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## GEEO ITINERARY

Java Indonesia 7/6/2023

### **Day 1: Jakarta Arrive at any time.**

Arrive at any time. Welcome to Jakarta, Indonesia's modern metropolis and capital city on the coast of Java. There are no planned activities until a welcome meeting around 6:00 p.m. for an orientation/overview to go over the details of your trip. Check the notice board in the hotel lobby to confirm the time and place of the meeting. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterward.

### **Day 2: Jakarta/Bandung (B) Enjoy a guided city tour of Jakarta. In the afternoon, depart for a scenic drive to Bandung. Opt to see the angklung orchestra.**

Tour Jakarta and see the former Batavia area, where Jakarta began before it grew to its current size. Visit the Sunda Kelapa Harbour — once the main port of the Sunda Kingdom, it's now a bustling port full of Makassar schooners. We then settle in for a scenic drive to Bandung, surrounded by volcanic peaks and tea plantations. You will have free time in the afternoon in Bandung. You can opt to go to the angklung orchestra, a unique musical treat. Be moved by beautiful melodies at this traditional bamboo instrument concert performed by children. Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle

### **Day 3: Bandung/Yogyakarta (B) Board a morning train to Yogyakarta, steeped in ancient ruins and culture. On arrival, opt to go on a cycling tour or take in a Ramayana dance performance.**

Board a morning train and take in the beautiful scenery on the ride to Yogyakarta, steeped in ancient ruins and culture. On arrival, you will have free time. One option is to go on a cycling tour. You can also opt to see a Ramayana Dance performance, an Indonesian ballet that is a beautiful form of kinetic storytelling that incorporates acrobatics. Approximate travel time: 7 hrs by train

### **Day 4: Yogyakarta (B) Visit the Prambanan Hindu temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and wander through the remains of some 244 temples. Spend the afternoon at leisure.**

Tour Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple complex in Java, and learn about the history of the temples. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built between the eighth and tenth centuries. These 244 temples now stand as one of the most outstanding works of Hindu art. View their intricate design, particularly on the Shiva temple. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

### **Day 5: Yogyakarta (B) Visit Borobudur, the largest Buddhist sanctuary in the world and another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, enjoy free time to continue exploring Yogyakarta.**

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. Spend time exploring the pyramid-like complex, admiring the intricate carvings, and come away with a deeper understanding of Buddhist culture here. Later, enjoy free time to continue exploring Yogyakarta. Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by private vehicle

### **Day 6: Yogyakarta/Ngadas (B, D) Continue the journey across the agricultural heartland of Java to Ngadas, a village in the scenic Mt. Bromo region. Experience the local culture with a community homestay.**

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Continue the journey across the agricultural heartland of Java. Nestled amongst the green hills of the Mt. Bromo region, the village of Ngadas is home to a Tengger farming community. Overnight with a local family participating in the community's homestay program, a G Adventures-supported initiative. Learn about the local culture, customs, and traditions from your hosts. Approximate travel time: 7-8 hrs by train

**Day 7: Ngadas/Malang (B, L) Start early today for a pre-dawn walk across the “sea of sand” to Mt. Bromo. Watch the sunrise over the crater’s rim. Head back to Ngadas for lunch before exploring more of the village on an included walk. Later, travel to Malang for the night.**

Start early today (approximately 2:30 am) for a roughly 30-minute pre-dawn walk across the “sea of sand” to Mt. Bromo (2,392m), one of the most spectacular sights in Indonesia. Watch the sunrise over the crater’s rim, popular with both tourists and the local Buddhist Tenggerese, who can be seen giving offerings to receive blessings from the Supreme God Hyang Widi Wasa. Head back to Ngadas for lunch. Then learn more about daily life in Ngadas with a village walk. Take in views of the scenic hills as you walk along, passing farming areas and stopping to visit the local temple, vihara, and mosque. Later, travel to Malang for the night. Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by private vehicle

**Day 8: Malang/Sanur (B) Drive from Malang to Surabaya airport for a short flight to Sanur, a serene seaside town on the island of Bali. Spend the afternoon on the beach, and cheers to a beautiful sunset.**

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**Day 9: Sanur (B) Depart at any time or join GEEO's Bali trip to see more of the island.**

Our program ends today in Sanur. Your tour leader can help arrange a transfer to the airport. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO trips in the same year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs). If you don't see a program that interests you that pairs with this trip, but still would like to extend your time abroad, let us know. We will work with you to find a non-teacher trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Even better, if you are an educator we can still offer you a discounted price on the trip you choose!