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### **5 Days – 4 Nights**

#### **Day 1 : PANGKALAN BUN – KUMAI – TANJUNG HARAPAN – PONDOK TANGGUI**

We will greet your group at **Pangkalan Bun Airport/Hotel** and escort you on a 15-minute drive to **Tanjung Puting National Park** port in **Kumai** to board **Belantara** and meet the crew.

Breakfast will be served as we navigate to **Kumai River**, where we may occasionally see freshwater Irrawaddy dolphins. We will leisurely explore the tranquil river, marvelling at the surrounding wildlife, which includes crocodiles, false gharials, monitor lizards and various birds like hornbills, kingfishers, even the rarest storm stork. Your guide will answer any questions you may have and provide interesting information about the local wildlife, vegetation, and history of the park.

Our first destination is **Tanjung Harapan** where we will embark on an enchanting journey through the forest to witness the captivating semi-wild orangutan feeding session, scheduled to commence at 3pm. Along the way, we will traverse a nursery teeming with lush tropical rainforest plants and ferns. Keep your eyes out for semi-wild orangutans along the trail or you may spot them gracefully gliding among the trees, offering you a chance to encounter these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. Otherwise, encounter an awe-inspiring experience as we reach the feeding platform, where you will catch your first glimpse of an orangutan.

As the sun begins its descent, we will resume our journey along the river, heading towards **Pondok Tanggui**. From the top viewing deck, you will have the opportunity to observe troops of endemic proboscis monkeys of Borneo. Prepare to be captivated by their distinctive features and playful antics, as we cruise along the tranquil waters.

Before or after dinner, you can take a night walk at Pondok Tanggui led by the station's ranger to explore interesting vegetation such as glowing or smoking mushrooms, unique insects, sleeping birds, mousedeer and other nocturnal animals.

Enjoy your first Bornean tropical rainforest night.

#### **Day 2 : PONDOK TANGGUI – CAMP LEAKEY – PONDOK AMBUNG**

Start your day by waking up and savouring a delightful breakfast with the panoramic view and enchanting melodies of Borneo. You will notice the different hourly sounds of the forest. Sometimes, you get a visit from a semi-wild orangutan or other creature by the riverside or jetty. We will then proceed to **Pondok Tanggui** feeding ground to view the orangutan feeding at 9am. Along the way, we will enjoy a leisurely trek through the forest, observing the wildlife's sights and sounds and lowland tropical rainforest's vegetation.

Approaching noon, we will enter the black-water **Sekonyer River**. As you breathe in, you will immediately sense the transformation of rejuvenating air from the lungs of the earth. The vegetation advances from mangrove and coastal plants to a more biodiverse lowland tropical rainforest vegetation. You will view stunning reflections of the magnificent

blue sky and illustrious white clouds, along with the surrounding scenery mirrored on the river's surface. On this mesmerising route, you may encounter a plethora of fascinating wildlife, including wild orangutans, endemic proboscis monkeys and maroon leaf langurs, macaques, gibbons, arrays of captivating endemic and migratory birds.

We will visit **Camp Leakey** after lunch on board, where Dr Biruté Mary Galdikas began her extensive lifelong research on orangutans. A visit to the information centre and museum will introduce you to orangutans' lives in **Tanjung Puting National Park** with informative exhibits on their diet, development, daily traits and family trees. Then, we shall venture through the tropical rainforest and perhaps crossing paths with semi-wild orangutans and other Bornean wildlife and lush tropical rainforest vegetation and fungi. At 3 pm central time (Camp Leakey is +1 hour ahead of Kumai, you can see orangutans feeding where the rehabilitated and nursing orangutans receive additional food and care.

When we return to the boat, you can indulge in some refreshments while we make our way towards **Pondok Ambung** at dusk. If you'd like, we can go on a night walk to look for more nocturnal animals before or after dinner. You might even be lucky enough to spot the elusive tarsier! Once we get back to the boat, we shall find a serene location to moor for the night beneath a remarkable view of the Milky Way, accompanied by the harmonious melodies of surrounding nature.

### **DAY 3 : PONDOK AMBUNG – CAMP LEAKEY – PONDOK AMBUNG/CROCODILE LAKE**

You will hear the long calls of orangutans, gibbons, different birds, and other wildlife as you wake up and eat breakfast in a serene rainforest morning. We will then continue on a leisurely cruise and head back to **Camp Leakey** for a deeper forest walk led by a national park ranger. This is a priceless experience that you won't soon forget because the black water river is a tiny tributary that runs through a national park, where you can experience the sounds and sights of a tropical rainforest and the flora and fauna of Borneo. Throughout the trek, you will learn to appreciate the intricate and complex web of numerous animal species, such as mammals, birds, amphibians, insects and other life forms, coexisting harmoniously and interdependently with diverse vegetation, including ferns, trees, orchards, mushroom and countless other life forms in a small plot. Be sure to bring a camera so you can record the journey and your discoveries. Around midday, you will return to the boat by motorised canoe.

You will be given the opportunity to return to the feeding area after lunch on board. However, if you choose not to, we will continue with a leisurely cruise to **Pondok Ambung**, allowing you to savour your sunset refreshments. Additionally, before or after dinner, you will have another chance to embark on a captivating nighttime walk, in search of the elusive tarsier and to explore the wonders of the forest at night. In the event that a night hike is not possible or if you simply prefer to unwind on the boat, we will anchor at **Crocodile Lake** (purely a name).

### **DAY 4 : PONDOK AMBUNG/CROCODILE LAKE – PONDOK TANGGUI – PESALAT – TANJUNG HARAPAN – FIREFLIES**

Start your day by waking up and savouring a delightful breakfast with the panoramic view and enchanting melodies of Borneo. You will notice the different hourly sounds of the forest. Sometimes, you get a visit from a semi-wild orangutan or other creature by the riverside or jetty. We will then proceed to **Pondok Tanggui** feeding ground to view the orangutan feeding at 9am. Along the way, we will enjoy a leisurely trek through the forest, observing the wildlife's sights and sounds and lowland tropical rainforest's vegetation.

Lunch is served while we cruise on to **Pesalat Reforestation Project**, which focuses on preserving and rehabilitating tropical endemic rainforest and wildlife habitat. It is a lovely trek to the Ranger's office, walking through trees and plants with signboards indicating the various ailments and diseases they can cure. Experience the passion of the ranger as he describes the reforestation project and educates you on which tree bark, leaves, flowers and fruits are favoured by

orangutans for food and nesting material. You will then be invited to participate in the reforestation by adopting a seedling of your choice and planting it in the reforestation area.

We will continue our cruise to **Tanjung Harapan in the afternoon** for another last look at orangutans. You can stay for a deeper forest trek. Or if you wish, you can visit a nearby local **Tanjung Harapan** village, whose inhabitants were relocated from across the park.

Late in the day, we will cruise down the river while observing troops of long-nosed proboscis monkeys, possibly wild orangutans and other wildlife, or simply enjoying the sunset on the spacious upper deck. We will moor for the evening along the **Nypa** mangrove, where you can watch a spectacular display of fireflies while you enjoy your last dinner and night on the boat. If the weather is good, you can see the amazing view of the Milky Way, thousands of fireflies flickering amongst the vegetation and their reflections on the river.

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#### **DAY 5 : PARK - KUMAI - PANGKALAN BUN AIRPORT**

Indulge in your final breakfast on board and savour moments of relaxation as the boat returns to Kumai. Upon arrival to the port, we will transfer you to **Pangkalan Bun Airport** for your next destination.

#### **Note:**

This itinerary is subject to change depending on your arrival time, weather conditions and national park regulations. Rest assured that you will visit all park locations mentioned during your visit or we will make necessary adjustments accordingly.