with arrangements OR you can continue with your Indonesian adventure. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- Domestic return airfares
- Special guest host Leif Cocks throughout the tour
- Orangutan Odysseys experienced guide
- Accommodation in Jakarta / Pangkalan Bun / Ketapang (twin-share - single supplement available)
- Accommodation on our comfortable riverboat (klotok)
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B,L,D)
- National park fees
- Airport transfers
- Boat Captain and assistants
- Experienced local guides
- Donation included for one deluxe orangutan adoption
- Orangutan Odysseys cap, t-shirt and water bottle
- Ranger and local guide fees, boat mooring fees

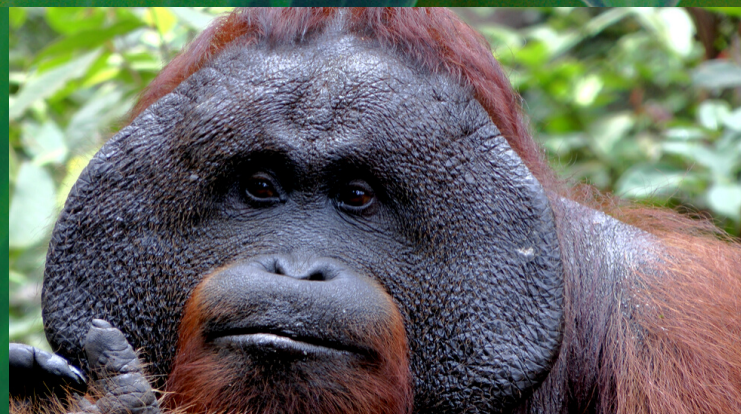
EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping to OO guides (optional)
- Personal expenses
- Meals not included in the itinerary

COST

From \$3450.00 (AUD)
plus AUD\$1,000 secured
fundraising
ex Jakarta (twin-share)
\$465.00 single supplement

Life is better
in the jungle



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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