

Javanese Promenade

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Javanese Promenade from Kota & Kampung - 9 Days / 8 Nights

Starting from *US\$ 2,970 p.p.

(*based on double occupancy)

Experience the exotic culture of Java and its rich volcanic landscape.

You will combine cultural overland journeys with short pilgrimage hikes through ancient mythical temples, climb a volcano on horseback, drive through tropical rich landscape, stay in charming boutique properties and taste the exquisite Indonesian cuisine in some of the most colourful locations that Java has to offer.

Day 1 | International Flight - Jakarta

Upon arrival in Jakarta you will have your driver waiting for you and transfer you to the design hotel Kemang Icon. Once you have settled into your room you will head out to visit the National Museum of Indonesia, an archeological, historical, ethnological, and geographical museum with its broad collections covering all of Indonesia's territory and almost all of its history. Lunch will be in the old part of Jakarta before returning back to your hotel. In the evening, choose to either dine at the hotel or head out to Kemang street which is famous for their colourful eateries and nightlife.

O/N Kemang Icon | L

Day 2 | Jakarta - Yogyakarta

After an early morning breakfast your driver will pick you up and transfer you to the train station where you will begin your scenic train sojourn to Yogyakarta. Once in Yogyakarta, you will be warmly welcomed by your guide and driver who will remain with you for the Java section of your journey. For the coming two nights you will stay at d'Omah, the former private residence of Mr. Warwick Purser, a distinguished and respected entrepreneur and philanthropist in Indonesia. Yogyakarta is known as the centre of classical Javanese fine art and culture and you will find that this is reflected in the antiques, artworks and tastefully decorated interiors done by the owner.

O/N d'Omah Yogyakarta | B

Day 3 | Yogyakarta

After breakfast you will head out to explore the city of Yogyakarta. In the morning you will witness a gamelan performance at one of the Kratons, a palace belonging to the kingdom of Yogyakarta. The gamelan in Yogyakarta is Javanese gamelan, a form of gamelan that is different from Balinese gamelan or Sundanese gamelan. Javanese gamelan has softer and slower tones whereas the Balinese



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is very dynamic and the Sundanese more melodious with a strong presence of the traditional bamboo flute. The softer tones in Javanese gamelan express the Javanese view living harmonious physical and spiritual lives. In the afternoon you will visit the revered Hindu temple, Prambanan, an impressive structure built during the ninth century around the same time as Borobudur. In the evening there is a possibility that the hotel will organise a 'Rijsttafel' experience which you can choose to partake of. An aesthetically rich tradition, you will be served by waiters who are dressed in regal looking traditional garments carrying an array of Indonesian dishes on flat woven baskets.

O/N d'Omah Yogyakarta | B, L

Day 4 | Yogyakarta - Borobudur

Today you will drive to the ancient UNESCO Heritage Site of Borobudur where you will head out for a bicycle ride through the local village and visit a tofu-making factory and engage with the local Javanese. Once the midday afternoon sun has started to fade, you will make your way towards the grounds of Borobudur where your guide will give you deeper insights into the meaning behind the intricate carvings of this three dimensional mandala portraying the life story of the Lord Buddha. After another active day of exploration you will then continue on to MesaStila, a wellness resort situated on a 22 acre coffee plantation and surrounded by volcanic mountains.

O/N MesaStila Resort | B, L

Day 5 | Borobudur

At the resort you have the option to join their morning yoga class before breakfast. The resort offers complimentary daily activities such as a walking tour around the coffee plantation where you can receive deeper insight of the resort's coffee production. Rest of the day is at leisure.

O/N MesaStila Resort | B, L

Day 6 | Borobudur - Solo

After breakfast you will continue on to Solo, a charming village known for its hand painted batik textiles and its well preserved traditional Javanese culture. After you have checked into your family run eco-boutique resort you will continue on by becak (rickshaw) to the famous Kauman street where the houses feature pastel coloured walls and doors and each home sells their family made batik. Here you will have the chance to attend a batik class and learn about the methods that are used to make these intricate waxed patterns.

O/N Rumah Turi | B, L



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Day 7 | Solo - Malang

Today you will embark on your second scenic train experience. Starting from Solo you will make your way to the town of Jomblang where you will be picked up by your driver and transferred to Tugu Malang, an exquisite family property that is home to a vast array of antiques and curios. The afternoon is free at leisure and if you are interested there is the option to receive a tour of the hotel and learn more about the international art collection which is on display. Also a nice treat is their afternoon tea served with local cakes. For dinner take a look at Tugu Malang's extensive menu where you can enjoy their lavish dishes representing different regions of the country.

O/N Tugu Malang | B, L

Day 8 | Malang - Mt. Bromo

In the morning you will have a sumptuous breakfast before making your way by Jeep to the Caldera pass. You will arrive at Mount Bromo (National Park) for lunch at your charming stone built lodge Java Banana and have some time at leisure before heading out to Mount Bromo where you will climb up a series of steps to its magnificent crater. Here you will be able to look right into the caldera and, if you are fortunate, even see wisps of smoke arise. You will then continue back to the hotel for an early evening rest in preparation for the next day's early sunrise hike.

O/N Java Banana | B, L

Day 9 | Mount Bromo - Home

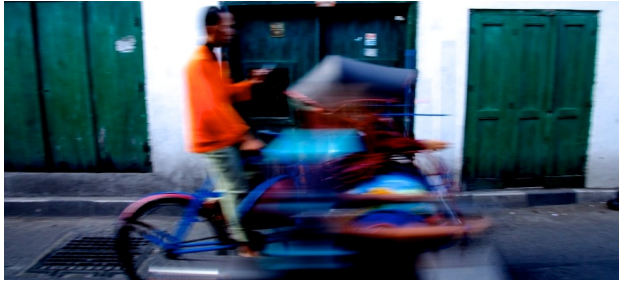
This morning you will get up at 4 AM for the morning sunrise view of Mt. Bromo where you will enjoy its grandeur views from a neighbouring hill top. Wear good walking shoes since there will be a soft 30 minute walk up to the viewpoint. You will then return to the hotel for breakfast before continuing on to catch your connecting flight back home or an optional extension for culture and relaxation in Bali.

Included: 8 Nights Accommodations, 8 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, services of guide and driver, private transportation, and entries fees and activities listed in program. Excluded: International flight, travel insurance, alcoholic beverages and items of personal nature.



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Java Kota & Kampung



Kauman Street, Solo



MesaStila, Central Java



Borobudur at Night, Yogyakarta



Mount Bromo, Surabaya



Javanese Coffee Beans



Rice Paddies, Selogriyo



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