



Best of Java & Sumatra

21 days, Medan to Surabaya

Trip code AEMS

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- Trekking and wildlife spotting in Gunung Leuser National Park
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- View Sipiso Piso waterfall
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- Visit to Istiqlal Mosque
- See Jakarta Cathedral
- Explore Kota Tua Old Town Jakarta
- Visit Sunda Kelapa Harbor
- Traditional Sundanese family-style lunch
- Explore Badung Geological Museum
- Walking tour of Semarang Kota Lama
- Tour Sam Poo Kong Temple and Gedong Songo Temple
- Full day exploration of the volcanic Dieng Plateau area
- Candirejo Village Visit
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- Wanurejo & Borobudur Village Biking Tour
- Mangkunegaran Palace Visit
- Triwindhu Market
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- Ngadas Village Walk
- Lunch at Ngadas Village
- Free time in Yogyakarta & Ngadas
- Transport to/from included activities
- Internal airfare

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 23rd, 2025 and onwards

Itinerary



NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Medan

Welcome to Sumatra! Arrive at anytime.



Accommodation

Swiss Belhotel Medan (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

No better way to start your Sumatra adventure than a day tour of the biggest city on the island, Medan. Visit the important landmarks, starting at the biggest mosque on the entire island, Al-Mashun Great Mosque. From there, walk to the grand 30-room Maimun Palace. Drive to Vihara Gunung Timur Temple and admire the classic Chinese architecture. Then continue walking through Pajak Ikan Lama historic market before heading to lunch. Together we'll eat like the locals at a Padang restaurant. After lunch and a day of exploring, drive to Bukit Lawang and check into your hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Ec lodge Bukit Lawang Cottages (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

The Great Mosque of Medan and Maimun Palace Visit

Medan

Visit the Grand mosque of Medan, Al-Mashun. Built in the early 1900's, this beautiful mosque is a mix of Middle Eastern, Spanish and Indian architecture. It was part of the Maimun Palace complex, so after visiting the mosque, walk to the palace and explore the property built by the sultan of Deli in the year 1888 with Malay, Mogul and Italian influences.

Vihara Gunung Timur

Medan

Visit the beautiful Vihara Gunung Timur. This Chinese temple is the largest in the city of Medan and on the island of Sumatra. This temple was built in the 1962 and dedicated to Dongyue Dadi. Enjoy your visit and admire the classic Chinese architecture.

Tjong Afie Mansion

Medan

Visit the "historical jewel in Medan," a 35-room, 2-story mansion built in 1895. It is a registered historical landmark as well as a cultural heritage building and museum.

ACTIVITY

Fill up on an amazing lunch as the locals do in West Sumatra. We'll sit down together for a delicious Padang style meal, where our host will serve a large number of small platters of different dishes. The charm of Padang cuisine lies not only in its range of dishes but also in its serving style, called hidang. Diners are charged only for the platters that have been eaten from; untouched platters are taken away and served to other guests.

Private Vehicle

Medan - Bukit Lawang

3h

85km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 3

Bukit Lawang

Today, head off to trek through Gunung Leuser National Park. Sumatra is one of only two islands in the entire world where you can find orangutans in the wild. Enjoy a moderate hike through the largest national park in Indonesia in search of these and other amazing animals. After working up a sweat, cool off while tubing down the river back to the starting point. This evening, join a local cooking class to make traditional cuisine from the Batak Ethnic group.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Ecolodge Bukit Lawang Cottages (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Jungle Trekking & River Tubing in Gunung Leuser National Park

Bukit Lawang

2h30m-3h

3km

Wander through the jungle of this large national park home to endangered tigers, rhinoceroses, elephants, and orangutans. While your chances of spotting one of these elusive animals may be slim, there are plenty of primates and birds hanging around, especially orangutans. So keep your eyes peeled! The trek is easy to moderate and suitable for all hiking levels. After the 2.5-3 hour hike, enjoy 45 minutes of river tubing.

Local Cooking Class

Bukit Lawang

Take a becak to a local cooking class for dinner. Learn to make famous dishes from the Batak ethnic group in North Sumatra like flavorful fish stew or aromatic rendang chicken and acar campur, a local pickled vegetable salad.

Day 4

Bukit Lawang/Berastagi

Drive from Bukit Lawang to Berastagi and enjoy the scenic ride with stops at Gundaling Hill and a local fruit market. After checking into the hotel, drive to Sibayak Hot Spring for some much deserved time to relax in the volcanic hot spring.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Sinabung Hill Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Relax in the hot springs of Mount Sibayak volcano and admire the stunning surroundings.

Private Vehicle

Bukit Lawang - Berastagi

5h

135km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 5

Berastagi/Lake Toba

After breakfast, drive to Dokan Village to visit the Batak ethnic group. The Batak people are from North Sumatra, especially around Lake Toba and have been here for hundreds of year. Take a tour of the beautiful and unique village. Then continue to the breathtaking Sipiso Piso Waterfall on the way to Parapat Harbor. Load into the ferry and cross Toba Lake to arrive to the large volcanic island in the middle of the lake, Samosir Island, for the night. Settle into your hotel, then join your group for dinner together.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Toledo Inn (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Berastagi - Dokan

1h30m

35km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Traditional Batak Village Visit

Dokan

Visit the traditional Karo Batak Village, Dokan Village. The Karo ethnic group of the Batak people are known for the exceptional conservation of their traditions and culture, more so than other Batak groups. Follow your CEO on a tour to see their unique stilted homes, learn about the Karo culture and have the opportunity to meet and talk with the locals.

Sipiso Piso Waterfall

Merak

Admire this stunning plunge waterfall, formed from an underground river. Grab your camera to capture the incredibly green surroundings, rock faces and beautiful plummeting waterfall.

Private Vehicle

Dokan - Parapat

1h

30km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Ferry

Parapat - Samosir Island

1h

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a ferry boat.

Day 6

Lake Toba/Medan

Explore the cultural side of Samosir Island with visits to two of the more prominent Batak villages, Tomok and Ambarita. Visit the Tombs of Tomok and learn about the legend of the king. Explore the breathtaking architecture and unique way of life during a tour and dance performance in Amberita Village. In the afternoon, we'll take a ferry back to Parapat Harbor and then drive back to Medan for the evening.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Anara Sky Kualanamu (Medan Airport) (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Tombs in Tomok Village

Tomok Bolon

Take a trip back in time and visit the tomb of King Sidabutar in Tomok, a local Toba Batak Village. The Toba are the largest of the Batak ethnic group today. Learn more about their history, and the legend of the king. See the monument's ornate carvings, and visit others close by, including another royal tomb said to be used as a fertility shrine.

Ambarita Village Visit

Lake Toba

Explore the amazing Ambarita Village, and wander through the traditional Batak tongkonan houses with roofs the shape of boats. You'll see beautifully carved wooden structures, unique stone furniture and have the chance to see their traditional Batak dance performance.

Ferry

Samosir Island - Parapat

1h

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a ferry boat.

Private Vehicle

Parapat - Medan

4h

160km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 7

Medan/Jakarta

Depart Medan and fly southbound to Jakarta. Get settled in and explore the city with your CEO.



Accommodation

101 URBAN Jakarta Thamrin Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Day 8

Jakarta

Explore the capital city of Indonesia's 17,000+ islands. Today in this bustling metropolis, we'll visit Istiqlal Mosque, the largest mosque in all of Southeast Asia, the neo-Gothic Jakarta Cathedral, and the cobblestoned colonial Kota Tua Old Town. Explore Sunda Kelapa Harbor and the historic pinisi ships. After a full day of adventure, head out for dinner along Sabang street at a local warung (local Indonesian restaurant).



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

101 URBAN Jakarta Thamrin Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Kota Tua Old Town Jakarta & Jamu Drinks

Jakarta

Follow your CEO on a tour of Kota Tua, Jakarta's original downtown. Lined with Dutch Colonial buildings and cobblestone streets, this area was also known as Old Batavia during the 17th century. Visit a modern Javanese herbal cafe and try the historic Jamu drink. Indonesia's traditional herbal drink Jamu is losing popularity among young people, who find its bitter taste and old-fashioned image unappealing. With the rise of modern beverages and global drink trends, Jamu is often seen as a drink of the past. Cafes around Jakarta are working to change this narrative by reimagining Jamu for a new generation, using modern brewing methods, unique flavor combinations, and sleek presentation to make this traditional drink appealing and relevant once again.

Sunda Kelapa Harbor

Jakarta

Visit Sunda Kelapa Harbor - a historic port that has been in operation for centuries. It's the perfect spot to see traditional wooden schooners, or "phinisi" ships, still in use today. You'll be able to take in the lively atmosphere of the harbor, as merchants and fishermen go about their work, offering a unique insight into the life of Jakarta's maritime culture.

Istiqlal Mosque Visit

Jakarta

Visit the largest mosque in all of Southeast Asia, the Istiqlal Mosque. This national mosque of Indonesia was built to commemorate Indonesian independence and named "Istiqlal", an Arabic word for "independence."

Jakarta Cathedral

Jakarta

Admire the impressive stained-glass windows, intricate sculptures, and the grand altar as you learn about the country's Christian history and the harmony between different faiths in Jakarta.

ACTIVITY

Enjoy dinner like the locals on Sabang Street, Jakarta's culinary center. We'll find a fun warung, local Indonesian restaurant, and try traditional meals like Lontong Sayur (rice cake with veggies and coconut milk broth), Ketoprak (a veggie dish with a splash of peanut sauce), or Gado-gado (local salad with peanut sauce dressing).

Day 9

Jakarta/Bandung

Travel southeast towards Bandung, another major city in West Java. After arriving, sit down for a traditional Sundanese lunch, eaten family-style. Explore this historic city & Indonesia's natural heritage with time to visit the Geological Museum of Bandung. We'll drive to Gedung Sate for a photo stop on our way to visit Jalan Asia Afrika for some free time to explore.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Arion Suite Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Jakarta - Bandung

4h

150km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

ACTIVITY

The Sundanese, one of Indonesia's largest ethnic groups, bring their rich cultural heritage to the table. Enjoy signature dishes, served family style, like nasi timbel (banana leaf-wrapped rice), karedok (raw vegetable salad with peanut sauce), and ikan bakar (grilled fish). Enjoy the freshness, light flavors and aromatic herbs celebrating the region's natural bounty.

Badung Geological Museum

Bandung

Visit to the Geological Museum of Bandung. Exploring exhibits on fossils, minerals, and geological history, offering a fascinating insight into Indonesia's natural heritage.

Gedung Sate Photo Stop

Badung

Drive to visit the beautiful Dutch architecture of Gedung Sate.

Jalan Asia Afrika

Bandung

Walk along Jalan Asia Afrika and do some shopping along the row of white columns. Admire the classic Dutch colonial architecture as it starts to turn pink and orange at sunset.

Day 10

Bandung

Today is a free day to explore Bandung however you'd like. Choose to explore the vibrant city or stay active with a visit to Tangkuban Prahur volcano or Kawah Putih crater for some easy hiking. Combo that with a visit to a local tea plantation for lunch and a tea tasting.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Arion Suite Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Bandung

Enjoy a full day to explore the city of Bandung.



Optional Activities - Day 10

Kawah Putih

Bandung

Kawah Putih is a striking sulfuric crater lake, known for its surreal, milky-white waters set against a backdrop of lush forests. Explore the crater, and visit a scenic tea plantation where we can stroll through the verdant fields, learn about tea production, and enjoy breathtaking views of the rolling hills. This combination provides a perfect mix of scenic landscapes, relaxation, and insight into local traditions.

Tangkuban Prahur Volcano

Bandung

Visit Tangkuban Prahur, a stunning active volcano located in West Java, Indonesia. You can view the crater, steaming sulfur vents, and expansive panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The volcano, known for its distinctive shape resembling an upturned boat (tangkuban prahu), is also rich in local legends. Hike to Kawah Domas, an easy to medium trail, through the forest for around 1.2 kilometers. The first 900 meters of the 1200-meter hike to Kawah Domas is relatively easy, as it follows

a slightly sloping dirt path. After crossing a bridge, the trail slopes downward and includes several stairs at some points. Overall, the hike is not that difficult.

Day 11

Bandung/Semarang

Depart Bandung this morning and drive to Semarang to arrive in the early afternoon. Explore the sights of the city like Greja Blenduk and Lawang Sewu for the charming Dutch architecture. Visit Sam Poo Kong Temple, a historic Chinese temple, and Kota Lama, the historic downtown of Semarang. Save room after lunch as you will try the local favorite, Lumpia, a delicious Javanese spring roll.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Santika Premiere Semarang (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Bandung - Semarang

5h

360km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Semarang Kota Lama

Semarang

Take a walking tour of the historic downtown of Semarang Kota Lama. This area is known for its charming colonial-era buildings and old streets. You can stop by some iconic spots such as the Semarang City Hall, Café Taman Sari and Greja Blenduk, one of the oldest churches in Semarang.

Sam Poo Kong Temple

Semarang

Visit the oldest Chinese temple in Semarang, originally built in the early 1400's. This temple was established by Chinese Muslim explorer Cheng Ho. The original temple was a cave the explorer found on one of his expeditions, but after an avalanche in the 18th century, the current temple was reconstructed in a cave next door.

Lawang Sewu

Semarang

Explore this colonial-era building with its grand architecture and fascinating history. It was originally built by the Dutch East Indies Railway company, and nowadays is said to be haunted due to the tragic activities that took place here in the 20th century.

Day 12

Semarang/Dieng Plateau

Leave the city behind and head into the central Java mountains today. The first stop today will be to Gedong Songo Temple, on the slopes of Mount Ungaran. This beautiful Hindu temple is perched on the mountain in solitude surrounded by nothing but forests. After some time to explore and take photos, we'll visit the Ambarawa Train Museum, where 21 historic locomotives still reside in Java today. Make your way to Wonosobo in the Dieng Plateau region and enjoy a free evening.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

DAFAM Hotel Wonosobo (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ambarawa - Wonosobo

3h

80km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Gedong Songo Temple Visit

Ungaran

Visit the stunning Gedong Songo Temple, nestled on the slopes of Mount Ungaran. This beautiful site is so peaceful and the stone carvings are extremely impressive. It is an excellent opportunity to learn about Java's ancient history and take in the panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. Take a walk around the temple grounds and enjoy the incredible views of Sindoro and Sumbing mountains.

Railway Museum Ambarawa

Ambarawa

Visit the Ambarawa Railway Museum which preserves 21 steam locomotives, with four still operational. Historic furniture, telephones, train signals and bells are also part of the collection that reveal exciting stories about old Java adventures.

Private Vehicle

Semarang - Ungaran

2h

45km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Visit the breathtaking Dieng Plateau and enjoy the day to explore with your CEO as your guide! We'll see the sights like the colorful Telaga Warna Lake, misty Arjuna Temple and sulphurous Si Kidang Crater. After an adventurous day in nature, spend the evening in Wonosobo town square, where the locals gather to see what the evening food vendors are selling.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

DAFAM Hotel Wonosobo (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Wonosobo Town Square

Wonosobo

Explore Wonosobo town square with your CEO. This is where locals gather and hang out after a long day. The northern part of this town square is famous for its snacks and food vendors (a must-try dish is called Serabi). Older ladies are always found there cooking their snacks using traditional cooking utensils called "anglo." Serabi is a traditional Balinese-Javanese snack, similar to a pancake, made of a rice flour-based batter with coconut milk or coconut.

Dieng Plateau Adventure

Dieng Plateau

A visit to Dieng Plateau takes you to a high-altitude wonderland, known for its cool climate, volcanic craters, and ancient temples. Located in Central Java, the plateau features stunning natural landscapes, including colorful sulfur lakes and geothermal vents. Alongside your CEO, explore the historic temples, enjoy the breathtaking views, and experience the unique cultural and natural beauty of this serene, highland destination.

Day 14

Dieng Plateau/Yogyakarta

On the way to Yogyakarta, make a pit stop at the spectacular Selogriyo Temple, a gorgeous Hindu temple dedicated to the Goddess of Fertility in central Java. Enjoy the uphill scenic walk through the complex. Then head to Yogyakarta.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

KJ Hotel Yogyakarta (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Wonosobo - Magelang

2h

60km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Selogriyo Temple

Magelang

Visit the small, hidden Hindu temple complex dated from the 9th century, Selogriyo. Located in a small village in the city of Magelang, explore the village and lush rice paddies with your local guide. You're welcome to get a little muddy in the rice fields or stay clean on the small street.

Private Vehicle

Magelang - Yogyakarta

2h

60km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 15

Yogyakarta

There's so much to discover in Yogyakarta today! Explore some Javanese temples, bike to rice paddies on the outskirts of the city, or go for a foodie tour and try street food like gudeg (curry made from unripe jackfruit).



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

KJ Hotel Yogyakarta (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Yogyakarta

Get out and explore Yogyakarta and its surrounding attractions.



Optional Activities - Day 15

Yogyakarta Becak Tour & Taman Sari

Yogyakarta

Becak is one of the oldest and most traditional forms of transportation in Indonesia. Today, you will discover Yogyakarta's highlight by this traditional transport. Ride through the Alun-Alun Kidul (South Square), the Sultan's Palace and Taman Sari, the Water Castle, once used by the royal family to spend their leisure time. After a delicious lunch, continue your exploration with a visit to Sonobudoyo Museum. This museum collects and keeps important pieces of Javanese tradition. You'll end the day at the famous Malioboro Road for some shopping and local everyday life before returning to your hotel.

Jomblang Cave Tour

Yogyakarta

A hidden gem nestled in the breathtaking landscapes of Yogyakarta, Jomblang Cave offers an extraordinary adventure into the heart of the earth. This unique vertical cave invites you to explore a hidden underground wonderland, illuminated by sunlight. Your journey begins early in the morning. After a scenic 2-hour drive, you'll arrive at the entrance to Jomblang Cave. Before descending into the

depths, you'll be fitted for all required gear and guided by experienced professionals. Then embark on a thrilling descent of 60 meters into the cavern. Once at the bottom, you'll marvel at the breathtaking sight of sunlight filtering through the cave's opening, casting a magical glow upon the subterranean landscape. Explore the mysterious depths and intricate rock formations. After your underground exploration, you'll be pulled back up to the surface, ready to savor a delicious local lunch cooked by the local women in the area before you return back to your hotel.

Village Tour by Colonial Style Bike

Yogyakarta

Cycle through the villages and wave hello to the people you will be passing along the way. You will be stopping at a traditional market and home businesses, all awhile meeting locals, and getting insights into the different facets of local life here in Yogyakarta. A traditional Javanese lunch will be waiting for you after your hard work.

Day 16

Yogyakarta/Magelang

Visit Candirejo Village on the way to Magelang today. Accompanied by a local guide, learn more about this village and why its known as a symbol of Javanese culture. Here you will gain more insight into daily activities, the multiple-crop farming system, and their traditions. After a delicious local lunch, drive to Magelang for the night.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Puri Asri Magelang Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Yogyakarta - Candirejo

1h30m

45km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

ACTIVITY

Visit Candirejo, a captivating village sitting among vibrant green fields. Meet friendly residents, and learn all about ancient traditions and Javanese culture. This community directly supports women's empowerment in the Candirejo Ecotourism Village Development. Women play a central role in the home industry sector, which we have a chance to see on this visit. Take home the perfect souvenir – homemade handicrafts and furniture can be found here, including wonderful pieces made of bamboo made by the local women's initiative.

Day 17

Magelang/Solo

We'll rise before the sun today in order to catch a beautiful sunrise atop Setumbu Hill. This easy hike will bring you above the early morning fog for a gorgeous view of the jungly temple topped mountains. After descending, return to the village for an easy biking tour to see its beautiful sites like Borobudur Temple and the traditional market. This evening, drive to Solo.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

The Royal Surakarta Heritage (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Setumbu Hill Sunrise Hike

Magelang

This is a perfect place for a sunrise, with the temples and jungle encapsulated by fog with a mountain backdrop. The hike to Setumbu is doable for all fitness levels. It can be steep in parts, but it's not too difficult. It takes about 30-45 mins. The trail is a dirt path with some steps.

Wanurejo & Borobudur Village Biking Tour

Magelang

Explore the local villages by bicycle to visit its local businesses, traditional markets and outside around Borobudur Temple. The cycling is on a flat paved village road and total cycling distance is under 7km.

Private Vehicle

Magelang - Solo

3h

90km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Spend the day getting to know the history and traditions of Central Java in Solo, known as the center of Javanese culture. With visits to Mangkunegaran Palace, Triwindhu Market and Laweyan Village, you'll have the chance to see how traditional heritage is still alive today.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

The Royal Surakarta Heritage (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Triwindhu Market

Solo

Visit the Triwindhu Market. This is a great place to find traditional Javanese items, antiques, textiles, and local handicrafts. If you're interested in souvenirs, this is the place to be! Don't hesitate to bargain a little with the vendors.

ACTIVITY

Learn about the traditional process of Batik-making. Then, have the chance to create your own batik piece, guided by skilled artisans. It's a fantastic hands-on experience and a great souvenir opportunity!

Mangkunegaran Palace Visit

Surakarta

Take in the mix of Javanese and European architecture at this charming palace. Keep an eye out for royalty -- members of the aristocratic family still reside in the palace.

Day 19

Solo/Bromo

After breakfast, continue east to Ngadas Village. On the way, make stops to explore Alun Alun Malang City Square and colorful Jodipan Village. Arrive to Ngadas in the late afternoon. This picturesque village in the foothills of Mt Bromo is known for its Javanese traditions and beautiful nature.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Ngadas Homestay (or similar)

Homestay



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Nestled amongst the green hills of the Mt Bromo region, the village of Ngadas is home to a Tengger farming community. Overnight with a local family participating in the community's homestay program, a G Adventures-supported initiative. Learn about the local culture, customs, and traditions from your hosts.

Private Vehicle

Solo - Ngadas

5h

370km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Jodipan Colorful Village Visit

Malang

Grab your camera for a visit to the picture perfect Jodipan Village. Known for its colorful rainbow homes, like the while town is a mural.

An early morning jeep ride is the best way to see the Bromo Crater this morning. Followed by a 45 minute hike to reach Penanjakan Hill view point just in time for sunrise! Admire the oranges and pinks before continuing the hike through the Sea of Sands to the top of Bromo Crater. Enjoy a picnic breakfast at Teletubbies Hill. Return to Ngadas Village for a walking tour (and maybe a coffee?) to see the temples, the tomb of mbah Sedek and the holy forest. Enjoy a local lunch and dinner at the homestay with free time to explore how you wish in between.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Accommodation

Ngadas Homestay (or similar)

Homestay



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Learn more about daily life in Ngadas with a village walk. Take in views of the scenic hills as you walk along, passing farming areas and stopping to visit the local temple, vihara, and mosque.

ACTIVITY

Nestled amongst the green hills of the Mt Bromo region, the village of Ngadas is home to a Tengger farming community. Enjoy a village walk and local lunch at this G Adventures-supported initiative. Take in views of the scenic hills as you walk along, passing farming areas and stopping to visit the local temple, vihara, and mosque. Learn about the local culture, customs, and traditions from your hosts.

Mount Bromo Jeep Excursion

Gunung Bromo

4h

Jump in a jeep and explore the winding landscape of Eastern Java, climbing upwards and outwards towards the grandeur of Mt Bromo to witness a stunning sunrise. Hike to the peak of Mt Bromo, part of the Tengger Calder, the largest volcanic range in the area. A distinct site, the volcano blew its top off completely and is constantly smouldering with white smoke.

Free Time

Ngadas

Enjoy a free afternoon in Ngadas Village.

Day 21

Bromo/Surabaya

Fill up on breakfast, then load into the bus to drive to Surabaya. Your tour ends on arrival at the Surabaya Airport.

Please book onward travel after 3pm.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Bromo - Surabaya

4h

130km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

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- Guided Batak Village exploration
- View Sipiso Piso waterfall
- Samosir Island Exploration
- Visit to Istiqlal Mosque
- See Jakarta Cathedral
- Explore Kota Tua Old Town Jakarta
- Visit Sunda Kelapa Harbor
- Traditional Sundanese family-style lunch
- Explore Badung Geological Museum
- Walking tour of Semarang Kota Lama
- Tour Sam Poo Kong Temple and Gedong Songo Temple
- Full day exploration of the volcanic Dieng Plateau area
- Candirejo Village Visit
- Setumbu Hill Sunrise Hike
- Wanurejo & Borobudur Village Biking Tour
- Mangkunegaran Palace Visit
- Triwindhu Market
- Jodipan Colorful Village Visit
- Mount Bromo Jeep Excursion
- Ngadas Village Walk
- Lunch at Ngadas Village
- Free time in Yogyakarta & Ngadas
- Transport to/from included activities
- Internal airfare

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What is the role of the group leader during this trip?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 12

What meals are included in this trip?

19 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, flight, walking, biking, jeep.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (18nts), Local homestay with shared bathroom (2 nights)

Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?

Nights 18 and 19

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

Hotel (18 nts), Local Homestay with shared bathroom (2nts)

What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

If you would like to book an airport Arrival transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office Bangkok, Thailand

24/7 emergency number:

From outside Thailand: +66 92 338 9222

From within Thailand: 092 338 9222

G Adventures Local Representative (Indonesia)

Mr. Azhar : +62 813 376 18480

Mr. Edy: +62 811 380 3820

Ms. Periana: +62 811 380 3821

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

Your tours ends on arrival at the Surabaya Airport. Please book onward travel after 3pm.

What should be on my packing list?

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

Indonesia:

If you are eligible to apply a tourist e-visa for Indonesia, please follow the below links for further information and application:

[C1 Visa Description and Requirements](#)

[eVisa Application Website](#)

The All-Indonesia Arrival Card is mandatory for all international travelers on arrival at Soekarno–Hatta International Airport (CGK), I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS) and Juanda International Airport (SUB) must be completed online within 72 hours before arrival. Submitting the form in advance generates a QR code required at immigration and customs.

Note: The Arrival Card will be mandatory for all international travelers on arrival at all international airports, all international ports by land and by sea from 1 October 2025. For more information and to complete the application, visit the [Indonesia Immigration website](#).

What activities are optional on this trip?

Bandung

- Kawah Putih
- Tangkuban Prahur Volcano

Yogyakarta

- Yogyakarta Becak Tour & Taman Sari
- Jomblang Cave Tour
- Village Tour by Colonial Style Bike

What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

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