

# EAST INDONESIA TOURS & TRAVEL

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## Best of Kalimantan Tour 22 DAYS / 20 NIGHTS

### Highlight of this trip:

1. Totally new tour program and new route. Most part of this trip are rarely seen by foreign tourists.
2. A good combination between River cruise, trekking at two rain forest national parks & End your visit at a marine park.
3. Two nights stay at four stars Hotel in Balikpapan, the old oil city of Kalimantan
4. Stay at Orangutans rehabilitation center with a possibility of one day volunteering work, taking care of the orangutans at Semboja Lestari rehabilitation center. Option of visiting surrounding nature is also possible.
5. 4 Days Exploring the mighty Mahakam river, the third longest river in the world and the longest river in Kalimantan, using chartered house boat with its crew & meals on board.
6. Visit and welcome by Dayaq Benuaq with traditional dancing in Mancong or Tanjung Isuy
7. Cross the Equator, and stop at the monument of 0 degree of the Equator in Kalimantan Island.
8. Trekking with ranger to see wild Orangutan at Kutai national park.
9. Night trekking to see the nocturnal creatures around Kutai national park.
10. Visit the Dayaq Kayan village near Wahau and possibly meet an old woman with long ear, a tradition back to hundreds of years.
11. Two nights stay at Lesan Rain forest, one of a few forest that is protected by the Dayak Gaai tribe, the indigenous tribe of Kalimantan.
12. Four night stay at Derawan chain islands, the outermost islands of Indonesian Kalimantan.
13. Including 20 Breakfast, 12 Lunch & 12 Dinners

### Day 01. Flight to Kalimantan

Today the great adventure is about to begin to Kalimantan. At the airport or on the plane, you will probably encounter some group members. The flight times are listed in the schedule.

### Day 02. Check in Balikpapan

After a stop over in Jakarta, you will fly directly to Balikpapan, where you will meet your guide. Your comfortable hotel is within a walking distance from the airport, about 7 kms from city center. Free afternoon and in the evening first briefing about Kalimantan Tour.

### Day 03. Balikpapan / Margomulyo mangrove tour (B)

Free morning on your own. You can relax by the pool, explore the city or visit kebun sayur market for local souvenirs. In the afternoon we will visit Margo Mulyo Mangrove forest. This local people initiative city forest run and manage by local people. Upon arrival, you will board simple

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open boat and you can relax and enjoy the mangrove forest. There will be a big chance that you will see colony of proboscis monkey in the trees having afternoon meal. Late in the afternoon return to your Hotel.

## **Day 04. To Samboja Lestari (B,L,D)**

After breakfast proceed to Semboja Lestari. This place is one of the biggest location for rehabilitation of Orangutan in Kalimantan. Most of the orangutan in this institution were confiscated from pet animals, circus, illegal trading. Therefore some of this orangutan had human diseases. And had to be quarantine at a manmade island.

We will stay in the comfortable eco-lodge surrounded by forest, far from the village. Part of the donations that we paid here will finance the running of this project.

## **Day 05. Samboja Lestari (B,L,D)**

Today you have several options to spend your day. Today you can participate as a volunteer foundation of BOS (Balikpapan Orangutan Survival Foundation). BOS is an Indonesian organization dedicated to the preservation of the Bornean orangutan and its habitat. The BOS Foundation is currently caring for almost 750 orangutans.

Your duty as volunteer is decided by the management, and what kind of extra hand need of that day. Perhaps you will help making supplement food for the Orangutan or perhaps helping to improve the condition of the cage of their Kalimantan honey bear? Together of BOS guide you will go on visiting the Orangutan Island on save perimeter and the guide will explain to you the background characteristic of the Orangutan that live in the island.

*Overnight at Samboja Lestari Lodge*

### **Tour Option:**

1. *Sungai Hitam*. You start very early and travel for about one hour to a local pier. You will board local longboat and the main attraction today is proboscis monkeys in the trees along the river bank. Total tour: 3 Hours
2. *Sungai Wein*. Start from the Hotel around 9 O'clock then you drive for about 1,5 hours. You will do trekking inside primary rain forest for 3 to 4 hours. During rainy season the trekking route can be tough and many leeches/ blood sucker. Total Tour 5 – 6 Hours.

If you are nature enthusiast, you can book both tour option in one day.

## **Day 06. Start Mahakam River Cruise / Day 1 (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we will drive for about 2,5 hours to Loah Janan where you will board of your house boat. Depends from the size of the group, we can have one or two house boats on those four days, navigating this mighty river up to 330 kms. Three Meals a day will be serve on board by our cook. Our first destination will be Muara Muntai, a village built on stilt in the river mud delta. Today you just relax and enjoy the view surround you while your boat captain and his crew navigating the river.

*Overnight onboard of your house boat*

## **Day 07. Mahakam River Cruise / Day 2 (B,L,D)**

We will arrive in Muara Muntai in the morning, and after breakfast you will have a chance to explore this unique village which is 100% built from ebony and other strong woods.

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Using several local longtails boat we will go on full day exploring Lake Jempang (15,000 hectares)inhabitant and its village. You will pass by a huge village of Jantur, a village built entirely on stilts made from Iron wood or Ebony. Cross the lake further to the Ohong village and enter the creek , which during the rainy season totally flooded. Along the Ohong creek you will see some wildlifes such as long tailed monkey, probiscis monkey and even Phytton snake! Arrive at Mancong village, local Dayak tribe will perform welcome dance that seems to attend by almost all women and children. You will also have the chance to explore their village which is not so traditional anymore.

Late in the afternoon we will arrive back at our house boat, and while we are having dinner our house boat continue the journey up river.

*Overnight onboard of your house boat*

## **Day 08. Mahakam River Cruise / Day 3 (B,L,D)**

You will awake this morning in Melak, a small county deep in the heart of Kalimantan. Today we will visit Kersik Luway national park in search of Local black Orchid, typical of Kalimantan orchid. Local ranger will help you explore some parts of this National park and he will show you all kinds of flora that are exist in the park. Next, you will visit a 400 years old Dayak long house which sadly half abandon now, since most people build house around the long house and let it be just a symbol of Dayak community. However, the totems and the pole and several mistique carvings in the front of the long house stillvery unique and worth to visit.

Return to our house boat in mid day, and while having lunch on board , our houseboat will move down stream heading to Samarinda. Late in the afternoon, enjoy the magnificent sunset over the river and perhaps watch the monkey colonies on it nets in the tree by the river bank.

*Overnight onboard of your house boat*

## **Day 09. End of Mahakam River / Day 4 to Samarinda (B,L)**

Early morning arrival at Kutai Kartanegara, a famous kingdom from the past and it has good relation with the Queen in the Netetherlands. After breakfast, we will visit the museum of Sultan Kutai. Inside the museum you still can see his official daily dress regalia (whic is made in The Netherlands), his throne and some past legacies. Also you can see several statues given by the Queen.

Return to your houseboat for an early lunch then sail further to Loa Janan. Upon arrival, say good bye to your boat captain and crews. Short transfer to your comfortable hotel then you are free in the afternoon. Perhaps visit the Islamic center? The Mall? Or simply relax at the swimmingpool.

## **Day 10. Samarinda – bontang – kutai NP / Jungle Trek (B,D)**

After breakfast you will travel to Kutai National park near Sangatta, to see the wild orangutan in its own habitat. You can make photo stops and walk a long the road to enjoy the panorama. Stop by at the monument of the equator then simple lunch in Bontang. Upon arrival in Sangatta's prevab, take local longtail boat heading into our camp. Afternoon trekking for the first searching of wild orangutan. After dinner, another evening walking. This evening you will stay at a primitive research house in the brink of the national park.

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## **Day 11. Kutai NP / full day Jungle Trek (B,L,D)**

After breakfast you will go on full day trekking exploring part of this 2,000 kms of this national park. You will explore small trails, climbing hill and mostly you will have your experience on trekking in the rain forest. You will probably encounter some local flora & fauna and your ranger will explain it to you in detail. In the afternoon you will return to your accommodation at the simple research station.

*Overnight at a simple hut by the research station of Kutai NP*

## **Day 12. Kutai NP Trekking – Sangatta (B)**

This morning you will still have the chance to explore the rain forest of Kutai NP. After breakfast you will go on 2 hours morning walking, explore the forest path in hoping to see the glimpse of Orangutan.

By the mid-morning you will packed all your sleeping stuff and we will have a short travel to Sangatta. Here you will check in at Luxury hotel with swimmingpool. Half day free on your own to explore Sangatta city or perhaps relax and swim by the swimmingpool?.

## **Day 13. Sangatta – Wahau / Dayak Village (B)**

If you are local market enthusiast, then you will wake up at sunrise and then drive for 15 minutes to the local market. This daily market sell all kinds of vegetables, meat, poultry product and all kind of daily need of local people. Return to your hotel for breakfast.

Travel for about 5 hours to the village of Wahau, deep in the Palm oil plantations. During the trip you will also pass several transmigrant village from Timor & Java.

In the afternoon you will visit the village of Miauw baru, a Dayaq village with its beautiful carvings in their communal spot. Explore the village on foot and perhaps you will meet the two oldest women in the village. They were both still having traditional tatto & long ears.

Unfortunately young generation do not continue practicing those sacred ritual anymore.

We spend the night at a comfortable guesthouse at Wahau, the palm oil village.

## **Day 14. Wahau – Lesan NP (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we travel to Kelay village with our Bus. There we will switch into minibus (and in rainy time, four-wheel drive) for the trip of 10 kms to the Dayak Gaai Village. Register our self with the Chief of the village there then we will continue our journey by long tail motorized canoe to the upper part of Lesan River for about 50 minutes. Upon arrival at your lodge, which is very simple wooden floor, no electricity, river front and no single village around but big forest. Your meals will be provided by our cook 3 times a day.

## **Day 15. Lesan NP – Full day trekking (B,L,D)**

Wake up at the day break and perhaps together with your Dayak ranger you will make a morning walk to see any animals possibly near the camp. Return to your camp for breakfast.

Today you will walk deep inside the forest via path with main destination: Swimming at the waterfall inside Lesan NP. It will take you about 3,5 hours to reach the waterfall. The path will not be that easy since it is mostly up and down terrain and can be slippery during rainy season.

This Lesan NP is a huge prime forest and you need luck to see the animals inhabitant. For sure it will give you a great sensation walking in the rain forest. Late in the afternoon, you will arrive back at your camp.

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## **Day 16. Lesan NP – Berau (B)**

You still have the chance to explore the forest on morning walking. Return to the camp for breakfast

Then prepare your self to leave the camp. Boar the longboat back to the Dayak village, then transfer back to your bus. Continue your journey to Berau where you will check in at a comfortable hotel. Free afternoon to explore the city.

## **Day 17. Berau – Derawan Island (B,L,D)**

After breakfast, you will travel to Tanjung Batu for about 3 hours. Board your speed boat and you will arrive in derawan island in less than an hour. In this two nights you will stay at a cotttage build on stilt above the sea. Wild turtles will play around your cottages and you can even try to swim with it. Today you are free to snorkel at the best spot of Derawan Island.

## **Day 18. Derawan island – Island Hopping (B,L,D)**

After breakfast, you will go on snorkeling at the best spots og Derawan Islands can offer. First you will snorkel in the shore of Maratua island, where you can spot turtles in its natural habitat, then swim at a hidden lake with beautiful white shandy beach at Kakaban Island. Experience swimming with stingless jelly fishes in Kakaban Island. Picnin lunch at Kakaban beach then continue your snorkeling at Sanggalaki Island shore and swims with Group of Manta fish. Late in the afternoon, return to you accommodation at Derawan island. There is a big possibility that you see turtles come to the beach to lay the eggs.

## **Day 19. Derawan Island – Free Program (B,L,D)**

Today you are free on your own to explore a different snorkeling spots, or perhaps visiting the local marine ranger station to see the turtle hatchery. Perhaps you could help them releasing some of this baby turtle into the sea?

## **20. Derawan Island – Berau (B)**

Breakfast then transfer to Tanjung batu by speedboat for 45 minutes. You will continue your 2,5 hours journey to Berau using several mini vans. Upon arrival in Berau check in at your comfortable hotel for your last evening in Kalimantan. Rest of the afternoon free on your own.

## **21. Berau – Amsterdam (B)**

Free on your own until the time to transfer to Berau airport. Fly to Amsterdam via Balikpapan & Jakarta. End of ther Tour Program

## **22. Arrival back at your Country**