



Orangutan Foundation International

Journey into the rainforest with Dr. Biruté Galdikas

In 1971, Biruté Mary Galdikas arrived in one of the world's last wild places, Tanjung Puting Reserve in Borneo, Indonesia. There were no telephones, roads, electricity, televisions, or regular mail service. The reserve was being logged and the laws protecting wildlife were not enforced. The rhinoceros had already been hunted into extinction in the area. At this time, very little was known about orangutans in the wild.

Despite these conditions and a number of people that said it could not be done, Dr. Galdikas developed the first comprehensive study of the wild orangutan. Through this work, Dr. Galdikas created Camp Leakey, the site of the longest continuous study on any primate. She has also protected one of last havens for orangutans in Borneo despite the tremendous pressures from illegal logging, illegal mining, and palm oil company interests.

During this trip, you will visit the sites of Dr. Galdikas' work including her famous research site at Camp Leakey and the Orangutan Care Center and Quarantine Facility, which houses over 330 orangutan orphans. Dr. Galdikas will share with you her expertise in the areas of primatology, anthropology, and conservation. As the world's leading expert in orangutan behavior, you will come away with insights into one of human's closest living relatives. You will also spend time along river ways and walking through the forest looking at some of the most amazing wildlife on the planet including proboscis monkeys, Bornean bearded pigs, and hornbills.

Day 1

Arrive Jakarta

Upon landing in Indonesia proceed through immigration. After collecting your luggage exit into the arrival hall. A hotel representative will be there to transfer you to the airport hotel. This evening will be free to relax and have dinner on your own.

Bandara Hotel near the Jakarta Airport

Day 2

Meals Provided: B L D

This morning we will take the hotel shuttle along with other OFI travelers to the airport in time for our flight to Pangkalanbun, Kalimantan (Borneo).

Upon arrival in Pangkalanbun, we will be met by your Orangutan Foundation International Tour Escort and will be taken to the Grande Kecubung for lunch. Dr. Galdikas will give an introductory presentation on the wildlife we will encounter during our first day on the river. We will then continue to Kumai Harbor, a thriving river harbor at the edge of the vast Borneo interior. Cruise by Klotok for 2-3 hours up a small tributary of the Kumai River. As we leave Kumai Harbor, we will have an opportunity to witness riverfront life in this busy port-town, including the incredible shipyards where traditional methods are still employed to build giant wooden schooners.

As we travel upstream, the river narrows to the point where, in places, we are passing underneath the thick forest canopy. Our keen anticipation will be rewarded by fleeting glimpses of colorful birds and many species of primates. While for many, the river trips are highlights in themselves, certainly a highlight of these excursions is seeing the playful proboscis monkeys bounding through the trees. These large primates are found only in isolated areas of Borneo; their pendulous noses give them a comic appearance. We may also see majestic hornbills flying low over the jungle canopy, and a variety of other wildlife including leafeating macaques as well as the occasional wild orangutan. Arrive at our small, comfortable, stilted lodge at dusk for check-in.

Overnight at the Rimba Lodge – Kalimantan.

Day 3

Meals Provided: B L D

During our time at Tanjung Puting National Park, visit two sites that conduct supplemental feedings for orangutans, Pondok Tanggui and the well-known Camp Leakey. This morning we cruise upriver to Camp Leakey.

Today begins a full day of exploration and encounters with Borneo's famous wildlife. The program is flexible to afford maximum opportunities for viewing wildlife and taking advantage of any special sightings or occurrences. On arrival at Camp Leakey's river pier, we are likely to be greeted by some of the resident orangutans. We will stay to observe the afternoon feeding of the orangutans, followed by the dusk cruise back to the Rimba Lodge.


Overnight at the Rimba Lodge – Kalimantan.



Day 4

Meals Provided: B L D

Early this morning we will leave for Pondok Tanggui to make the morning feeding. In addition to seeing orangutans at the morning feeding, we should see large communities of the rare proboscis monkey. We will then continue on to Camp Leakey for a forest walk with Dr. Galdikas. While in the reserve you will have the opportunity to hike into the jungle and encounter firsthand some of the varied and thriving flora and fauna that make this one the most biologically diverse areas on earth. We will stay for the afternoon feeding and have a late afternoon tea with Dr. Galdikas.




We will return to the Rimba Lodge at dusk.

Overnight at the Rimba Lodge – Kalimantan.

Day 5

Meals Provided: B L D




After breakfast we will return to Pangkalanbun by speedboat to visit the Orangutan Care Center and Facility. Visiting the care center is a very unique opportunity that very few people experience. It is closed to the public. You will have most of the day to tour the medical and quarantine centers and have the opportunity to see orangutan orphans in the nursery forest learning the skills they will need to acquire to live in the wild. Dr. Galdikas will give us insights into the rehabilitation program and share her special orangutan stories. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel.

Overnight at the Grande Kecubung – Pangkalanbun.

Day 6

Meals Provided: B



After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for the flights back to either Jakarta or Semarang (return flight depends on your onward destination)

If you are staying in Jakarta tonight a transfer will be provided to an airport hotel. Rest of the day at leisure and dinner on your own.

Optional overnight at a Jakarta airport hotel is at an additional cost.


Day 7

Meals Provided: B



If you are staying in a Jakarta airport hotel take the hotel shuttle bus to the airport to check in for your flight.

Optional independent post trip extensions are available to Amanjiwo and Borobodur in Yogyakarta Central Java. Other independent custom pre and post extensions to Yogyakarta, Komodo Island, Bali, Sabah (Malaysian Borneo) and Singapore. Anywhere in southeast Asia or Asia. We can also arrange diving and snorkeling trips. Please inquire.



\$5485.00 USD per person for a double

internal Indonesia airfare included

\$875.00 USD single supplement.

International airfare and mandatory travel insurance is extra.

Tax Deductible Donation to OFI included in the price. Group limited to 13 people.

Prices and itinerary subject to change



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