



Leif Cocks Orangutans & Dragons Tour



TRAVEL TYPE

Small group of interested people, 14 years and over



EXPEDITION GRADE

Easy to Moderate
Jungle trekking, river-boats involved.



DURATION

10 Days
13-22 October 2026



ACCOMMODATION

Hotels and Klotoks



Luxury Expedition Overview

Our Orangutans and Dragons luxury expedition is an unparalleled adventure to witness two of the Indonesian archipelago's most magnificent creatures. This bespoke journey seamlessly combines Borneo and the Komodo Islands.

The adventure starts in Borneo's Tanjung Puting National Park, a unique sanctuary for the iconic orangutan, proboscis monkey, and false gavia crocodile. You will reside aboard our private, traditional luxury river vessel, the klotok, featuring premium amenities and gourmet meals prepared by our dedicated crew. Relax on the sun deck and enjoy the passing wildlife.

The expedition culminates with the legendary Komodo Islands. Your 4-day sojourn explores the 1,817-square-kilometer Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Witness the formidable Komodo dragon in its wild habitat, discover pristine islands, and lounge on immaculate beaches. The surrounding marine sanctuary offers spectacular snorkeling with manta rays and sea turtles.

Your Tour host - Leif Cocks

You will be joined on this tour one remarkable man. Leif Cocks, Founder of The Orangutan Project. Leif will travel with you throughout your journey and give you his personal views about orangutans and how The Orangutan Project is helping to save and allow them to be released back into the jungle.

TOP - Leif Cocks

The Orangutan Project was established in 1998 by Founder and world-renowned orangutan expert, Leif Cocks, as a result of his almost 30-year career working with orangutans. Leif is a passionate campaigner for orangutans and has been the leader of The Orangutan Project since its inception. Leif's years in the field have earned him respect within the conservation field. He has been a key player in developing conservation plans for orangutans and influencing positive change for orangutan protection and survival. This respect has given The Orangutan Project world standing in conservation and allows Leif to successfully develop and enact genuine and long lasting conservation outcomes. With Leif along, you will garner a full and unusual understanding of what you are seeing, as this adventure of a lifetime takes you deep into the orangutans home.



"Want an enjoyable holiday, but want it to be something more? Connect with the most intelligent fellow beings on the planet, meet the people working at the coalface and become part of the solution. I have now completed several Leif Cocks Orangutan Odysseys Eco-tours and on all, we have had a great time, learnt all about the orangutan's habitat, made new friends, and most importantly raised awareness and much-needed funds to help save this critically endangered species."

Leif Cocks

PROJECT FUNDRAISING OBJECTIVES

As part of this tour, you'll be required to fundraise a minimum of \$1,250 AUD by inviting friends, family, and colleagues to support your cause through your own personalised fundraising page. This page is specially designed to ensure all donations go directly to The Orangutan Project. Once you've booked, we'll provide full details and tips to help you reach your goal. You'll also be making a direct impact by adopting an orphaned orangutan, helping to secure a future for orangutans and their rainforest home. Your adoption fee is included in your trip cost.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey with Leif Cocks, Founder of The Orangutan Project
- Encounter the colossal Komodo Dragon, a mythical 3-meter-long, 150kg leviathan
- Explore uncharted, emerald rainforests in pursuit of the magnificent orangutan
- Dive into crystal-clear waters surrounding vibrant, breathtaking coral reefs
- Discover hidden, secluded islands
- Venture deep up sinuous jungle rivers to behold the rare proboscis, ebony, and grey macaque monkeys



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. Whilst 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!



TOUR FOOD

Vegetarian and Vegan based

All included meals provided during this tour will be vegetarian, with a vegan option available. Guests will have the option of non-vegetarian meals during breakfast at hotels and for meals (some dinners) not included in the itinerary.

ITINERARY

10 Days:13 - 22 October 2026

*Itinerary is a living document, subject to the magnificent forces of local conditions.

Day 1 - 13 October: The Gateway to the Archipelago: Jakarta

Your grand Indonesian odyssey commences with your arrival in Jakarta, a vibrant confluence of culture and commerce. A seamless, private transfer awaits to whisk you to the sophisticated sanctuary of the FM7 Resort Hotel, perfectly positioned for tomorrow's adventure. As twilight descends, join your fellow explorers for an essential Tour Briefing at 6:00 PM, setting the stage for the untamed beauty that lies ahead. (Cuisine: Nil)

Day 2 - 14 Oct: Borneo's Wild Heart: Tanjung Puting National Park

An exhilarating early start begins with a morning flight from Jakarta, transporting you to Pangkalan Bun in Central Borneo, the hallowed domain of the orangutan. Our seasoned local experts will greet you, initiating a swift transfer to the enchanting riverside village of Kumai. There, you will board your exquisite klotok (traditional riverboat), which will serve as your floating home for three days, charting a course deep into the primordial embrace of Tanjung Puting National Park. The emerald jungle walls will unveil their ancient secrets as we scan the towering canopy for the iconic, red-haired residents and a kaleidoscope of exotic wildlife. After a refreshing, on-board lunch, we check into the atmospheric serenity of the Rimba Lodge before setting out once more on the klotok for a late afternoon wildlife patrol. The day culminates with a gourmet dinner, serenaded by the hypnotic symphony of the jungle at Rimba Lodge. (Cuisine: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3 - 15 Oct: Legends of the Forest: Camp Leakey Immersion

Today is dedicated to a privileged encounter with the legends of the forest. We glide along the tranquil Sekonyer River toward the renowned Camp Leakey, the world's oldest and most prestigious orangutan research station. Every majestic bend of the river is a cinematic vista, offering unparalleled photo opportunities of wild orangutans, resplendent tropical birds, and mischievous monkeys. We indulge in a delightful lunch served aboard the klotok before a short, yet profoundly meaningful, jungle trek. This is where your immersion becomes absolute—expect curious orangutans to occasionally approach our boats or trails. Our return cruise to Rimba Lodge in the late afternoon demands a keen eye for Borneo's other magnificent acrobats: the lightning-fast gibbons and the singularly unique, proboscis monkeys. Overnight within the rustic luxury of Rimba Lodge.(Cuisine: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 - 16 Oct: River Rhythms & Firefly Spectacle

Savour a final, unhurried breakfast as we embrace the gentle rhythm of the river, continuing our search along the banks for one last glimpse of the park's majestic inhabitants. Following lunch, we gain rare insight into local life with a fascinating tour of a thriving village, showcasing the culture that flourishes alongside this natural treasure. As the equatorial sun begins its dramatic, orange descent, painting the riverbanks in fire, we witness the endemic proboscis monkeys perform their entertaining final show of the day. Our captivating return journey to Kumai harbour culminates with an unforgettable river dinner, illuminated by the ethereal, twinkling spectacle of a million fireflies. We then transfer to the contemporary comfort of the Pangkalan Bun Mecure Hotel for the night. (Cuisine: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5 - 17 Oct: From Borneo to Flores: Sudamala Sanctuary

We bid a fond farewell to the wild magic of Borneo this morning, checking out for our multi-segment morning flights that gracefully deliver us to Labuan Bajo on the exquisite island of Flores. Upon arrival, a private, luxury transfer awaits to usher you to the 5-star oasis of Sudamala Resort. The entire afternoon is yours to surrender to leisure—unwind, explore the resort's lush grounds, or simply bask by the infinity pool. Dinner this evening is a refined affair, served at the resort's elegant restaurant. (Cuisine: Breakfast)

Day 6 - 18 Oct: Dragons, Coral Gardens & Seraya Island Chic

Adventure assumes command! Following an invigorating early breakfast, we embark from Labuan Bajo's harbour, setting sail into the otherworldly realm of the Komodo National Park. Our premier destination: Rinca Island. Here, we will trek across dramatic savannahs and mangrove thickets, confronting the awe-inspiring Komodo Dragons—magnificent, living relics that have presided over this land for millennia. Time permitting, we will visit Rinca Village, a unique coastal community sharing its home with these giants. We trade our boots for fins, cruising to Gado Island for a revitalizing snorkel amidst a thriving, kaleidoscopic underwater garden of vibrant reefs. As the day's pace mellows, we arrive at the sophisticated, barefoot luxury of the Sudamala Resort Seraya Island for your overnight stay. (Cuisine: Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 7 - 19 Oct: Iconic Summits, Pink Sands & Manta Ballet

Awake to the sublime serenade of the ocean, boarding the boat early for breakfast with a panoramic, sea-view backdrop. Our destination is Padar Island, an unmistakable icon of the archipelago. A short, but rewarding pilgrimage to the summit unveils a breathtaking, signature triple vista over the island's three-coloured beaches—a truly photographic masterpiece. Our descent leads us to Pink Beach (Long Beach), where millions of crushed red coral fragments bestow the sand with a distinctive, delicate blush. Swim and snorkel in this surreal beauty. The maritime magic continues as we seek out Manta Point, a globally renowned congregation spot for the graceful Manta Rays. With fortune on our side, you will be swimming alongside these magnificent, kite-like creatures. We'll attempt one final, pristine reef snorkel before cruising back to Labuan Bajo, enjoying a delightful dinner on the boat and another night of luxurious, island repose at the Sudamala Resort Seraya Island. (Cuisine: Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 8 - 20 Oct: Secret Caves & Crystalline Escapes

Our final day of island exploration commences after breakfast with the unveiling of a secret: Goa Rangko, a sublime sea cave tucked away along the rugged coast. Inside, a natural saltwater pool glows under a sunlit opening—a surreal and infinitely refreshing swim awaits. We then sail to Seraya Besar, a postcard-perfect island where the crystalline waters promise exceptional snorkelling and a relaxed, beachfront lunch. By mid-afternoon, we return to Labuan Bajo and your hotel. The evening is dedicated to complete personal indulgence—perhaps a final swim in the stunning pool or a well-deserved, restorative massage before your departure from this island paradise. Overnight at the Sudamala Resort in Labuan Bajo. (Cuisine: Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 9 - 21 Oct: Komodo's Coast to Bali's Bliss

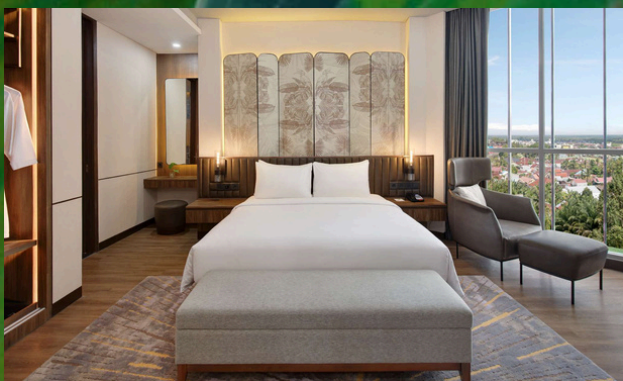
After breakfast, a seamless transfer to the airport precedes our flight to the internationally famed island of Bali. Checking into the 5-star Holiday Inn Resort nestled by the beach, the pace intentionally slows to pure, unadulterated relaxation. Spend the afternoon soaking up the equatorial sun and enjoying the resort's magnificent pools before we gather for our final, celebratory dinner together at the beautiful Envy restaurant, raising a toast to the incredible, shared journey of a lifetime. (Cuisine: Breakfast)

Day 10 - 22 Oct: Depart Indonesia

Following a final, exquisite breakfast, your epic tour concludes. You will be transferred effortlessly to the airport for your onward international journey, carrying not just luggage, but a treasure trove of indelible memories of the orangutans, the dragons, and the extraordinary, exotic beauty of Indonesia. (Cuisine: Breakfast)

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION

Many of the accommodations on this tour are five-star, adding a touch of elegance to an unforgettable adventure. Even while exploring remote jungles and protected national parks, you can enjoy exceptional comfort and thoughtful luxury. Whether you are discovering the wild beauty of Komodo National Park or cruising through Tanjung Puting, refined accommodations ensure you experience nature without sacrificing style.



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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- All domestic airfares (20kgs is the maximum baggage allowance)
- Accommodations throughout (twin share basis). Single supplement available
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B,L,D)
- Riverboats in both locations including safety equipment.
- National Park fees - all locations
- Airport transfers and private cars
- Experienced local guides (english speaking)
- One year deluxe orangutan adoption

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares and any expenses due to flight delay or cancellations
- Visas and visa fees
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses - alcohol, laundry, phone calls
- Tipping
- Excess baggage fee if over 20kgs

see them in
the wild!

COST

From \$6,350.00 (AUD)
ex Jakarta (twin-share basis)
and finish in Bali. Plus a
mandatory fundraising target
of AUD\$1,250.
Single supplement \$1,750



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. VOA (Visa On Arrival) is obtained when you arrive in immigration and is purchased for \$50AUD cash.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is mandatory to take part in this trip and Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance is required for all trekkers.

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



HEALTH AND FIRST AID

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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