



Auckland Zoo Eco Adventures in *Sumatra.*

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Join Auckland Zoo for a once in a lifetime Eco Adventure in Sumatra!

We've partnered with the award-winning [Raw Wildlife Encounters](#) to bring you a 9-day adventure that truly has it all. You'll follow Auckland Zoo primates keeper Amy Robbins, or carnivores keeper Lauren Booth, as they take you off the beaten track into the heart of Sumatra. Trek within tiger territory, bathe in waterfalls, explore underground caves and journey inside the habitat of wild orangutans, macaques, elephants and more.

The best part is, proceeds go towards helping the very communities you will visit, as well as funding Auckland Zoo's Wild Work in Indonesia with our partners: the Sumatran Ranger Project, Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) and Wild Cats Conservation Alliance.

We Recommend

- Our guests arrive in Medan at least one day prior to the start of the adventure
- staying at the Cambridge Hotel (own cost)
- A reasonable level of fitness for this adventure (medium)

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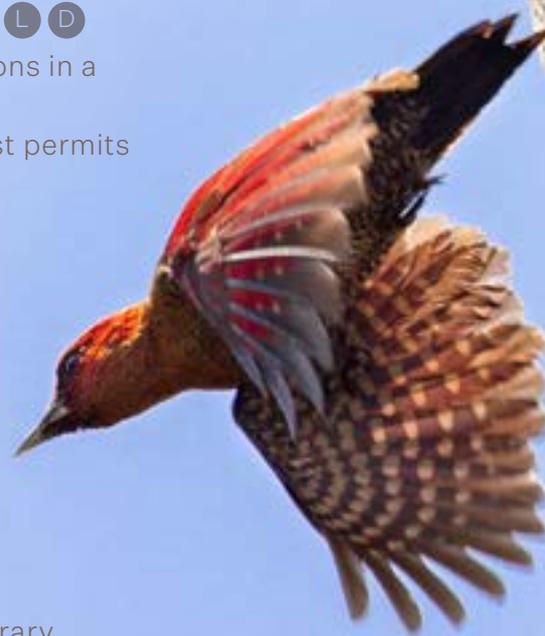
- All meals as stated in itinerary **B L D**
- Transport to scheduled destinations in a private, air-conditioned vehicle
- National park entry fees and forest permits
- Accommodation for the duration of the adventure
- Guides and porters
- Water supplied during day time activities (treks and tubing)

Excluded

- Flights
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Alcohol or soft drinks
- Snacks and food outside the itinerary
- Tips/gratuities (RAW will provide a set price)
- Activities and transport beyond the itinerary
- Any Medan City expenses (accommodation or meals)
- Laundry (this is available in most villages we visit for a small cost)

Terms & Conditions

This itinerary should be considered a guide only, as circumstances beyond the control of the operators will often necessitate changes or modifications to the scheduled program. Raw Wildlife Encounters will always endeavour to maintain the same level of experience to that originally booked. Raw Wildlife Encounters is a booking agent for the suppliers of the programs and does not own the travel programs. Travel agent identification number 32907

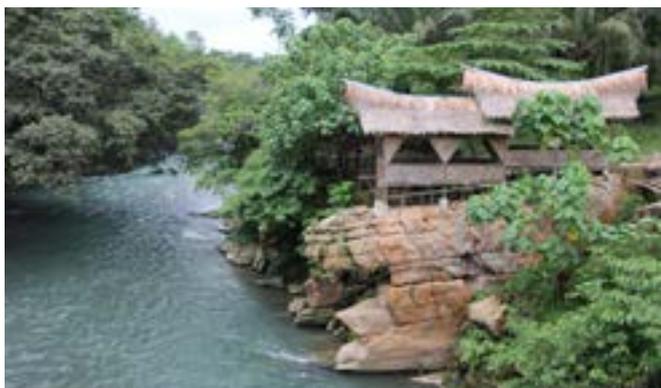


North Sumatra



Itinerary

Day One



Tiger Territory



Drive to Batu Katak by private vehicle and after lunch explore the riverside community and plantations, searching for wild gibbons and siamang.

Learn how eco-tourism has recently transformed this community from hunters and poachers to guardians of the forest. Walk in the forest where Sumatran tigers and Sun bears roam and learn about the efforts in place here to protect the last of these critically endangered carnivores.

Accommodation at Orchid Bungalow.

Day Two



Underground caves



Walk in awe and wonder through the jaw-dropping karst forest and underground limestone caves. Wade deep into the cave through an underground river as bats and cave birds fly overhead, and search for giant centipedes and other spindly cave insects. Inspect porcupine burrows and marvel at the complexity of the cave system, formed through thousands of years of rain dissolving limestone into intricately shaped structures. Enjoy lunch in the forest and look out for the world's largest flowering plant, *Amorphophallus* - if you're lucky enough you may see one in bloom - hold your nose though, they are also known as the corpse flower!

Accommodation at Orchid Bungalow.

Day Three



Orangutan Forest



Drive to Bukit Lawang and check in to the stunning Eco Lodge. Watch out for long-tailed macaques in the forest around the lodge!

Take a guided afternoon trek into the forest in search of wild orangutans and the striking Thomas Leaf Monkey. Learn about Sumatra's first orangutan reintroduction site and explore the Gunung Leuser National Park searching for primates, reptiles and birds.

Accommodation at Eco Lodge.

Day Four



To the bat cave!



Spend the morning exploring the incredible bat cave where you will explore multiple towering caverns with astonishing formations, light patterns and wildlife, before enjoying lunch on the serene Landak River and a refreshing swim.

Enjoy local food and music in the evening at Bukit Lawang Indah.

Accommodation at Eco Lodge.

Day Five



Environmental Impacts

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Drive to Tangkahan, stopping along the way to overlook an oil palm plantation. Witness the impact palm oil has on the environment and learn about ways you can support sustainably produced palm oil products.

Check in to Linnea Cottage for lunch before spending the afternoon exploring and tubing along the Batang and Buluh Rivers.

Accommodation at Linnea Cottage, with a presentation by The Sumatran Ranger Project rangers on their work protecting the buffer zone of the Leuser Ecosystem.

Day Six



Community Conservation

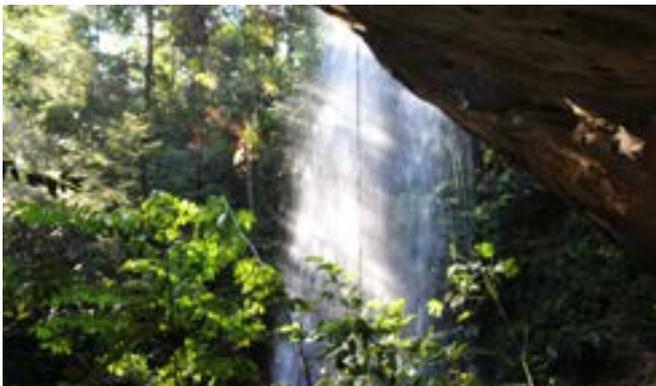
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Drive to the forest edge community of Sumber Waras, which experiences significant conflict from Sumatran elephants. Trek your way back to Tangkahan with rangers from The Sumatran Ranger Project who will demonstrate how and where they search for snares set to illegally capture wildlife, use drones to search for wild elephants, and collect data on wildlife using the buffer zone.

Emerge from your adventurous trek onto the serene Batang River where you will enjoy lunch before tubing back to Linnea Cottage

Accommodation at Linnea Cottage.

Day Seven



Batu Rongring

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Depart Tangkahan in off-road vehicles for the nearby forest edge community of Batu Rongring. This is the home village of many of the Sumatran Ranger Project team and is a truly wild and stunning place. Spend the day exploring the village and forest alongside some of the rangers as they show you Sumatran Ranger Project's camera trapping program. Finish the day with a walk to the most magnificent tree you could ever witness, measuring 47 metres in circumference! Gaze in awe at one of the few remaining primary rainforest trees in the area before returning to Tangkahan.

Accommodation at Linnea Cottage.

Day Eight



River Exploration

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Spend the day in the Buluh River! Travel on foot, exploring the riverside forest and go rock-hopping as you make your way upstream to some remarkable swimming and relaxation spots along this picturesque river.

Stop for lunch at a post-card perfect swimming hole where butterflies abound and macaques watch you as you eat delicious locally prepared food, and relax.

Accommodation at Linnea Cottage.

Day Nine



Return to Medan



Soak up the last of this tropical paradise and say goodbye to your new friends before departing for Medan in a private, air conditioned vehicle.

We recommend staying overnight at Cambridge Hotel and booking your departure flight at least the day after the end of your adventure. RAW would be happy to arrange further experiences for you after your adventure.

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