
TRAILS OF INDOCHINA
INDONESIA
Culture, History and Adventure on the Island of Java
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INDONESIA OVERVIEW



General Information

Capital: Jakarta

Population: ~288.3 million (as of 2026)

Language: Bahasa Indonesia, 700+ local languages

Religion: Islam (87%), Christianity, Hinduism, Buddism

Time Zone: Western Indonesia Time – WIB (UTC + 7)

Central Indonesia Time – WITA (UTC + 8)

Eastern Indonesia Time – WIT (UTC + 9)

Currency: Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)

Electricity: 230V / 50Hz

Climate: Tropical, hot and humid, with 2 main seasons:

- Wet: October – April (varies by region)
- Rainy: May – September (varies by region)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Visa on arrival

Travellers from **eligible countries**, including the majority of countries in America and Europe, can apply online for the Indonesia Visa on Arrival (VOA). (please visit the **Indonesia Directorate General Of Immigration**) It permits a single-entry stay of up to 30 days, which can be extended once for another 30 days. For more information, please refer to our Visa Document.

International visitors to Bali will be subject to a one-time fee of IDR 150,000 (approximate USD 10). Please note the one-time payment is per each visit/arrival into Bali and applies to adults and children of all ages. International visitors are encouraged to conveniently settle this payment via the Love Bali website or App prior to their arrival. Upon payment, a tourism levy voucher will be sent via email, and the QR code can be downloaded to smartphones, or printed for scanning at checkpoints in Bali Airport and sea ports.

Travellers must complete an **All Indonesia Customs Declaration** before departure to Indonesia and present the completed form with the QR code to the Customs Officer. If you arrive in Indonesia and go to the customs checking area without the QR code you will be asked to go and complete the form and queue again.

Airport Assistance Services in Bali only

As soon as you disembark, our airport representative will meet you at the end of the jet bridge, holding a signboard with your name(s) on it. Accompany the representative to the exclusive fast lane immigration counter where the airport representative will assist you with all immigration and customs documentation. After clearing immigration, our representative will escort you to the baggage claim to collect your luggage and lead you through arrivals hall to meet your guide followed by a transfer to the hotel.


Yogyakarta
The Cultural Heart of Java





Getting Here

- Yogyakarta International Airport (YIA): Main hub; 1-hour transfer to the city center, 1.5 hours to Magelang.
- Flights: 1h15min from Jakarta; 1h30min from Bali; 2h15min from Singapore; 2h35min from Kuala Lumpur.
- Train: 7-hour scenic executive-class train from Bandung.

Tourist Highlights

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Borobudur Temple and Prambanan Temple.

Historic Landmarks: Kraton (Sultan's Palace), Taman Sari Water Castle, and Malioboro Street.

Special Activities (Optional)

Borobudur sunrise experience; Horse-cart tour through Candirejo Village terraces; Ramayana Ballet outdoor performance at Prambanan; Traditional arts: Batik making, woodcarving, and shadow puppet (Wayang Kulit) workshops.

Best Time to Visit

Dry season from May to October (ideal for outdoor sightseeing and temple sunrises).

3 Nights Minimum Stay

To fully cover the city, Borobudur, and Prambanan.

PREFERRED HOTELS





AMANJIWO ★★★★★

Accommodation:

- 32 pavilions | 1 villa

Unique Selling Points:

- Overlooks Borobudur with privileged access
- Architecture mirrors the temple form

PLATARAN BORODUDUR RESORT & SPA ★★★★½

Accommodation:

- 21 villas

Unique Selling Points:

- Short drive from Borobudur
- Features scenic views from the resort





PREFERRED HOTELS





PLATARAN HERITAGE BOROBUDUR HOTEL ★★★★

Accommodation:

- 75 rooms | 3 suites

Unique Selling Points:

- Situated just 1.2 miles from Borobudur Temple

THE PHOENIX HOTEL YOGYAKARTA ★★★★

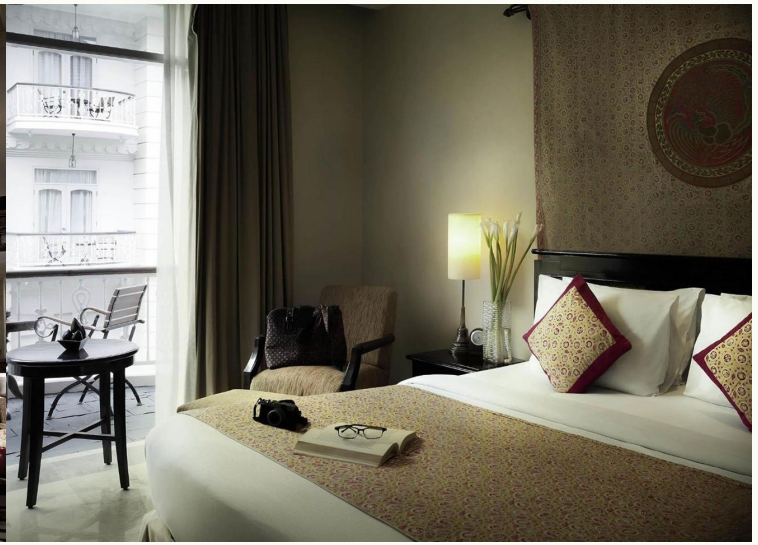
Accommodation:

- 144 rooms

Unique Selling Points:

- 1918 heritage private mansions with colonial architecture green zone





HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES

Attire & Footwear

Wear modest clothing covering shoulders and knees for temples, along with sturdy, non-slip walking shoes for steep steps.

Sun Protection

Bring lightweight, breathable clothes, a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and high-SPF sunscreen for midday heat.

Sunrise Trips

Get enough rest for 03:30 AM starts, stay hydrated, and carry a small flashlight for dark walking paths.

Volcanic Safety

Pack a face mask for volcanic dust; tours near active volcanoes may adjust based on local safety updates.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Culture & History



Borobudur & Prambanan Heritage Discovery, with nearby ancient temples such as Pawon, Mendut, and Sewu.



Immerse in Yogyakarta's royal history with visits to the **Kraton (Sultan's Palace)** and the **Taman Sari Water Castle**.



Hands-on cultural experiences with local artisans, including **Batik painting**, **shadow puppet**, and **Gamelan**.

Active & Adventure



Sunrise trekking at **Puthuk Setumbu** with views of Borobudur, or trek across the volcanic terrain of **Dieng Plateau**.



Cross-country bike tour through peaceful rural paths, green rice fields, and scattered ancient temples surrounding Prambanan.



Explore the traditional farming village of **Candirejo** on a native horse-cart, featuring hands-on local activities.

DISCOVERING JAVA'S CULTURAL CAPITAL

Day 1 **Yogyakarta** arrival

Day 2 Full day visiting Yogyakarta city and Borobudur Temple

Day 3 Half-day cycling tour to Prambanan Temple

Day 4 **Yogyakarta** Departure

Notes

For guests who want to extend their trip in Yogyakarta, trekking tours and visits to local villages famous for shadow puppets and batik crafts are also available










Blitar
Crossroads of Ancient Kingdoms





Getting Here

- By Train: Direct connections from major cities like Surabaya (approx. 4 hours) or Malang (approx. 2 hours).
- By Car: Drive roughly 3 to 4 hours from Surabaya (Juanda International Airport).

Tourist Highlights

Historical & Heritage Sites: Makam Bung Karno (Soekarno's Grave), Candi Penataran.

Active Volcanic Landscapes: Mount Kelud Crater, Mount Bromo Caldera.

Special Activities (Optional)

Private Sunset Dinner at the Ancient Candi Penataran; Attending the vibrant traditional music and dance performances during the Blitar Cultural Festival (Festival Kebudayaan Blitar).

Best Time to Visit

Dry season from April to October (ideal for exploring temples, historic sites, and coastal beaches).

1-2 Nights Minimum Stay

To cover the key historical monuments and cultural landmarks.

PREFERRED HOTELS





HOTEL TUGU BLITAR ★★★★

Accommodation:

- 56 rooms & suites

Unique Selling Points:

- 1850s colonial heritage mansion blending traditional East Javanese art and culture with colonial luxury
- Features Lali Djiwa Heritage Spa

HOTEL SANTIKA BLITAR ★★★

Accommodation:

- 123 rooms & suites

Unique Selling Points:

- Contemporary design centrally located in Blitar near Bung Karno Museum and railway station with outdoor swimming pool and fitness center





HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES

Volcanic Safety

When visiting Mount Kelud, stay strictly behind designated safety barriers on the crater rim due to potential volcanic gases, and bring a face mask.

Weather & Cave Precautions

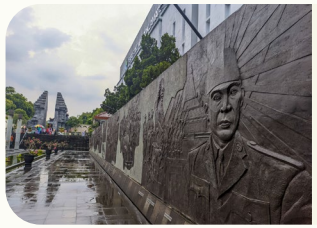
Avoid cave exploration during rainy afternoons, as heavy downpours can cause sudden flash floods.

Physical Considerations

The off-road 4x4 Jeep ride to Mt. Kelud traverses rugged terrain; it is not recommended for pregnant travelers, elderly guests, or anyone with back/neck conditions.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Culture & History



Visit **Makam Bung Karno**, the final resting place of Indonesia's first president, and explore the **Bung Karno Museum**.



Explore **Candi Penataran**, the largest Hindu temple complex in East Java, to study its preserved Majapahit-era history.



Experience an exclusive **private dinner** with traditional bamboo flute melodies set inside the ruins of Candi Penataran.

Active & Adventure



Embark on a Jeep expedition along rugged volcanic ash trails directly to the crater rim of **Mount Kelud**.

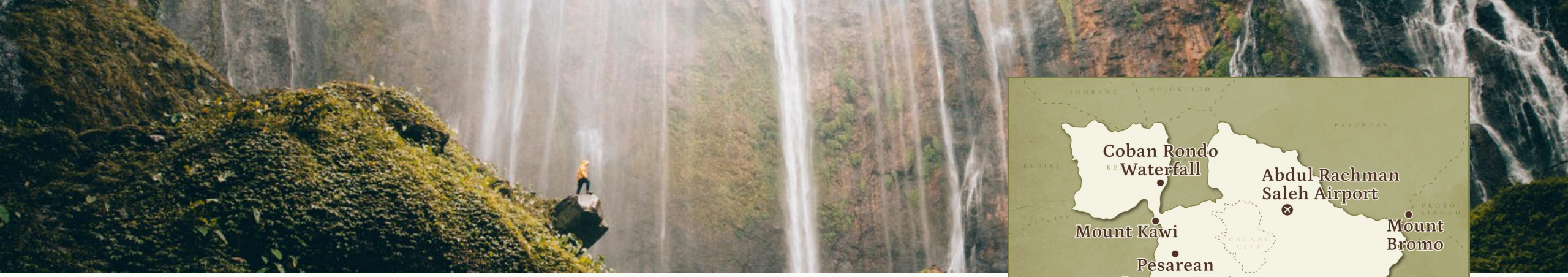


Sunrise trip to **Penanjakan viewpoint**, then trek across the **"Sea of Sand"** to reach the active steaming crater rim.



Trek into the deep canyon to witness the **Tumpak Sewu Waterfall**, set against the backdrop of **Mount Semeru**.


Malang
The Mountain Playground



Getting Here

- By Train: 2-hour scenic executive train from Blitar; 2 hours from Surabaya.
- By Air: Jakarta (CGK) Airport; Abdul Rachman Saleh Airport (MLG) for domestic flights; or a 2.5-hour drive from Surabaya Airport (SUB).

Tourist Highlights

Volcanic & Caldera Wonders: Mount Bromo Crater Rim, Sea of Sand (Pasir Berbisik).

Highland Nature & Waterfalls: Tumpak Sewu Waterfall.

Cultural & Urban Landmarks: Kayutangan Heritage Area.



Best Time to Visit

Dry season from April to October (best conditions for volcano trekking and outdoor exploration).

3-4 Nights Minimum Stay

1-2 nights for the city & highlands, 2-3 nights for the midnight Bromo excursion.

PREFERRED HOTELS





GRAND MERCURE MALANG MIRAMA ★★★★★

Accommodation:

- 251 rooms | 11 suites | 2 penthouses

Unique Selling Points:

- Magnificent mountain and city views with modern international amenities, Sky Lounge, and extensive MICE facilities

HOTEL TUGU MALANG ★★★★★

Accommodation:

- 49 rooms & suites

Unique Selling Points:

- Iconic luxury museum-hotel in the old-town area housing a vast collection of Indonesian antiques and Babah Peranakan heritage





PREFERRED HOTELS





PLATARAN BROMO ★★★★★

Accommodation:

- 48 rooms & suites

Unique Selling Points:

- Luxury highland resort "Above the Clouds" offers fine dining, spa
- Exclusive private access to Bromo adventure tours

JIWA JAWA RESORT BROMO ★★★★

Accommodation:

- 50 rooms & suites

Unique Selling Points:

- eco-friendly mountain resort in Tengger hills featuring an open-air amphitheater, Java Banana art gallery, and host of Jazz Gunung Bromo





HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES

Cold Weather Essentials

Pre-dawn summit temperatures drop to 5°C – 12°C. Heavy winter jackets, beanies, and gloves are mandatory for early hours.

Volcanic Dust & Gas Protection

Wear closed-toe shoes, sunglasses, and surgical masks or bandanas against dust; note that Mt. Bromo sulphur fumes are unsuitable for guests with asthma, bronchitis, or heart conditions.

Tumpak Sewu Trekking Safety

Wear high-traction footwear for slippery canyon trails, and strictly avoid riverbed areas during afternoon rains due to flash flood risks.

Bumpy 4x4 Jeep Rides

Off-road Jeep transport involves rough terrain; it is not recommended for pregnant women, elderly guests, or anyone with back/neck injuries.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Culture & History



Explore the historic **Kayutangan Heritage Area**, lined with preserved **Dutch colonial architecture** and vintage cafes.

Active & Adventure



Jeep tour to **Penanjakan or King Kong Hill** to capture the iconic **sunrise over the Tengger volcanic caldera**.



Traverse the **Sea of Sand** and climb the stairs directly to the steaming rim of **Mount Bromo**'s active crater.



Explore **Tumpak Sewu**, witnessing its breathtaking, 80-meter semi-circular curtain of cascading water.

HERITAGE TRAILS OF EAST JAVA

Day 1 **Blitar** arrival

Day 2 Coffee plantation day trip or Anak Kelud Volcano Excursion; Enjoy private dinner inside the majestic Candi Penataran

Day 3 **Blitar – Malang** transfer; Javanese Cooking Class

Day 4 Mount Bromo Sunrise Trek; Explore Malang's Dutch colonial heritage, historic architecture and charming old-town streets

Day 5 Explore Singsori Temple; Hands-on tea-picking and making experience

Day 6 Jungle expedition and visit Tumpak Sewu Waterfall; Scenic lunch with views of Mount Semeru

Day 7 **Malang** departure

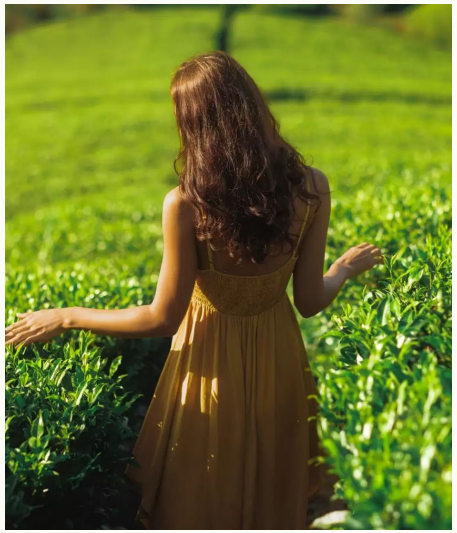
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The outdoor picnic lunch experience (at Kali Kebo Grounds or Coban Ciblungan) is exclusively offered for guests staying at Hotel Tugu Malang and taking their in-house tour package.

For guests staying at alternative hotels, lunch will be served at a local restaurant instead.










Ijen
The Crater of Blue Flame



Getting Here

- From Jakarta: Flight from CGK to SUB (Surabaya) Airport (approx. 1 hour 40 minutes).
- From Bali: Drive from South Bali/Ubud to Gilimanuk Port (approx. 3–4 hours).
- Ferry Crossing: Take a 45-minute public ferry ride across the Bali Strait to Ketapang Port (Banyuwangi).

Tourist Highlights

Volcanic Wonders: The Blue Fire, Turquoise Acid Lake.

Island & Snorkelling/Diving: Menjangan Island, Tabuhan Island.

National Parks: Alas Purwo National Park, Baluran National Park.



Best Time to Visit

Dry season from June to October (ideal weather conditions for night trekking, less slippery trails, and clear visibility of the blue flame).

2-3 Nights Minimum Stay

Sufficient for the midnight trekking excursion and recovering afterwards.

PREFERRED HOTELS





DIALOG BANYUWANGI ★★★★★

Accommodation:

- 92 rooms | 24 suites

Unique Selling Points:

- Stylish beachfront resort with Scandinavian-inspired design
- Features an infinity pool directly overlooking the Bali Strait

JIWA JAWA RESORT IJEN ★★★★

Accommodation:

- 18 rooms & villas

Unique Selling Points:

- Upscale eco-friendly retreat on Mount Ijen slopes with East Javanese cultural character, art gallery, and amphitheater





PREFERRED HOTELS





KETAPANG INDAH HOTEL ★★★★

Accommodation:

- 152 rooms

Unique Selling Points:

- Vast beachfront resort in a 6-hectare coconut garden near Ketapang Ferry Port with direct Bali Strait views

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES



Severe Medical Contraindications

Strictly forbidden for guests with asthma, respiratory illnesses, heart conditions, high blood pressure, vertigo, or pregnant women. Excellent physical stamina and prior rest are strongly recommended for this tour.



Mandatory Medical Certificate

All climbers must present a signed medical health certificate issued within 24 hours prior to the trek at Paltuding basecamp.



Strict Respiratory Safeguards

High toxic sulfur dioxide concentrations require mandatory professional gas masks/respirators and safety goggles. Avoid wearing contact lenses.



Extreme Terrain Challenge

A demanding 3 km steep uphill climb (17- to 35-degree inclines) on loose gravel. High-traction footwear and trekking poles are essential.



Thermal Layering

Pre-dawn summit temperatures drop to 5°C – 10°C. Windproof jackets, layered clothing, and warm beanies are critical.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Culture & History



Meet the **native sulphur miners** inside the crater to learn about their daily work, carrying tools, and local cultural heritage.

Active & Adventure



Wall diving and snorkelling on **Menjangan Island**, or explore the pristine white beaches of **Tabuhan Island.**



Journey across the vast savannas of **Baluran National Park** or **Alas Purwo National Park**.

JAVA'S VOLCANIC CONQUEST

Day 1 **Surabaya** arrival; Transfer to **Mount Bromo**; Visit Madakaripura Waterfall (if time permits)

Day 2 Mount Bromo sunrise tour; Sea of Sands walk; Transfer to **Banyuwangi/Ijen** area

Day 3 Leisure and relaxation to recharge for the early morning hike to Ijen Crater

Day 4 Early morning hike to Ijen Crater; Transfer to **Bali**

Notes

Java is GMT+7, while Bali is GMT+8 (1 hour ahead).

The Blue Fire phenomenon and descent into the crater rim are strictly subject to weather conditions, volcanic activity levels, and official safety approvals from the local government/national park authorities. Access may be restricted or closed on short notice for safety reasons.








Q & A
Any questions?


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