

Borneo Orangutan Trip



Join an exclusive, private tour of our two Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF) rescue centers in Borneo.

Our behind-the-scenes tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see orangutan conservation in a way that few ever get to experience. You will get to trek through pristine rainforests, participate in workshops and enjoy authentic local cuisine.

Please join us on this unforgettable trip, and return home with memories that will last a lifetime!



O Essentials

Samboja Lestari Sanctuary

Samboja Lestari is an area of restored tropical rainforest near the city of Balikpapan in East Kalimantan, Indonesian Borneo. Established by BOSF, this 2,000-hectare orangutan sanctuary was created with the aim to rescue, rehabilitate and provide a safe haven for orphaned orangutans.

It also provides a source of ethical income and conservation education for local communities. Sustainability, conservation and community development are at the core of our values.



By staying with us you not only support our conservation work, but also help us build an ecologically minded local community.

For an extra unforgettable experience, you can book one of two King Suites on the top floor of the lodge with an 180 degree view over the forest canopy.

Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre

In the midst of Central Kalimantan's tropical rainforest lies the Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Sanctuary. Founded by BOSF in 1999, this orangutan rehabilitation centre has become home to over 280 orangutans.

The primary aim of the rescue centre is to rehabilitate orphaned and displaced orangutans, with the ultimate goal of releasing as many of these orangutans back into the wild as possible.

The incredible team at Nyaru Menteng have taken in as many of these orangutans as possible in the hope of providing them with a better future.

Your price for this trip:

£1599 or \$1999

After paying £500 (\$650) deposit, please make sure that the remaining amount has been paid by the end of 2023.

Single room supplement: £200 (\$270) Queen room supplement: £300 (\$400) King room supplement: £400 (\$520)

What's included:

All accommodation (upgrades available for an additional cost) with three meals a day and soft drinks. All activities.

All transportation and airport transfers.

A personal guide from BOS-UK to ensure you get the best experience on your trip.

What's excluded:

Flights (assistance with booking your flights can be provided). Alcohol.

Visa



Food and drinks

The price for your accommodations includes three meals per day and soft drinks. Dietary requirements can be catered for provided we are advised of them prior to the trip.

Vaccinations

According to the most recent governmental advice, three COVID vaccines and a PCR test are no longer required to enter Indonesia. However, we will still organise an antigen test upon your arrival to Samboja Lestari.

Fitness level-medium

Treks are carried out at a leisurely pace to allow for all ages and most fitness levels, but due to high humidty and uneven terrain, hiking can be challenging for those with limited fitness levels.

Cancellation policy

Please note that unless the retreat is cancelled, your deposit is non-refundable as costs need to be paid in advance.

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• Your itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival

Arrival in Balikpapan, Borneo. Airport transfer.



Depending on arrival times, free time to relax.

Group dinner and overview presentation.

DAY 2



After breakfast, Samboja Lestari sanctuary tour.



After lunch, sun bear sanctuary tour, enrichment building workshop.



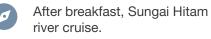
Dinner and evening relaxation on the upper deck.

DAY 3



- After breakfast, full day rainforest trek, animal and plant spotting. Packed lunch provided.
- Dinner and evening relaxation on the upper deck.

DAY 4



After lunch, tree planting and tour of replanting area.



Dinner and evening relaxation on the upper deck.

DAY 5: Travel to Nyaru Menteng

Airport transfer. Flight to Palangkaraya.

Depending on arrival times, free time to relax.

Dinner and Nyaru Menteng, induction.

DAY 6



After breakfast, transfer to Salat. Lunch and tour of sanctuary islands.

Discussing plans for Nyaru Menteng 2.

Dinner and evening relaxation.

DAY 7



After breakfast, tour of Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre.



Lunch break and sneak peek of Forest School.

Dinner and evening relaxation.

DAY 8: Departure day OR trip to Mawas

Optional trip to Mawas OR flight to Jakarta/the next leg of your journey.

Airport transfer.

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O Activities in Samboja Lestari

Samboja Lestari Sanctuary Tour -

Our detailed guided tour will give you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see orangutans living on sanctuary islands up close. These orangutans are not able to be released back into the wild, but have been given the next best thing, which is a semi-wild environment where they can still climb trees and explore. If you're lucky, you may even get to see one of our resident baby orangutans on one of the islands!



Canopy Bridge



See the rainforest from a different perspective by walking along the Canopy Bridge, 30 meters above the forest floor. A mustdo activity!

Trekking in Bukit Bangkirai



Less than one hour drive from Samboja Lestari lies a protected forest area for orangutans, sun bears, proboscis monkeys, 242 species of birds (9 species of hornbills!) and more.

Sun Bear Sanctuary Tour & Enrichment Workshop



BOSF also looks after over 60 sun bears which are the smallest bears in the world. You will get to see staff feed the bears and get an opportunity to participate in building their daily enrichment.

Sungai Hitam River Cruise



Following a 30 minute drive from Samboja Lestari, you will take a leisurely boat ride along the Sungai Hitam river to see highly endangered proboscis monkeys and a river side village of houses built on stilts.

Tree planting



There are more than 100,000 young trees of many varieties in our nearby plantation. Make your contribution to regenerating the forest for years to come by planting trees with our local staff.

Night Market



During your stay, you will have the opportunity to visit the local night market. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy some local Indonesian cuisine?

O Activities in Nyaru Menteng

Exclusive Forest School Experience

It is extremely rare that guests are permitted to see the Forest School area. This is a very exclusive opportunity to watch young orangutans return from their day in jungle school! This will be an experience you will never forget.





Sanctuary Islands Boat Tour



Embark on a river cruise around the spectacular BOSF sanctuary islands! Orangutans spend time on these islands prior to their release and are given the space to put their forest skills (acquired through the rehabilitation programme) to the test. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn a little more about the project and the many successful releases BOSF have undertaken, as well as learning about some of the characters on the islands.

Tour of Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre



See what our supporters have enabled us to achieve by taking a guided tour of our Nyaru Menteng rehabilitation centre. Meet some of our local staff - the heroes who keep these centres running every day and who look after hundreds of orangutans in our care.

• What's next?

Are you interested in extending your Indonesian Trip? Here are two potential ways to do so.

Derawan Islands in Borneo

Welcome to paradise! The classic tropical islands of the Derawan Archipelago are where you go to trade jungle trekking and orangutans for white unspoiled beaches, palm trees and warm blue sea. Snorkel or take an optional scuba excursion to see schools of barracuda, whale sharks, green sea turtles, manta rays and more near Derawan's coast.



Yogyakarta and Borobudur Temples in Java

Visit Borobudur at sunrise to explore the largest Buddhist Temple in the world and discover the incredible history behind its construction. Travel along small lanes lined with traditional houses and stop to see village activities like harvesting and drying of vanilla and chili. Embrace the vibrant bustle of Yogyakarta and explore the Sultan's Palace, home to the royal family of Java.





Does this sound like the trip of a lifetime to you?

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