

INDONESIA SERENITY



Day 1 : Arrive Yogyakarta - Borobudur Temple

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

Day 2 : Yogyakarta Exploration

Today after breakfast leave Yogyakarta enroute visit the Mendut and Pawon temples. Mendut temple was built in 824 A.D. by King Indera of the Sailendra Dynasty. Later in Yogyakarta visit the 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.

Day 3 : Prambanan - Solo - Sangiran

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, known as the center of Batik. Here visit the Royal Mangkunegaran, famous for its antiques and flea market. Afterwards continue to an archaeological site and museum where you see the prehistoric "Java Man". Discovered in 1891, these fossils comprise one of the first known specimens of *Homo erectus*.

Day 4 : Yogyakarta - Candidasa Bali

Today you take a domestic flight 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.

Day 5 : Tenganan - Putung - Besakih - Lovina

After breakfast head for the famed north Bali beach resort of Lovina. You visit fascinating places on the way, including the 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.

Day 6 : Lovina Dolphine - Belimbing Village

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 Belimbing Village. While on the way visit the Buddhist Temple 'Vihara' and the hot springs at Banjar Village. Upon arrival in Belimbing enjoy the view of rice terraces with the sloping of Mount Batukaru in the back drop.

Day 7 : Belimbing - Ubud

In the morning enjoy soft hiking through the rice fields. 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, is 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.

Day 8 : Ubud - Batubulan - Celuk - Mas - Petulu

Today visit Batubulan Village to see the mythical Barong and Kris dances. Next is Celuk village, known for its gold and silver works and Mas, an artist colony for woodcarvers. Later explore Penataran Sasih Temple. Onward to Tampaksiring Waterspring Temple. The waters here are believed to have magic curative powers. On the way back watch white herons return to their nests at sunset.

Day 9 : Ubud - Tanjung Bena

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.

Day 10 : Tanjung Bena Airport - Ujung Pandang - Torajaland

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Sulawesi. Upon arrival transfer to Torajaland. The drive has many scenic stops, with opportunities to see the area's unique architecture. The houses have boat-shaped roofs, assembled from thousands of bamboo timbers.

Day 11 : Torajaland

Today after breakfast enjoy a full day to meet the people and explore the culture of Torajaland. The cave graves at Londa are a must see. 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.

Day 12 : Batutumonga - Limbong Village

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.

Day 13 : Limbong - Rantepao

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.

Day 14 : Bantimurung - Ujung Pandang

Leave Torajaland today and make your way to Ujung Pandang. 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.

Day 15 : Ujung Pandang Departure

After breakfast transfer to airport for your international return flight.

