



Leuser Ecosystem Orangutan Experience



TRAVEL TYPE

Small groups and family friendly



EXPEDITION GRADE

Moderate to difficult in parts
(some hilly jungle trekking involved)



DURATION

8 Days



ACCOMMODATION

Local hotels, jungle lodges & tents



Expedition Overview

Your 8-Day Sumatra Leuser Ecosystem Orangutan Experience will take you to the 1 million hectare Leuser area on the island of Sumatra. This area houses the largest population of Sumatran orangutans, approximately 80% of the entire wild population of 7,000. Leuser Ecosystem is also home to an enormous population of other wildlife including the Thomas leaf monkey, pigtail macaque, longtail macaque, gibbons, lizards, turtles, hornbills and more. Your home on this trip will be a mix of both basic guest houses, hotels and tents. You will be escorted from one destination to the next by an experienced Orangutan Odysseys local guide.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit pristine rainforest in search of the amazing orangutan
- Trek through beautiful primary forest and see Thomas leaf monkeys, pigtail and long tail macaque, monitor lizards, gibbons, wild peacocks and more.
- Part of your expedition cost is directly donated to save these wonderful creatures

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 amazing wildlife Sumatra has to offer including 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. Further, Orangutan Odysseys has partnered up with The Orangutan Project which supports conservation programs in both Borneo and Sumatra. Each guest's fare includes the cost of a deluxe one-year orangutan adoption package.

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 enquiry, 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!



THE LEUSER ECOSYSTEM - THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH

At around 2.63 million hectares, the Leuser Ecosystem really is a world unto itself; a rich expanse of original tropical lowland rainforests, cloud-covered mountains and swampy peatlands. However, the Leuser Ecosystem is now under threat. Despite being protected under Indonesian national law, massive industrial development is being planned for logging, palm oil, pulp and paper plantations and mining. This will threaten the entire ecosystem, as well as the continued wellbeing of the millions of Acehnese traditional landholders who depend on it for their food, water and livelihoods.



“ It is among the most biodiverse ecosystems ever recorded by science, and it is the last place on earth where Sumatran orangutans, elephants, tigers and rhinos still freely roam.

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ITINERARY

* Subject to change due to local conditions.

Day 1: Arrive Medan

Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by your Orangutan Odysseys guide and transferred to a lovely local hotel to rest, if time allows have a swim and enjoy dinner. Overnight hotel. Here you shall be given a briefing about your travels over the next 5 days. (D)
Note: if you happen to be arriving early (by around midday) then you have the option of going straight to the jungle at Batu Ronring in the jungle for this night.

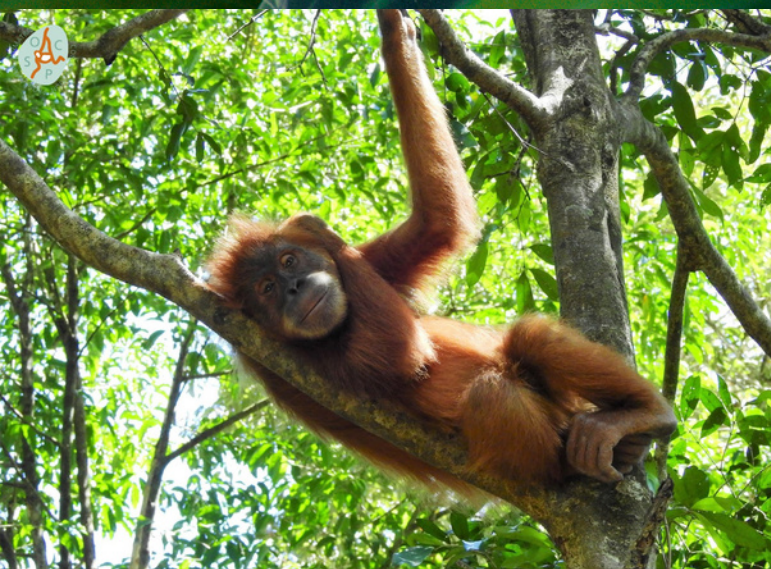
Day 2: Medan - Batu Ronring

This morning travel to the beautiful location nearby the small village of Batu Ronring, on the edge of the Gunung Leuser National Park. Today shall be spent exploring the area and taking jungle treks looking for wildlife. Afternoon take a short walk to have a swim in nearby the river. Overnight at your jungle lodge in your "jungle villa". (B,L,D)

Day 3: Batu Ronring to Bukit Lawang

Morning jungle trek and riverwalk and lunch before transferring on to Bukit Lawang and a climb up the hill to your lodge accommodation. Here you will check into your jungle lodge room and then in the early evening, you will meet your local jungle guide for the 3-day trek that starts tomorrow and go through the plan for the trip. Overnight "Orangutan Bungalow" (B,L,D)

Sumatran and Tapanuli orangutans are found only on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. With just over 13,000 Sumatran orangutans, and approximately 800 Tapanuli orangutans individuals left in the wild, both species are in critical danger of extinction.



Day 4: Leuser Eco System - Trekking Day 1

Today you start your first trek into the Leuser Eco System. You will head into the jungle. On the trek, you will see hopefully see orangutans, Thomas leaf monkey, pigtail macaque, longtail macaque, gibbons, lizards, turtles, hornbills and more. Your campsite will be close to a stream or on the Bohorok River. Overnight in tents. (B, L, D)
Note: For those not wanting to camp either one or two nights in the jungle we can offer day treks returning each afternoon to your lodge accommodation. Or on the 3rd day and optional day whitewater rafting (gentle grade).

Day 5: Leuser Ecosystem Wildlife trek

Today you will awake to the sounds of the jungle. After breakfast, you will continue to trek deeper into the Leuser Ecosystem National Park, away from the more frequented locations of day trekkers. It is hoped you will see more orangutans, mothers with babies and possibly a male. Your guides will point out various plants that are used in traditional medicine as well as poisonous plants that cannot be consumed safely by humans. Overnight in the jungle in tents. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Leuser Ecosystem - Tubing adventure - Bukit Lawang.

Today you will continue your jungle trek and head back towards Bukit Lawang sometime after lunch by river tubing back down the Bohorok river. Once in Bukit Lawang, you will check into your room and have free time to sit back and relax or maybe wander around the village. Overnight at the Bukit Lawang Ecolodge (B,L)

Day 7: Bukit Lawang - Medan - (or Airport)

After spending a restful night at your guest house, and after breakfast, you will drive back to Medan and check into your hotel. In the afternoon, you will have a tour of Medan township which has a fascinating history. (B)

Note: There is an option here to go to the airport for your flights home.

Day 8: Medan - Home

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flights home.

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.



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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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How do I get to Medan?

Medan is in northern Sumatra, with the major airport being Medan Kualanamu International Airport (KNO). There are many daily direct flights to Medan from both Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Airlines that service these routes include: Singapore Airlines, Silk Air, Air Asia, Malaysian Airlines and Jetstar Asia. Please contact us if you would like a quote for your flight connection to Medan from either Singapore or Kuala Lumpur.



INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in Medan (twin share - single supplement available)
- Accommodation Tangkahan, Bukit Lawang (twin-share)
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B,L,D)
- Tips to guides, trek guides and tubing guides. (Excludes tip to Orangutan Odysseys Guide)
- National park feesTent and camping equipment
- Airport transfers
- Experienced local guides
- A one-year orangutan adoption
- Orangutan Odysseys water bottle and travel pack

EXCLUSIONS

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

ACTIVITIES

Orangutan viewing
Professional conservation education
Wildlife viewing
Reforestation program
Camping in the jungle
Bird watching.....and more.

You will be supporting The Orangutan Project in their work protecting the Leuser Ecosystem; the last place on earth where orangutans, tigers, rhinos and elephants co-exist. Thank you for being part of the solution.



TRAVEL INFORMATION



WEATHER

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

Daytime temperature is generally 73F/23C to 86F/30C and nighttime is 73F/23C to 80F/27C

The Wet Season is Sep- Jan

The Dry Season is Feb-Aug



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 alice@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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