

# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS





## **Itinerary**

Indonesia - Orangutan Adventure • Tanjung Punting Borneo

7 Days • 6 Nights

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

**Optional: Beach Extension** 

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Isla Visit pristine rainforest in search of the amazing orangutan
- Travel up jungle rivers to witness Proboscis, Ebony and Grey Macaque Monkeys
- Sleep aboard and travel through the jungle on a river klotok (boat)
- Visit an orangutan orphanage and see how captive orangutan are reintroduced to the wild

#### INDONESIA • ORANGUTAN



#### **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

If you're looking at holidays to Borneo, then this unique trip combines the best of Tanjung Puting National Park's orang-utan research stations and rehabilitation centres with some excellent jungle trekking and camping deep in the Borneo rainforest. You get a unique experience to witness at first hand the work of a team of dedicated conservationists striving to preserve the habitat of these magnificent orang-utans Although the park is protected by the national government the environment of these wonderful creatures 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 been more important as 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 today. Tanjung Puting National Park is arguably the best place in Borneo to see orang-utans as it's home to the densest population anywhere in the whole of Borneo. You'll also see the charismatic and rare proboscis monkey, the false gavial crocodile and a huge range of tropical birds.

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# **INDONESIA**, an overview

The most famous Indonesian Island of Bali has it all, beaches, volcanoes, terraced rice fields, forests, wildlife, rich culture, resorts and surfing. However, there is so much more to be explored in Indonesia!

Known as the Islands of the Dragons, The Komodo Islands are a mini archipelago consisting of mesmerising ragged volcanic islands. Home of the mighty Komodo Dragons, the islands encompass the Komodo National Park, where these captivating reptiles roam. Clusters of rolling savannah-like russet grass hills and rusty red volcanic peaks, stunningly unspoilt white beaches, reefs appearing through crystal waters; all framed by some unforgettable sunsets. Lying untouched by tourism, Kalimantan makes up the remote and rustic Indonesian potion of Borneo. The region features legendary dense tropical forests packed with wildlife including many different primate species and the iconic free-roaming endangered orangutan. Routes within Kalimantan are largely made up of steaming rainforest lined winding rivers, best explored by Klotok (Traditional Houseboat) through the likes of the enchanting Tanjung Puting National Park.

Known for its deep Jungles and incredible Coffee; rough and rugged Sumatra is an explorers paradise and is nature galore. This jungle filled Island is one of the last remaining places of earth to witness wild orangutans and is encompassed with sheer natural beauty.

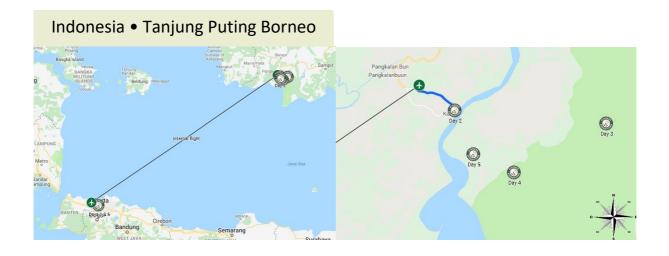
## WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

Pioneer Expeditions are one of the few specialists that really *do* off the beaten track and unique adventures. The team have a real passion for wildlife and adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the world for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventures.

We like to introduce our clients to unique, the different, and the incredible. Whether it is through wildlife tracking, sea kayaking, snorkelling, trekking, rafting, cycling or observing wildlife in its natural environment, we want to give you the real Pioneer experience.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home, you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with a commitment to responsible travel.

# ITINERARY





#### DAY 1: JAKARTA (D)

Upon arrival at Jakarta Airport, we will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Welcome dinner at hotel.

Overnight Hotel.

#### DAY 2: JAKARTA - PANGKALAN BUN - KUMAI (B,L,D)

After breakfast at the hotel you 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. We will continue to Kumai, the seaport and the gateway to the National Park. Onboard, crossing Kumai river in approximately 15



minutes to reach Seikonyer river, the main river in this National Park. Cruise up the Sekonyer river, along the way you will experience vegetation around the such as the Nipa Palm and Pandanus along the banks as well as wildlife including the Proboscis monkey – an endemic animal that can only be seen in Borneo. Lunch will be served on the boat by our own cook. If times allows we can visit the Orangutan feeding at Tanjung Harapan (at 3pm). Dinner and overnight in the houseboating.

- \*Flight Arrangement: Trigana Air: Jakarta -> Pangkalan Bun 09.15 10.20
- \* Schedule only for your reference and can be change anytime without prior notice.

Overnight Deluxe Houseboat

#### DAY 3: HOUSEBOAT - CAMP LEAKY - HOUSEBOAT (B,L,D)

After breakfast we proceed upstream to Pasalat Camp. Here you will have a 1km hike. In this camp, you will have the chance to plant endemic fruit trees for the orangutan (it is also a carbon offset program which supports the national park in planting trees around ex forest-fire areas. Return back to the houseboat as you head up to Camp Leakey, a landmark institution you will come to know on this wildlife tour in Borneo. Camp Leakey was established in 1971 by Dr Birute 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 Leakey 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 with banana on the feeding platform). At 16.00, back to the boat where we will continue down to Pondok Ambung. If time permits before dinner we can head out to the forest in search of nocturnal fauna like Tarsiers, tarantulas etc.

Overnight Deluxe Houseboat



#### DAY 4: PONDOK TANGGUY - TANJUNG HARAPAN (B,L,D)

After breakfast we will boat down to the second camp - Pondok Tangguy - to see another orangutan feeding station

We visit the feeding for 9am. After visiting the feeding station to see more orangutan, we will head back to the boat to continue boating down to Tanjun Harapan village to see the Malayan settlement activities. Lunch is provided on board before crossing into Tanjung Harapan Camp to see the last orangutan feeding at 3pm. We head further downstream to Nipa Palm where you get the chance to see thousands of fireflies. (In the dry season you do have the option of a 4 hour trek and camping in the rainforest –

Overnight Deluxe Houseboat

please check with us for details).



#### DAY 5: TREKKING IN TANJUNG HARAPAN - CANOE - NIPA PALM (B, L, D)

After breakfast you will be able to explore some more of the forest with a trekking trip from Tanjung Harapan to Sungai Buluh (this will take about 3 hours). Upon arrival in Sungai Buluh you will head out on a motorized canoe to explore some more of the river before heading back to the houseboat.

Lunch is provided on board and you will have an afternoon at leisure – spotting Proboscis monkey groups around the river bank. We will head back to the Nipa Palm area for dinner and overnight.

Overnight Deluxe Houseboat

#### DAY 6: KUMAI – PANGKALAN BUN - JAKARTA (B, D)

After breakfast we will boat back to Kumai and transfer to Pangkalan Bun Airport for our next destination. If there is time we will be able to the town, its colourful market and one or two key landmark buildings. At the airport you 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 continuing for your international flight home or beach extension at Tiger Island.

End of trip.





#### **OPTIONAL BEACH EXTENSION – from £695 pp**

#### DAY 7- 10: TIGER ISLAND BEACH STAY (B, L, D)

Free at leisure with daily breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

#### **DAY 11: TIGER ISLAND-DEPARTURE (B)**

Breakfast at hotel then transfer to airport.

End of trip.



# 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 Orang-utans and proboscis monkeys.

Learned about culture and environment'

-Ringborns

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul> <li>All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)</li> <li>Accommodation as described</li> <li>English speaking guide from 2 – day 6 (land transfers)</li> <li>All transfers</li> <li>All National Park entrance fees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meals other than mentioned</li> <li>International flights</li> <li>Internal flight ticket &amp; airport departure tax (approx. £250 pp)</li> <li>Tips</li> <li>Personal expenses</li> <li>Alcoholic drinks and drinks in restaurants</li> <li>Personal expenses</li> </ul>

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITY DURATION 2 – 5 hours
SEASON April - October
BEST TIME TO GO April - October

GROUP SIZE The price is per person & based on a private trip based on 2 people

travelling

EXPEDITION SCHEDULE 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.

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 'Medium' level (2-5) hours of activities

per day). This means that you will need an average level of fitness.



## THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com">info@pioneerexpeditions.com</a> if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website <a href="mailto:www.pioneerexpeditions.com">www.pioneerexpeditions.com</a> 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 you requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

