

2018 Volunteer Construction Project



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Short Term Construction Volunteer Information

Why Join Us?

Orangutan Foundation International Australia's (OFI Australia) mission is to support and continue the orangutan and forest conservation efforts initiated by [Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas](#) in Kalimantan, Borneo. Dr Galdikas, who is Patron and a Board Member of OFIA, is an internationally renowned environmentalist, anthropologist and orangutan expert.



Dr. Galdikas

The situation facing orangutans in the world is bleak but not hopeless. All orangutan populations are under threat from habitat loss caused primarily by the conversion of tropical rainforest to palm oil and other plantations as well as illegal logging and mining. Orangutans need the rainforest to survive.

OFI is doing everything in its power to protect as much orangutan habitat (tropical rainforest) as possible especially in and around Tanjung Puting National Park while simultaneously re-introducing rehabilitated orphans back into the wild.

The Field Construction Volunteer Program was developed because concerned individuals asked to participate directly in the work. We believe that together we can ensure wild orangutans do not become extinct in our lifetime.

Come to Borneo, the world's oldest jungle and help us build and maintain much-needed infrastructure! You may be building a bridge, an enclosure, an infant orangutan jungle gym or another structure to help OFI continue our work to save orangutans in the rainforest. Field volunteers' complete projects that aid critically important aspects of our on-the-ground programs.

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Where:

Construction projects may take place at:

- Orangutan Care Centre & Quarantine (OCCQ) in the Dayak village of Pasir Panjang near Pangkalan Bun
- Camp Leakey located within Tanjung Puting National Park, Guard Posts
- Plant Nursery Facilities
- Other sights to be determined.



When:

The Construction Project will run from 17th June until 7th July 2018 (inclusive) a total of 21 days.



Cost:

AUD\$1,500 and includes, all accommodations, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), materials for the completion of the project, local assistance, as well as travel to and from the program site from the town airport.

Not included are: snacks, postage, laundry, or activities outside the volunteer experience. This program payment also does not include international and internal travel to the town airport. You must purchase your flight tickets to and from the closest airport which is located near the town of Pangkalan Bun, Kalimantan Tengah [Central Borneo, Indonesia]. This does also not include the cost of three days entry into the national park during the trip to Camp Leakey at the end of the project.

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Be Ready For:

- Hands-on manual work in a hot, humid, equatorial environment with buzzing and biting insects, poisonous snakes; basic, remote and isolated living conditions; no running hot water, rudimentary toilet and shower facilities.
- Possibly sleeping in the middle of the rainforest in temporary shelters.
- Three meals per day consisting of rice and vegetables possibly supplemented by eggs, chicken, tofu or fish.
- Construction work: building, carrying, sawing, cutting, etc. Note that heavy lifting is required!
- *And the opportunity to see orangutans!*



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Requirements:

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have a good level of fitness and be in a good mental and emotional health.
- Sometimes things can be a little challenging given our location so we ask that volunteers are flexible, patient, show integrity in difficult situations with the ability to adapt to changing conditions and of course willing to work as part of a team!
- Volunteers do not need experience in the field, just a desire to help, a sincere interest in forest conservation and orangutan survival, a willingness to work hard and a passion for OFI's work!
- Volunteers are responsible for their own vaccinations and should bring anti-malarial prophylactics and medication as well as medicine for common conditions such as diarrhoea. OFI will NOT accept applicants who do not show proof of valid vaccinations against the following diseases: tetanus, hepatitis A and B, typhoid, and potentially others, depending on alert levels at the time. We also require negative tuberculosis test results for orangutan health and safety reasons.



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