

Exploring Indonesia

11 Days / 10 Nights

Yogyakarta - East Java - Bali

Included:

- Accommodation 10 nights
- Meals: 10B 3L
- Airport transfers
- Essence of Yogyakarta tour
- Mount Bromo sunrise tour
- Manggis trekking and farming experience
- Borobudur Temple tour
- Sightseeing Transfer from Candidasa to Ubud
- Batik painting class



Itinerary summary:

Day 1: Arrival in Yogyakarta – Transfer to Magelang

Our guide will welcome visitors at Yogyakarta airport. Then, take a 2-hour scenic journey to Magelang to the hotel.

Day 2: Borobudur Sunrise – Candirejo Village

Enjoy an incredible sunrise at the extraordinary Borobudur temple, the largest Buddhist temple in the world, before exploring the complex further with a guide. After breakfast within the site, head to Candijero village, a traditional Javanese village surrounded by rice fields and plantations. Explore the area by bicycle and witness villagers harvesting chilli and vanilla and making cassava crackers. Lunch is served within the village.

Day 3: Journey from Magelang to Yogyakarta

Transit from Magelang to Yogyakarta, with two stops to visit stunning temples along the way. Head to Prambanan village to see the Prambanan Temple, the temple of the “slender virgin”, erected in the 9th century. This temple is dedicated to the holy trinity of Hindu gods. It serves as an interesting contrast to the Buddhist temples within the itinerary, one of which is Plaosan Temple, which we visit before heading to the hotel.

Day 4: Essence of Yogyakarta

A full-day private tour to capture the essence of Yogyakarta. Stops in the morning include the fascinating Sultan’s Palace, the neighbouring former royal garden, and the water castle of Taman Sari. Next, take a short walk through Kampung Wisata (Wisata village) to visit a unique mosque built in the early 20th century. After the mosque, get back in the car as we head to the historic neighbourhood of Kotagede for a 2-hour walking tour. After lunch, learn all about Indonesian Batik in a hands-on, immersive experience at an authentic local natural dye maker’s workshop.

Day 5: Yogyakarta – Bromo

Drive to Jogja train station to get a train to Jombang. The ride takes about 4 hours from Jombang train station to the hotel in the Bromo area. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Day 6: Mount Bromo

An early rise to take a jeep up to Mount Bromo for a spectacular sunrise with incredible panoramic views. Take a jeep most of the way before a short hike to the summit. Return to the hotel for breakfast and enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure.

Day 7: Bromo – Bali

At the appropriate time, journey to Surabaya Airport, about a two-and-half-hour drive. On the usual schedule, the flight is at 15:00 pm. Upon arrival in Bali, you will be welcomed by our guide and driver, who will assist you and drive to Candidasa for your first 2 nights on the island.

Day 8: Manggis

Enjoy a day getting to grips with the daily life of an organic farming community. Learn about the organic farming process and how this village commits to more sustainable methods that coincide with Balinese beliefs on protecting nature. It’s not all theory; visitors will get involved with some hands-on activities. Also, explore the surrounding countryside on a trek along farming trails while getting to know the locals – your guides – as you go. Split the day with a wonderful locally-sourced lunch.

Day 9: Candidasa – Ubud

Drive along the Eastern Coastline of Bali all the way to Goa Lawah, commonly known as the Bat Cave, which houses over 1000 sleeping bats! The journey continues through various scenic coastal towns to Kusamba Beach, a uniquely picturesque setting home to traditional Balinese salt mining. The last stop will be “Elephant Cave,” an ancient sanctuary with creatures carved into the glistening stone. Arriving in Ubud, you will check in and enjoy the rest of the day relaxing.

Day 10: Ubud

Enjoy a free day of leisure in Ubud, where travellers are spoilt for choice for optional tours

Day 11: Departure

Free time until airport transfer for departure flight.