



## Indonesia

Essential Java & Bali



# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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## ITINERARY

## Indonesia • Essential Java & Bali

**10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS**

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

Optional: Beach Extension

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Canguang ancient temple, in the middle of the Canguang 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
Group Size	2-8 pax

## ESSENTIAL JAVA & BALI



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.



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# INDONESIA *an overview*

The most famous Indonesian Island of Bali has it all, beaches, volcanoes, terraced rice fields, forests, wildlife, rich culture, resorts and surfing. However, there is so much more to be explored in Indonesia!

Known as the Islands of the Dragons, The Komodo Islands are a mini archipelago consisting of mesmerising ragged volcanic islands. Home of the mighty Komodo Dragons, the islands encompass the Komodo National Park, where these captivating reptiles roam. Clusters of rolling savannah-like russet grass hills and rusty red volcanic peaks, stunningly unspoilt white beaches, reefs appearing through crystal waters; all framed by some unforgettable sunsets.

Lying untouched by tourism, Kalimantan makes up the remote and rustic Indonesian portion of Borneo. The region features legendary dense tropical forests packed with wildlife including many different primate species and the iconic free-roaming endangered orangutan. Routes within Kalimantan are largely made up of steaming rainforest lined winding rivers, best explored by Klotok (Traditional Houseboat) through the likes of the enchanting Tanjung Puting National Park.

Known for its deep Jungles and incredible Coffee; rough and rugged Sumatra is an explorers paradise and is nature galore. This jungle filled Island is one of the last remaining places of earth to witness wild orangutans and is encompassed with sheer natural beauty.

## WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

Pioneer Expeditions are one of the few specialists that really *do* off the beaten track and unique adventures. The team have a real passion for wildlife and adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the world for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventures.

We like to introduce our clients to the unique, the different, and the incredible. Whether it is through wildlife tracking, sea kayaking, snorkelling, trekking, rafting, cycling or observing wildlife in its natural environment, we want to give you the real Pioneer experience.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home, you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with a commitment to responsible travel.

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## DAY 1: JAKARTA

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

### Overnight Jakarta



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**0**



Distance:  
**Varies**



Activities:  
**Travel &  
Transfer**

## DAY 2: JAKARTA - BOGOR - BANDUNG

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



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B**



Distance:  
**3hrs**



Activities:  
**Exploring**

## DAY 3: BANDUNG

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



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B**



Distance:  
**2hrs**



Activities:  
**Exploring**

## DAY 4: BANDUNG - GARUT - BATURADEN

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we depart for Canguang Lake, a small lake in the vicinity of Garut, around 70km south of Bandung, visiting the Canguang 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 Purwokerto



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B**



Distance:  
**7hrs drive**



Activities:  
**Exploring**



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## DAY 5: BATURADEN - DIENG PLATEAU - YOGYAKARTA

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



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B**



Distance:  
**5hrs drive**



Activities:  
**Exploring**

## DAY 6: YOGYAKARTA

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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Padi cab)

### Overnight in Yogyakarta



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B**



Distance:  
**2hrs drive**



Activities:  
**Exploring**

## DAY 7: YOGYAKARTA - KEDIRI

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



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B**



Distance:  
**5hrs drive**



Activities:  
**Exploring**



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## DAY 8: KEDIRI - BLITAR - MALANG

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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*



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**1hr drive**



*Activities:*  
**Exploring**

## DAY 9: MALANG - BROMO - KALIBARU

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*



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**Varies**



*Activities:*  
**Time at  
leisure**

## DAY 10: KALIBARU - BALI

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.



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**Varies**



*Activities:*  
**Travel**





# EXTENSIONS

## OPTIONAL BEACH EXTENSION - £350

### DAY 10-12: KUTA BEACH STAY

Free days at leisure with daily breakfast.

*Overnight in Bali.*



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**N/A**



*Activities:*  
**Time at  
Leisure**

### DAY 13: KUTA-DEPARTURE

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

End of the trip.



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**Varies**



*Activities:*  
**Travel**

# 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

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



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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ACTIVITY DURATION	10 days, 9 nights
SEASON	April-October
BEST TIME TO GO	April- October
GROUP SIZE	2-8 pax
EXPEDITION SCHEDULE	Scheduled Group Departure or Tailor made to suit your dates. Check out our website to find expedition 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.

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## THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

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Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at [info@pioneerexpeditions.com](mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com) if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website [www.pioneerexpeditions.com](http://www.pioneerexpeditions.com) to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

**1. Contact us -**

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

**2. Leave everything to us -**

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

**3. Wait for your adventure to begin -**

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know your requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

