



WONDERS OF INDONESIA

Go Beyond Tour | 15 Days | Physical Level 1

Jakarta – Semarang - Yogyakarta – Borobudur – Bromo – Malang –
Flores & Komodo - Bali

An incredible journey through the wonders of Java, Komodo National Park and Flores Island. Immerse yourself in Indonesia's fascinating traditions and culture and explore natural landscapes ranging from volcanoes to stunning tropical islands teeming with wildlife. Discover the highlights of Java before journeying to the island of Flores, the gateway to Komodo National Park, where you'll embark on two island-hopping adventures in search of the famous Komodo Dragon.

- Encounter the legendary Komodo Dragons in their only natural habitat on Earth
- Marvel at Borobudur, the world's largest Buddhist temple
- Explore Mount Bromo volcano by Jeep
- Explore Yogyakarta, Indonesia's cultural capital, in a traditional Becak
- Cruise via speedboat to Komodo's Rinca & Kelor Island and beyond
- Discover Jakarta and enjoy a street food tour

TOUR MAP



WONDERS OF INDONESIA TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Most meals
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking National Escort (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditures e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, meals not included, early check-in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

GO BEYOND TOURS:

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime. These tours include:

- Walking through classic sites
- Unique cultural experiences and encounters
- Off the beaten track destinations
- More evenings at leisure for independent exploration

PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights.

'Wonders of Indonesia' is rated as a physical level 1 tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required, but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time, often on uneven surfaces.
- You will be required to get on and off small boats without assistance.

Of course, our National Escorts and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary. If you require any more information about the pace of our tours, please contact our reservations team who will be happy to answer your questions.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Jakarta

Meals: D

Fly to Jakarta, Indonesia's bustling capital. You will be met at Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta International Airport by your Local Guide or National Escort. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, travel to your hotel and check in.

Any time before this evening's dinner and welcome briefing is at leisure to start your explorations.



Destination Information

Jakarta - Jakarta has been the heart of Indonesia since the country gained independence in 1945. As the capital, it has grown into a lively, ever-evolving city, driving the nation's progress in business, media, and infrastructure. Home to over 10 million people, Jakarta is a place of energy and contrasts—towering skyscrapers sit alongside historic markets, and modern malls stand next to centuries-old mosques.

Day 2: Discover Jakarta

Meals: B, L, D

Following breakfast in your hotel, set off to explore Jakarta like a local. Travel to Batavia, the capital's historic old town, where you'll visit Sunda Kelapa (Old Harbour), Fatahillah Museum, and Old Batavia Square allowing you to soak up the city's fascinating colonial past.

As evening falls, dive into Jakarta's street food scene. Wander along Sabang Street, stopping at local warung to try dishes like Lontong Sayur (rice cakes with vegetables in coconut milk), Ketoprak, or Gado-Gado (a fresh salad with peanut sauce). Then, visit Sarinah, Indonesia's first mall and known for regular cultural performances, where you can explore its food court for dessert and, if you're lucky, catch a show.



Please note that today's guided tour will include some travel on public transport to avoid the city's famously hectic traffic.

Destination Information

Batavia: Batavia, the old town of Jakarta, offers a glimpse into the city's colonial past with its well-preserved architecture and historical charm. It's a lively area where you can walk through narrow streets and experience a blend of Dutch colonial influence and local culture.

Sunda Kelapa (Old Harbour): Sunda Kelapa is Jakarta's historic harbor, once a major port during the colonial era. The area is still bustling with traditional wooden schooners, offering visitors a taste of the city's maritime history.

Fatahillah Museum: Located in the heart of Batavia, the Fatahillah Museum is housed in a former Dutch colonial town hall. The museum showcases Jakarta's history, from its founding to its transformation into a modern metropolis, with exhibits ranging from ancient artifacts to colonial-era displays.

Sabang Street: Sabang Street is a popular destination for street food lovers, offering a variety of local dishes at vibrant food stalls. The area provides an authentic taste of Jakarta's street food culture, where you can sample traditional Indonesian snacks and meals.

Day 3: Jakarta to Semarang by train

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Gambir Train Station for your journey to Semarang.

Board the "Agro Muria Train" and enjoy a scenic six-hour ride to Semarang, taking the time to relax and appreciate the beauty of the changing landscapes of West Java.

Upon arrival in Semarang, enjoy a city tour for a glimpse into Semarang's storied past.

**Destination Information**

Semarang - Semarang is a city with a real mix of old-world charm and modern life. It's got a relaxed vibe, with its historic Dutch buildings and vibrant Chinatown offering a glimpse into the past. Whether you're strolling down its quiet streets or exploring the lively markets, there's always something interesting around every corner.

Day 4: Semarang to Yogyakarta

Meals: B, L, D

Today, you will drive a total of 4 hours from Semarang to the cultural heart of Java, Yogyakarta.

Along the way, visit Gedong Songo, one of the most beautifully situated temple complexes in Central Java, and the Ambarawa Railway Museum, which focuses on the preservation of Indonesia's steam locomotives following the closure of the Indonesian State Railway.

**Destination Information**

Yogyakarta: Often pronounced (and spelt) "Jogjakarta", Yogyakarta is central to Java's heritage, with traditional life and contemporary colliding in the huge urban centre. The metropolitan area is full of cultural attractions, with a plethora of coffee shops, street art and galleries.

Day 5: Explore Yogyakarta

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, explore Yogyakarta, one of Indonesia's cultural capitals. Start with a traditional becak ride through the city's historic heart, stopping at Alun-Alun Kidul (South Square) and Taman Sari, the former royal water palace. After visiting the Sultan's Palace (Keraton), experience a hands-on Javanese batik experience to find out more about local batik patterns and traditions.



In the afternoon, head to Prambanan Temple, Indonesia's largest and most breathtaking Hindu temple complex. Marvel at its towering spires, intricate stone carvings, and the legends woven into its ancient walls.

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Alun-Alun Kidul (South Square) and Taman Sari: Alun-Alun Kidul is a vibrant open space where locals and visitors alike come to relax, enjoy food stalls, and experience Yogyakarta's lively atmosphere. Just a short walk away, Taman Sari is a serene historical site that was once a royal garden, featuring intricate water palace structures and peaceful ponds. Together, they offer a blend of vibrant street life and quiet historical beauty.

Sultan's Palace (Keraton): The Sultan's Palace, or Keraton, is the heart of Yogyakarta's royal heritage, a majestic complex that has stood since the 18th century. Its ornate architecture and tranquil courtyards are a testament to the rich cultural traditions of the Javanese Sultanate. Visitors can explore its museum, which showcases royal artifacts and gives insight into the life and customs of the Yogyakarta royal family.

Prambanan Temple: Prambanan Temple is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Indonesia's most stunning ancient wonders. This towering complex of Hindu temples, with intricately carved reliefs and imposing spires, stands as a testament to the artistry and devotion of the 9th century. The site is a must-see for anyone interested in history, culture, and breathtaking architecture.

Day 6: Candirejo Village & Borobudur

Meals: B, L

Today, explore the charm of Candirejo Village and the awe-inspiring Borobudur Temple.

Start with a peaceful andong (horse cart) ride around Candirejo, where you'll discover Javanese village life, from farming practices to local traditions. If you're lucky, you might even get to try fresh fruit from the trees in season. Then, visit Borobudur, the largest Buddhist temple in the world. Dating back to the 9th century, this UNESCO site is filled with stunning relief panels and Buddha statues, which you can admire as you experience the temple's beauty up close.



Please note that although climbing to the top of the site may be possible, numbers are strictly limited so this is not guaranteed.

Destination Information

Candirejo Village: Candirejo Village is a charming rural area that offers a glimpse into traditional Javanese life. Here, you can take a peaceful horse cart ride through lush landscapes, seeing local farming practices and the community's everyday routines. The village's warm atmosphere and picturesque setting make it a perfect escape from the bustle of the city.

Borobudur Temple: Borobudur Temple is a breathtaking ancient Buddhist monument, renowned as one of the world's largest and most impressive temples. Dating back to the 9th century, the temple is adorned with detailed relief panels and statues that tell stories of Buddha's life. This region is a gorgeous landscape of impossibly green rice fields and soaring volcanic peaks and is locally known as the Garden of Java.

Day 7: Yogyakarta to Bromo

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast in your hotel, transfer to Tugu Train Station for your 4.5 hour journey to Mojokerto.

Upon arrival, enjoy a scenic drive through the winding hills to Bromo, passing through Probolinggo.

You'll stay overnight near the Tengger crater, ready for the adventure ahead.



Day 8: Mt Bromo Sunrise

Meals: B, L

Start your day early with a Jeep ride to the viewpoint, where you'll watch the stunning golden sunrise over Bromo. Afterwards, drive to the Sea of Sand (Pasar Berbisik) and reach the parking area for Mt. Bromo. From here, you may wish to continue to the summit and feel as if you're walking on the Moon's surface. After visiting the volcano, return to the hotel for a refreshing shower and breakfast.



Please note, Mt. Bromo is an active volcano, and while we cannot guarantee access to the crater, you will still be able to visit the viewpoint, except in the unlikely event of a major eruption. You will be informed about the crater's status upon receiving your entrance ticket.

After returning to the hotel for breakfast, continue to your hotel in Malang. Take in breathtaking views of the volcano and the surrounding landscapes.

Destination Information

Mount Bromo: One of Indonesia's most breathtaking sights, Mount Bromo stands at 2,329m and is surrounded by the peaks of Kursi and Batok, with Semeru in the distance. In the middle of a sea of volcanic sand, these mountains are part of the Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park, an area of 800 sq. km.

Day 9: Malang

Meals: B, L, D

Today, explore the charming city of Malang. Located in the cool hills, Malang is renowned for its laid-back atmosphere and youthful energy thanks to its large student population.

Next, visit Jodipan, often called the most colourful town in Indonesia. Every corner of this vibrant area is alive with bright colours and creative designs, from alleyways to rooftops.



Destination Information

Malang: Malang is a pleasant city in East Java, where you can wander through charming streets and enjoy a slower pace of life. One of its most vibrant spots is Jodipan, a neighbourhood which has been transformed into a canvas of colourful murals and artwork.

Day 10: Fly to Flores Island

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Surabaya Airport for your flight to Labuan Bajo – the gateway to the Komodo Islands. After arriving in Labuan Bajo, visit the impressive Batu Cermin Cave, famous for a perfectly positioned opening in the cave's roof that allows a shimmering reflection of sunlight to illuminate the dark main chamber.



Destination Information

Labuan Bajo: Located on the western tip of Flores Island in Indonesia, Labuan Bajo serves as the main entry point into the Komodo National Park, one of the country's most famous natural attractions. The town itself offers a laid-back atmosphere with a busy working harbour.

Day 11: Komodo National Park

Meals: B, L

After breakfast, transfer to the harbor, where you'll board a speedboat for an exciting day trip to Komodo National Park.

Marvel at Pink Beach, known for its unique pink sand, created by the mix of white sand and red coral fragments. Next, head to Komodo Island, home to the famous Komodo dragons. Embark on a guided trek to see these incredible creatures in their natural habitat, as well as the beautiful landscapes of the island.



From Komodo Island, you'll continue your journey to Manta Point, where, if you're lucky, you'll have the opportunity to swim with the majestic manta rays in their natural environment. During the day, enjoy a picnic-style lunch as you cruise between the islands.

Destination Information

Pink Beach: One of the most unique and stunning beaches in Indonesia, Pink Beach gets its name from the soft pink hue of the sand, created by a mixture of white sand and local, red-coloured coral crushed over thousands of years.

Komodo Island: Located in the heart of Indonesia's Lesser Sunda Islands, Komodo Island is famous for being home to the Komodo dragon, the world's largest lizard. Despite its small size, the island is also home to over 2,000 species of plant and animals, many of which are found nowhere else in the world.

Day 12: Komodo National Park

Meals: B, L, D

Transfer the harbour and embark on another adventure around Komodo National Park.

Your first stop today will be Rinca Island, famous for its population of Komodo dragons. Accompanied by a local guide, you'll embark on a trek to see these ancient creatures in their natural environment. Rinca offers stunning views of the surrounding waters and is an excellent spot for wildlife sightings.



Next, head to Kelor Island, known for its scenic beauty. The island's lush greenery and pristine beaches make it an ideal spot for a leisurely swim, snorkeling, or simply relaxing by the water.

Finally, visit Manjarite, a hidden gem known for its crystal-clear waters and vibrant coral reefs.

Destination Information

Rinca Island – Rinca Island is one of the three main islands of the Komodo National Park, with Padar Island and Komodo Island itself making up the other two. Featuring stunning rolling hills, savannah-like grasslands, and several small beaches, Rinca Island covers 123 square miles and is even home to a tiny fishing village.

Day 13: Fly to Bali

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Denpasar.

On arrival, check-into your hotel and enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore this tropical paradise at your own pace before our farewell dinner.



Destination Information

Bali: Known as the "Island of the Gods," Bali is a lush, green island famous for its emerald rice terraces, volcanic mountains, and a deeply spiritual Hindu culture that fills the air with the scent of incense and flower offerings. From the world-class surf breaks of the south to the artistic heart of Ubud, the island offers visitors vibrant nightlife, ancient cliffside temples, and serene yoga retreats.

Days 14-15: Departure

Meals: B

Transfer from your hotel to Ngurah Rai International Airport for your flight back to New Zealand, arriving either the same day or the following day.



WONDERS OF INDONESIA: TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS:

The cost of an Indonesian visa is not included, as the easiest way to obtain this is on arrival.

The 30-day visa on arrival (VOA) costs approximately 500,000 Indonesian rupiah (approximately AUD50), payable in cash or by card. Alternatively, if you wish to arrange this prior to departure, it is also possible to apply for an electronic visa on arrival (EVOA) up to 14 days before you travel on the following website: <https://evisa.imigrasi.go.id/>

Your passport must have an expiry at least 6 months after the date you arrive and at least 2 blank pages. You will be denied entry if your passport does not meet these requirements.

This information is based on passengers holding a full New Zealand passport. If you hold any other passport, please contact us.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

EATING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA:

Southeast Asia is home to an incredibly rich food history. The local cuisine is known for its intense flavours, spices, and some of the freshest ingredients you can find. In general, meals include either rice or noodles and are packed full of flavour. Lemongrass, ginger, lime leaves, coriander, fish sauce, and soy sauce are used in most local dishes. Whilst Southeast Asian food has a reputation for being hot and spicy, each region has its own distinct characteristics. Indonesia, for example, is known for its bold and diverse flavours, with influences from Indian, Chinese, and Dutch cuisines. Signature ingredients such as galangal, tamarind, and shrimp paste feature prominently in dishes like nasi goreng (fried rice), rendang (slow-cooked spiced beef), and gado-gado (vegetable salad with peanut sauce).

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted to introduce you to a range of local dishes, and we hope that you enjoy the culinary adventure ahead. All meals (excluding drinks) are included in our fully inclusive group tours from dinner on the day of your group's arrival until breakfast on your day of departure. When dining in Southeast Asia, although some restaurants have adopted a Western approach to dining, expect some to follow the traditional communal style of eating. Typically, this will mean each diner has their own small bowl and may serve themselves from a variety of shared dishes.

At some local restaurants, appetizers and main courses might be served when they are ready instead of following a particular order.

Determining when it's appropriate to use chopsticks, forks, or spoons can be challenging for some travellers, even other Asians, as each country has different customs. In Indonesia, meals are traditionally eaten with a spoon and fork, with the spoon being the primary utensil and the fork used to help push food onto the spoon. In some regions, particularly in more traditional settings, eating with hands is common, especially when enjoying dishes like nasi padang. Typically, the Indonesian eat most rice-based dishes with their right hand and sit on a bamboo mat at a low table.

DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA:

Although Southeast Asia is developing quickly, it still lacks the international standards of civil infrastructure and tourist facilities. Concepts of personal responsibility are also different to those in the UK. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in the UK; for example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade. All our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday, so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense, refer to notices and follow advice from your guide.

ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family-run guesthouse in a smaller town. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all Western amenities.

Hotels on our tours are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between New Zealand and Southeast Asia. All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide.

LUGGAGE:

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable.

TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and Southeast Asia is no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. To avoid any inconvenience Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your national escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed to local guides and drivers throughout your tour.

The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the national escort.

If you are travelling in a smaller group with local guides only, then tipping is paid at each destination. To be fair to the guides we ask for slightly higher amounts per traveller with small groups.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy, but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

TRANSPORT:

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. However, minibuses may be used for smaller groups (under 10 passengers). Roads in Southeast Asia have generally improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of road - not just one or two kilometres as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in the itinerary are approximations only.

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

We recommend that you contact either your doctor or local Health Centre for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Safe Travel has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.safetravel.govt.nz

ITINERARY CHANGES:

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances, we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice including a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks before departure.

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