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Dear Traveler,

I met Dr. Biruté Galdikas—a protégée of legendary paleontologist Louis Leakey, founder of Orangutan Foundation International (OFI), and many-time National Geographic grantee—on a hot afternoon last August. It had been quite a trek to get here. But we had been granted the opportunity to visit her rehabilitation center, and were undaunted. I felt deeply moved at meeting her, the third “trimate,” (Dian Fossey and Jane Goodall, whom I’d met previously, are the others.) The idea that a person would dedicate their entire life to understand and protect a single species is remarkable, and the people who have chosen to do that have a rare and unique character. One feels a certain sense of awe in their presence.



We woke early the next day, and boarded local boats (*klotoks*) to head several hours upriver to Dr. Galdikas’ Camp Leakey. The river ride was wonderful: we spotted proboscis monkeys, gibbons, flocks of hornbills, as well as large solitary kingfishers. Dr. G., followed by a couple of orangutans, met us on the trail. It was quiet when we got to the feeding station, but in fairly short order individuals appeared from the forest to provide a spectacular encounter. On our sunset cruise down river later, we all remarked that nothing could hold a candle to the experience we had been so privileged to have.



Local craft (*klotoks*) heading upriver.

I am delighted we can extend that privilege to you: the life-altering opportunity to visit the Orangutan Care Center and Quarantine (OCCQ) and engage with its wards—orphanded infant and juvenile orangutans—in the company of Dr. Galdikas, our Global Perspectives guest speaker. I encourage you wholeheartedly—this is a life-list experience to have, if you can. Your heart will be touched by the charisma, and the endangered status of these intelligent animals. Travelers come from around the world to visit Camp Leakey, but only *National Geographic Orion* guests are invited to the OCCQ. And since *Orion* will head to new destinations in 2016, this is the year to join us.

On behalf of the expedition team, I look forward to welcoming you aboard.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven-Olof Lindblad'.

Sven-Olof Lindblad

Ship's registry: Bahamas



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*Wearing masks for the animals' protection, our guests share intimate encounters with infant orangutans during their lively session in the Center's enrichment area. No personal items are allowed into the area, and the top left photo shows why!*



# Wild Encounters from Borneo to Bali

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*\*This departure travels from Bali to Singapore.*

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Venture into lush Tanjung Puting National Park to see wild orangutans feeding with Dr. Biruté Galdikas, National Geographic grantee and founder of Camp Leakey. Then enjoy up-close encounters with infant orangutans at a wildlife rehabilitation center, an exclusive experience to *National Geographic Orion* guests.
- ▶ Explore the incredible array of Borneo's flora and fauna, including proboscis monkeys, bearded pigs, and striking pitcher plants, at Bako National Park.
- ▶ Swim, snorkel, and dive the coral reefs off the pristine isles of the Natuna and Anambas archipelagos, and the Badas Islands.
- ▶ Learn about Southeast Asian culture in Singapore's Chinatown and at the Sarawak Museum in Kuching, and experience a festive village welcome in the Natuna archipelago.

### DAYS 1-3: U.S./SINGAPORE/EMBARK

Depart for Singapore, crossing the international date line and arriving the following afternoon. Drive past Singapore's landmarks, make a brief stop in Chinatown and stretch your legs on a walk through the tranquil National Orchid Garden before boarding *National Geographic Orion*. Watch from on deck as we depart Singapore's busy harbor, then settle in to shipboard life. (Day 3: D)

### DAY 4: ANAMBAS ARCHIPELAGO

Our first stop is the remote Anambas Archipelago, where we'll explore the reefs surrounding Pulau Lintang. Walk the beach, swim, snorkel, dive or choose to explore by glass-bottom Zodiac. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: NATUNA ARCHIPELAGO

Scattered in the South China Sea between Borneo and the Malaysian peninsula, the 272 islands of the Natuna Archipelago are graced with white-sand beaches and volcanic peaks,



*Proboscis monkey sighted on river ride to Camp Leakey.*

and fringed with coral reefs. We'll be greeted with a festive welcome ceremony in one of the fishing villages that dot the islands, then have another opportunity to swim, snorkel or dive in warm, tropical waters. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: BAKO NATIONAL PARK, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

In Bako National Park, thick rain forests give way to secluded beaches, and the coast is carved with sea arches and colorful sea stacks. The park harbors seven distinct ecosystems and most of the plant species found in Borneo. Spend a full day exploring on a variety of walks



*View of Kuching's Legislative Assembly building from the esplanade.*

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and hikes, go birding, and track rare primates like the proboscis monkey. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: KUCHING

Continue to Kuching, the capital of the Malaysian state of Sarawak. Considered one of Southeast Asia's most pleasant, this green and airy city moves at a leisurely pace, and offers a fascinating mix of cultures. Tour the excellent Sarawak Museum, built in 1891 to house the fine ethnographic and natural history collections of the Second Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke. Photograph the well-preserved colonial buildings on the main streets of Kuching, then wander the narrow alleys and merchants of India Street and the fragrant spice stalls on Gambier Street. Later, visit the Semenggoh Nature Reserve, originally established as a rehabilitation center for orphaned orangutans, and now a 653 hectare preserve. Walk through dipterocarp forest, observe orangutans at the feeding stations, and search for colorful birds such as the banded broadbill, Asian fairy-bluebird, and the red-crowned barbet. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 8-9: BADAS ISLANDS/AT SEA

The remote Badas Islands offer excellent

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beaches and corals. Explore above and beneath the sea via kayak, Zodiac, glass-bottom Zodiac, snorkeling, diving, and beachcombing. Conditions permitting, we may swim or kayak across the equator today! The next day, enjoy life aboard *Orion* as we sail south with talks and hands-on instruction by our National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 10-11: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

Set on a peninsula jutting out from the southern edge of Kalimantan, Tanjung Puting National Park is home to some 220 bird species and numerous monkey species, including the famous endangered orangutans. Board local boats for a full-day excursion into the forest, gliding on narrow channels on the lookout for hornbills, crocodiles, and perhaps the unusual proboscis monkey. Our destination is Camp Leakey, the research station established in 1971 by primatologist Dr. Biruté Galdikas, to save the orangutans through rehabilitation and habitat preservation. Our boats bring us to feeding stations where we can observe these gentle creatures at close range. The following day, join an exclusive visit to OFI's wildlife rehabilitation center to learn firsthand how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated, and interact with the animals. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 12-13: AT SEA/DENPASAR, BALI/U.S.

Cross the Java Sea to the Indonesian island of Bali. Disembark the following morning and transfer to the airport for your flight home, or continue on our two-day Bali Extension. (Day 12: B,L,D; Day 13: B)



Guest enjoying the pristine waters of Anambas.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with and learn from **Ralph Lee Hopkins**, founder and director of the Expedition Photography program for the Lindblad-National Geographic alliance. Ralph has led expeditions from the Arctic to Antarctica and points in between for over 20 years, and is an inspiring teacher whose work is published by National Geographic.



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#### IN BALI: PRE-VOYAGE, FOR THE MAY 23, 2015 DEPARTURE

Spend the night in a luxurious pool villa at idyllic Alila Villas Uluwatu. Enjoy an authentic Indonesian-style dinner. Choose either a half-day Journey of Gastronomy cooking class, a full-day Journey of Enlightenment with privileged access to five of the south coast's holiest temples, or a 60-minute massage. Includes transfers to the hotel and ship.



#### IN SINGAPORE: PRE-VOYAGE, FOR THE JUNE 2, 2015 DEPARTURE

View the bay or Singapore River from a Quay Room at the Fullerton Hotel Singapore. Enjoy a Peranakan dinner, Singapore's oldest fusion cuisine, hosted by Jeremy Lindblad, and discover Peranakan culture. Then, enjoy an exclusive opportunity to see rare Peranakan artifacts on a visit to a private museum. Includes transfers to the hotel and ship.



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