



Sumatran Orang-utan

'ORANGU-TANS & SUPERTREES'

A specially designed escorted mini tour with Amelia Dalton
visiting **Singapore & Sumatra**
to link with the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
Orangu-tans, Monkeys & Dragons
voyage on board Orion

2nd – 8th October 2014





EcoLodge Bukit Lawang

This pre-ship tour will give the opportunity for the more adventurous to delve into the forests of Sumatra to see the Sumatran orang-utan, as well as offering a chance to see the highlights of Singapore.

From the simple river-bank EcoLodge in Sumatra we will walk and picnic in one of the world's most biodiverse jungles - Bukit Lawang National Park. Through Durrell, and with Durrell-trained Dr Ian Singleton as our guide, we have exclusive access to the 'off-limits' Orang-utan Quarantine Centre. There will be time to see orang-utans feeding, explore rainforest trails, swim in the river and enjoy traditional ceremonies with bamboo horses, magic and an Indonesian buffet. In Singapore, based at the stylish Mandarin Oriental, we shall visit the revolutionary new Gardens at the Bay. Dominating the 250 acres of waterfront gardens are the extraordinary 'supertrees'. Clad with exotic plants, they absorb rainwater and operate the cooling system for the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest Conservatories. By contrast, we will also visit the world famous Botanical Gardens founded in 1822 by the keen naturalist, Sir Stamford Raffles.

Please note the accommodation at the EcoLodge Bukit Lawang is basic but comfortable.



Marina Bay Hotel & Supertrees

Detailed Itinerary



Gardens at the Bay, Supertrees



Orchid Garden, Botanical Gardens, Singapore

Day 1: Thursday, 2nd October

London / Singapore

Depart London Heathrow on a Singapore Airlines evening flight to Singapore.

Day 2: Friday, 3rd October

London / Singapore

Arrive the following afternoon in Singapore and transfer to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel where two nights are spent. Shaped like Mandarin Oriental's iconic fan, the stunning hotel enjoys a wonderful setting in Marina Bay. Only minutes from the central business district and with a choice of fabulous restaurants, fantastic rooms and extensive leisure facilities, it offers luxury, comfort and impeccable service. Dinner under own arrangements.

Day 3: Saturday, 4th October

Singapore

Morning at leisure.

Lunch at the Fullerton Hotel. Transfer to the Gardens on the Bay for a guided walking tour and time at leisure to visit the various specialised gardens, the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest, see the extraordinary 'super trees' dominating the gardens with their trunks providing a base to bromeliads, fines and orchids,

Walk via the bridge link to the Marina Bay Hotel for drinks in the Sky Bar. Transfer back to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Dinner under own arrangements.



Gardens at the Bay

Day 4: Sunday, 5th October

Singapore / Medan / Bukit Lawang

Transfer to the airport for an early morning flight to Medan. Transfer to the Orang-utan Quarantine Station in MBelin (journey time 1½-2 hrs). Tour of the station with Dr Ian Singleton (donation included in tour cost).

Picnic lunch at the station. Transfer to Bukit Lawang (journey time 3-4 hrs) to the EcoLodge Bukit Lawang where two nights are spent. Designed to serve as a model for sustainable livelihoods, the lodge is run as a non-profit organisation and all revenues are put straight back into community

development, social programmes and nature conservation. The lodge is nestled in the rain forest bordering the Gunung Leuser National Park, on the banks of the Bohorok River. Accommodation consists of simple but comfortable cottages and rooms all with en suite bathrooms. Buffet dinner at the lodge.



Jungle River Bukit Lawang



Thomas's Leaf Monkey, Gunung Leuser National Park

Day 5: Monday, 6th October

Bukit Lawang

Early morning departure from the EcoLodge for a 1½- 2 hr trek to the Orang-utan feeding platform to see the morning Orang-utan feeding session. Continue trekking into the forest for a further 2-3 hrs.

Picnic lunch in the forest. Arrive back at the EcoLodge for an afternoon at leisure with the option to swim in the river. Buffet dinner at the EcoLodge with Kuda Lumping traditional attraction.

Day 6: Tuesday, 7th October

Bukit Lawang / Medan / Singapore

Late morning transfer to the Ecofarming Centre in Bukit Lawang. Tour of the centre with the manager.

Late lunch at the centre. Transfer back to Medan for an evening flight to Singapore. Transfer to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel where a further night is spent. Dinner under own arrangements.

Day 7: Wednesday, 8th October

Singapore

Late morning transfer to the Botanical Gardens for a guided visit. The first botanical and experimental garden was established by Sir Stamford Raffles, on Government Hill (Fort Canning Hill) in 1822. The current Gardens date from 1859 and highlights include the renowned National Orchid Garden.

Lunch under own arrangements at the Gardens.

Transfer to the port to board the Orion expedition ship.

The tour cost includes:

- accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- breakfast daily; 4 lunches; 2 dinners
- all visits and excursions as per the itinerary
- all transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- all entrance fees
- local English-speaking guide/s
- donation to Orang-utan Quarantine Station
- gratuities in restaurants
- gratuities to driver/s
- portorage
- the services of your tour leader throughout

The tour cost does NOT include:

- economy class scheduled flights (included in main tour)
- air passenger duty, passenger service charge, airline security charges, airport taxes and fuel surcharges where applicable
- travel insurance
- items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- gratuities to guide/s
- government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 19/11/12

COST PER PERSON: £1,795: Single supplement: £410

Exchange Rates: The price of this tour is based upon exchange rates published in the Financial Times on 19/11/12 – namely \$1.58 / AU\$1.52.

Changes to the Itinerary: Please note, that certain elements of this itinerary, and/or the order of events, may well be subject to alteration due to circumstances beyond our control.

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