



Indonesia

Essential Java & Bali

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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Itinerary

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10 Days • 9 Nights

Jakarta – Bogor – Bandung – Garut – Baturaden – Dieng Plateau – Yogyakarta – Kediri – Blitar – Malang – Bromo – Kalibaru

Optional: Beach Extension - £350

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Cangkuang ancient temple, in the middle of the Cangkuang lake
- Visit the massive stone monument of Borobudur
- Explore the smoking crater of Bromo
- Enjoy the beautiful beaches of Bali

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Discovering Adventure
Tour Start	Jakarta
Tour End	Bali
Accommodation	Hotels
Included Meals	9 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 0 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Easy

This is a unique journey where you explore the magnificent region of Java. See the massive Borobudur Temple, one of the greatest of all ancient architectural monuments. At the end of the journey you can have an optional beach extension in the exotic Bali.

Itinerary



DAY 1: JAKARTA

Upon arrival at Jakarta Airport you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Hotel (4)*

DAY 2: JAKARTA - BOGOR - BANDUNG (B)

Depart by air conditioned to Bogor, the city of flowers, for an excursion to the renowned Botanical Gardens. We will then visit the Gunung Mas tea Plantation to enjoy the scenery of tea plantation. Then continue to Bandung via Cipanas.

Overnight Hotel in Bandung

DAY 3: BANDUNG (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a scenic drive through the Lembang hills to the crater of Mount Tangkuban Perahu and to the Sari Ater hot springs for a relaxing soak. In the afternoon, we will head back to our hotel in Bandung to spend the afternoon at your leisure.

Optional tour to Padasuka village to listen to the melodious sound of Angklung music played on traditional bamboo instruments.

Overnight in Hotel Bandung



DAY 4: BANDUNG - GARUT - BATURADEN (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we depart for Cangkuang Lake, a small lake in the vicinity of Garut, around 70km south of Bandung, visiting the Cangkuang temple, the first ancient temple ever discovered in West Java. The temple stands on an island in the middle of the lake and we will reach it by crossing the lake on rustic bamboo rafts. We continue to Naga Village to see the villagers going about their daily lives and traditional activities. We will then drive to the province of Central Java, passing teak and rubber plantations on the way to Baturaden.

Overnight in Baturaden

DAY 5: BATURADEN - DIENG PLATEAU - YOGYAKARTA (B)

Today we will drive after breakfast to Wonosobo, followed by an excursion to the mystical Dieng Plateau (about 2200m above sea level), the site of the first known standing stone structures in Java. Here you will see eight small Hindu temples from the 7th and 8th centuries. Historians believe that the temples originally numbered 400 but today only these eight remain. We drive further to the cultural City of Yogyakarta.

Overnight in Yogyakarta

DAY 6: YOGYAKARTA (B)

Breakfast will be at the hotel before we depart in the morning for the Borobudur Temple Tour, visiting the massive stone monument of Borobudur, a Unesco World Heritage site.

Borobudur is one the greatest of all ancient architectural monuments, comprising six square platforms topped by three circular platforms, and is decorated with 2,672 stone relief panels and 504 Buddha statues. The main dome, located at the center of the top platform, is surrounded by 72 Buddha statues seated inside perforated stupa. Built with peasant labor from the surrounding countryside between AD 750 and 850, Borobudur predates Angkor Wat in Cambodia by three centuries. Though a Buddhist creation, it incorporates Persian, Babylonian and Greek influences.

Borobudur's stone relief panels are a virtual history of Mahayana Buddhist doctrine as well as an ancient record providing scholars with detailed information about life in 8th and 9th century Java. If you were to look at every panel from base to summit, you would walk for more than three miles. Soon after its completion, the local rulers were overthrown by the Hindus and Borobudur was abandoned. Buried under volcanic ash and tropical growth, it was only rediscovered in 1815. It has recently been fully restored by an International effort under the aegis of UNESCO. In nearby villages, you can still see stone masons working in much the same manner as the peasants who built this astonishing monument. You may also visit the nearby smaller but important temples of Pawon and Mendut.

We will then head back to Yogyakarta, where we can spend the afternoon at leisure.

Optional:

- Yogyakarta City Tour and Prambanan Temple
- Dinner performance at Purawisata, experience local transportation by "Becak" (local Pedi cab)

Overnight in Yogyakarta

DAY 7: YOGYAKARTA - KEDIRI (B)

We will leave Yogyakarta this morning and head for Kediri. Along route we will be able to stop at the town of Solo where we visit the historic Mangkunegaraan Palace. *Overnight in Kediri.*

DAY 8: KEDIRI - BLITAR - MALANG (B)



Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will embark on a city tour within Kediri to Klentent Tjoe Hwie Kion and Simpang Lima Monument. After this we will visit the Selomangleng cave before heading to Blitar where we will stop at the cemetery of the 1st president of Indonesia, Ir Soekarno. We will continue to the Pentataran temple before ending up at Malang, where we will be staying tonight.

Overnight in Malang

DAY 9: MALANG - BROMO - KALIBARU (B)

Today we will head to Bromo after breakfast at the hotel. We drive to the village of Pananjakan before continuing our journey on foot from the rim of the old crater down into the stunning caldera, crossing the sulfur rich sand-sea to the smoking crater of Bromo to enjoy the stunning scenery. After this excursion we drive to Kalibaru via the cities of Probolinggo, Jember and Jatiroto. We will arrive at our hotel around midday – where we can spend some time at leisure and get a chance go for a stroll to visit a nearby village to see coffee and cocoa plantations.

Overnight in Kalibaru

DAY 10: KALIBARU - BALI (B)

We will have breakfast at the hotel before taking a short plantation tour at Kalibaru. After this we drive to Ketapang harbour, where we will cross the Straits of Bali by ferry.

Upon arrival in Bali you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home - or your hotel in Southern Bali if you are opting for the beach extension.

End of the trip.

OPTIONAL BEACH EXTENSION - £350

DAY 10-12: KUTA BEACH STAY (B)

Free day at leisure with daily breakfast.

Overnight in Bali.

DAY 13: KUTA-DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at hotel – at the appropriate time transfer to the airport in time for your flight back home.

End of the trip.



Important Information

INCLUDED

- 🌍 All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- 🌍 Tour and transfers as mentioned in the itinerary with dedicated air-conditioned vehicle.
- 🌍 English Speaking Guide
- 🌍 Entrance fee and luggage handling.
- 🌍 Accommodation: as mentioned above based on twin share and entry level room.
- 🌍 Daily breakfast at hotel
- 🌍 VAT & Service Charge

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned Tipping and other personal expenses
- Domestic or international airfare and airport departure tax.
- Optional Tour
- Seasonal surcharge - TBA

Additional Information

ACTIVITY DURATION

12 days 10 nights

SEASON

April-October

BEST TIME TO GO

April- October

GROUP SIZE

2-8 pax

EXPEDITION SCHEDULE

Annual Group departures or Tailor made to suit your dates.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Easy' level (less than 3 hours per day).

EXTRA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

8-24 June 2018: IED MUBARK (IDUL FITRI) – A pre warning that the entire island of Java will be experiencing heavy traffic this weekend, so we would advise you to avoid travelling at this time.

Saturday 17th March 2018: NYEPI DAY (Silence Day) – No activities are allowed throughout the whole of Bali on this day.

