



ORANGUTAN JUNGLE TOUR (8 DAYS) EXPEDITION ITINERARY ~ 12 to 20 MAY 2012

The most intimate experience of orangutans anywhere in the world in the jungles of southern Borneo with two unique personal hosts, one a scientist, one a book author – May 2012, be there!

Travel type:	Small group of 10 to 12. Children 12 years and older allowed.
Expedition grade:	Easy to moderate in parts
Activities:	Orangutan viewing, wildlife viewing, reforestation program, river cruising, bird watching and more
Accommodation:	Hotel, river klotok (boat) and jungle lodge
Transport:	River boat (klotok), car and on foot.
How this helps Orangutans:	You will be supporting the two non-profit foundations in their work protecting orangutans as an endangered species and their rainforest habitat in Indonesia, the Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) & the Australian Orangutan Project (AOP)
Price:	\$3,095 (U.S. or Canadian).
Trip duration:	Eight (8) Days

OVERVIEW

Come see orangutans up close and personal the way they should be seen, in the jungles of Borneo, and make a personal difference by contributing to organizations helping to save the red ape from extinction.

Under the auspices of the Australian-based Orangutan Odysseys, raising funds for the Australian Orangutan Project and the Orang Utan Republik Foundation, you will be guided upriver in a small, exclusive expedition led by two men who know orangutans and this location like few others in the world.

This is an adventure you can have nowhere else in the world. In this eight-day Orangutan Odysseys tour, beginning and ending in Bali, and going upriver by boat to the jungle of Tanjung Puting National Park, in Kalimantan, southern Borneo, you will spend time with ex-captive orangutans who wander freely and are accustomed to being close to human beings. You will go back in time to a place in the jungle where one of the first orangutan research camps was established in 1971 to do some of the first field research of the red ape.

You will witness other unique flora and fauna of the Borneo jungles and spend time contemplating the wonders of this amazing country and its people.





One of your hosts will be **Dr. Gary Shapiro**, an orangutan scientist who did pioneering research in the late 1970s teaching orangutans in Tanjung Puting National Park to communicate with sign language. Shapiro will take you back in time to those early days of field research in this location and introduce you to some of the orangutans who still remain from that period, still using the sign language Shapiro taught them. Shapiro works from his Los Angeles base and travels extensively in Indonesia, with a home in Bali. He is the president of a non-profit foundation, the Orang Utan Republik, working in Indonesia to help save orangutans from extinction.



The second host is **Prof. Shawn Thompson**, a photographer, journalism professor and author of the acclaimed mainstream book *The Intimate Ape: Orangutans and the Secret Life of a Vanishing Species*. Thompson has written about orangutans with more breadth and personal experience than most other journalists. He was also the author of an online column for Psychology Today magazine about human beings and apes. One chapter in his orangutan book is devoted to the life of his remarkable friend, Shapiro. Thompson is a member of the board of the Orang Utan Republik Foundation.

With these two hosts you will get a full and unusual understanding of what you are seeing, as this adventure of a lifetime takes you upriver by a kind of boat called a klotok, where you will eat and sleep in the jungle for three nights.

You will likely also see many other wild animals, such as the macaque, the proboscis monkey, the false gavia (a strange-looking crocodile) and exotic birds like the bird of paradise and the electric-blue kingfisher.

Your meals on the boat will be in authentic Indonesian style, prepared by an Indonesian cook. You will sleep on the boat under stars not visible from the northern hemisphere, with the forest night lit by fireflies and luminous plants.

After Borneo, we return to Bali. For those who want to stay longer and experience more of Indonesia's charm, we can organize some options that will intrigue you.

If you are the sort of person interested in adventure and making a contribution to preserving the rainforest and a species of great ape, then this is your expedition.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sleep aboard and travel through the jungle on our klotoks (river boats)
- See the orangutans in their natural rainforest habitat
- Travel up jungle rivers to witness proboscis, ebony and grey macaque monkeys
- See the people of Borneo and their way of life
- Help save the orangutans from extinction

ITINERARY FOR MAY TRIP – 12 to 20 May – 8 days

Day 1 : Arrive in Bali. We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to our hotel for overnight stay. After dinner tonight we shall receive a talk from staff of the **Rainforest Alliance**, who will update us about the rainforest situation in Indonesia

Day 2 : Fly to Pangkalan Bun via Jakarta. Fly from Bali in the early morning via Jakarta to Pangkalan Bun. In the afternoon we take the town river boat ride (motorized canoe) and walking tour. Overnight at Blue Kecubung Hotel in Pangkalan Bun.(B)





Day 3 : Pangkalan Bun – Pondok Tanggui – Camp Leakey. Early morning start today will have us travelling in our Orangutan Odyssey klotok boats up the Sekonyer River to our first stop at orangutan Feeding Station #2, Pondok Tanggui. From there it's back on the river up to Camp Leakey, one of the oldest camps set up for the orphaned orangutans, where we are likely to see orangutans near the boat. We arrive in time for the afternoon orangutan feeding session and a tour of the rainforest. We will likely see other wildlife of Borneo here, such as long-tailed macaques, gibbons and proboscis monkeys. Overnight on the klotok. We provide a mattress, pillow and mosquito net. (B,L,D)

Day 4 : Camp Leakey - Crocodile Lake. In the early morning you will be awakened by the sounds of gibbons and jungle "music." We spend another full day at Camp Leakey where we will take a short trek around the camp, see the facilities, and learn more about the history of the camp. Then back to the boat for lunch. We will have a second opportunity to see the afternoon orangutan feeding. Then it's back to the klotok and a short cruise down to Crocodile Lake, where we will spend the night. Overnight on the klotok.. (B,L,D)

Day 5 : Crocodile Lake - Pesalat Plantation - Tanjung Harapan - Rimba Lodge. After being awakened by the sounds of the jungle we will be cruise back down the Sekonyer River to Pesalat Plantation. Here we plant some trees to help regenerate the forest and support the Friends of the National Parks Foundation (FNPF). An optional short jungle trek can also be arranged. Then we head off to check into Rimba Eco Lodge and after lunch to travel by river to Tanjung Harapan station for the afternoon feeding of orangutans. Overnight at Rimba Lodge. (B,L,D)



Day 6 : Rimba Lodge - Pondok Tanggui – Tanjung Harapan Village – Fireflies. After breakfast at the lodge we are back on the river travelling up to Pondok Tanggui for morning feeding. After lunch we have a rest and the option of a walk through the Tanjung Harpan village to meet some of the local people and maybe take a canoe ride. From there we will be back on the boat and, depending on time, have an orangutan viewing at Tanjung Harapan feeding station. Later that afternoon we will take the boat down the river to a mangrove of nipa palms, where we will have dinner among millions of glittering fireflies. This is an amazing sight that you will not forget. On the way we will watch proboscis monkeys playing along the river banks. Then it's back to Kumai by klotok and overnight at Blue Kecubung Hotel in Pangkalan Bun. (B,L,D)

Day 7 : Pangkalan Bun - Jakarta - Bali. This morning there is some time for a tour of Pangkalan Bun, see the markets, maybe visit the Yellow Palace before checking out and flying back to Bali. (B) Transfer to your hotel in Bali. (B)

Day 8 : Depart for home or trip extension (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 to other parts of Indonesia [click here](#)

INCLUSIONS

- All hotel accommodations in Bali & Pangkalan Bun
- All local tours including klotoks and guides
- All meals (B,L,D) and drinks (no alcohol) in Kalimantan on the klotok (as noted on itinerary)
- All domestic flights to and from Bali, Indonesia
- All transfers in each destination, including meeting at airport on arrival
- National park fees (including personal camera fees), ranger and local guide fees, boat mooring fees
- Professional guides (Australian & Indonesian)
- Donation to the Australian Orangutan Project for adopting one orangutan and sponsoring 100 hectares of rainforest for one year (\$130 pp)
- Orangutan Odysseys custom T-shirt and cap



EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares to Bali, Indonesia
- Visa on arrival (US\$25)
- Some meals & drinks (see itinerary)

DONATIONS, FEES AND COSTS

The purpose of this trip is to create awareness of the threat of extinction facing orangutans because of the destruction of their rainforest habitat and to raise funds to help orangutans. The trip hosts, Gary Shapiro and Shawn Thompson, will have their travel costs paid by Orangutan Odysseys and are donating their time and expertise to help make this a special experience for our guests.

Orangutan Odysseys has raised over \$70,000 up to 2011 for the estimated 6,000 orangutans in Tanjung Puting National Park. In 2012 we have set ourselves a target of \$212,000. Each participant of the trip will adopt an orangutan and sponsor rainforest via the AOP as part of the expedition fees.



Donations

Aside from the donation to the AOP, no other donations to the two non-profit orangutan organizations which we support have been included in your costs. We believe that generosity flows best when it comes from the heart according to what you feel is fair. We hope that the unique experience of this trip will persuade you to make a donation to the non-profit organizations Australian Orangutan Project (AOP) and Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) for the excellent work they do in helping to save orangutans and orangutan habitat or that you will feel encouraged to organize fundraising in your community. Your contribution will help preserve land for orangutans, build support among Indonesians to save the red ape, and support orphanages for young orangutans whose mothers have been killed. Please help us fight for the survival of orangutans however you can. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MORE INFORMATION

If you decide to join this trip, we will send you further travel details. Please do not hesitate to contact us at oo@orangutanodysseys.com for more information.

Website Links for more information:

- The Australian Orangutan Project: www.orangutan.org.au
- The Orang Utan Republik Foundation: www.orangutanrepublik.org
- Shawn Thompson: www.theintimateape.com
- Rainforest Alliance: www.rainforest-alliance.org
- The Intimate Ape: Orangutans and the Secret Life of a Vanishing Species: www.amazon.com/Intimate-Ape-Orangutans-Vanishing-Species/dp/0806531339
- Orangutan Odysseys – www.orangutanodysseys.com

