

Venture Force – Sumatra Wildlife Conservation (11 Days) ‘Orang-utan Haven’



This Expedition includes:

- International Flights UK Indonesia
- 2 Venture Force Expedition Leaders including David Higgs MBE
- 2 School Teacher leaders (fully funded)
- Emergency Operations Room (24 hr coverage)
- Leaders International Communication Pack - Sat phone, PLB, SPOT Messenger system, In-country mobile phone.
- Tried & tested Comprehensive Travel Insurance including repatriation
- In-country agent support
- Team T- shirts
- Heavy Duty travel bags
- Wildlife Conservation work in partnership with leading charity Pan Eco (NGO) and their *Sumatran Orang-utan Conservation Project (SOCP)*
- Field work with International experts & local guides
 - Night & Day Jungle Research Treks
 - Amazing Jungle river journey deep in to forests to help with research at the SOCP's remote Sikunder Research Station.
 - Project work with the Orang-utan Coffee management scheme
 - Privileged visit to the SOCP Orangutan Veterinary Centre

<http://www.ventureforce.co.uk/wildlife-conservation-projects/sumatra/>

Aims and Objectives:

The specific aims and objectives of this expedition will be agreed between the school and Venture Force but will embrace the goals and ethos of the School/College whilst reflecting the philosophy of Venture Force and SOCP.

Expedition Content:

Wildlife Conservation Projects: Our expeditions take us all corners of the globe where we see some of the negative impact that man is having on the environment. Venture Force, in partnership with David Higgs MBE, a driving force in International conservation, are developing a range of projects that will help redress the balance.

By combining the expedition leadership and management skills of Venture Force with David's extensive knowledge and experience we believe we have a winning formula; a formula that will provide students with a unique, challenging 'hands on' experience that will allow them to achieve across a range of fronts whilst also contributing to several worthwhile projects.

The final itinerary will be developed though discussion with the College and Venture Force but is likely to include some or all of the following:

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Sumatran Orang-utan Conservation Project:

Pan Eco is one of the world's leading conservation charities (NGO) who are meantime developing an Orang-utan Haven deep in rural Sumatra for rescued Orang-utans that cannot be returned to the wild because of injury or illness. This multi-faceted project will provide students with the opportunity to take part in a wide range of field work and research supporting the preservation of the Orang-utan and the environment essential to their survival.

Indigenous Cultural Initiatives:

Venture Force believe that to maximize their potential – student development of soft & hard skills - expeditions must provide students with the opportunity to embrace the culture and traditions and discover local religions and practices of the community that they are living and working with. This is vital to the understanding other nations and the development of global citizenship.

Outline Itinerary: We believe that students and staff should take ownership of the expedition and with guidance and expert advice from Venture Force expedition managers and our in-country agent develop the itinerary that best suits their educational and recreation requirements. A sample programme is outlined below.

Day	Location	Activity
Day One	Outbound flights –UK to Medan	Field work led and supported by Pan Eco experts and local guides to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orang-utan Nest Identification • Identification & collection of Orang-utan food • Jungle research treks (night & day) • Jungle river trip to SOCP's remote Sikunder Research Station. • Visit to Pan Ecos Orang-utan Coffee project (Orang-utan friendly coffee production) • Visit to the SOCP Veterinary unit • Indigenous Cultural activities.
Day Two	Field Work	
Day Three	Field Work	
Day Four	Field Work	
Day Five	Field Work	
Day Six	Field Work	
Day Seven	Field Work	
Day Eight	Field Work	
Day Nine	Field Work	
Day Ten	Travel home to UK	

Safety

Safety is one of the cornerstones of all Venture Force Expeditions. Our norm is to provide two experienced and qualified expedition leaders supported by two school teachers whose focus is the pastoral welfare of the team. We value the work of the teachers who are a vital and integral part of the leadership team. The entire expedition is monitored all day and everyday by our Emergency Operations team and is covered by fully comprehensive insurance (inclusive of medical repatriation cover) purchased by us.

Expedition cost does not include:

*Vaccination (approx £200) Venture Force try hard to provide a true cost for the expedition. However where vaccinations are concerned our hands are tied. We recommend that at an early stage you visit your travel clinic, taking along our itinerary, for professional advice.

**Personal Equipment: In an effort to keep cost to a minimum our kit list is based around what the average person will already have. We can arrange an evening presentation either at the school or at an outdoor clothing outlet for advice and an idea of expected cost. There is no pressure for clients to purchase items from the outlet.

***Visa: An Indonesian single entry tourist visa is obtained on arrival. Cost US\$25

Overview:

By immersing students in an environment that is challenging both physically and mentally we encourage them to reflect on their skills, personality and strengths and to address any areas where change may be needed.