

**Borneo Holidays Portfolio** Orangutan Adventure Holiday, Tanjung Puting, Borneo (Indonesia)

# **PIONEER** Expeditions





### Itinerary

Orangutan Wildlife Adventure Holiday • Tanjung Puting, Borneo, Indonesia

Jakarta – Pangkalan Bun – Seikonyer river – Kumai – Pondok Tangguy – Pasalat Reforestation- Pangkalan Bun-Jakarta

## 7 Days • 6 Nights

**Optional: Beach Extension** 

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit pristine rainforests to see large numbers of amazing orangutan
- Travel up jungle rivers to witness proboscis, ebony and grey macaque monkeys and a wide variety of other wildlife
- Sleep aboard and travel through the jungle on a klotok (Indonesian river boat)
- Visit the historic research station of Camp Leakey and see how captive orangutan are reintroduced to the wild

#### **TOUR ESSENTIALS**

Tour Style	Nature Expedition
Tour Start	Jakarta
Tour End	Jakarta
Accommodation	Hotel, House Boat, Camp
Included Meals	5 Breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium

# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS

If you are looking at holidays to Borneo, then this unique Borneo trip combines the best of Tanjung Puting National Park's orangutan research stations and rehabilitation centers but with treks and camping deep in the Borneo rainforest. So on this trip to Borneo you will see at first hand the work of dedicated conservationists working to preserve the habitat of the orangutans because although the park is protected by the national government the orangutans' environment is threatened by the powerful commercial interests of the oil palm industry and illegal loggers. Therefore responsible travel holidays and eco friendly holidays to Borneo have never had a more important role and on this trip we help to fund and support the work of the Friends of the National Parks of Indonesia- one of the most effective but low key NGO's working in Borneo, Indonesia.

Tanjung Puting National Park is arguably the best place in Borneo to see orangutans as it is home to the densest population of orangutans anywhere in the whole of Borneo. You will also see the rare proboscis monkey, the false gavial crocodile and a wide range of tropical birds.

Whilst here you will spend your time on board a river boat (klotok), which is a great way to enter deep into the Borneo rainforest, as well as trekking and camping deep within the forest.



## Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Jakarta (D)

Upon arrival at Jakarta Airport, we will be met by our representative and transferred to our hotel. Welcome dinner at the hotel which includes a briefing on the itinerary and safety issues for this wildlife tour of Borneo's primary home to orangutans.

Overnight Hotel.

#### DAY 2: Jakarta – Pangkalan Bun – Kumai (B,L,D)

After breakfast at the hotel we will transfer to the airport for the morning flight to Pangkalan Bun. Upon arrival at Pangkalan Bun airport mid morning we will be met by our guide (who will be with us for the next 5 days). We will continue to Kumai, the seaport and the gateway to the National Park. Here we will board our klotok (house boat) which will be our home for the next few days. Once on board we will cross the Kumai river before reaching the Seikonyer river, the main river through the national park. Lunch will be served on the boat by our own cook. We will head up the Sekonyer river for about 2 hours to reach national park. Along the way we will be able



to observe the myriad of wildlife on the riverbanks including the amusing Proboscis monkey which is only found in Borneo.

#### **Overnight Houseboat**

#### DAY 3: Houseboat – Camp Leaky – Houseboat (B,L,D)

After breakfast we proceed upstream to the Camp Leaky, a landmark institution you will come to know on this wildlife tour in Borneo. Camp Leakey was established in 1971 by Dr. Biruté Galdikas and former spouse Rod Brindamour. It was named after the legendary paleo-anthropologist, Louis Leakey, who was both mentor and an inspiration to Dr. Galdikas as well as Drs. Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey. When we arrive in Camp Leaky we can learn about its history and we will trek through the jungle with the opportunity of seeing numerous orangutans, gibbons, wild pigs, and birds. We will have lunch back on the boat and will head to a feeding platform at Camp Leaky for 2pm (where the rangers will feed the semi-wild orangutans). In the late afternoon we will return to the boat for dinner and to relax.



**Overnight Houseboat** 



#### DAY 4: Houseboat - Pondok Tangguy - Trekking (B,L,D)

After breakfast we will boat down to the second Camp - Pondok Tangguy - to see another orangutan feeding station which will take about 1.5 hours to reach Pondok Tangguy from Camp Leakey. After visiting the feeding station to see more orangutan, we will head back to the boat to prepare ourselves for our trekking adventure and night in the jungle.

We will trek for about 4 hours to get into the primary forest and we will overnight in a simple tent. Here we will have the opportunity to experience the real Borneo rain forest away from any tourist tracks. We might see many wild animals including wild orangutan, gibbon, birds, wild pigs, deer etc. A lunch box will be provided.



Overnight tent (overnight in the forest)

#### DAY 5: Pondok Tangguy – Pasalat Reforestation (B,L,D)

After breakfast we will pack all our belongings (and collect any rubbish to take with us) before trekking back to the boat through the jungle. Once we arrive at the boat we will head down the river to Pasalat Camp where we can participate in an Carbon Offsetting program demonstrating how responsible travel holidays can support the environment. Here we will learn about the important work of the Friends of the National Parks Foundation (FNPF) of Indonesia, see their plant nursery and reforestation programme in actions. And our group can plant one tree per person as a contribution to the national park. After planting the trees, we head back to the boat for dinner and overnight.



#### **Overnight Houseboat**

#### DAY 6: Kumai – Pangkalan Bun - Jakarta (B,D)

After breakfast we will boat back to Kumai and transfer to Pangkalan Bun Airport. Here we will say goodbye to our guide before flying back to Jakarta. Upon arrival in Jakarta you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. A farewell dinner will be served at the hotel to celebrate this wildlife holiday to Borneo and our better understanding of the orangutans (our nearest cousins) and the conflict between their sanctuary and our quest for ever more commercial development, which means that the rain forests in Indonesia are still being destroyed at a rate of the size 300 football pitcher per hour!



**Overnight Hotel** 



#### DAY 7: Jakarta (B)

Breakfast at hotel, before transferring to the airport for your flight home or beach extension holiday at Tiger Island which is one of Indonesia's best beach destinations.

#### **Optional Beach Extension**

#### DAY 7: Jakarta (B)

Breakfast at hotel, before continuing on for your beach extension at Tiger Island.

#### DAY 8 -10: Tiger Island Beach Stay (B,L,D)

Free at leisure – full board

DAY 11: Tiger Island (B)

Breakfast at hotel before transferring to the airport (by sea and land) for your flight home.

## What our clients have said

'We had an experience of a lifetime and we will be back in a couple of years. We enjoyed every minute, saw lots of Orangutans and proboscis monkeys. Learned about culture and environment' -Ringborns



# **Important Information**

#### INCLUDED

- All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Accommodation as described
- English speaking guide from 2 day 6 (land transfers)
- All transfers
- All National Park entrance fees

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned
- International flights
- Internal flight ticket & airport departure tax
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic drinks and drinks in restaurants
- Personal expenses

## **Additional Information**

ACTIVITY DURATION
SEASON
BEST TIME TO GO
GROUP SIZE

**EXPEDITION SCHEDULE** 

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

2 – 5 hours
April - October
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The price is per person & based on a private trip based on 2 people travelling

This is run as a private trip, so we are able to suit your dates and requirements. We can also tailor the trip to suit.

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 'Medium' level (2 - 5 hours of activities per day). This means that you will need an average level of fitness.

