

## TREKKING-TRAILING THE SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN 4 Days / 3 Nights

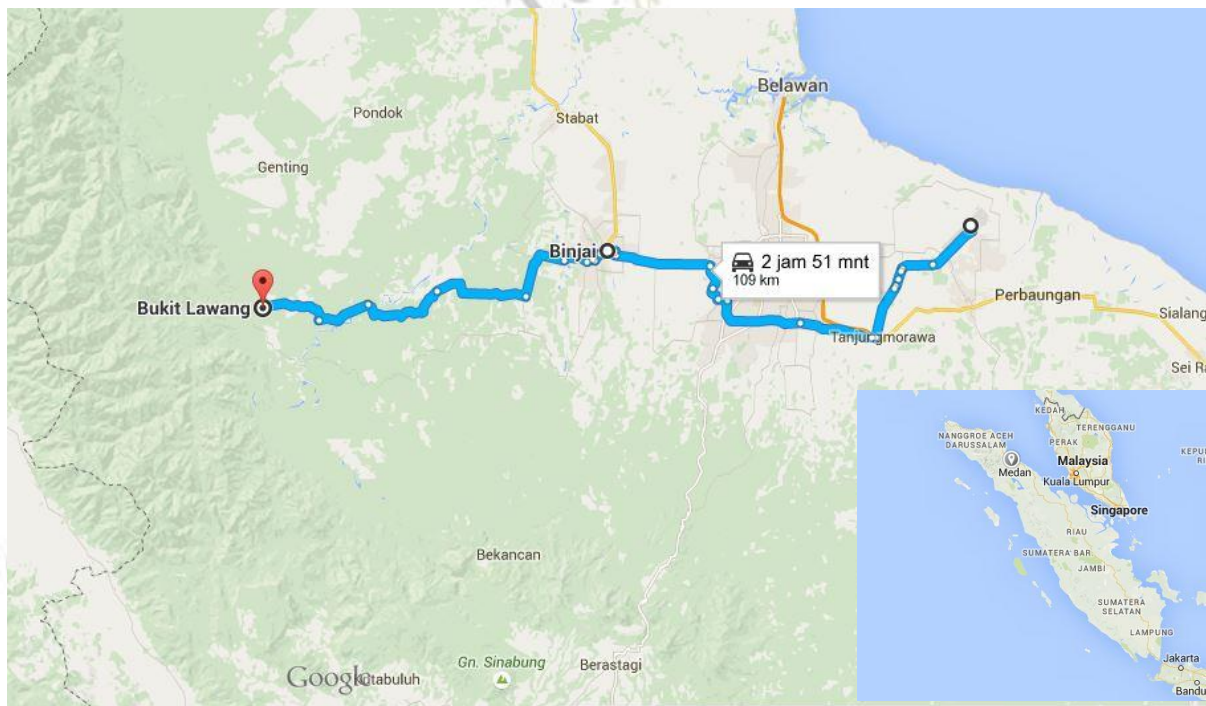
Head deep in to the jungle in search of Sumatra's wild orangutans. Spend three nights in Gunung Leuser National Park, trekking through dense forest to discover one of the world's most diverse ecosystems. Camp under star-filled skies, drift down languid rivers and spot exotic animals in their natural habitats.

### 3 Long Highlights:

- **Encounter exotic wildlife**  
Join a guide for nature treks and, if lucky, catch a glimpse of orangutans, rabbits, hornbills and other jungle animals
- **Sleep in the Sumatran jungle**  
Spend two nights in an eco-lodge and one night camping, surrounded by the sounds of jungle life
- **Go tubing in Gunung Leuser Park**  
After a tough morning of trekking, drift down a tranquil river in a tube to enjoy the natural jungle surroundings

### 5 Short Highlights:

- Trek through Sumatran jungle
- Spot orangutans in the wild
- Learn about indigenous wildlife
- Tube down a tranquil river
- Camp out under the stars



Day	Destination	Activity	Difficulty	Transfer	Meals	Hotels
1	Medan – Bukit Lawang	Arrival, Trekking 1.30 hour	Easy	4 hours	-/-/D	Bukit Lawang Eco Lodge
2	Bukit Lawang – Jamur Batu Atas	Trekking 6 hours	Medium	-	B/L/D	Camp at Jamur Batu Atas
3	Aras Pinang – Bukit Lawang	Trekking 4 hours, River Tubing 1 hour	Medium	-	B/L/D	Bukit Lawang Eco Lodge
4	Bukit Lawang – Medan – Departure	Departure	-	4 hours	B/-/-	-

**Day 1: Arrival Medan – From Buking Lawang to Feeding Platform – Bukit Lawang (-/-/D)**

Arrive at Medan Kuala Namu International Airport on an early morning flight and meet with the local English-speaking guide and driver outside the arrivals area for a private transfer to Bukit Lawang.

***Recommended flights: (Not included and quoted separately– Tariffs and schedule subject to change without prior notice)***

- International: By Silk Air from Singapore with MI234 arriving Medan at 07:55 (daily)
- International: By Malaysia Airlines from Kuala Lumpur with MH840 arriving Medan at 06:15 (daily) or with MH860 arriving Medan at 08:50 (daily)
- Domestic: By Garuda Indonesia from Jakarta with GA180 arriving Medan at 08:00 (daily) or with GA142 arriving Medan at 08:55

The journey to Gunung Leuser National Park takes approximately two and a half from Medan. Stop en route for a lunch of local specialties (own account) before arriving at the park’s outskirts in the town of Bukit Lawang around noon.

Gunung Leuser National Park is the last sanctuary of the legendary Sumatran orangutan.

Upon arrival, head on a short walking excursion along the river bank before crossing to the other side in a traditional canoe. From here, head further into the jungle for an up-close encounter with wild orangutans. While they feed, enjoy a special moment that will surely create a lasting lifelong memory. Afterwards, return to the hotel in Bukit Lawang.

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Bukit Lawang

**Distance and journey time:**

*Transfer from Medan Airport to Bukit Lawang (108 km): 4 hours*

*Trekking distance: 1 hour 30 minutes*

*Difficulty : Easy*

**Day 2: Bukit Lawang – Jamur Batu Atas**

**(B/L/D)**

In the morning, wake to a chorus of wildlife such as the gibbons and hornbills as they scramble around in search of fruit. The sheer array of sounds emanating from the jungle is both bewildering and magical.

Today's trek heads through the mountainous interior of the national park, beginning with a steep incline and rewarded with spectacular views. Occasional breaks are taken as required.

While venturing deeper into the jungle, try to be as quiet as possible to maximise the chances of glimpsing some of the endemic wildlife. With any luck, less commonly sighted species such as the Sumatran striped rabbit and a vast variety of birds and butterflies may also be seen. Close encounters with local wildlife are a distinct possibility. Be mindful to never approach or touch an orangutan if the opportunity presents itself, and pay close attention to the instructions of the guide.



To conclude the day, discover how to set up camp in the Sumatran jungle after arriving at the first campsite. Assist with building a fire in order to cook a delicious jungle dinner. The local guide is well versed in 'camp cooking' and will be sure to share some of the secrets of how to dine well under the stars surrounded by jungle.

After a long and rewarding day of jungle exploration, tuck in for the evening and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of tropical wilderness.

Lunch en route and dinner at the camp

Overnight local camp/Shelter

*Distance and journey time:*

*Trekking distance: 6 hours*

*Difficulty : Medium*



**Day 3: Jamur Batu Atas – Aras Pinang - Bukit Lawang**

**(B/L/D)**

Rise early in the morning for a hearty breakfast and pack up camp before embarking on what is perhaps the most challenging day of the adventure. The terrain is very steep and the guide will assess everyone's abilities to ensure the safety of the group. Subject to the conditions, the routing may be adjusted to maximise the enjoyment and wellbeing of the group.

While hiking, the guide will keep an eye out for tell-tail signs of orangutans while trekking through the dense jungle. Aside from orangutans, a plethora of birds and smaller jungle animals may be visible through the mottled backdrop of the jungle.

Arrive at Aras Pinang at noon, and prepare tubes for a relaxing river journey back to Bukit Lawang. Lunch en route in the jungle.

Reminisce on the experiences of the last few days with a well-earned farewell BBQ dinner together with the local guide team.

Overnight in Eco-Lodge in Bukit Lawang

Distance and journey time:

Trekking distance: 4 hours

Tubing: 1 hour

Difficulty : Medium

**Day 4: Bukit Lawang – Medan - Departure**

**(B/-/-)**

In the morning, check out of the lodge and return to Medan.

Flight schedule permitting, take a short city tour of Medan including a visit to Maimoon, the Sultan’s Deli Palace built in 1888. In former times the Palace was considered as the center of the town before Medan developed into a proper city.

The tour continues to the Great Mosque. Built in 1906 by the first sultan, it’s still considered as one the most beautiful mosques in Indonesia. Wrap the tour up with a visit to the beautiful Chinese Temple.

Afterwards, transfer to the airport for the onward flight.

**Recommended flights:**

(Not included and quoted separately– Tariffs and schedule subject to change without prior notice)

International: By Silk Air to Singapore with MI237 departing from Medan at 20:05 and arriving in Singapore at 22:20 (daily).

International: By Malaysia Airlines to Kuala Lumpur with MH865 departing from Medan at 15:45 and arriving in Kuala Lumpur at 17:45 (daily)

Domestic: Garuda Indonesia late afternoon flight to Jakarta (no possible connection in Jakarta)

Distance and journey time:

Transfer from Bukit Lawang to Medan City Center (72 km): 3 hours

Transfer from Medan City Center to Medan Airport (33 km): 1 hours

**\*\*\*\*\*END OF SERVICES \*\*\*\*\***

*“An itinerary may at times be altered by our guides due to local conditions, the skill of participants and other unexpected circumstances. Our priority is always the experience and safety of our clients.”*

**RATES & CONDITIONS**

**ACCOMMODATION**

City	Hotel Name	Hotel Category	Room Category
Bukit Lawang	Eco Lodge	Standard	ROH
Jamur Batu Atas	Jungle Camp	Camp	Tent/Shelter

**Check in time is from 14.00pm/ Check out time is at 12.00pm**



**PRICING: In US Dollars per person for shared twin/double**

Rates are valid from April 2020 through March 2021

Number of persons	2	3-4	5-6	7-10	11-15	SGL Supp.
Price per Person in USD April 2019 – March 2020	465	405	355	329	N/A	69

**Note:** Reservations during peak times (Christmas, New Year, Vietnamese Lunar New Year, National Holidays) may be subject to supplementary charges and compulsory meals

**Our services include:**

- Luggage transfer
- English Speaking certified Adventure Guide
- Plenty of water per person per trekking day
- Snacks and local fruits
- Additional local guide for 11-15 pax, 2 assistant guides for 16+ pax
- Private air conditioned vehicle during tour and transfer as mentioned in the itinerary
- 1 first aid kit per guide
- Sightseeing tickets and zone entrance fees where mentioned in the itinerary
- Trekking permit
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)
- Accommodation as listed above.
- Flight reconfirmations
- Supporting teams of porters during each climbing with overnight for porterages, camp setting and meals preparation
- Nights in camping as mention in itinerary, camping equipment provided (tent, thin mattress and flash light)

**Our services don't include:**

- Visa arrangement
- International and domestic flights.
- Soft drinks, or beverages beyond water – we can add this into costs at agents request
- Beverage and alcoholic drinks at mealtimes
- Meals other than mentioned above
- Tips
- Energy drinks or powders, performance bars, or performance gels
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Personal expenditure (laundry, telephone etc.)
- Credit card/bank transfer fees
- Any other services not clearly mentioned in the itinerary and in the inclusive portion
- Supplement for other language speaking guides

**Remark on trekking:**

- During jungle trekking, porter will bring trekking & cooking equipment, logistic; porter does not carry the participant personal gear it is advice to carry a lighter bag for all trekking portion.

- Prepare a light backpack that you can carry during your trekking. Personal gear must be provided on your own: good trekking shoes, warm clothing, wind jacket, rain gear, hat/cap, sun's cream, personal medicine, and personal toiletries. should you some portorage this can be organize with additional fee (20kg max per porter, price to be advise on the spot)
- All camping material are provide by our local guide team (tent, nap for picnic, mattress, toilet paper), should you wish to bring your own camping material please inform your local guide upon briefing.
- We highly suggest to bring your own sleeping bag for more comfort

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- During the important **religious festival of Idul Fitri**, which falls in 2020 on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May. intense travel across the country, especially in Java, has to be expected with the consequence of long traffic jams. Overland travel is not advised during the two weeks from 16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. Especially the ferry crossing between Java and Bali may be blocked. Service availability during that time may be limited, tour guides may be travelling home, and restaurants may be closed.
- During **Nyepi Day**, an important religious day in Bali , which falls in 2020 on March 25<sup>th</sup> , visitors and the public are not allowed to leave the premises of hotels from 6am to 6am the following day; all public activities will cease, hotels remain operational with limited staff; the airport will not operate any flights.
- We strongly recommend the purchase of **travel insurance** (covering emergency medical evacuation) prior to travel. Since we are not able to advice on any matters regarding vaccinations or other precautionary medical measures, we recommend the consultation of a travel- or tropical-medicine doctor.
- Prices are **valid 30 days from date of offer**. Past this date price and conditions may be readjusted. We reserve the right to adjust prices for exceptional circumstances which are not under our control with a notice period of 30 day prior to travel. Services which are already paid are exempt from this.
- Our prices are in United States Dollars (USD). Several of the services that we quote, are being paid in local currency – the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). In case of any significant change oft the official exchange rate of more than 5% to our disadvantage, we reserve the right to adjust prices. This would be done with a minimum notice period of 30 days.
- Our prices are based on a petrol price of 7.400 Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) / liter. Should the petrol price increase more than 10%, we reserve the right to adjust our prices with a minimum notice period of 30 days.

- Reservations during **peak seasons** (Christmas, New Year, High Season, and National Holidays) may be subject to supplementary charges, obligatory meals or minimum-stays. In certain cases, these may be announced late by supplier and hotels and may only be communicated upon the receipt of your confirmation of a booking.
- Please note that all the above services & tours have **yet to be booked**, they are proposed for your information only and we will not make any reservations before we receive your confirmation to do so. Availability is always subject to change until booking confirmation from our side.
- If any proposed service(s) is/are **not available at the moment of booking**, we will try to find other possibilities/options or other similar service(s) in order to avoid changes to the program.
- **Room/Bedding-Configuration:** Prices per person based on twin sharing relate either to accommodation in a Twin-, a Double- or a so called "Hollywood"-Double Bed configuration. The third bed for accommodation requested in Triple-rooms is often not a full-size single bed, but an extra-bed / roll-away bed / sofa-bed that can vary in size and standard from the regular bedding in the room.
- Rooms at hotels are available only from **check-in time** at 14:00 pm on arrival day till **check-out time** at 12:00 o'clock noon on departure date. A supplement may need to be added if early check-in or late check-out is desired.
- **Road conditions** in Indonesia are not always very good and this can cause slow driving times. As a general rule we calculate 30 km = 1 hour driving. This can be even less when traveling in very remote areas and jungles with 4WD jeeps. Also some islands are very populated which during public holidays and long weekends can cause traffic problems that can influence your journey time considerably.
- Note that **visits to volcanoes** are always subject to change and may be cancelled due to weather conditions or volcanic activity during time of travel; volcano trekking is not possible during rainy months from November to March, except for Bromo, Ijen and Batur volcanoes, where clearance only depends on the daily weather situation.
- We do not encourage activities that do actively involve **wildlife**, such as dolphin tours, etc. For activities where guests come in touch with wildlife, very high standards apply and are carefully monitored in our side. Note that upon wildlife observations, including bird watching, and also Orang Utan trekking trips in North Sumatra or Kalimantan there is never a guarantee to see certain bird or primates. In the months between July and September the probability to see Orang Utans in the wild or at feeding stations, may be slightly lower than during other months of the year.
- During the rainy season, especially during January and February **boat transfers** between Bali and Lombok or Gili Islands may be delayed or cancelled due to wave conditions in the Lombok Strait. We do strongly recommend using flights during that time! Occasionally cancellations

also occur during the dry season. At any time it is strongly recommended to add one interim-night between a speedboat transfer and onward travel. Any flights should not be scheduled on the same day after a speedboat transfer.

- Due to visibility, currents, higher waves and fast changing weather conditions, we refrain from booking **dive excursions** in Bali during the rainy season months from December to mid-March. All dive excursions take place at own risk and we reserve the right to let clients sign a waiver.
- Any travel itinerary is generally dependent on **weather conditions**, and its feasibility may be constrained due to exceptional environmental or social events or circumstances
- Among others, the following **Indonesian airlines** are currently banned by the European Commission from operating in European airspace for safety reasons: Citilink Indonesia, Lion (Mentari) Air, Transnusa Aviation Mandiri, Trigana Air Service, Air Asia Indonesia. Any booking of flights with so called “blacklisted” airlines is done only on request of the clients.
- **Visa & Passport:** Visitors with certain nationalities are eligible for a 30-day Visa-On-Arrival (VOA) or a Visitor-Pass at certain international entry points in Indonesia. Certain nationalities are eligible for a non-extendable 30-day visa-free stay, if entering and exiting at certain checkpoints, among them Jakarta, Medan, Denpasar, Surabaya (and Batam). This is only possible if both entry and exit are at these ports, why caution is required by visitors on which option to choose! Those nationalities which are not eligible for a VOA need to apply in advance for a visa with the embassy or consulate of the Republic of Indonesia nearest to their place of residence in their country. For further information on visa regulations please refer to the official websites of the Directorate General of Immigration: <http://www.imigrasi.go.id/index.php/en/>. Since those websites may not always be up-to-date you may check with us on a case-by-case basis for the requirements of your booking. Note that the passport of persons travelling to Indonesia still needs to be valid for at least 6 month on the day of departure

#### General Notes:

- Valid 30 days from date of offer. Past this date price and conditions may be readjusted
- The cost of air tickets is subject to change without prior notice by the airlines
- Reservations during peak times (Christmas, New Year, National Holidays) may be subject to supplementary charges
- Rooms at hotels are available only from 1400 on arrival day till 1200 on departure date. A supplement will be added if early check-in or late check-out is desired
- Please note that all the above services & tours have yet to be booked, they are proposed for your information only and we will not make any reservations before we receive your confirmation to do so
- If one or some proposed service(s) is (are) not available at the moment of booking, we will try to find other possibilities/options or other similar service(s) in order to avoid changes to the program.
- **Payment/ cancellation:** 30% non-refundable deposit at the time of booking, balance due 60 days prior to departure. All payments to be made in NZ\$ using latest exchange rates at the time of booking/ balance due date. Cancellation conditions/ charges per our [T&Cs](#).