

Palangkaraya Orangutan Experience



TRAVEL TYPE

Small groups and family friendly



EXPEDITION GRADE

Easy to moderate



DURATION

7 or 8 Days



ACCOMMODATION

Hotels and comfortable River Boat (private cabin)



Expedition Overview

Our 8 day Palangkaraya Experience will take you to the largest town in Central Kalimantan. This expedition provides you with the opportunity to travel up Rungan river and visit the famous Orangutan Care Centre and Quarantine Station at Nyaru Menteng. You will even visit a traditional Dayak bonehouse. This expedition will give you an excellent insight into all facets of life in Palangkaraya and you will gain a deeper understanding of the plight of the orangutan due to deforestation.

EXPEDITION GOALS

Our goal is to provide our guests with a unique experience while observing wild and semi-wild orangutans in their natural habitat. We will provide you with a safe platform to observe other wildlife that Borneo has to offer including proboscis 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 surroundings. Our joint efforts with The Orangutan Project continues to support conservation programs in both Borneo and Sumatra. Each guest's fare includes the cost of a one year orangutan adoption.

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

- Travel along the Rungan River aboard a "luxury style" river boat with private cabins.
- Observe amazing wildlife including orangutan, proboscis monkeys, hornbills, red langurs and brahmini kites.
- Visit the orangutan information centre at Nyaru Menteng where you will learn and understand about the work BOSF are doing to save and protect the orangutans.
- Visit Palangkaraya city and see their way of life.
- Visit Dayak villages and see the painted bonehouses.
- Optional day's trekking in the Sebangau National Park

ACTIVITIES

- Orangutan viewing
- Wildlife viewing
- Reforestation program
- Bird watching 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

Upon arrival you will be transferred you to the FM7 Resort Hotel for your overnight stay.

Day 2 : Jakarta - Palangkaraya

This morning you will fly from Jakarta to Palangkaraya in Central Kalimantan where you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. After checking in you will be taken on a tour to explore the provincial capital of Palangkaraya. You will visit the Museum, the old town, a stilted wooden village over the river, travel in 3 wheeled becaks and see the traditional markets and handicrafts. You will have a lunch of grilled fish beside the river, then take a canoe ride on the local lake with possible wildlife sightings. Overnight at Swiss Belhotel Palangkaraya (B,L)

Day 3 : Palangkaraya - Cruise Day 1

This morning you will be met at your hotel and transferred to your wonderful luxury boat, in Palangkaraya harbour to start your journey. Cruise past the stilted and floating houses of the provincial capital and continue upstream along the forest lined river, passing villages. We stop at the village of Petuk Katimpun and walk along boardwalks to visit a small library foundation. The boat continues upstream to a beautiful black water lake system, where we take canoes at sunset. Later we find a quiet location for overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 4 : Cruise Day 2 - Bapallas Island- BOS - Sei Gohong

Today the boat will move up the Rungan River as you enjoy breakfast. On arrival to Bapallas Island; a pre-release island operated by the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation, 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. The boat will continue upstream passing Kaja and Bangamat islands, Orangutan pre-release islands. Here we transfer to small canoes to have closer observation of the orangutans before heading for a refreshing swim in the black water lake, if river water level is sufficient. Return to the boat for dinner and overnight in a quiet location. (B,L,D)



Day 5 : Cruise Day 3 - Sei Gohong - Kanarakan

Today you will start with an early morning short transfer to Tangkiling Hill by car, to visit Dayak cultural spirit houses and climb to the top of the hill. After breakfast, we depart for Kanarakan, passing the orangutan islands. In Kanarakan, we are met by the village elder and Dayak Ngaju welcoming ceremony. We then stroll around with him to see the village home gardens, rubber field and rubber tapping demonstration along with other village livelihoods. We visit to the elder's house and enjoy traditional spiced coffee while sharing stories. We will return to boat for lunch and cruise downstream to Sei Gohong. Have dinner and later overnight in a quiet location on the river. (B,L,D)

Day 6 : Cruise Day 4: Bukit Rawi - Palangkaraya After breakfast, the boat cruises to the village of Tanjung Sanggalang on the Kahayan River. Transfer to cars for the short trip to Bukit Rawi and Sigi, where we see the ancient Dayak painted sandungs and watch a traditional dance. Board the boat for your final cruise to Rambang Harbour in Palangkaraya. You will then be transferred to your hotel, Swiss Belhotel Palankaraya for your overnight accomodation. (B,L)

Day 7** (or Day 8 if Optional Day 7 selected): Palangkaraya - Jakarta

This morning you will be transferred to Palangkaraya airport for your flight back Jakarta. Transfer to your late afternoon/evening connecting flights or onward travels. Tour ends (B)

OPTIONAL - Day 7 : Sebangau National Park - Trekking Additional Cost of \$250.00 pp (AUD)

Hotel pick up at 8.30am 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 3.00pm. You will then be transferred back to your hotel - Swiss Belhotel Palankaraya for your overnight accommodation. (B,L)

Please note: Additional accomodation can be arranged on Day 7/Day 8 in Jakarta should you require it. Please ensure that if departing for home or onward travels on Day 7/Day 8 that all departing flights are booked for mid to late PM to allow enough connecting time from your Palangkaraya flight.

Life is better
in the jungle



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 on offer to other parts of Indonesia please contact us.

INCLUSIONS

- Domestic airfares
- Accommodation in Jakarta (twin share - single supplement available)
- Accommodation in Palangkaraya and fan cooled cabin on river boat. Optional upgrade to AC cabin if available.
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B,L,D)
- National Park fees
- Airport transfers
- Captain and assistants
- Experienced local guides
- One orangutan adoption for one year in partnership with TOP
- Orangutan Odysseys water bottle and travel pack

EXCLUSIONS

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

COST

From AUD\$2590 ex Jakarta
(twin share).
Single supplement \$350
(Minimum two people)

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orangutan



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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