



Highlights of Java: Temples & The Dieng Plateau

8 days, Jakarta to Yogyakarta

Trip code AEJY

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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

Jakarta

Welcome to Java! Arrive at any time.



Accommodation

101 URBAN Jakarta Thamrin Hotel (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.

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 3

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

Bandung

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 4

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 4

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 Prahua Volcano

Bandung

Visit Tangkuban Prahua, 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.

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 6

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.

Day 7

Dieng Plateau

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.

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 8**Dieng Plateau/Yogyakarta**

On the way to Yogyakarta, 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. Continue on to Yogyakarta where your tour ends on arrival.

Please do not book onward travel earlier than 7:00pm.

**Meals included**

Breakfast



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

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Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

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.

What is the maximum and typical number of participants on this tour?

Max 16, avg 12

What meals are included in this trip?

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, walking.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotel (7nts)

If I choose to purchase My Own Room, are there any exceptions during the trip?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

What should I expect from the accommodations on this trip?

Hotels 7 nts

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 do I contact for arrival issues or in the event 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 should I pack for this trip?

Documents:

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

Essentials:

- Footwear (required) (Closed toe suggested)
- 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
- 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 are the tipping guidelines for this trip?

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$2-4 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$5-7 USD per person, per day can be used.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Bandung

- Kawah Putih
- Tangkuban Prahua Volcano

What general safety tips and free-time guidelines should I follow?

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 are the mandatory group rules regarding laws and behaviour?

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.

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.

What are the age restrictions for 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 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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