

**TRIP 1: May 6th to 14th / 19th 2023**  
**TRIP 2: October 2nd to 10th / 15th 2023**



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# **OUC TOURS TO SUMATRA**

**WITH ORANG UTAN COFFEE EXPERTS TO GAYO HIGHLANDS, ACEH PROVINCE  
TRADITIONAL COFFEE LAND AND VISITING SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN  
CONSERVATION PROGRAMME (SOCP).**



# THE GAYO HIGHLANDS, ACEH PROVINCE TRADITIONAL COFFEE LAND AND VISITING SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

## GAYO HIGHLANDS

The Gayo Highlands are located in one side part of the Bukit Barisan ridge that runs along the island of Sumatra. Administratively the Gayo highlands cover the district of Aceh Tengah and Bener Meriah and Gayo Lues. There are three main cities namely Takengon, Blang Kejeren and Simpang Tiga Redelong.

The road that connects the three cities passes through an area with a very beautiful scenery. In the past, the Gayo area was an isolated area before construction activities started in this region. Some parts of the Gayo Highlands are a part of the Leuser Ecosystem: a world class hotspot of biodiversity and widely acknowledged to be among the most important areas of intact rainforest left in all of South East Asia. Also, known in the world as 'home' and the last place on earth where the critically endangered: orangutans, elephants, rhinos and tigers still live alongside one another, as well many other rare and endangered species. Gayo livelihoods in general is farming and gardening, among others: rice, vegetables, coffee and tobacco.



Gayo coffee gardens are managed by individual farmers with average land holdings of 2 hectares, which grows in different type of soil and heights. Those makes the character of Gayo coffee to be

very diverse. The varieties of the coffee are also diverse, ranging from Ateng, Bourbon until Catimor. All of this makes the Gayo coffee to be very unique in the eyes of coffee lovers in the world. The taste of Gayo coffee is always interesting, with a score always above average.

## THE LEUSER ECOSYSTEM

The Leuser Ecosystem (LE) is the last place on earth where iconic species such as the Sumatran elephant, tiger, rhino and orangutan are found living alongside one another - amongst many others. Covering more than 2.6 million hectares in the northern Sumatran provinces of Aceh and North Sumatra, Leuser is one of the most biodiverse environments left on earth. In 2004, the 800,000-hectare Gunung Leuser National Park, which is fully contained within the larger LE, was recognized for its unique biodiversity by being named as part of the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra (TRHS) UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## WEH ISLAND – PULAU WEH

By the local population commonly referred as „Sabang“, is a small active volcanic island to the northwest of Sumatra, 60 minutes by fast regular ship or 2 hours by ferry from mainland, Banda Aceh. It was originally connected to the Sumatran mainland and became separated by sea after the volcano's last eruption in the Pleistocene era. The island is situated in the Andaman Sea. The largest city on the island, Sabang, is the northernmost outpost of Indonesia. The island is known for its ecosystem; the Indonesian government has declared 60 square kilometers (23 sq mi) of inland and sea around the island as a wildlife protection area. A rare megamouth shark species was found on shore and the island is the only habitat for the threatened toad, *Bufo valhallae* (genus *Bufo*). Coral reef areas around the island are known for their large variety of fish species.



# ITINERARY

## OPTION A (9 DAYS)



**DAY 1:** Arrival of participants according to individual schedules, check-in and overnight stay at Hotel „Aryaduta“ in Medan.



**DAY 2:** Visit the SOCP (Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme) orangutan quarantine and rehabilitation station in Batu M'Belin (90 minutes drive from Hotel), guided tour around the station. Tasty local lunch at the station. Visit of the Orangutan Haven on the way back to Medan.



**DAY 3:** Departure for Takengon from Medan with morning flight (1 hour). Arrive in Takengon in the afternoon. Visit the hulling station. Stay overnight in Takengon.



**Day 4:** Visit Wih Bersih (about 90 minutes from Takengon). Wih Bersih is the group of famers who first became official Orang Utan Coffee farmers, certified in April 2014. We will do a short hike around the model organic coffee gardens of Pak Mulyadi. Depending on the harvest stage and weather, we will observe coffee picking and de-pulping process and have lunch at the plantation. Drive back to Takengon. Arrive in the afternoon.



**Day 5:** Departure to Umang Isaq to visit our second Orang Utan Coffee growers' group about 3 hours drive, situated at 1300asl in a very beautiful setting. Half an hour walk will bring us to the plantation of Pak Hamdan, one of our coffee farmers. Over a picturesque picnic lunch in the plantation, you'll meet him and other Umang Isaq





farmers. Good opportunity to ask questions, observe and learn about their agricultural practices. Drive back to Takengon.



**Day 6:** Flight back to Medan from Takengon. Direct transfer from airport to Ecolodge, Bukit Lawang (3 hours drive).



**Day 6-9:** Bukit Lawang is located by the border of Gunung Leuser National Park. Check in at the Ecolodge within Bohorok Environmental Education Centre. Experience the unique Kapal Bambu restaurant, a pioneering of Sumatran bamboo architecture. Enjoy a guided tour (optional) around the Ecolodge grounds, followed by lunch at the Kapal Bambu restaurant. Or jungle trekking (3-5 hours) with orangutan and other wildlife observation, with picnic lunch at the forest.



**Day 9:** Depending on individual flight schedules, participants will be leaving Bukit Lawang for Medan/Airport.

## OPTION B (14 DAYS)



**Day 9:** Leaving Bukit Lawang to Medan-airport. Morning flight (depends on available flight schedule) from Medan to Banda Aceh. Ferry transfer to Pulau Weh from Banda Aceh.



**Day 9-12:** at Pulau Weh







**Day 13:** trip back from Pulau Weh to Banda Aceh (or Medan). Day excursion around Banda Aceh (visiting the Tsunami Museum and other landmark). Overnight in Banda Aceh.



**Day 14:** Flight from Banda Aceh to Medan. Depending on individual flight schedules, participants will be leaving for Medan/Airport.

#### **PRICE:**

##### **OPTION A (9 DAYS):**

**US\$ 1980,**

for min of 5 participants and max. of 12 participants

##### **OPTION B (14 DAYS):**

**US\$ 2810,**

for min of 5 participants and max. of 12 participants

#### **INCLUDED:**

- Accommodation in Medan (4-5 stars hotel) and Banda Aceh;
- Accommodation for best possible hotel/guest house in Takengon and Pulau Weh;
- Meal (breakfast, lunch and dinner) from Day 1-8;
- Ground transfer for whole trip;
- Local guide for Bukit Lawang;
- National Park entrance permit;
- Domestic flight and ferry.

For more information or booking, please contact: [info@orangutan.coffee](mailto:info@orangutan.coffee)







# Bukit Lawang

## ECOLODGE



# Pulau Weh

## LUMBA LUMBA

