

CODE OF CONDUCT

Dear customers,

Authentic Indonesia offers many activities to its customers, some involving the presence of animals as Indonesia 's cultural heritage.

However, Authentic Indonesia is concerned about the protection of animals so participating in excursions involves your responsibility in animal welfare.





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Eco-tourism means sustainable and eco-friendly tourism which takes responsibility for nature, animals and the community !

Sumatra: Gunung-Leuser National Park;

The Gunung-Leuser National Park is a large national park covering 7,927 km² in northern Sumatra, Indonesia.

The Nature Reserve is one of the biggest in Indonesia protecting one of the last remaining rainforests on Sumatra.

The National Park protects a wide range of ecosystems and is home for the endangered sumatran orangutan as well as for many other endangered animals. The animality counts around 700 different species of animals like the sumatran orangutan, white and black gibbons, elephants ,tigers ,rhinos, long tail and short tail macaques, toucans, moon snakes ,lizards ,hornbills ,saltwater crocodiles, pheasants and numerous exotic bird species. All of them find their last resort in the Gunung-Leuser National Park.

Within only three centuries, the majority of Sumatra's rainforests were cleared in favor of palm oil plantations. Gunung-Leuser National Park is one of the last places on earth where orangutans live freely in their natural environment. UNESCO declared Gunung-Leuser National Park along with two other national parks a world heritage.



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*Never stay between two orangutans. Do not call or lure the orangutans, this could make stress and disrupts natural behavior.

. *Do not make sudden movements or much noises, this can be interpreted as threat.

*Hold a minimum distance of 10 meters to the orangutans.

. *Do not stay longer than one hour.

*Do not go into the rainforest when you are sick.

*Do not eat or drink in the forest, this increases the risk of both disease transmissions and attacks from orangutans.

*Do not remove, damage or alter any of the vegetation in the forest.

*Do not take leafs, seeds and shells out from the forest because all play an important role within the forest ecosystem.

By following these simple guidelines, visitors are able to see the Sumatran orangutans at Bukit Lawang in a way which is both safe for themselves and safe for the orangutans, whilst at the same time, experiencing a more natural, unique experience in the forest.



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Borneo ;

Borneo is huge. After Greenland and New Guinea, it's the third-largest island on the planet - and two thirds of it belongs to Indonesia. Straddling the equator, and split politically by Indonesia, Brunei and Malaysia, Borneo sustains one of the richest ecosystems on the globe. Borneo - the biggest island in the Malay archipelago - is made up of dense, often impenetrable jungle and mountains surrounded by swampy coasts fringed with mangrove forests. By the 1950s, the tractor and chainsaw ushered in a long slide towards wholesale ecological murder.

By the 1970s it was open season in the irreplaceable rainforests. In Indonesia's Kalimantan, companies from Europe, Australia and the United States were offered lucrative permits from the Indonesian government to drill for oil and gas and strip-mine for coal. Kalimantan's new Indonesian masters in Jakarta also joined in the smash-and-grab. Questionable licenses were granted to political friends who appropriated thousands of hectares of land, turning the primary forest into unsustainable, single-crop plantations of oil-palm, rubber trees and industrial timber destined for the paper industry. Oil, coal and gold mining hit an all-time high.



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Please if you get the chance to visit Borneo ,Always keep respect with wild animals:

- * Never feed a wild animal unless as part of an official rehabilitation program.
- * Keep a respectable distance and if the animal shows signs of fear or aggressiveness, back off immediately and give the animal plenty of space to move on.
- * Avoid chasing or following wildlife that is attempting to escape.
- * Keep watching times to a reasonable length to avoid stressing the animals.
- * Move slowly, quietly, and in full view to avoid scaring or stressing animals.
- * Avoid touching animals unless part of a carefully structured research or conservation program that has the required permits.

This also apply for the Komodo Tour in Flores.



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Sumatran Elephant: Tangkahan Elephant Sanctuar;

Tangkahan, this tiny, remote village was practically built on the logging trade in the 1980s and 1990s, because the people became aware of the damages by such activity. They collectively decided to stop illegal logging and transform the area into a functional, self-sustained ecotourism destination. So in April 2001 the community banded together to form the Tangkahan Tourist Institute and fixed regulations prohibiting the exploitation of the surrounding rainforest.

So the Conservation Response Unit (CRU) was born - a team of Sumatran elephants and their mahouts that helps safeguard the national park to protect it from encroachment. By joining the elephants by their afternoon bathing you will support this local initiative. Although elephant activity is under worldwide criticism we are still supporting this ecotourism project in Tangkahan as it is unique for Indonesia.

Authentic Indonesia only propose Bathing with the Elephant for up to one hour , where you will be able to wash the elephant in their Natural habitats.



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Please find some general guidelines on how to behave around Elephants:

- * Due to inhumane training practices, avoid using tours that include elephant riding.
- * Elephants should be allowed to act naturally when in captivity and should not be forced to walk for lengthy periods of time.
- * When viewing elephants in the wild, follow a trained guide who can identify any cues of distress.
- * When encountering a wild elephant on the road, back away slowly. Wait for the elephant to leave the road before continuing the tour or attempting to pass.
- * Always be aware of any possible danger.

Dear customers, we ask you to respect all these guidelines and we thank you for choosing us during your trip to Indonesia.