



BORNEO

West to East Crossing Adventure

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DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY..

ITINERARY

Borneo Adventure • West to East Crossing Adventure

20 DAYS • 19 NIGHTS

This itinerary can be tailored to suit your exact requirements

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cross one of the most rugged islands on earth from West to East using roads, rivers and feet
- Traversing the jungle
- Experience amazing rivers – Kapuas and Bungan Rivers

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Adventure Trekking
Tour Start	Balikpapan, East Kalimantan
Tour End	Putissibau, West Kalimantan
Accommodation	Hotel, Camping
Included Meals	16 Breakfasts, 15 Lunches, 14 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Very difficult

BORNEO ADVENTURE; MOUNTAINS & JUNGLES



The Cross Borneo West to East adventure is a real once in a lifetime adventure. Those who have undertaken this trip in the past have describe it as the most challenging and the most enjoyable trekking trip they had ever done. The ultimate challenge - crossing one of the most rugged islands on earth from West to East using roads, rivers and feet, we traverse the jungle of Kalimantan in Indonesian Borneo. To enjoy this trip, you need to be prepared to accept whatever the jungles and rivers serve up! A good fitness level, a strong sense of determination and a flexible attitude are essential.

BORNEO *an overview*

This expedition gives you the opportunity to trek through Borneo's dense tropical rainforests, through remote villages en-route to the spectacular Mount Kinabalu.

This is a private trip and can be tailored to suit your dates and interests.

We begin with rafting down the Kiulu River, a cycle back up through the beautiful valley, before we begin our trek through the hot humid rainforest and traditional Dusun villages. We camp in villages where few tourists visit and the ladies love to cook for us with food from their farms and show us a little of their cultural dancing and songs.

The trek finishes with sun rise on the highest peak of South East Asia, Mount Kinabalu. The view from the summit is spectacular out over the South China Sea. A much rewarded bath in the hot springs is well deserved after the descent. At the end of our trek we head south wildlife spotting at the Kinabatangan Wildlife Reserve and Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary.

WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

We are driven by a passion for adventure travel and wildlife which we love to share, it's reflected in our uniquely wonderful itineraries. We can offer you new experiences that no one else can provide and we create for you, the most incredible adventure holidays imaginable. Even better, our small group tours have a maximum of 8 people, making it a much more personal experience. Furthermore, we don't expect you to pay a single supplement, perfect for solo travellers! (**nb. no ss charged if you are happy to share rooms*)

We work in some of the world's most spectacular, remote and extraordinary places, whether you are looking to join one of our scheduled small group adventures such as this one, your own private tailor-made trip or a luxury family holiday. Madagascar is truly our specialty; we know it inside-out, in order to provide you with your dream Madagascan adventure... so you can enjoy it as much as we do! No one can organise dream holidays with a difference quite like Pioneer Expeditions.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival Jakarta

Arrival in Jakarta. You will be met by hotel staff and transferred to the FM7 hotel.

Today we meet in our Jakarta hotel and have a team briefing and prepare for travel to Balikpapan in East Borneo tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow the journey begins!



Overnight:
FM7 Hotel



Meals:



Distance:



Activity:
Airport transfer

DAY 2: JAKARTA – BALIKPAPAN – MAHAKAM RIVER

Early morning flight to Balikpapan in East Kalimantan and car transfer to the river town of Loajanan, where we will board our house-boat and start travel along the Mahakam River. Continue our travel overnight on the river to reach our next stop.



Overnight:
House Boat



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Short Flight



Activity:
Flight / Forward Journey

DAY 3: MAHAKAM RIVER - MUARA MUNTAI – MANCONG - MELAK



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Today we will leave our house boat and continue along the river by both speed boat, stopping at a dayak village along the way to learn more about their traditional way of life.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Rafting

DAY 4: MELAK – KERSIK LUWAI – EHENG – TERING – LONG BAGUN

Continue along the river by longboats until we reach the small village of Eheng. Here we will meet our cars and drive to Tering where upon arrival board our speed boat and continue our travel up the Mahakam river to the local village of Long Bagun.



Overnight:
Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Rafting

DAY 5: LONG BAGUN – TIONG OHANG

Speed boat and cruise up the Mahakam river by passing several rapids, wall rock, waterfall through to village. Then sight-seeing around the village to see the activity of local people.



Overnight:
Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Rafting & exploring

DAY 6: TIONG OHANG - ATIKOP HILL - MUARA SAITE

Board by motorized canoe passing several small rapids. Start trek today.



Overnight:
Jungle Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 7: MUARA SAITE – MUARA CUHUTING

Continue our trekking through primary rainforest and rivers.



Overnight:
Jungle Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 8: MUARA CUHUTING – MULLER RANGE

Continue trekking through the Muller Range and will pass the border East and West Borneo



Overnight:
Jungle Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 9: MULLER RANGE – BUAH KIU RIVER



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Continue our trekking through primary rainforest and rivers.



Overnight:
Jungle Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 10: BUAH KIU RIVER – BUNGAN LEA

Continue our trekking through primary rainforest and rivers.



Overnight:
Jungle Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 11: BUNGAN LEA – BORAKA

Continue our trekking through primary rainforest and rivers.



Overnight:
Jungle Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 12: BORAKAN – BATU BOBO

Continue our trekking through primary rainforest and rivers.



Overnight:
Jungle Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 13: BATU BOBO – TANJUNG LOKAN

Today is last day trekking to Tanjung Lokang, the homeland of Punan tribe.



Overnight:
Village Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 14: TANJUNG LOKANG – PUTUSSIBA

Full days travel down the Kapuas river by longboat passing rapids and villages along the way to the town Putussibau.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Rafting

DAY 15: PUTUSSIBAU

Today is last day trekking to Tanjung Lokang, the homeland of Punan tribe.



Overnight:
Village Lodge



Meals:
B, L



Distance:



Activity:
Personal preference

DAY 16: PUTUSSIBAU - PONITANAK - JAKARTA



Today is last day trekking to Tanjung Lokang, the homeland of Punan tribe.



Overnight:
Village Lodge



Meals:
B



Distance:



Activity:
Trekking

DAY 17: JAKARTA - TOUR END

This morning your transfer to your flights home or continue your further adventures



Overnight:
Village Lodge



Meals:
B



Distance:



Activity:
Forward Flight

GETTING AROUND

- Transfer to and from the airport will be arranged by us. You other forms for transport will either be a Canoe or your feet!
- Madagascar is notorious for the unreliability of its domestic flights in terms of time. The flights schedules are always subject to change at anytime and often experience cancellations, which are not ideal when following a schedule; this makes it a lot more reliable to travel by road for the most part.
- Distances and times will of course be lengthy due to the vastness of the island and lack of good-quality road systems throughout the country. However, this all adds to the adventurousness of any Madagascar trip; but is definitely something to be aware of whilst travelling around Madagascar.

NB: This itinerary is subject to change – arrangements, routes and facilities are subject to variation depending on local conditions. Please note times given are approximate driving times and do not include stops, the journey times are therefore longer. When driving times are given, this is only an indication. It aims to reflect the actual driving time (and doesn't include stops, lunch, and traffic). The road journeys, while often long, are one of the great ways to experience Madagascar. There is so much life on the road and many photographic opportunities along the way from a natural and people perspective.

If this trip isn't quite what you are looking for, we can **tailor itineraries** to suit your exact requirements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Included

- All the programs describe in the day by day itinerary
- All land and river transportations during the expedition
- Board Meals as per above detail
- English Speaking Guide, Cooks and Local Guides (Villagers)
- Donation, Entrance Fees, Porters for our food provisions and camping and dining gear
- Snacks & mineral water (we will refill your water container with fresh boiled river water)
- Accommodation Based on Twin-sharing at the hotel in Putusibau, and Samarinda

Not Included

- All tours/activities, services, transfers, meals which are not mentioned on above itinerary
- Airfares, Airport Taxes and extra baggage
- Laundry, telecommunication fee, extra meals and beverages at hotels/lodge
- Extra porter, personal expenses and all expenses incurred due to flight cancellations/delays or due to other causes beyond our control ("force majeure")



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- 🌍 Accommodations at simple guest house with basic facilities at Tiong Ohang, local houses
- 🌍 Public house boat in Mahakam
- 🌍 Accommodation in bivouac during trekking and back to the small village.

WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE SAID...

"Words cannot describe how amazing this trip....I absolutely loved the flexibility of the trip and how we were an integral part. I look forward to seeing our guide next year, maybe to do a different river"

- J. Shields

WHEN TO GO...

Borneo: **November - March** (Wet season)

- 🌍 Throughout the 'wet season' in Borneo, the temperature averages out at 27 degrees.
- 🌍 Due to the higher rainfall, the rainforests are lush and green
- 🌍 The average amount of rainfall through the wet season is 285 millimetres with only an average of 6 hours of sunshine a day.
- 🌍 There are fewer tourists in Borneo at this time due to the school holidays.

Borneo: **April - October** (High season)

- 🌍 In the summer seasons of Borneo, April – October is rated one of the best times to go. This because it is perfect conditions for hiking and trekking through the forests.
- 🌍 In June experience the turtle season off of Lankayan Island
- 🌍 Ideal time to travel to Borneo if you want to engage in more activities such as Kayaking



🌍 April-May is Orangutan season, take this opportunity to spot the world famous wildlife of Borneo

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Activity Duration	16 days, 15 nights
Season	March through November
Best Time To Go	The best time of year to visit is March to October as these are usually the driest and most settled times of the year
Group Size	We are able to arrange tailor made trips for 2 or more people (the price quoted is based on a minimum of 4 people, and a supplement may apply if less).
Difficulty Level	Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Very Difficult' level (more than 7 hours per day). This means that you will need to be fit and training will be required.

THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at info@pioneerexpeditions.com if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website www.pioneerexpeditions.com to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know your requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.



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