



25th May to 30th May 2010. 6 days / 5 nights.

Borneo

... escorted by Dr Stephen Van Mil



Orangutans of Kalimantan

with an optional side trip tour extension to see the Sun Bears of Samboja

Have you ever imagined visiting Kalimantan and seeing wild orangutans up close and personal? On our 'special escorted departure', lead by Dr Stephen Van Mil, you will enjoy a very personal experience in the Borneo wilderness and see this wonderful animal. There's an opportunity to meet orangutan infants at the Care Centre and to chat with volunteers and experts who have devoted their lives to the care and rehabilitation of these amazing animals. It's here where you will learn about the projects that are keeping them alive.

Stephen is a former veterinarian, a dedicated animal lover and a Conservationist. His 'Animal Media' company specialises in all aspects of media involving our wonderful creatures of the world. In conjunction with Fork Films, the award winning *The Last Trimate* (2008) was a world-released documentary narrated by Mel Gibson and featuring the amazing life-work of Birute Mary Galdikas and orangutans in Indonesian Borneo.



Highlights

Visit Tanjung Puting National Park, the base of Dr. Galdikas, world renowned Orangutan expert. Dr Galdikas was mentored by Dr Louis Leakey along with Diane Fossey and Jane Goodall. Camp Leakey inside the Tanjung Puting National Park is the site of the longest continuous study by a principal investigator of any non-human wild animal in the history of science.

Visit the care centre normally closed to the public and see how baby Orangutans are given special attention. Participants in this programme are given exclusive access to the Care Centre

Walk through the forests of the Tanjung Puting National Park with local Dayak guides

Cruise the Sekonyer River on a comfortable Klotok river boat

See wild proboscis monkeys and magnificent tropical birds

Meet with the staff and volunteers that make this programme possible and have a chance to ask questions.

Visit a local village and understand the ongoing issue of resource management between people and Orangutans.

Stay at a comfortable rustic river lodge that was built especially for the Great Apes Conference in 1991.

Assured multiple Orangutan sightings at close proximity

Package Cost:

Land price:

\$3995.00 per person – twin share

Single Supplement \$495.00

Minimum Group Size: 12

Airfares: Contact Maria for the best deals available

Inclusions:

- Return airfares from Jakarta and Pangkalanbun on Garuda Indonesia, Riau Airlines and Indonesia Air Transport (or alternative)
- Hotel/Lodge accommodation as specified
- All transfers/transport/tours specified by non-air-conditioned vehicles and local "klotok" boats
- Breakfast in Jakarta
- All meals in Kalimantan
- All National Park and Police permits
- English speaking local escort/guide in Kalimantan
- One visit to OFI Care Centre by special arrangement
- A component of your tour cost is a direct contribution to the Orangutan, their ongoing care, rehabilitation and conservation, via the OFI (Orangutan Foundation International)
- Leader – Dr Stephen Van Mil

Exclusions:

- Items of a personal nature
- Drinks, laundry, phone calls
- Applicable visa / passport fees
- Any additional airport taxes
- Tips to drivers/guides/porters
- Travel insurance
- International airfares.

For more information or to make a booking on our group tour, please contact Maria Rainone on 03 - 9696 8400 or via email maria@adventure-travel.com.au



Itinerary

Tuesday 25th May

Arrival into Jakarta

After clearing immigration and customs, exit the baggage hall and look for the Sheraton Bandara representative who will assist with the shuttle transfer (5 minutes) to our accommodation for an overnight stay. Dr Stephen Van Mil will meet you at the hotel tonight for a pre tour get together.

Accommodation: Sheraton Bandara

Includes: breakfast

Wednesday 26th May

Jakarta to Pangkalanbun

After breakfast, we'll take the shuttle transfer to the domestic terminal for check in.

1015: Depart Jakarta on Riau Airlines flight RIU162.

1135: Arrive into Pangkalanbun.

Upon arrival, we will be met by our local Borneo Wilderness Tour guide/escort and transferred to the Police Station to collect relevant Permits for the adventure. We will then proceed to Kumai to board traditional "klotok" for the 2½ hour cruise up the Sekonyer River to our accommodation for three nights.

Accommodation: Rimba Lodge

Includes: all meals

Thursday 27th May

In Tanjung Puting National Park

After breakfast, we'll cruise upstream to the tributary "black water" stream that ultimately leads to Camp Leakey (feeding station # 1), It's here that we will witness the 2:30pm feeding and have time to walk along some of the many trails for possible sightings of orang-utan. We then return to Rimba Lodge for the night.

Accommodation: Rimba Lodge

Includes: all meals

Friday 28th May

In Tanjung Puting National Park

After an early breakfast, we'll cruise upstream to Pondok Tanggui (feeding station # 2). Feeding occurs each morning at approximately 7:30am and time is available for a gentle walk on the 3km "loop" track and a possible excursion further upstream in search of Proboscis or long-tailed Macaque monkey. We then return to Rimba Lodge, followed by an afternoon cruise a short way down stream to Tanjung Harapan (feeding station #3). We then return again to Rimba Lodge for overnight.

Accommodation: Rimba Lodge

Includes: all meals

Saturday 29th May

Rimba Lodge to Pangkalanbun

After breakfast, we cruise back to Kumai by klotok (or speedboat if preferred), then transfer to the OFI Care Centre, where we'll have the opportunity to see dozens of orphaned and young orang-utan at various stages of rehabilitation. We will be fortunate also to have the staff brief us about the operations of the Care Centre. We continue onto Pangkalanbun for one nights' accommodation.

Accommodation: Hotel Blue Kecubun

Includes: breakfast

Flight Delays

Domestic flights within Indonesia are subject to delay and/or rescheduling without notice. It is recommended you allow at least 1 or 2 days buffer before scheduling your homeward bound flight in case of delays. In the event your program is delayed or has to be rerouted you will be liable for any additional costs (eg accommodation, air tickets etc) which you must pay in full at the time. On your return to Australia any unused services (i.e. exchange vouchers) will be refunded in full - providing there are no additional arrangements left unpaid or outstanding as a result of any delays or rerouting to your program. Air tickets on domestic/regional airlines (other than Garuda Indonesia) are generally non refundable.

Sunday 30th May

Pangkalanbun to Jakarta

An early start as we transfer to the airport at 7.30am for the Indonesian Air Transport flight to Semarang, departing at 8.50am. We'll arrive at 10.00am into Semarang, remain in transit and connect at 12.40pm on Garuda Indonesia flight GA239 to Jakarta. Arriving at 1.40pm, we'll be able to connect to Australia or add in an optional extension to Bali. If you are joining our "The Sun Bears of Samboja" optional tour, we will overnight in Jakarta.

Contact Maria for more information regarding your flight, accommodation & tour options to extend your tour, whether it be travelling to Bali, Singapore or to other parts of South East Asia & beyond.



Optional extension: The Sun Bears of Samboja

5 days/4 nights

'Samboja Lestari' is operated by the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation and is home to 52 sun bears, confiscated from the illegal pet trade or rescued from deforested areas. The sanctuary includes a 58 hectare area put aside for the bears including a 55 hectare patch of fenced secondary forest complete with maturing fruit trees and a flowing river and a second area of approximately 3 hectares. It is this second area that has been utilised to date.

The Malayan sun bear (*Helarctos malayanus*), also known as the honey bear, is the smallest of the world's eight bear species, weighing only 30 - 60 kg and standing about 1.2-1.5m in length.

Its name is derived from the orange, yellow or white coloured crescent on its chest. Sun bears are omnivores and feed primarily on termites, ants, larvae, honey and a large variety of fruits. They are well adapted for their diet. Their long tongue is efficient in removing honey and invertebrates from tree crevices.

The sun bear is found primarily in the tropical rainforest of South East Asia, as far west as Bangladesh and India and as far east as Borneo and Sumatra. Reliable estimates of the remaining population in the wild are lacking. However it is known that numbers are rapidly falling. The IUCN classifies the sun bear as vulnerable, making it the sixth bear species threatened with extinction.

Join us on a wildlife adventure to witness this all up close and personal.

Day 1: Sunday 30th May

On arrival at Jakarta International airport, you are transferred to the Sheraton Bandara hotel for 1 night's accommodation. For those finishing our tour to the Orangutans, we will be transferred from the airport as a group.

Meals: None

Day 2: Monday 31st May

Following an early breakfast, the group will be transferred to the Jakarta International Airport for our flight to Balikpapan. We'll be met on arrival and transferred to the Samboja Lodge arriving at the lodge at approximately 1pm.

After a brief orientation and time to get settle in, we have a late lunch taking in the forest views. Following lunch have a cold drink up in the tower and discuss the history of Samboja Lestari.

In the late afternoon we take a short walk to the orang-utan islands for some evening photo opportunities. We then settle back at the lodge, watching the sunset followed by dinner and the sounds of the wild night.

Meals: Lunch & Breakfast

Day 3: Tuesday 1st June

Following breakfast, we make our first visit to the see the Sun bears. Today's activities will be based on the weather and animal routines on the day but will include:

- A tour of the sun bear sanctuary to learn about its history & development
- Meet the keepers and meet the bears
- Get involved with the enrichment program

designing food puzzles, preparing the animals feed, and being part of the daily scatter feed for the bears going into their enclosure to hide their food!

- We will sit back and watch as the bears are released into their enriched enclosures. Take photos and marvel at their natural foraging behaviours.
- See the new 10 acre rainforest enclosure and lend a hand to the student volunteers working on-site.
- Measure up for your traditional woven bracelets hand made by the keepers and those interested could even head out to help pick the vine with them!

Lunch is back at the lodge and as it is usually the hottest part of the day, we'll stay there until about 2.30pm.

We intend to spend the afternoon viewing the orang-utan facilities and the vet clinic with dinner at the lodge. We will also possibly spend the evening doing a bit of night spotting around the lodge for various animals such as bats, mouse deer, wild pigs followed by a game of pool - the only game ever played that is likely to be interrupted by huge moths, spiders, man eating night insects, or snakes - an exciting time!

Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner

Day 4: Wednesday 2nd June

We will be up early today for a sunrise cruise up the black river. We'll board tiny boats that putt their way along the narrow channels in the morning twilight. See wild proboscis monkeys leap from tree to tree and then see them use the water palms that line the river's edge as soft landing platforms. Head down stream towards the morning sunrise until you reach the local fishing village stirring in the still waters of the day.



On our return, we'll see large water monitors up in the trees, on the palms, hunting along the muddy banks or swimming past you; and again, we pass the proboscis monkeys before returning back to our pickup point.

Return to lodge for a late breakfast which will be at about 9.00am.

We then depart to Samarinda. A short 1-2 hour drive north takes you to the largest city in East Kalimantan, and Pampang, a traditional Dayak cultural centre. See different age groups perform their traditional dance in full dress and song, and shop at the handicraft stalls. Please note: a local payment of approximately RP5000 is paid directly to the centre on arrival... this approximates to about AUD 60cents.

We will return back to the lodge for dinner, picking up fresh local fruits along the way. After dinner, we can retire or simply listen to the long call of the orang-utan across the forest as the insectivorous bats weave past your ears.

Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner

Thursday 3rd June

We will have breakfast before heading off into the bush to plant your very own rainforest tree! Its back to the bears for a final goodbye and to collect your hand made bracelet. We will have lunch at the lodge, settle our drink accounts and then be transferred to the airport for our flight back to Jakarta where the tour ends.

Meals, breakfast, lunch

Important - please note:

- the day to day itinerary at the lodge may vary depending on local conditions.
- We are visiting a working animal and forest rescue/rehabilitation area, not a resort.
- The drinking of alcoholic beverages should be in moderation. Alcohol is not available for purchase at Samboja Lodge but you are allowed to take in 1 bottle of alcohol on entry. Soft drinks and other beverages are available for purchase.
- There are no credit card facilities at the lodge – all drink accounts must be paid in USD cash or in Indonesian Rupiah.

- There are no internet facilities and mobile phone coverage is limited.
- When you stay at Samboja Lodge, you are in the centre of a 2000 hectare reserve of unique, regenerating rainforest. Exotic birds will come to your balcony and tree frogs will "sing" to you in the evening. Samboja lodge offers modern facilities with an open restaurant serving traditional Indonesian meals. You will have a unique and adventurous learning experience, whilst staying in comfort.

Tour Guide

As part of your stay at Samboja Lestari your guide will be Darek Figa. During the past couple of years, Darek has been involved with the on-going development of the sun bear sanctuary. His passion is in animal behaviour and welfare, which he combines to address improvements in captive animal well-being. Using known natural behaviours of sun bears, Darek develops captive foraging programs as a means to enrich the sun bears at Samboja. During your stay you will become part of this foraging experience!



Please note: There are no cubs at the sanctuary and it is unlikely that there will be close bear contact as shown in the pictures on this brochure.

Sun Bear photo credits: Karen Stenner - www.karensimages.com

Package Cost:

\$1350.00 per person – twin share

Single supplement: \$180.00

Minimum Group Size: 10

*this costing will need to be re-priced if the number drops below 10

Inclusions:

- Return economy airfares from Jakarta to Balikpapan inclusive of airport taxes.
- 1 night's accommodation in Jakarta at the Sheraton Bandara Hotel with breakfast.
- Group airport transfer on arrival to Jakarta to the Sheraton.
- Return group airport transfer from the airport in Balikpapan to the Samboja Lodge.
- 3 night stay at Samboja Lodge with all meals and activities as per itinerary.

- A local payment of approximately RP5000 is paid directly to the centre on arrival... this approximates to about AUD 60cents.
- A donation of \$100 per person to the BOS Foundation to go towards projects at Samboja Lestari.
- Escorted by Dr Stephen Van Mil

Exclusions:

- Items of a personal nature
- Drinks, laundry, phone calls
- Applicable visa / passport fees
- Any additional airport taxes
- Tips to drivers/guides/porters
- Travel insurance

Kalimantan Orangutans & the Sun Bears of Samboja

Booking Form

Escorted by Dr Stephen Van Mil

Please complete this Booking Form and return it with a non refundable deposit of (i) \$1000 per person for the Orangutan Tour – and (ii) \$1500.00 for both tours, to initiate your reservation.

Travel insurance is mandatory on this tour. The Adventure Travel Company South Melbourne offers competitive cover, so please ask for a brochure.

I wish to reserve a place on...

- Kalimantan Orangutans:** \$3995.00 per person – twin share
 \$495 single supplement
- Sun Bears of Samboja:** \$1350.00 per person – twin share
 \$180 single supplement

Contact information

Please complete all personal details as per your passport:

First Name: _____
Surname: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Postcode: _____
Tel (AH): _____ Mobile: _____
Email: _____
Occupation: _____ DOB: _____
Passport number: _____
Place of issue: _____ Expiry date: _____

*Please email /post a copy of your passport – to ensure there are no errors with the spelling of names.

Travelling (and/or sharing Twin Room) with

Name: _____

A separate Application Form must be completed by each individual

Emergency contact

Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Phone contact: _____

Trip details

Preferred date ex Australia _____

Preferred return date _____

- I require Garuda Indonesia flights and additional travel arrangements in Bali

Seat Request (eg Aisle) _____

- I require Single Room accommodation
 Please send me information on Travel Insurance
 I will be arranging personal Travel Insurance

Have you any special dietary needs eg: vegetarian Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your payments - Deposit

A non refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required at the time of booking and must include this booking form and a copy of your passport. This deposit can be paid by credit card, however credit card fees will apply. Final payment is due on the 10th March 2010 – Direct credit, cash or cheques are preferred – Payable to The Adventure Travel Company.

Bank Deposit: National Australia Bank - Melbourne Office - Branch #: 083-155 - Account #: 45-305-3930 - The Adventure Travel Company - Trust Account

Any payments made in foreign currencies may incur bank fees and currency fluctuations, which will be adjusted in the final invoice & paid by the participant. Credit card surcharges of 2% for Visa & MasterCard & 3.1% for Amex & Diners will apply to all bookings.

Creditcard Authorisation: – Fax to 03 - 9696 8600

Type of card: AMEX VISA MASTERCARD DINERS

CCV#

Name on card: _____ Card Expiry: _____ Amount: _____

- I authorise The Adventure Travel Company to debit my above card account with the above amount. A credit card surcharge of 2% for Visa & MasterCard or 3.1% for Diners & Amex will apply to all bookings and this will be reflected in the amount debited to the card.

Signature of cardholder: _____ Date: _____



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