

INDONESIA 15 days

Itinerary:

Day 1 : Arrive Yogyakarta - Borobudur Temple (D)

Upon arrival in Yogyakarta transfer to hotel.
At sunset enjoy a guided visit to Borobudur temple.

Meals: Dinner **Lodging:** Manohara hotel



Day 2 : Yogyakarta - City Tour (B)

Today after breakfast leave for the colorful, vibrant city of Yogyakarta, visiting Mendut and Pawon temples en route. Mendut temple was built in 824 A.D. by King Indera of the Sailendra Dynasty. The Pawon temple has many reliefs of Bodhisattvas, Taras and Kalpataru (the tree of life). In Yogyakarta visit Kraton Sultan's Palace, the local batik and silver-work workshops and the Sonobudoyo museum, home to over 1,000 keris. These asymmetrical daggers are regarded as both weapons and spiritual objects - some blades are good luck while others are bad luck.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Puri Artha hotel

Day 3 : Prambanan - Solo - Sangiran (B)

A morning tour takes you to Prambanan, Java's most elegant Hindu Temple complex. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the largest temples in Southeast Asia with its tall, pointed architecture. Next drive on to Solo, Yogyakarta's sister city, which is also known as the center of Batik. In Solo visit the Royal Mangkunegaran, famous for their priceless antiques and a flea market. Afterwards continue north of Solo to an archaeological site and museum where you meet a distant relative – the prehistoric "Java Man" (*Pithecanthropus erectus*). Discovered in 1891, these fossils comprise one of the first known specimens of *Homo erectus*.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Puri Artha hotel

Day 4 : Jogjakarta - Candidasa Bali (B)

Fly to Bali upon arrival transfer to Candidasa Beach on the island's eastern coast. After checking into your hotel visit Karangasem Royal Palace and Tirta Gangga water garden, where the royal family used to relax and bathe.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Rama Candidasa hotel

Day 5 : Tenganan - Putung - Besakih - Lovina (B)

Leave Candidasa and head for the famed north Bali beach resort of Lovina after breakfast. You visit some fascinating places on the way, including Tenganan Village, famous for its rare double-ikat weaving and Putung Hill, where you can enjoy beautiful views of east Bali. Next is the biggest temple complex in Bali the Besakih Temple ("Mother Temple"). Today's final stop is the Kintamani Mountain Resort, where the views of Batur Caldera are breathtaking.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Aneka Lovina hotel

Day 6 : Lovina Dolphine - Belimbing Village (B)

Wake up early for a dolphin tour. Board a traditional boat to watch the dolphins up close. Later drive back to the hotel for breakfast before leaving for Lovina Belimbing Village. While on the way visit the Buddhist Temple 'Vihara' and the hot springs at Banjar Village. Upon arrival at the Cempaka Belimbing private villas enjoy the view of superb rice terraces and the island with the sloping of Mount Batukaru in the back drop.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Cempaka Belimbing Villas

Day 7 : Belimbing - Ubud (B)

In the morning after breakfast enjoy soft hiking through the rice field and beautiful tree. Later drive to the artisan village of Ubud, visiting temples and other interesting places en route. First the 200-foot high Munduk waterfall, than Ulun Danu temple, which is dedicated to the god of fertility. Candi Kuning, a traditional market that sells fresh fruits, vegetables, and flowers and last but not least the splendid Taman Ayun Temple, which looks like it is floating on water from afar.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Pertiwi Bungalo

Day 8 : Ubud - Batubulan - Celuk - Mas - Petulu (B)

Today visit Batubulan Village to see the mythical Barong and Kris dances. Next is Celuk village, renowned for its gold and silver works, followed by Mas, an artist colony for woodcarvers. In the afternoon explore Penataran Sasih Temple, where you can see Bronze Age drums and stone carvings from the 11th century. Onward to Tampaksiring Waterspring Temple, built in 964 A.D. by a Balinese king of the Warmadewa Dynasty. The waters here are believed to have magic curative powers, and people from all over Bali make the journey here to purify themselves and leave an offering for the deity of spring. On the way back a stop in Petulu watch white herons return to their nests at sunset.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Pertiwi Bungalo

Day 9 : Ubud - Tanjung Bena (B)

Enjoy some last minute shopping in Ubud before leaving for Tanjung Bena beach in southern Bali. The rest of the day is yours to relax on the beach.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Matahari Terbit hotel

Day 10 : Tanjung Bena Airport - Ujung Pandang - Torajaland (B)

After an early breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight to Sulawesi. Meet your guide at the airport in Ujung Pandang to take you to Torajaland. The drive has many scenic stops, with opportunities to see the area's unique architecture. The houses have beautiful boat-shaped roofs that are assembled from thousands of bamboo timbers.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Missiliana hotel

Day 11 : Torajaland (B)

You have a full day to meet the people and explore the culture of Torajaland. The cave graves at Londa are must see for any curious traveler. The Toraja believe that the dead can take their possessions with them into the afterlife, so they bury their loved ones with whatever they might need on the other side. There are usually wooden effigies of the dead near their coffin.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Missiliana hotel

Day 12 : Batutumonga - Limbong Village (B)

Early in the morning after breakfast, take a ride to Batutumonga, an area on the slope of mount Sesean around 1.300 above sea level. Visit Lo'komata before taking a walk through coffee plantation, bambo forests and rice fields to Limbong village. This is your chance to enjoy the authentic beauty of Toraja's hinterlands, remote villages, and magnificent landscapes.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Local villager's house

Day 13 : Limbong - Rantepao (B)

Today leave Limbong Village after breakfast to visit Siguntu-Pallawa, a typical Torajanese village, Sa'dan, a weaving village; and Rantepao, the business center of Toraja. The most spectacular ceremonies in Torajaland are funerals, which often involve thousands of people and hundreds of animal sacrifices over a period of four days. Your itinerary in Torajaland may be modified if your guide is able to locate a funeral occurring during your visit.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Missiliana hotel

Day 14 Bantimurung - Ujung Pandang (B)

Leave Torajaland today and head for Ujungpandang. On the way stop at a beautiful waterfall set amidst steep limestone hills at Bantimurung. The tropical vegetation here makes it an ideal habitat for rare birds and butterflies which you can see at the nearby butterfly breeding center.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Horison hotel

Day 15 : Ujung Pandang - Departure (B)

Your adventure in Indonesia ends today. Transfer to airport for your international return.

Meals: Breakfast

