



Welcome Back to the Jungle



TRAVEL TYPE

Couples and family friendly



EXPEDITION GRADE

Easy to Moderate
(short jungle trekking involved)



DURATION

8 Days



ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, Jungle lodge, comfortable river boats



Expedition Overview

This specially crafted expedition combines the unique experience of visiting the Tanjung Puting National Park with a Palangkaraya Rungan River cruise aboard a fabulous riverboat to see the orangutan release islands.

From wonderful boats to small dugout canoes, wide rivers to deep forests, and small fishing towns to traditional Dayak villages, the Central Borneo adventure has it all. Be immersed in local culture and all facets of life in Borneo as you gain a greater understanding of the orangutan's plight.

EXPEDITION GOALS

We want our guests to have a truly unique and connected experience, and to have the pleasure of observing wild and semi-wild orangutans in their natural habitat.

Orangutan Odysseys will provide you with a safe platform to observe the incredible wildlife of Borneo, including orangutans (of course), proboscis monkeys, hornbills, red leaf monkeys, gibbons and more. It's also our goal to educate and inspire our guests so that you become future stewards for the destination, its natural environment, and the survival of the orangutan.

In driving this legacy we have partnered with The Orangutan Project to support their conservation programs across Borneo in Sumatra. Each guest's fare includes the cost of adopting 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. 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!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the famed Tanjung Puting National Park
- See wild and semi-wild orangutans in their natural habitat
- Travel upstream on our local klotok (riverboat) and dine beneath the stars
- Relax and travel in style onboard a fabulous riverboat on the Rungan River.
- Observe amazing wildlife including orangutan, proboscis monkeys, macaques, hornbills, red langurs and brahmini kites, crocodiles and more
- Meet and learn from the local people who live and work there to save the orangutans and rainforests.
- Experience the delicious local cuisine and many different unique fruits.

ACTIVITIES

- Searching for wild orangutans
- Searching for jungle wildlife like monkeys, crocodiles and more
- Learn about local Dayak village life
- Educational talks
- Riverboat cruising on jungle rivers
- Bird watching and more

You will be supporting The Orangutan Project (TOP) in their work protecting orangutans and the environment as well as other 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 COVID and travel restrictions

Day 1 - 15th October: Arrive in Denpasar, Bali.

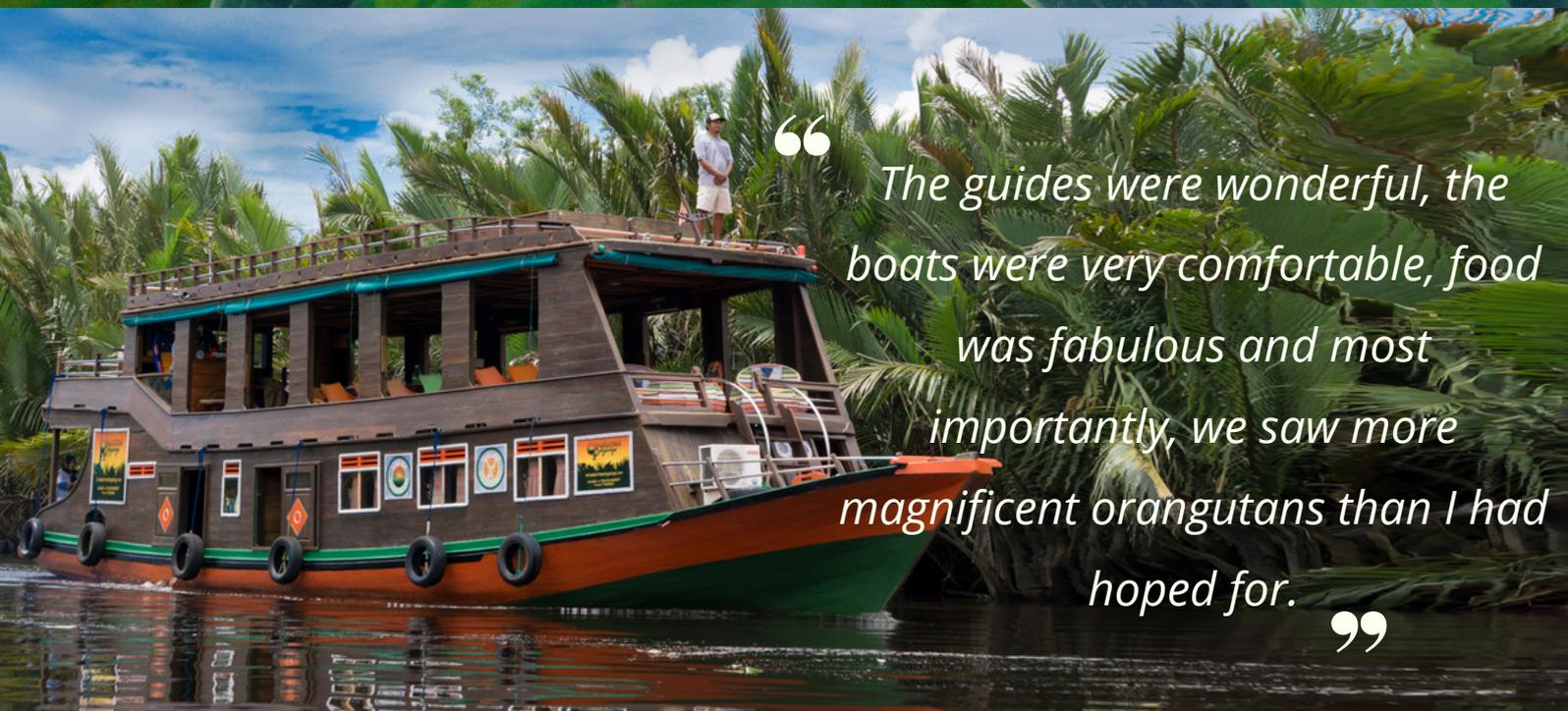
Today you will be met at Denpasar airport and transferred to your Bali hotel for your overnight stay. This evening the group will meet for a tour briefing and details about tomorrow's departure.

Day 2 - 16th October: Bali to Pangkalan Bun - Tanjung Puting National Park

Early this morning you will fly from Bali to the Central Borneo town of Pangkalan Bun. On arrival, you will be met at the airport by our local OO guides. You will then be taken to the Port of Kumai where you will board our klotoks (riverboat) and start your journey up the Sekonyer River into the National Park. We will continue to cruise slowly up along the river in search of orangutans and other amazing wildlife, possibly a crocodile or storm stork, until we reach our overnight parking spot near crocodile lake. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - 17th October: Crocodile Lake - Pesalat - Rimba Lodge

This morning we will wake to the sound of the jungle and enjoy breakfast on the peaceful river. We then start cruising slowly back down the river in search of more of the jungle's wildlife and hopefully some wild orangutans. It's then off to Pesalat Plantation station, where you will get to plant some trees to help the Friends of the National Park Foundation to regenerate the forest. From there, you will be back on the boat for lunch followed by check-in at Rimba Lodge. This afternoon we take a walk through the local Tanjung Harapan village to see what village life is like. We will then head back to the boat and travel along the river, stopping along the way to watch the fabulous proboscis monkeys in action on the riverbanks. Overnight in Rimba Lodge. (B,L,D)



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The guides were wonderful, the boats were very comfortable, food was fabulous and most importantly, we saw more magnificent orangutans than I had hoped for.

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Day 4 - 18th October: Tanjung Puting - Kumai - Airport - Palangkaraya

This morning after breakfast we will board the boat once more and cruise our way back out of the National Park, stopping along the way to see more wildlife. We will reach Kumai around lunchtime where our cars will be waiting to transfer us to the airport for our flight to Palangkaraya (capital of Central Borneo). In Palangkaraya we will meet our local guides and be transferred to the Rungan Sari Resort for our overnight stay. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - 19th October: Palangkaraya - River Cruise Day 1: Kaja Island - Tanjung Pusaka

After an optional early morning walk in the adjacent forest, you will be transferred by car to Pulau Kaja near Tangkiling to observe orangutans on this pre-release island. We then transfer by car to Palangka Raya to board the Rahaiꞑi Pangun in the harbour. We will depart the harbour cruising downstream to Tanjung Pusaka village. In the evening, we will explore the village to see the fisherman village, village cattle raising, and a demonstration of Pencak Silat, traditional martial art performance. Join the village school group as they practice and have a go yourself! After finishing this excursion, we return to the boat and stay overnight in the area. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - 20th October: Cruise Day 2: Lake Bagantung & Tumbang Nusa

In the early morning, we will use motorised canoes to visit the extensive blackwater Lake Bagantung. This is a unique peatland swamp ecosystem where we have the opportunity to spot birds and other wildlife. Then, the boat will continue to cruise downstream to Tumbang Nusa village. On arrival, we will have a walking tour in the village to see some of their traditional livelihoods. First, the grey sedge or ꞑpurunꞑ weaving and handmade straw cooperative, made from rushes growing naturally in the canals and lakes. The boat will continue to cruise downstream, passing the large forested Selat and Badak Islands. It may be possible to spot orangutans here. The boat will stop and find a quiet place to tie up overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - 21st October: Cruise Day 3: Pilang

This morning, the boat will continue to travel downstream to the village of Pilang where we take a short walk in the forest area near the village to see the process of rubber tapping (Mamantat) and rattan harvesting (Manetes). Our village guide will also point out some local medicinal plants growing in the forest. We then have a walking tour in the village to see some of their traditional livelihoods. Watch the local ladies at their rattan weaving process and meet the villagers. Over a special tea and coffee, with traditional Dayak cakes such as apam and untuk-untuk, we will be entertained with a Kacapi (two-stringed instrument) performance. We will then return to the boat for lunch and cruise upstream. In the afternoon you will leave the riverboat and be transferred to the Rungan Sari for your overnight accommodation. (B,L)

Life is better
in the jungle



Day 8 - 22nd October: Palangkaraya - Bali

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flights back to Denpasar, Bali. In Denpasar, you will transfer to your connecting flights home or onward travels. Tour ends. (B)

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. Please note: Additional accommodation can be arranged for day 8 in Bali should you require it. Please ensure that if departing for home or onward travels on day 8 that all departing flights are booked for early to late PM to allow enough connecting time from your Palangkaraya flight.



INCLUSIONS

- Domestic airfares
- Accommodation in Bali and Palangkaraya
- Accommodation in Tanjung Puting on klotok and at Rimba Lodge
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B,L,D)
- National park fees
- Airport transfers
- Experienced local guide
- Donation included for one deluxe orangutan adoption
- Orangutan Odysseys water bottle and travel pack

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares and any expenses due to flight delay or cancellation
- Travel Insurance (compulsory). Can be booked through Orangutan Odysseys on request
- Personal expenses - alcohol, laundry, phone calls
- Tipping

COST

from \$3880.00 (AUD)
ex Denpasar, Bali (twin share)
Fundraising a target of AUD\$500
Single supplement \$480



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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