



## Orang Utan Coffee Tour 2019

### Gayo highlands

#### Preamble

The Orang Utan Coffee Project is growing. That's what we are working for and very happy about. We are offering you to visit the growing area of the Gayo highlands. The tour will include a visit of the Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Sumatra!

#### Date

From 22 February to 1 March 2019

#### Prize

US\$ 2120.- / EUR 1565.-

Includes:

- Single room in Medan and sharing room in Takengon; a single room in Takengon can be booked on request and if available (extra charge US\$ 220/EUR 200/participant).
- All ground transport according to itinerary.
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#### Orang Utan Coffee Tour

For all Orang Utan Coffee partners who already know the Gayo highlands, there is the possibility to change the travel itinerary to a visit to our Orang Utan Coffee farmers in the unique **Kayu Aro** Coffee growing area in Central Sumatra near the famous Kerinci Seblat National Park. We are happy to provide you with a detailed travel description.

# Agenda Gayo Tour

From Friday 22 February to Friday 1 March 2019

## Friday 22.2.2019

Arrival of participants according to individual schedules, check-in and overnight stay at Hotel «Aryaduta» in Medan. At 8pm there will be an aperitif with information about the journey.

## Saturday 23.2.2019

Visit the SOCP (Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme) orangutan quarantine station in Batu M'Belin (90 minutes drive from the Hotel); guided tour around the station and the Orangutan Haven project nearby. Evening meeting with a presentation by SOCP Director Dr. Ian Singleton followed by discussion and dinner at a exquisite Chinese restaurant.

## Sunday 24.2.2019

Departure for Takengon from Medan .Stay overnight in Hotel «Mahara» in Takengon.

Today and over the next few days, we visit four of our Orang Utan Coffee farmer groups and meet them and visit their plantations. Common to all plantations their location is situated at the foot of volcanic slopes. They are covered by intact rainforest. The rainforest ensures the unique microclimate, which in turn is responsible for the excellent quality of our arabica coffee. All three villages cultivate the Arabica varieties Ateng and Tim-Tim. After arriving in Takengon we visit the two Coffee-grower groups Panji Mulia and Uning Bertih.

**Panji Mulia, 1300-1500 m.a.s.l.** Panji Mulia - that's the name of the group of 40 farmers who cultivate coffee in an area of about 25 hectares. Originally immigrated from Java, their ancestors were workers in the Gayo tea plantations of the colonial rulers. Today they are independent coffee farmers.

**Uning Bertih, 1100-1300 m.a.s.l.:** Orang Utan Coffee works here with 17 coffee farmers. Its beautiful coffee plantations of about 20 hectares are located at the foot of the Burni Kelong volcano. The crops of Arabica Tim-Tim and Ateng are particularly rich in this region.

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## Monday 25.2.2019

**Wih Bersih, 1200 - 1600 m.a.s.l.:** We started with 40 coffee farmers and today there are over 70 who grow our coffee in 53 hectares of plantations. The farmers around here were the first converting their plantations to organic farming! Currently they are planning their own composting plant. The biodiversity in this area is amazingly high, not least because of the variety of shade trees such as lamtoro, avocado, tangerine, jacob fruit, durian, banana and cinnamon.

Today we also visit the hulling station and test the Orang Utan Coffee: The „Gayo Cuppers“, including two Q-Graders invite us to a professional cupping.

## Tuesday 26.2.2019

A three-hour drive through enchanting landscapes takes us to the coffee-growing village of Umang Isaq, where we work together with 35 coffee farmers, who manage a total of approximately 38 hectares of coffee plantations at 1000 - 1400 m.a.s.l.. A half-hour walk through a beautiful area leads us to the plantation of Pak Hamdan, one of the coffee farmers. At a shared picnic, we learn more about their lives as coffee farmers in this remote area. Then return to Takengon..

## Wednesday 27.2.2019

Flight from Takengon to Medan, followed by a transfer to Bukit Lawang (about 3 hours by car) in the EcoLodge at the edge of the famous Leuser National Park. On the same day you will have the opportunity to experience Sumatran orangutans in their ancestral habitat, the rainforest. Dinner in the architecturally unique bamboo restaurant of the lodge.

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## **Thursday 28.2.2019**

On the second day we have another opportunity to experience the unique flora and fauna in the Leuser National Park. Alternatively or in addition, you can use the day to relax in the beautiful EcoLodge.

## **Friday 1.3.2019**

Visit to the Ecofarm, part of the Environmental Education Center Bohorok in direct proximity to the EcoLodge. Afterwards transfer to Medan (airport) and individual return journey.

**You have the opportunity to extend your stay in the EcoLodge individually at reasonable rates. We are happy to provide you with an appropriate offer.**