



Borneo Orangutans

2027

Photo Safari

Overview

Few wildlife encounters feel as intimate and humbling as standing beneath the towering rainforest canopy of Borneo, watching a wild orangutan mother move silently through the trees with her infant clinging tightly to her back. It is a scene that feels almost prehistoric and raw, emotional and untouched, and one that very few photographers ever have the privilege to witness.

Tusk Photo is incredibly excited to announce our brand-new 7-night, 8-day photographic journey into the heart of the pristine jungles of Borneo, created specifically for wildlife photographers seeking a truly rare and authentic experience. This expedition will place us deep within remote rainforest habitats where we will spend dedicated time photographing wild orangutans in their natural environment, from powerful flanged males moving through the dense jungle to tender moments between mothers and their young.

One of the most extraordinary highlights of this journey will take place in a secluded and undisclosed location, far removed from the usual tourist routes. Here, in flooded forest channels and hidden jungle crossings, we will focus on photographing orangutan mothers carefully transporting their babies between trees and waterways, often carrying them on their backs, shoulders or even balanced gently above the water.

These moments are not staged, predictable or guaranteed, which makes every encounter deeply authentic and profoundly rewarding.

Combined with the rich atmosphere of the rainforest, dramatic jungle scenery and the opportunity to photograph one of the world's most intelligent and endangered primates, this promises to be an unforgettable Tusk Photo adventure into one of Earth's last truly wild places.



What To Expect Day by Day

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL IN PANGKALAN BUN | TRANSFER TO KUMAI | RIVER CRUISE & PROBOSCIS MONKEYS

Upon arrival at Pangkalan Bun Airport, you will be welcomed by your driver and one of our local guides before transferring approximately 30 minutes to the riverside town of Kumai. Here, we board our traditional klotok houseboat and begin our journey along the Kumai River toward the Sekonyer River, the main waterway flowing through Tanjung Puting National Park.

Lunch will be served onboard as we slowly cruise through this remarkable rainforest ecosystem. The riverbanks are alive with photographic opportunities, from the iconic Proboscis monkey to colourful birdlife, reptiles and countless smaller rainforest species. As the afternoon light softens, we will continue photographing along the river until dusk.

A freshly prepared dinner will be enjoyed onboard while surrounded by the sounds of the rainforest. After time to relax and soak in the atmosphere, we retire for the evening aboard the houseboat, a truly unique wilderness experience and a wonderful opportunity for nighttime photography.

DAY 2 – RIVER EXPLORATION & ORANGUTAN PHOTOGRAPHY

After breakfast onboard, we continue our journey by boat toward Camp Leakey and Camp 02, exploring the waterways and forest edges in search of photographic opportunities along the riverbanks. During the morning, we will focus on photographing wild orangutans, including dominant flanged males, mothers with babies and other wildlife we may encounter.

We will also visit a designated orangutan feeding area during the morning session, offering excellent opportunities to observe and photograph these remarkable primates in their natural rainforest habitat.

Lunch will be served onboard before continuing deeper into quieter areas of the forest by smaller longboats. In the afternoon, we visit another orangutan feeding location, where we will spend time photographing and observing behaviour in the soft afternoon light.

Following the afternoon session, we return to our lodge for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 3 – EXCLUSIVE ORANGUTAN PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

This morning, after breakfast, we depart by speedboat for one of our exclusive and secluded photography locations deep within the rainforest. These quieter and less-visited areas provide exceptional opportunities to photograph wild orangutans in a more intimate and natural setting. A packed lunch will be enjoyed in the field while we spend the day focusing on orangutan behaviour and movement within the forest environment. Special attention will be given to photographing mothers carrying their young through the flooded forest and between the trees, one of the signature highlights of this expedition.

After our photography session, we return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.



DAY 4 – REMOTE FOREST EXPLORATION & TANJUNG HARAPAN

Following breakfast, we once again venture into another remote rainforest location in search of further orangutan photographic opportunities. These secret locations provide some of the most authentic wildlife encounters of the journey, away from the more frequented tourist areas. After our morning photography session, we return to the boat and enjoy lunch while cruising toward Tanjung Harapan. During the afternoon, we visit another orangutan feeding area where we continue photographing these incredible primates in the late afternoon light. Dinner and overnight accommodation will be at the lodge.

DAYS 5 TO 7 – DEDICATED ORANGUTAN PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

Over the following days, we continue exploring a series of quiet and carefully selected rainforest locations, maximising our time with wild orangutans and other rainforest wildlife. Each day is designed around photographic opportunities, allowing flexibility based on wildlife activity, weather and light conditions.

We will spend extended periods in the field photographing orangutans within their natural environment, particularly focusing on mothers with babies, behavioural interactions and movement through the flooded forests.

Packed lunches will be provided during our full-day excursions, allowing us to remain in the field for as long as possible. Evenings are spent relaxing at the lodge while enjoying dinner and sharing the day's experiences and images.

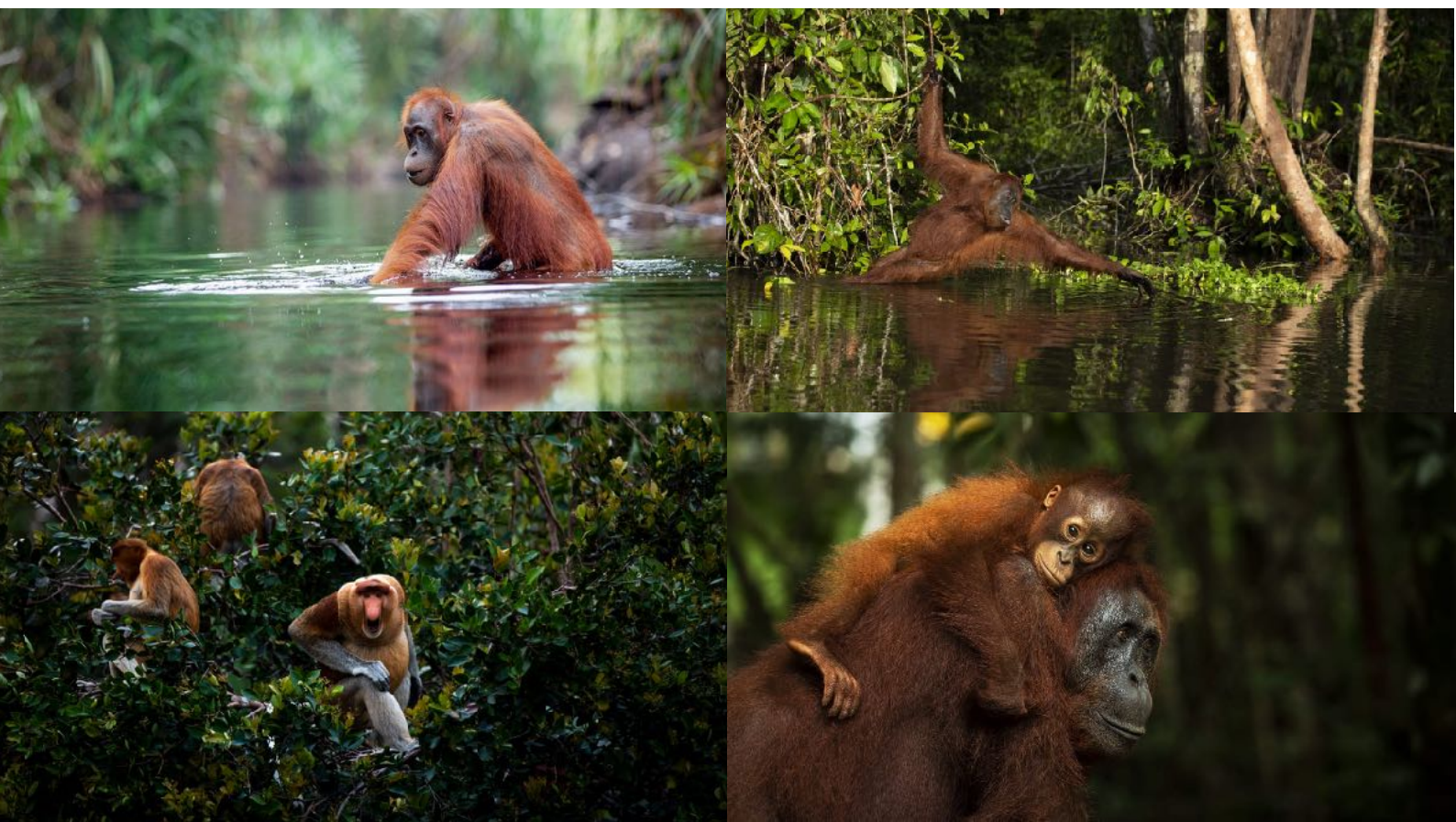
DAY 8 – FINAL MORNING & DEPARTURE TO KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, enjoy one final morning immersed in the extraordinary rainforests of Borneo. Depending on flight schedules, there may be time for one last photographic excursion or a relaxed morning around the lodge, offering the opportunity to absorb the sights and sounds of this remarkable wilderness.

Following our final breakfast, we transfer by boat back to Kumai before continuing to Pangkalan Bun Airport for your onward flight to Jakarta.

As our expedition concludes today, we recommend booking an afternoon flight from Pangkalan Bun to Jakarta. Should you have onward international connections, we strongly recommend spending an additional night in Jakarta before flying home.

End of Tour.



What You Get

INCLUDED:

- Airport transfers in Pangkalan Bun
- All accommodation (Traditional Klotok houseboat and Lodge accommodation)
- All National Park entrance fees
- Exclusive access permits to our private photography locations
- Professional local guides
- All meals throughout the expedition
- Tea, coffee and drinking water
- Longboat and speedboat excursions
- All photography activities

EXCLUDED:

- International flights to Jakarta Indonesia and back
- Taxis, transfers, and accommodation for any preceding night(s) before / after the tour starts
- Drinks (Alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Gratuities and personal expenses
- Visa fees
- Laundry services

Rates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	People	Nights
15-22 November 2027	US\$ 9935	4	7

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at US\$ 9935 per person sharing. There is no Single Supplement. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
 - Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
 - Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

Tour Info

TRAVEL INSURANCE

While every effort is made to ensure smooth travel arrangements throughout the expedition, unforeseen circumstances such as flight delays, schedule changes or missed onward connections can occasionally occur. For this reason, we strongly recommend that all guests purchase comprehensive travel insurance prior to departure.

Your policy should ideally include coverage for:

- Flight delays and cancellations
- Missed connections
- Lost or delayed baggage
- Trip interruption or cancellation
- Emergency evacuation and repatriation

Comprehensive travel insurance provides valuable peace of mind when travelling through remote regions of Indonesia. Please note that travellers aged 83 years and older will be required to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance coverage.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend that all guests obtain medical insurance that covers emergency medical treatment, evacuation and repatriation if required.

Many areas visited during this expedition are remote and access to advanced medical facilities may be limited. It is therefore essential that your medical insurance provides adequate coverage for travel within Indonesia.

Please indicate on your booking form whether you have arranged medical insurance for this tour.

PASSPORTS, VISAS & CUSTOMS

All foreign visitors travelling to Indonesia are required to hold a passport valid for at least six months beyond the duration of their intended stay. We also recommend having at least two blank passport pages available for immigration stamps.

Visa requirements for Indonesia vary depending on nationality, and it is the responsibility of each traveller to check the latest entry requirements with their nearest Indonesian Embassy or Consulate prior to travel.

Visitors eligible for Visa on Arrival facilities should ensure they carry sufficient funds and any required supporting documentation. Immigration regulations and visa fees may change without notice.

We strongly recommend carrying printed copies of:

- Your passport
- Flight itinerary
- Travel insurance documents
- Hotel confirmations
- Vaccination certificates (if applicable)

Please also leave copies of these documents with a family member or trusted contact at home.

As visa validity periods may vary, travellers should carefully check all visa details immediately upon issue to ensure validity for the full duration of the trip.

MONEY & CURRENCY

The local currency in Indonesia is the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR).

ATMs, banks and currency exchange facilities are available in major cities such as Jakarta and Labuan Bajo; however, access may be limited in more remote regions visited during the expedition.

Most hotels and larger establishments accept Visa and MasterCard, although smaller local businesses may operate on a cash-only basis. We recommend carrying a combination of credit cards and cash during the trip.

US dollars are widely exchangeable in Indonesia, but notes should be clean and undamaged. Older or marked notes may not be accepted.

HEALTH

Travellers should consult their physician or travel clinic prior to departure regarding recommended vaccinations and general travel health precautions for Indonesia.

Depending on your travel history and country of origin, certain vaccinations may be recommended or required. We also advise guests to seek professional medical advice regarding malaria prevention and insect protection while travelling in tropical rainforest environments.

Guests taking prescription medication should ensure they bring an adequate supply for the duration of the expedition, together with copies of prescriptions if required.

As we will be travelling through remote wilderness areas, we recommend bringing:

- Personal medications
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Basic first-aid supplies
- Any specialised medical items you may require

Should you require additional medical advice, we recommend consulting a qualified travel clinic before departure.

LANGUAGE

The official language of Indonesia is Bahasa Indonesia, although English is commonly spoken in hotels, tourism establishments and by our local guides throughout the expedition.

FLIGHTS & TRANSPORT

We strongly recommend that all guests arrive into Jakarta at least one day prior to the official start of the expedition. Arriving a day earlier is highly advisable and provides additional flexibility in the event of international flight delays while also allowing time to rest before the tour begins.

Following the conclusion of the orangutan photography experience in Pangkalan Bun, the expedition continues directly to Labuan Bajo for the Komodo dragon portion of the itinerary.

The internal flight from Pangkalan Bun to Labuan Bajo is included as part of the expedition package. These flight arrangements will be booked closer to the departure date, and all flight schedules and relevant travel details will be provided to guests in advance.

CLIMATE

The rainforests of Borneo experience a tropical equatorial climate throughout the year, characterised by warm temperatures, high humidity and regular rainfall. November falls within the wetter season, meaning guests should expect lush green forests, dramatic atmospheric conditions and occasional tropical rain showers — all of which create exceptional photographic opportunities.

Temperatures during the expedition generally range between 24°C and 32°C (75°F to 90°F), with humidity levels often remaining high throughout the day. Early mornings and evenings are typically slightly cooler and particularly active for wildlife photography.

Rain showers can occur at any time, although they are often short-lived and followed by clear conditions. The rainforest environment creates beautiful soft light, misty conditions and rich jungle colours, adding a unique atmosphere to photography throughout the expedition.

Average Conditions in November

- Average Temperature: 27°C
- Average Minimum Temperature: 24°C
- Average Maximum Temperature: 32°C
- Average Rain Days per Month: 15–18 days

While rain is common during this time of year, it rarely disrupts the overall experience and often enhances wildlife activity and rainforest scenery.

CLOTHING & WHAT TO PACK

For this expedition, we recommend lightweight, comfortable and breathable clothing suitable for tropical rainforest conditions. Neutral or muted colours are preferable for wildlife photography and help minimise disturbance when working around wildlife.

As conditions can be warm, humid and occasionally wet, guests should pack practical clothing that dries quickly and provides

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating individual dietary preferences and requirements, and every effort will be made to cater to most dietary needs throughout the expedition.

Please advise us of any dietary requirements, food allergies or medical dietary restrictions when completing your booking form so that arrangements can be made in advance with our lodges, houseboat crew and catering teams.

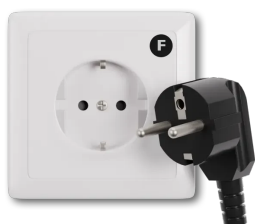
While we will always do our best to accommodate special requests, guests should be aware that food options may occasionally be more limited in remote wilderness areas and onboard expedition vessels.

POWER & ELECTRICITY

Indonesia operates on 220–240 volts AC, 50Hz.

The most commonly used plug types are the European-style two-pin plugs (Types C and F). We strongly recommend bringing a universal travel adaptor as plug types may vary between hotels, lodges and vessels throughout the expedition.

Most accommodation providers and the houseboat offer charging facilities for cameras, phones and other electronic equipment; however, power availability may occasionally be limited in more remote areas. Guests travelling with extensive camera equipment are encouraged to bring spare batteries and charging accessories where possible.



PHOTOGRAPHY AND GEAR

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies or more (a backup will mean peace of mind)
- Spare memory cards and batteries
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600 with teleconverters if needed.
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) 14-24 or 24-70 or similar for landscapes and close up work.
- Monopod with related gear for low angle work.
- Remote camera trigger (wireless is recommended especially for pole cam work)
- Flash and battery pack (recommended)
- Notebook/laptop or additional storage device.

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the tours duration. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything,

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are entirely at your discretion; however, tipping is customary throughout Indonesia and is always greatly appreciated by local guides, boat crews, lodge staff and drivers.

The following amounts are provided as a general guideline only, and guests are welcome to adjust these at their own discretion based on service received:

- Local Guide: USD 20–25 per guest per day
- Boat Crew & Lodge Staff: USD 10–15 per guest per day
- Drivers & Transfers: At guests' discretion
- Restaurants: A gratuity of approximately 10% is customary where service charges are not already included

We recommend carrying small denominations of Indonesian Rupiah or US Dollars for gratuities throughout the expedition.

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Most hotels and lodges throughout the expedition offer complimentary Wi-Fi; however, connection speeds may vary considerably in remote rainforest and island regions.

Cellular reception is generally available in larger towns and some lodge areas, although signal coverage may be limited or unavailable in more remote parts of the rainforest and within certain areas of the Komodo archipelago.

Guests wishing to use their mobile phones during the expedition should ensure that international roaming is activated prior to departure. Please note that international roaming charges can be expensive depending on your service provider.

Alternatively, local Indonesian SIM cards and data packages are widely available at airports and are generally inexpensive and easy to purchase.

Emergency Contact Information
Tusk Photo Office
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Additional local emergency contact details and accommodation information will be provided to guests closer to departure.

INDEMNITY

Tusk Photo and its staff place the highest priority on guest safety and wellbeing throughout the expedition. However, guests should be aware that travel to remote wilderness areas involves certain inherent risks.

While every reasonable precaution is taken, Tusk Photo cannot accept responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury, accident, illness, delays or unforeseen circumstances that may occur during the expedition.

By completing the booking process and participating in the tour, guests acknowledge these inherent travel risks and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo and its representatives against any claims or liabilities arising from participation in the expedition.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this document, details may occasionally change due to operational requirements, weather conditions or circumstances beyond our control.

Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you on this extraordinary photographic expedition to Borneo and Komodo.

