

JUNGLE RIVER CRUISE & ORANGUTAN ISLAND

7 DAYS DEPARTING 5TH NOVEMBER 2012

DETAILED ITINERARY

Enjoy an escape with a difference. The natural treasures of Borneo can be experienced in Central Kalimantan aboard the Rahai'i Pangun, a traditional cruise vessel which will take you on a relaxing Jungle River journey on the Rungan River. Travel through magical reflections to the traditional Dayak village and experience their river lifestyle. Take in the lush exotic scenery along the slow, meandering rivers not seen by tourists before.

A traditional rungan has been cleverly remodelled into a comfortable 5 cabin, 3 bathroom cruise vessel which journeys along the Kahayan and Rungan Rivers of Central Kalimantan. Named the Rahai'i Pangun, she is pioneering eco tourism in the region. With comfortable cabins and large viewing decks, she plies the strong flowing waters at a graceful 8 knots. Passing serenely along the reflected jungle river banks, past Orangutan release islands and small communities.

You will be able to relax on sofas as the timeless scenery slips by. Meals are made freshly on board, and are a fusion of local Dayak, Indonesian and Thai food. The emphasis is on taste, freshness and variety, a gourmet experience.



DAY 1 - 5TH NOVEMBER

PALANGARAYA HARBOUR

Pick up from the airport and transfer to your comfortable cabin aboard the cruise vessel Rahai'i Pangun in Palangaraya Harbour. Arrival will be with Garuda airlines from Jakarta to the city of Palangaraya, about one and a half hours flight.

Your river journey will begin with a cruise up the Kahayan River entering the Rungan River. You will pass the tiny village of Katimpun and stop for lunch near Pulau Hampapa, an Orangutan release island. After seeing some of the Orangutans on the island you will continue upriver to Danau (lake) Dapur.

This afternoon will see you hop aboard traditional canoes to explore black water lakes and search for Proboscis Monkeys, eagles, monkeys and hornbills.

Enjoy drinks at sunset on the open viewing deck. Option for night fishing from the boat. Dinner will be served aboard the boat. Enjoy a relaxing evening on the water before retiring to your cabin for the night.

Accommodation: Cabin share aboard Rahai'i Pangun.

Meals: Lunch and Dinner

DAY 2 - 6TH NOVEMBER

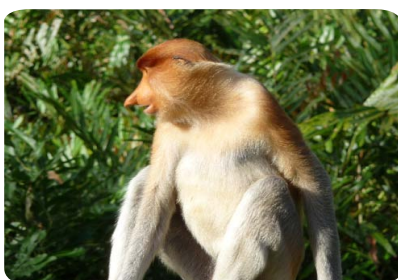
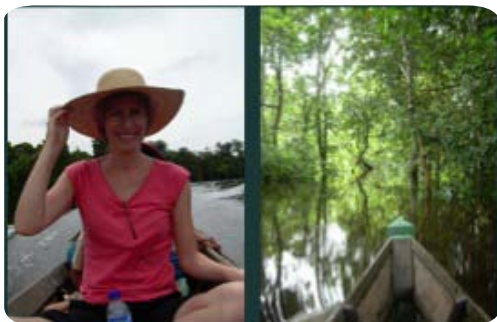
TUMBANG TAHAI

You will awake this morning to the calls of the Gibbon while gently floating along the river to Tumbang Tahai. After breakfast, the boat will moor opposite Pulau Pallas to watch the orangutans in their natural habitat on BOS (Borneo Orangutang Survival Foundation) release land.

The boat continues upriver to the town of Tangkiling. Enjoy a sunset walk to Bukit Tangkiling and to Batu Banama sacred rock and spirit houses. Then return to the boat for a delicious evening meal.

Accommodation: Cabin share aboard Rahai'i Pangun.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 3 - 7TH NOVEMBER

KANARAKAN

At dawn, the energetic can climb nearby Mt Tangkling. From the summit, watch the forest mist gradually thin out to reveal the sleepy hamlet and the river glistening among the trees. Return to the boat for another delicious fresh brewed coffee and breakfast.

Continue upriver past the Kaja Island, where you can watch for orangutans in the lush jungle on the island, macaques, elusive proboscis monkeys, gibbons and langurs, as well as the dramatic birdlife - gliding fish eagles and the curious hornbills.

We continue to a traditional village and learn about the local livelihood activities, from hulling rice, to carving their machete handles, weaving rattan mats and bags, to building canoes and drying fish. The villagers welcome you with traditional ceremony. Stroll through their village to see traditional fruits and products of the forest, including the famed durian and rare and expensive perfume vine. Our quiet mooring is adjacent a black-water lake. Leave the boat in the evening by canoe, and quietly enter the lakes, using the torchlight to spot nocturnal animals.

Accommodation: Cabin share aboard Rahai'i Pangun.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4 - 8TH NOVEMBER

BUKIT RAWI

Early morning, join local fisher folk in the nearby black water lake, watch and join in with their fishing practices and canoeing skills. Your boat, the Rahai'i Pangun then journeys down the Rungan River and to the Kahayan River and on to the town of Bukit Rawi. Walk to the nearby 'sandung' or village bone house, and learn about Dayak traditions of burial. Evening dance performance on the jetty.

Accommodation: Cabin share aboard Rahai'i Pangun.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5 - 9TH NOVEMBER

TO TUMBANG MANGGU VILLAGE

The boat moves down to Palangkaraya. Transfer to cars and visit the local handicraft market. Picnic at holy rocks, located out of town, and then you will continue directly to the village Tumbang Manggu, arriving in the late afternoon.

Settle in to your simple accommodation and explore this traditional longhouse. Help the local family cook the evening meal. This will be an evening of entertainment with music, dance and local handicraft demonstrations.

Accommodation: Traditional Longhouse

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 6 - 10TH NOVEMBER TUMBANG MANGGU VILLAGE

Experience the traditional mountain Dayak way of life in these stilted extended family homes. The village has excellent examples of sapundu, or carved totem poles. Find out about the Dayak faith, Kaharingan, and visit a temple in the village. Explore the village's sandungs (bone houses) by ojecks or motor bike taxis. Later have a short walk through a rubber jungle, which is following trails of local rubber gatherers through the forest.

Road trip to Runmgan Sari Resort for a relaxing end to your stay. Have a swim, a massage or a short walk to the riverside village of Sei Gohong.

Accommodation: Rungan Sari Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 7 - 11TH NOVEMBER DEPARTURE DAY

Check out of the Runmgan Sari Resort at 0830 and transfer to the airport, for departure.



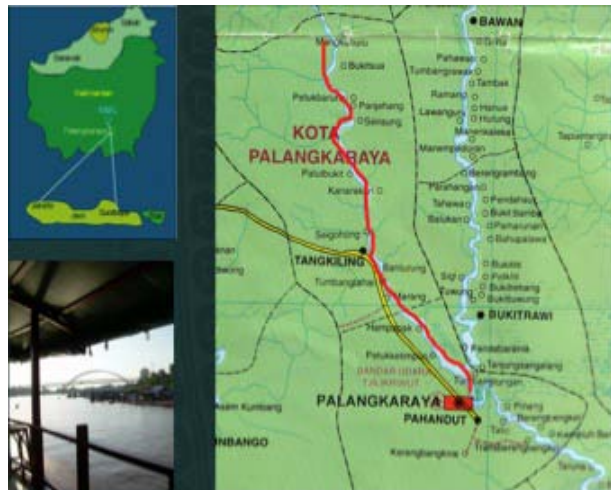
INCLUDED WITH THIS TRIP

- * All accommodation - including boat share cabin, longhouse, resort
- * All meals as detailed in the itinerary
- * All transfers
- * Cruise Boat and Skipper
- * Road transportation to longhouse
- * Local English speaking guide



NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS TRIP

Flights, airport departure taxes, arrival and departure transfers from the airport, insurance, any optional tours and activities during free time, tips or gratuities and items of a personal nature.



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