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## **Indonesia: Volcanoes & Floating Villages**

28 days, Medan to Sanur

Trip code AEID

### **What's included**

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing December 27th, 2015 - December 31st, 2016

# Itinerary

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Day 1

## Medan

Arrive at any time.



## 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.

Day 2

## Medan/Tangkahan

Enjoy a morning tour of Medan. After, traverse bumpy roads to reach the small jungle community of Tangkahan. Opt to go hiking.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### 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 to the sultan of Deli in the year 1888 with Malay, Mogul and Italian influences.

Minibus

Medan - Tangkahan

5h

100km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Day 3

## Tangkahan/Bukit Lawang

Travel across bumpy roads to Bukit Lawang, located close to Gunung Leuser National Park.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Tangkahan - Bukit Lawang

6h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Day 4

## Bukit Lawang

Opt to go jungle trekking in Gunung Leuser NP.

Gunung Leuser National Park is located nearby and a great place to do some wildlife trekking in this large jungle park.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Walking

Bukit Lawang

2h

Lace up your shoes and get to the next stop under your own power.

Free Time

Bukit Lawang

With easy access to nature and a national park, this is the perfect jumping off point for some trekking. Get out there and see it all.

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### Optional Activities - Day 4

Jungle Trekking & River Tubing in Gunung Leuser National Park

Bukit Lawang

2h30m-3h

3-4km

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.

Day 5

## Bukit Lawang/Berastagi

Orientation walk upon arrival. Free afternoon with the option to visit the local hot springs.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Bukit Lawang - Berastagi

7h-8h

160km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Free Time

Berastagi

Get out and explore, taking advantage of the cooler weather of the highlands.

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### Optional Activities - Day 5

Hot Springs

Berastagi

5USD

Relax in the local hot springs near Berastagi. Soak sore muscles and let all your cares melt away.

Day 6

## Berastagi

Opt to hike a volcano or go on a Berastagi City Tour.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Berastagi

Take advantage of the cooler highland climate and explore the beautiful surroundings.

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### Optional Activities - Day 6

Sibayak Volcano Hike

Gunung Sibayak

35USD

Rise before the sun to hike Sibayak and catch a remarkable sunrise, taking in the stunning views of the valley and countryside. Sibayak is one of Indonesia's more accessible volcanoes (2094m or 6870ft), but be sure to watch your footing.

Hot Springs

Berastagi

5USD

Relax in the local hot springs near Berastagi. Soak sore muscles and let all your cares melt away.

Day 7

## Berastagi/Samosir Island

Travel to the world's largest volcano lake, Lake Toba.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Berastagi - Samosir Island

8h

190km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Day 8

## Samosir Island

Chill out and swim in the warm waters of the lake or opt for some culture by visiting local Batak villages.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Samosir Island

Get out and explore all Samosir Island has to offer. Free time is yours to use any way you wish.

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### Optional Activities - Day 8

Swimming

Grab your bathing suit and go for a refreshing swim.

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.

Day 9

## Samosir Island/Sibolga

Drive through beautiful scenery on this travel day, finishing at a town on the Indian Ocean on Sumatra's western coast.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Samosir Island - Sibolga

8h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Day 10

## Sibolga/Panyabungan

Take in the landscape on another travel day. Break up the journey with an overnight stop in Panyabungan.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Sibolga - Panyabungan

8h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Day 11

## Panyabungan/Bukittinggi

Enjoy an orientation walk upon arrival after a half-day of travel, including a few interesting stops along the way.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Panyabungan - Bukittinggi

5h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Day 12

## Bukittinggi

Enjoy a free day to go rafting or kayaking, or check out some sights, like Sianok Canyon or the Japanese Caves built during World War II.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Bukittinggi

Bukittinggi is a great jumping off point for nearby activities; get out there and explore.

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### Optional Activities - Day 12

Japanese Caves Visit

Bukittinggi

Check out an underground network of bunkers and tunnels built by the Japanese during World War II. Enter through Panorama Park.

Sianok Canyon Visit

Bukittinggi

40USD

Visit this long and steep canyon. Enjoy viewing this beautiful spot from above at a 2-storey observation tower in Panorama Park, or walk down to the canyon floor through the Great Wall of Koto Gadang.

Day 13

## Bukittinggi/Padang

Spend the final evening on Sumatra with the group at a beach hotel in Padang.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Bukittinggi - Padang

2h

30km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Free Time

Padang

Get out and enjoy some free time on the beach.

Fly to Jakarta and start exploring the island of Java.

Some travellers may be leaving the tour in Padang and others may be joining the tour in Jakarta. You are welcome to join them at a group meeting this evening, followed by an optional dinner.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Plane

Padang - Jakarta

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.



## Optional Activities - Day 14

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

Day 15

## Jakarta/Cianjur

Venture to Cianjur via Bogor, visit the floating villages, and opt to teach English to local children. Experience local life by spending the night at a homestay.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Jakarta - Cianjur

3h30m

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

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### Optional Activities - Day 15

Gunung Mas Tea Plantation Visit

Gunung Mas

10USD

Stop by the 100-year-old Gunung Mas, or 'Golden Mountain', Tea Plantation. Learn how tea is hand-picked and processed continually throughout the year. Enjoy a cup straight from the source.

Day 16

## Cianjur/Bandung

Enjoy an orientation walk of the sprawling city of Bandung, then take some time to explore independently.

Depart the homestay and travel to the sprawling city of Bandung, Indonesia's third largest city.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Cianjur - Bandung

2h

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

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Free Time

Bandung

Get out and explore the city.

Day 17

## Bandung/Yogyakarta

Travel from Bandung to Yogyakarta on a scenic train journey.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Train

Bandung – Yogyakarta

7h

402km

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Days 18–19

## Yogyakarta

Spend free time visiting local sights such as the Buddhist Borobudur temple complex, Javanese temples, or Mt Merapi.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Yogyakarta

Get out and explore Yogyakarta and its surrounding attractions.



### Optional Activities - Days 18–19

Borobudur Temple Complex Excursion

Borobudur

70USD

Take in the stunning artistic and architectural marvel that is the Buddhist Temple complex of Borobudur, a not-to-be-missed World Heritage Site. Learn about its interesting history and restoration; the site lay undiscovered under layers of volcanic ash until 1815, when Sir Stamford Raffles, then Governor of Java, ordered the area to be cleared.

Kota Gede Visit

Yogyakarta

Shop (or window shop) for a stunning hand-beaten bowl. If silver is more your thing, you can find fine silver filigree within this historical district known for its impressive silver work.

Kraton Palace Visit

Yogyakarta

Take in the royal splendour of this impressive 18th century palace, built by the Sultans of Yogya. Kraton is one of the finest examples of Javanese palace architecture and is essentially a walled city -- it has its own market, schools, and even mosques.

Taman Sari Water Castle Visit

Yogyakarta

Enjoy a visit to this castle built in the 18th century as a pleasure park for the Sultan. Check out the intricately carved gates and the bathing complex and tower, from where the Sultan would watch his concubines frolicking in the water.

Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppet Show

Yogyakarta

Get a taste of Indonesian theatre with a twist and enjoy a traditional shadow puppet show. These puppets are made with leather and chiselled with precision.

Day 20

## Yogyakarta/Tawangmangu

Enjoy an optional stop to explore the Prambanan temples, then opt to continue on to the Suku Temple with its erotic carvings. Follow this with a beautiful walk through small villages and farms to Tawangmangu.

Begin the day with an easy 2.5 hr drive. On the way, we have the option of stopping at Prambanan to explore the largest Hindu temple complex in Java by foot. This visit allows for approximately 1.5 hrs of exploration, and anyone who chooses not to visit the temple can visit an art market located near the temple.

Also opt to visit the Suku Temple, known as a fertility temple with erotic carvings. From there, walk approximately 3 hrs through small villages and along agricultural land, finishing up at a waterfall. A walk up a staircase ends in the village of Tawangmangu, where the evening is free to enjoy as you wish.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Yogyakarta - Tawangmangu

3h

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



### Optional Activities - Day 20

Suku Temple Visit

Suku - Surakarta

Visit the Suku Temple, a 15th century Javanese-Hindu fertility temple. Watch out if you're feeling bashful -- the carvings on this temple are decidedly erotic.

Prambanan Hindu Temple Complex Excursion

Yogyakarta

30USD

Tour Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple complex in Java, and learn about the history of the temples. Built between the eighth and tenth centuries, these temples now stand as one of the most outstanding works of Hindu art. View their intricate design, particularly on the Shiva temple.

Day 21

## Tawangmangu/Malang

Take a scenic journey to Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park.

Travel to to the second largest city in East Java.

Spend the afternoon checking out the gorgeous parks, bird and flower market, Singosari temple, Jago temple, Kidal temple, or just relaxing with a cup of local tea.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tawangmangu - Malang

8h-9h

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

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### Optional Activities - Day 21

Jago Temple Visit

Malang

Visit this 13th century Hindu temple and admire the five stone statues housed inside.

Kidal Temple Visit

Malang

Explore this ancient Hindu temple, built around 1248 and restored in the 1990s.

Singosari Temple Visit

Malang

Explore the grounds of this impressive Hindu temple, built around 1300. This structure takes us back in time, to when Hindus once ruled East Java before the arrival of Islam.

Day 22

## Malang/Bromo

Continue travelling east across Java to reach Mt Bromo.

Today's drive takes us through the tropical winding landscape of Eastern Java, climbing ever upwards and further out of the heat towards the grandeur of Mt Bromo. Part of the Tengger Calder, the largest volcanic range in the area, Mt Bromo is a distinct site -- it blew its top off completely and is constantly smouldering with white smoke.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Minibus

Malang - Bromo

5h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Day 23

## Bromo/Red Island

Enjoy an early morning hike to view the enchanting moonscape of Mt Bromo, then travel to a sweet surf camp on the beach.

A pre-dawn trek across the “sea of sand” to watch the sunrise over the crater’s rim is a must, popular with both tourists and the local Buddhist Tenggerese, who can be seen giving offerings of food to receive blessings from the Supreme God Hyang Widi Wasa.



### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today’s Activities

Mount Bromo Visit

Gunung Bromo

Visit magnificent Mt Bromo (2,392m), one of the most spectacular sights in Indonesia. Enjoy stunning views and be amazed by the volcano’s strange beauty seemingly from another world.

Private Vehicle

Bromo – Red Island

8h

274km

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

Day 24

## Red Island

Enjoy a surf lesson in the morning, then use free time to explore the nearby fishing village, do some more surfing or chill out in a hammock.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Grab your swimsuit and get ready to hang ten! Learn how to find and ride the waves with surfing lessons from local experts. Enjoy the fresh sea air, and try to spot local marine life while enjoying the waters.

Free Time

Red Island

Spend more time on the beach or explore the local village—the choice is yours.

Day 25

## Red Island/Pemuteran

Head to Bali and the beach with time to relax or explore the national park.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Red Island - Ketapang

1h30m-2h

75km

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

Ferry

Ketapang - Gilimanuk

1h30m

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

Private Vehicle

Gilimanuk - Pemuteran

45m

31km

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

Free Time

Pemuteran

Get out and explore the beautiful beaches of Bali.

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### Optional Activities - Day 25

Snorkelling

Pemuteran

Grab a snorkel and dive into the water. The waters are calm, visibility is clear, and the sea life and coral are colourful and aplenty.

Day 26

## Pemuteran

Chill out in Bali. Opt to take a snorkelling or diving trip to Menjangan Island.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Pemuteran

Get out and explore coastal Bali, or enjoy a day lounging at the beach. The choice is yours!

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### Optional Activities - Day 26

Snorkelling

Pemuteran

Grab a snorkel and dive into the water. The waters are calm, visibility is clear, and the sea life and coral are colourful and aplenty.

Diving in Menjangan Island

Pemuteran

140USD

Go scuba diving at the West Bali National Park surrounding Menjangan Island. Enjoy two dives at one of the best dive spots off Bali.

Day 27

## Pemuteran/Sanur

Travel to Sanur via hot springs and pristine cascades before a final night out with the group.

Today's drive is a journey, highlighting the spectacular natural diversity and intense cultural wealth that makes Bali such a sought after destination.

Our journey takes us across the entire island of Bali, through the rich tropical jungle, passing by idyllic terraced rice fields, quaint scenes of local village life, and eventually passing through the thriving metropolis of Denpasar. We then arrive at our overnight destination on the magnificent beaches of Sanur.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Pemuteran - Sanur

4h

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

Day 28

## Sanur

Depart at any time.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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## **Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?**

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

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

## **What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?**

### **1. COMBO TRIP**

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

### **2. ENTRANCE FEES**

Please note that entrance fees to temples are not included.

### **3. RAMADAN**

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between April 23rd and May 23rd, 2020. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

## **What is the group leader like?**

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our CEO (Chief Experience Officer). The aim of the CEO 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 10.

## What meals are included in this trip?

27 breakfasts

## What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. Included breakfasts will usually be asian style consisting of noodles or congee (rice porridge) or bread and eggs. Vegetarians will be able to find a range of different foods, although in some areas the choice maybe limited. While trekking in remote regions food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

Indonesian cooking contains fermented shrimp paste (terasi) as a basic ingredient. Although there are many vegetarian options available, please be specific when ordering food, as often a little chicken is included with most dishes.

## What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Minibus, local bus, walking, ferry, train, plane.

## Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

## Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## Where will we stay during the trip?

Simple hotels (24 nts), surf camp dorms (2 nts, multi-share), local homestay (1 nt).

## What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

A variety of styles of hotels/guest houses are used on this trip. In many instances they might not be like what you are accustomed to as service and efficiency can vary. In some areas we stay in simple local guest houses in stunning locations. That said, rooms are generally small and simple yet clean. There may only be shared toilet facilities and showers.

We will be travelling through a region where cold water showers are the accepted norm. In keeping with our authentic tours, many of our hotels will not have hot water showers.

During the Cianjur homestay, the group shares a big house. Up to five travellers will be sharing each room, and there are three bathroom facilities to be shared by the group.

During the Ngadas homestay, the group will be divided amongst several registered houses in the community. Each family will host 2-3 passengers. Travellers will stay in small rooms with beds and bedding provided. Showers are separate and warm water should be available. Please note that towels and toiletries are not provided at the homestay, be sure to bring your own.

At the surf camp in Red Island, travellers will be in dorm-style rooms with en suite bathroom facilities with up to 6 people per same-sex room.

Multi-share Accommodation: Multi-share same-sex accommodation is used on this tour, as such, if you are travelling with someone of a different gender you will not be in the same room. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

## What is the joining hotel?

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

## What are the joining instructions?

When arriving at Medan Airport, the easiest way to travel to the joining hotel is to take a taxi. The recommended company is Blue Bird Taxi. The cost from the airport is approximately 15 USD (150,000 IDR).

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 for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## **What happens if I experience problems when arriving?**

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your CEO, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

# 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 within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. 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

Indonesia 24 hours:

+62 (0) 811 380 3820

+62 (0) 811 380 3821

+62 (0) 813 376 18480

G Adventures Office Bangkok, Thailand

During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5pm Local Time)

From outside Thailand: +66 2 508 8630

From within Thailand: 02 508 8630

After hours emergency number

From outside Thailand: +66 87 049 6074

From within Thailand: 087 049 6074

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

## **Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?**

What you need to bring depends on the trip you have chosen and the countries or regions you are planning to visit. We suggest that you pack as lightly as possible as you are expected to carry your own luggage. As a rule we try not to have to walk more than 15-20 minutes with your bags which is why we recommend keeping the weight of your bags between 10-15kg/22-30lb. Suitcases are not recommended for G Adventures trips! Most travellers carry a backpack or rolling bag of small to medium size (no XXL ones please!) as they need to fit with you in buses or on trains. You will also need a day pack/bag to carry water, cameras and other electronics like ipods and mobile phones. If your trip involves overnights in homestays, villages or camping then you usually have the opportunity to rent sleeping bags if need be instead of bringing them with you.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

## 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

### **Light Hiking:**

- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Walking poles

### **Warm Weather:**

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

## **When can I do my laundry on this trip?**

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## **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](#)

## **Where can I read detailed notes about this trip?**

Indonesia has long been a great tourist destination and is an intriguing and rewarding destination to visit. English is widely spoken, transportation and infrastructure is good, but maybe not at the same level as you would expect in developed countries. If you are able to bring with you a lot of patience, a great sense of humour and a willingness to try and interact with the local people, your travel experience will be greatly enhanced.

## **What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?**

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## **What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?**

During this tour the local currency you will use is the Indonesian Rupiah. As currency exchange rates in South East Asia do fluctuate, we ask that you refer to the following website for the most up to date daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for each of the above mentioned currencies. The best way to carry your money is in debit cards, withdrawing cash in local currencies from ATM machines. ATMs are found throughout South East Asia and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. It is a great idea to travel with both a Visa and Mastercard if at all possible in case of loss or problems with one card, you will have a back up. Please note, your bank will charge a fee for overseas withdrawals. USD Cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. You should bring some cash with you for emergency situations (please refer to our trip dossier) but carrying only cash is a high safety risk. ATM card/s and some cash is the ideal mix. Travellers cheques can be tricky, timely and expensive to exchange. While we do not recommend that you bring them as your primary source of funds, it is great to have one or two cheques in case of emergency. Thomas Cook or American Express travellers' cheques in US currency are the easiest to exchange. Cash advances can also be made with some banks but are time consuming and tend to have high fees attached. Credit cards can be used at some upmarket restaurants, and at some larger stores if shopping for big items. If you are bringing US Dollars, please make sure that the notes are new and in good condition. Notes older than 2003, or with any tears or blemishes may not be accepted. Be fussy with your bank when buying cash!

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$250 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## **Should I be tipping on my 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 \$1.5-\$3.5 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 \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Bukit Lawang:

- Jungle Trekking (3 hours) - \$20 USD
- Bukit Lawang Feeding Point (camera fee \$5 USD) (1.5 hours) - \$15 USD
- Bat Cave Trek (2 hours) \$10 USD
- Tubing (1.5 hours) \$20 USD

## Tangkahan:

- River Cruise (3 hours) \$20 USD

## Berastagi:

- Gunung Sibayak Climb/Walk - \$24 USD

## Samosir

- Bicycle Rental \$5 USD

## Bukittinggi:

- Ngarai Sianok Trek \$20-30 USD

## Padang:

- Pagang Island (full day) - \$80 USD  
Bandung Traditional Angklung Orchestra - \$10 USD  
Yogyakarta Dance performance by the Ramayana Ballet - \$30 USD

## Tawangmangu

- Prambanan \$20-30 (depending on sites visited in the complex)

**Lovina:**

- Visit to Gigit Waterfall near - \$5-1
- Hotsprings near - \$0.5 plus transport
- Entry fees to Besakhi Temple - \$1
- Kerth Temple - \$1.20
- Taman Ayun Temple - \$0.30 All prices are per person (unless stated otherwise), and are subject to change as services are provided by third party operators.

## **Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?**

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

There are no specific health requirements for this trip. However, you should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information about before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. In Asia pharmacies tend to stock the same western drugs as you get at home but they are usually produced locally so please bring the full drug name with you when trying to purchase a prescription drug. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information.

# 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 CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your 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 or 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 judgment 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.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

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.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

[www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/)

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

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## 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 prostitutes 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 use prostitutes.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: 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 CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. 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 should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

When packing be aware that dress standards are conservative throughout Asia. To respect this and for your own comfort, we strongly recommend modest clothing. This means covering shoulders and no short shorts. Loose, lightweight, long clothing is both respectful and cool in the predominantly hot Asian climate. Shorts should be knee-length. Singlets and tank tops are not acceptable. One piece bathing suits are recommended and topless sun bathing is unacceptable.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

## 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.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

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