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MIGHTY MAHAKAM RIVER TOUR

Tour Package Duration 05 Days / 04 Nights

DEPARTURES : 19 July, 26 July, 02 August, 09 August, 16 August 2015

Day 01: BALIKPAPAN (D)

Upon arrival at Balikpapan airport, meeting service and transfer to Hotel, free at own leisure, evening dinner at Hotel

Day 02: BALIKPAPAN, SAMARINDA, MAHAKAM (LD)

Breakfast at Hotel, 10am transfer to Loa Janan, to board houseboat for exciting adventure on Mahakam river. Meals provided and overnight on houseboat.



Day 03: MUARA MUNTAI, MANCONG, TANJUNG ISUY, MUARA PAHU (BLD)

Short sight seeing at Muara Muntai Wooden village, then crossing Jempang Lake by motor canoe to Mancong. During the cruise you could see Rain forest and wildlife at Ohong creek like monkey's and birds, Upon arrival at Mancong, welcomed with a traditional ceremony by the Dayaq Benuaq, one of the Oldest Dayak Longhouse of East Kalimantan can be found here, Late afternoon by motor canoe to Tanjung Isuy for sightseeing and continue to Houseboat for dinner and overnight. Houseboat will cruise up to Muara Pahu.

Day 04: MUARA PAHU, DOLPHIN & BOLOWAN RIVER, DOWNSTREAM (BLD)



Arrive at Muara Pahu, cruise up Bolowan river by canoe, along the river bank, we see the Exotic Kutai culture collide with the nature, after a while we will pass the proboscis Monkeys Island, to spot these rare red endangered longnose monkeys closely, before we move into the black water peat swamp forest land near Semayang Lake, with opportunities to spot the fresh water dolphins around and move into the Bolowan River. Late Afternoon, return downstream to Tenggarong.

Day 05: TENGGARONG, BALIKPAPAN (B)

Arrive at Tenggarong, visiting the former palace of Sultan Kutai Kertanegara. Where you will see the Sultan's impressive collection of heirlooms, ceramics, Dayak's art and culture items, until departure transfer to Balikpapan airport for your onward flight to your next destination.

Rate : Rp 6.300.000 per person (based upon TWIN share)

Note : Rate only valid for Joint Departure dates July – August 2015 upon general terms & conditions
Single supplement Rp 1.900.000 per person

Rate Include:

- Transport : Transfer in Balikpapan airport to Hotel, transfer by car/minibus to Samarinda, Boarding Houseboat full Aircondition, cruise up Mahakam River, to the village Muara Muntai, by motor-canoe navigate the Jempang Lake, visit Tanjung Isuy, and Mancong, cruise upstream to Muara Pahu, sail Bolowan River, downstream Mahakam River to Samarinda, by car/minibus to Balikpapan
- Accommodation : 1 Night at Hotel Le Grandeur / Aston Balikpapan, 3 Nights at Cabin Houseboat Mahakam River Cruise All Twin Share
- Meals / Drinks : Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Aqua, Tea & Coffee
- Guidance : English Speaking Guide
- Miscellanies : Donations and Entrance fees, permits etc

Rate Exclude :

- Airport tax, and airfares to and from Kalimantan Island
- Soft & Alcoholic Drinks
- Insurance
- Personal needs and expenses
- Everything which is not mentioned in the itinerary

Mahakam River Facts

Joint Departure Dates:

19 – 23 July 2015
26 – 30 July 2015
02 – 06 August 2015
09 – 13 August 2015
16 – 20 August 2015

Mahakam River Cruise

Mahakam River is a highway of East Kalimantan Province, which can be reached via the main airport Balikpapan, or the local airport Samarinda. The River is almost 1.000km long, and the only way to bring you into the deep interior of East Kalimantan. The main attraction of the lower part are the Lakes, The art full Dayak Culture and Longhouses, the area is covered by mangrove, swamp, and lowland rain forest. The Tourism spots are the Villages and river life. The further you get upstream the more adventures it will be, till you reach the dense jungle after the rapids.

Mahakam River Weather

Day Temperatures 27 °– 32°C
Night Temperatures 20 °– 25°C
Humidity 80%-90%
Rainfall 4,000mm per year
Wet Months October & June
Dry Months February & August (but expect daily rain)



Mahakam River Accommodation

Mahakam River has poor accommodation facilities at the villages, The houseboat has 10 air-condition Cabins with each 2 beds, 4 hot and cold water showers on board, a Kitchen and relax rooms and terraces at the second floor in front and in the back which will cruise you slowly through the hinterland, enjoying the scenery along the river sliding away

Travel Time & Distance East Kalimantan – MAHAKAM River Cruise

Balikpapan – Samarinda overland 3 hours
Samarinda – Muara Muntai houseboat cruise 14 hours
Muara Muntai – Lakes – Muara Muntai full day
Muara Muntai – Muara Pahu houseboat cruise 6 hours

How To Get There

Balikpapan Sepinggan international airport with direct Flights to Jakarta, Surabaya, Semarang, Tarakan, Berau, Palu, Makassar, Manado, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu
Samarinda Airport with direct flights to Melak, Balikpapan, Berau, Tarakan, Nunukan, Long Apung, Tanjung Selor (ATR – Airvan planes)

Things To Bring

Long wear
Towel, soap and personal needs
Torch/Flash light
Waterproof bag (for documents and electronics)

Mahakam River Culture & Wildlife

The wildlife is exotic, lots of water birds, along with the endemic proboscis monkeys, and other forest denizens including clouded leopard, leaf monkey, macaque, pangolin anteater, tiny tarsier, lizards, and pythons. The Tribal Cultures on the way are more then 40 tribes, with all their own cultural believes and art, from longhouses, to earlobes and tattoo's

General Information

East Kalimantan Province area is 204,534 square kilometers, with a 4,5 million population

HOUSEBOAT

MAHAKAM RIVER CRUISE



The Houseboat at the Mahakam River is an individual wooden cruise boat with a length of about 35 meters long, and almost 6 meters width. Upon the size, the houseboat can accommodate up to 24 passengers, at private cabins.



The Houseboat has 2 floors, the first floor is for the cabins (10-12 cabins) with air-conditioning for each cabin, in the back you can find a kitchen with 4 private Toilet and shower facilities (hot and cold water)



The second floor, has an air-conditioned dining and relax room, and in the back and front private terrace for view during your cruise



The Houseboat crew are 5 persons, the captain, a second captain, and a helper, and also a private cook and a helper, which can serve you the meals as your wish



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