



Borneo
Orangutan
Survival
UK & USA

Wildlife in FOCUS

An experience beyond the lens

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the rainforest with a unique experience, to observe and ethically photograph Bornean wildlife while supporting the mission of BOS Foundation.

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS | 1–7 SEP 2026

FROM £1,999 / \$2,499 USD



Sam Rios

Tour leader &
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Visitation program
manager

Welcome to Borneo

A once in a lifetime experience in the heart of an Orangutan Sanctuary

THE ONLY fully sustainable and wildlife friendly orangutan conservation and reintroduction organisation in Borneo.

POSITIVE IMPACTS to your visit. Funds will go directly towards providing care for the orangutans and reforestation Projects.

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME opportunity to deepen your orangutan knowledge and also observe the behaviour of rehabilitated individuals.

IN THE HEART OF secondary rainforest, our Samboja Lodge is a beautifully designed and sustainable eco lodge.



By joining the Wildlife in Focus trip, you play a vital role in assisting to bring orangutans back from the brink of extinction

You get to deal directly with BOS partner organizations themselves instead of an external profit-oriented agency or broker. This ensures that your financial contribution to this program supports BOS Foundation and the orangutans under our care to 100%.



+ The Samboja Lodge

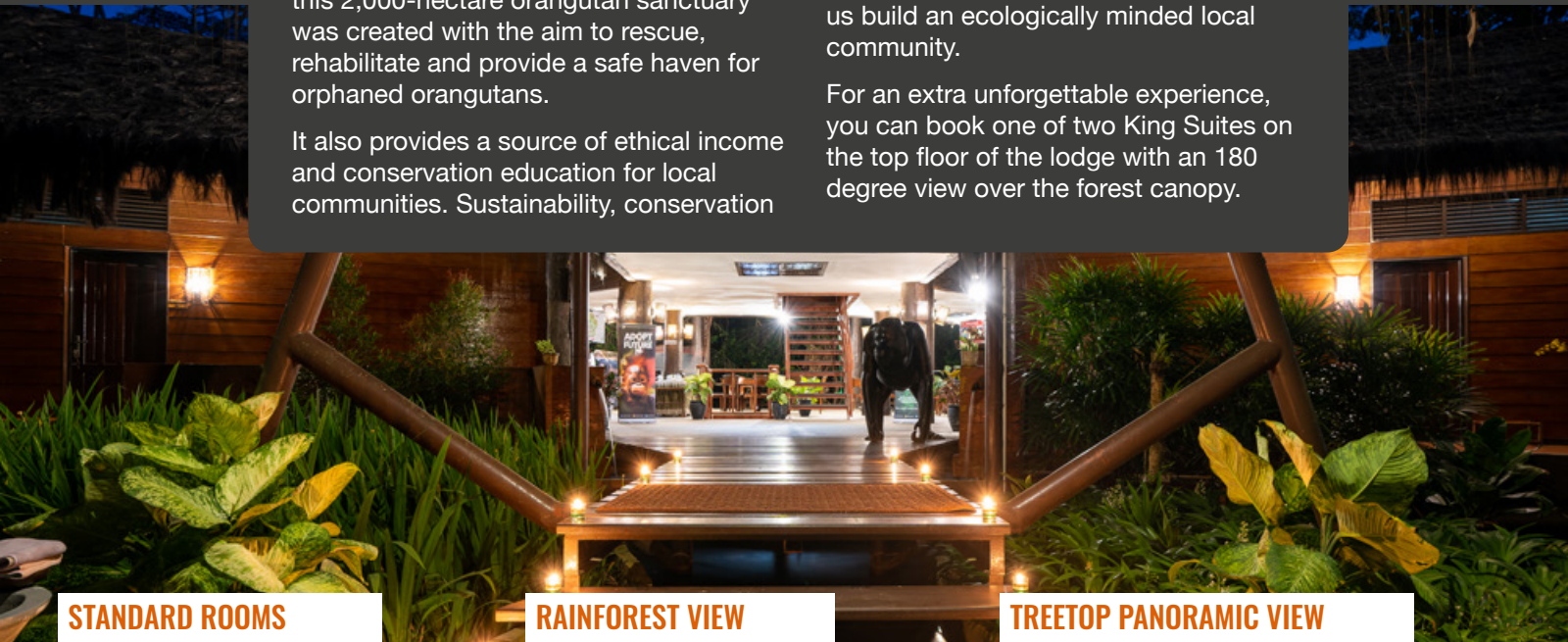
Samboja Lestari is an area of restored tropical rainforest near the city of Balikpapan in East Kalimantan, Indonesian Borneo. Established by BOSF, this 2,000-hectare orangutan sanctuary was created with the aim to rescue, rehabilitate and provide a safe haven for orphaned orangutans.

It also provides a source of ethical income and conservation education for local communities. Sustainability, conservation

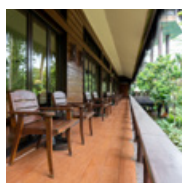
and community development are at the core of our values.

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.



STANDARD ROOMS



Our Standard Rooms are located across the ground and first levels of the lodge, and each is a generous 18 square meters of living space that serves as the perfect base for your rainforest experience.

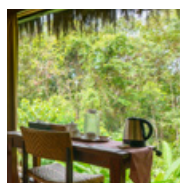
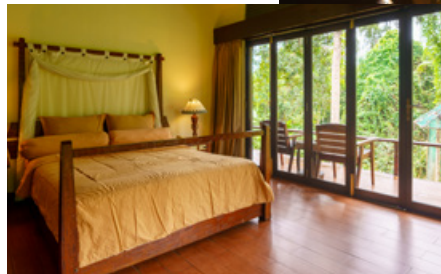
En suite

Air conditioning (AC)

Twin beds

Room size: 18m² / 194sq ft

RAINFOREST VIEW



Our Queen Suites are tastefully decorated. Within you will find a large bed draped with a mosquito net, a living area for kicking back, a private balcony perfect for taking in the beauty of the rainforest, and a bathroom fitted with a refreshing shower.

En suite

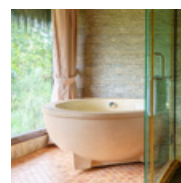
Air conditioning (AC)

Double (Queen) bed

180° window view to the jungle

Room size: 20m² / 215sq ft

TREETOP PANORAMIC VIEW



Situated in the canopy with the birds and monkeys, nicknamed the 'birds nest', where you can observe the forest life from the comfort of your bed. Open the window and the calls of the birds and croaks of the frogs soothingly wash over you.

En suite

Air conditioning (AC)

Double (King) bed

180° window panoramic view

Room size: 28m² / 301sq ft

Note: All rooms are subject to availability

+ Wildlife spotting & photography workshops

Being one of the richest rainforests in the world, Borneo is teeming with wildlife. This unforgettable trip is for native landscape lovers, wildlife spotters, and aspiring nature photographers looking to lean deeper into the vast expanse of ecosystems in and around Samboja Lestari.

The eco-lodge also features a tower that soars above the canopy, affording breathtaking views. This is where our curated workshops take place during dawn and dusk, perfect.

A unique experience that goes beyond the lens.

WILDLIFE SPOTTING

Knowing the names of animals and observing them through binoculars creates a deeper, more intimate connection, almost as if you were right beside them. And that's just the beginning! With rainforest hikes, boat excursions, orangutan tours, and more, our expert local guides will share their knowledge and insights, helping you become a more skilled and mindful observer.



PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

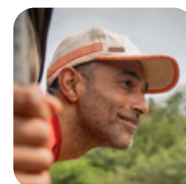
Understanding wildlife behavior naturally lends itself to capturing great photos. Images not only tell a story, but enhances your knowledge too. Discover how to compose a great angle, learn the techniques involved in setting up a great shot, explore the depth of macro photography and beyond!

Whether it be from a fancy full-frame camera, or simply from your smart phone, we open our trips to photographers of all experiences. Afterall, what's better than grasping the essentials within the rainforest itself?

About Sam Rios

Tour leader & lead photographer

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Hi, I'm Sam Rios.

My knowledge and expertise of photography has naturally occurred through a lifetime of

exploration, adventure, and a love for all flora and fauna of this earth. By always pushing my comfort zones, I've had the honour of leading trips across different countries, exposing human impacts when I witness them, and once finding myself hanging over the side of a waterfall cliff in Sri Lanka, for the sake of a good photo!

I now work closely with Borneo Orangutan Survival UK + USA, where my work can be seen throughout their printed and online material across the partnership.

I will be your tour leader for the trip, and can't wait to welcome you to Borneo in person.

 **Sam Rios**
PHOTOGRAPHER

+ *Your activities could include...*

Orangutan Survival Sanctuary Experience

Our detailed 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.



CANOPY BRIDGE



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

A must-do activity!

RAINFOREST TREK



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



The BOS Foundation also looks after a number of sun bears, the smallest bears in the world. You will get to see staff feed the bears but you will also get an opportunity to participate in building daily enrichment.

TREE PLANTING

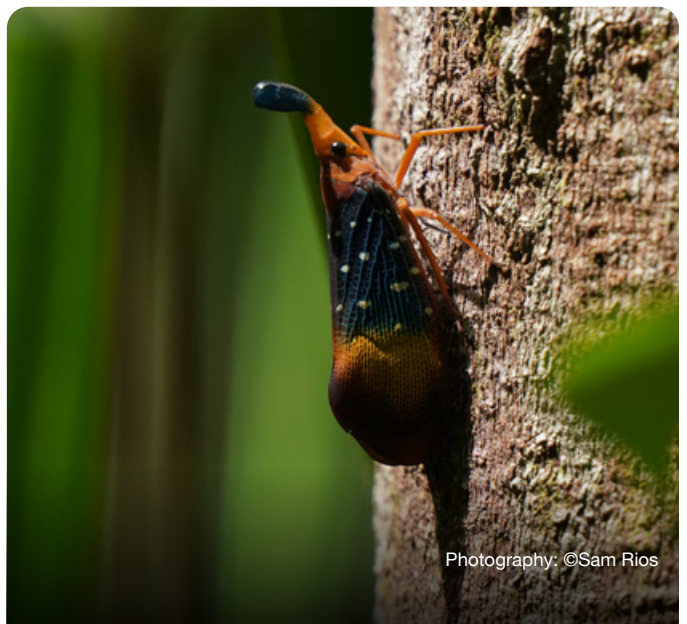


There are more than 100,000 young trees of many varieties in our nearby plantation. Make your contribution to regenerating the forest for years to come by planting trees with our local staff.

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.



FOOD AND DRINKS:

The price for your accommodations also includes all 3 meals per day (not including alcohol). For those who eat meat, we consciously choose locally sourced meat and fish, and for those who are plant-based we always provide delicious alternatives. Tea and coffee are available at all times.

Dietary requirements can be catered for provided we are advised of them prior to the trip.

RECOMMENDED FLIGHTS:

*Any flights arriving in Balikpapan, Kalimantan on **Tuesday 1st September** and departing Balikpapan on Monday 7th September 2026. Let us know if you are planning to arrive/depart on different days.

*Please remember that airfare is not included. The airport shuttle is only included on the day the trip begins and ends. An extra fee will be added if you arrive or depart on alternative days.

PRICE FOR THIS TRIP: ONLY £1,999 / \$2,499 USD:

To secure your booking, a deposit of £500 / \$600usd is required. The final payment is due 3 months prior to your trip.

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+USA to ensure you get the best experience on your trip.



WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

Flights. Trip insurance. Alcohol.

EXPERIENCE LEVELS & AGE:

Our trips are open to anyone aged 16 and older. Each participant under 18 must be accompanied by at least one adult.

All fitness abilities are welcome. They are designed to be inclusive and supportive but please note that some activities take place on rainforest terrain and may involve walking for a few hours at a comfortable pace.

VISA:

30-days tourist visa on arrival is available to purchase at the airport. If you are planning to stay in Indonesia longer than 30 days you need to look for alternative visa solutions.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Please note that unless the trip is cancelled for reasons in our control, your deposit is non-refundable.



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



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