

Photo tour: the sweet secrets of Java & Bali



Days: 15

Price: 2350 EUR
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★★★★

Difficult: ★★☆☆☆

📷 Culture 📷 photographic 📷 📷

Indonesia is a unique region of the world, and **Dominique Clarisse**, the photographer who will supervise and advise you during this trip, has always considered this archipelago as a “true planet” on the planet! The approximately 17,000 islands that form this nation along the famous “Ring of Fire” are all brimming with breathtaking landscapes, people and lights. No one has enough of a lifetime to explore these often hidden treasures.

Dominique Clarisse, a French professional photographer who has lived in Indonesia for around twenty years, takes you through the unique regions of Bali and Java, to meet populations who will welcome you with a broad smile, and to discover landscapes that will inspire your photography talents.

Day 1. Welcome to Bali



Denpasar airport 📍
🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h 20m
Ubud 📍

- Welcome at Denpasar airport by Dominique Clarisse and transfer to Ubud, a city located in the hills north of Denpasar, in a hilly landscape of green rice fields and ravines. Ubud is famous for its painting school. Despite the exponential tourist development it has experienced in recent years, the city has managed to preserve its tranquility and beauty. The rest of the day is free.

🍴 Dinner	Inclus
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 2. Photographic discovery of the cultural capital of Bali



Ubud 📍

- This morning you get up early to enjoy the most beautiful morning lights and explore Ubud and its surroundings. First you head towards the Ubud central market which is already bustling with activity.
- You will then explore the monkey forest where you can frame its primates who often tend to “tease” visitors.
- At the beginning of the afternoon you leave for the surroundings of Ubud to discover the shy local populations who willingly lend themselves to the game of photos. Before sunset you return to Ubud and enjoy a stop at the edge of the famous [rice fields of Tegalalang] (rice_field_tegalalang) which are particularly interesting to photograph between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. when the light is low.
- After dinner, Dominique takes you to watch a colorful show of Balinese dances.

🍳 Breakfast	Hotel
🍽️ Lunch	Inclus
🍴 Dinner	Inclus
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 3. Approaching Batur Volcano



Ubud 📍

- At the end of the night, departure towards the caldera of batur volcano which you photograph at sunrise. Possibility of descending into the lava flows of 1926/27 for "lunar" shots.
- After this first session of the day you enjoy lunch with a family of sculptors in Sebatu and attend a Balinese dance show (with a gamelan orchestra), which then allows you to photograph at leisure dancers and musicians.
- Return to Ubud, depending on the time possibility of stopping at the temples of Gunung Kawi & Tirta Empul.

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Day 4. Discovery of eastern Bali

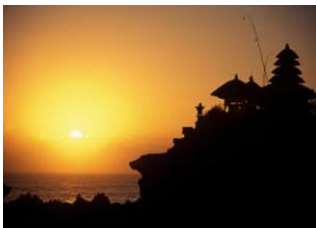


Ubud 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 1h
Kehen Temple 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 1h 30m
Sidemen 📍

- Morning transfer to the very aesthetic Kehen temple located in the **Bangli region**. Still little visited, it is nevertheless considered one of the most revered temples in Bali.
- Continuation of the journey towards the east of the island via a very pretty road along the sides of the Agung volcano to get to Sidemen. This small traditional village, stuck in a narrow valley which faces this mountain of fire, offers superb lights at the end of the day. *Check into the hotel and explore the surrounding area.*

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🍴 Lunch	Inclus
🍷 Dinner	Inclus
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Day 5. At the foot of the Agung volcano



Sidemen 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 2h 30m
Tanah Lot 📍

- The morning is devoted to a pleasant stroll through the surrounding rice fields and villages, in order to capture peasant life and the quintessence of Balinese culture. Any excuse is good here for courtesy stops at locals and to interfere in local habits and customs. Return to the hotel.
- Transfer to the surroundings of Tanah Lot in the afternoon. Installation in a small charming hotel (Agung Village Hotel), then departure for the famous **Tanah Lot temple**, which you will photograph at sunset.

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Day 6. Shooting session



Tanah Lot 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 1h 30m
Denpasar airport 📍
✈️ - ⌚ 1h
Yogyakarta 📍

- Your last day in Bali is dedicated to taking photos on the nearby beach or in the surrounding rice fields. Pretty **Balinese models** in bikinis or traditional outfits accompany you, to highlight your shots.
- Transfer to Denpasar International Airport in the afternoon and flight to Yogyakarta, the cultural capital of Java.

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Day 7. Discovery of the cultural capital of Java



Yogyakarta 📍

- The morning is devoted to visiting Yogyakarta the cultural capital of Java, and particularly the surroundings of the Sultan's Palace built in 1756, where life is good. Our city stroll takes us to Taman Sari, known during the Dutch colonial empire as the "Aquatic Palace", then to the puppet and batik workshops.
- In the afternoon you take the road to the southern beaches for some sunset shots, notably on the famous beach Parangtritis, which the locals like to nickname "Paris". Return to the hotel in the evening.

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Day 8. Majestic Merapi Volcano



Yogyakarta 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 1h
Mt Merapi 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 2h 30m
Babadan 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 1h
Borobudur Temple 📍

- Very early departure towards the slopes of the majestic Merapi volcano. Approach to the lava flows of 2010, 1994 & 1998. The day is dedicated to this "God" who is so revered and feared by the natives, as his eruptions can be devastating and sources of life (they make the earth very fertile and it is not uncommon to see up to 3 rice harvests per year).
- The volcanological post of Babadan is the final stop of the day, where, at sunset (and on a clear day), the light colors the gray flanks of the volcano with rare orange tones.
- Transfer course in the vicinity of the Borobudur temple. Night in pretty guest rooms nearby.

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Day 9. Borobudur Buddhist Shrine



Borobudur Temple 📍

🚗 - ⌚ 45m

Bandungan 📍

- At sunrise, your guide takes you for morning shots of the Borobudur Sanctuary. It is in fact from the crests of the Punthuk Setumbu hill that you will obtain the best shooting angle. A little later, other spots are suggested in the surrounding area, then visit the Borobudur temple.
- After a succulent gourmet meal, discovery of the surroundings of Mt Sumbing and a bucolic stroll towards a forgotten temple, that of Selogriyo. Night in the same guest rooms.

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Day 10. Volcano & swamps



Bandungan 📍

🚗 - ⌚ 1h 30m

Ambarawa 📍

- At dawn you set off to photograph the summit of Mt Sumbing and the surrounding volcanoes (Merbabu and Merapi) from the village of Mampang, located at an altitude of more than 1,500 m and which dominates the entire region. Superb panorama which allows, on a clear day, to see the Yogyakarta region (more than 60 km away).
- Then departure towards the surroundings of Ambarawa and the marshy lake of Rawapening. After settling into the hotel, you spend the afternoon exploring the surroundings of the lake, where you have the opportunity to observe some unique activities, such as collecting mud (later transformed into fertilizer). This is the opportunity to immerse yourself in the lake activities of the natives: fishing and mud collecting in particular. Return to the hotel at the end of the afternoon.

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Day 11. Gedung Songo Temples



Ambarawa 📍

🚗 - ⌚ 1h 30m




Semarang 📍

- Early in the morning, short transfer to the temples of Gedung Songo where a superb panorama of the entire Ambarawa valley awaits you. If the weather is unfavorable (fog for example), return to the shores of Lake Rawapening and take photos with the fishermen. Return to the hotel at the end of the morning.
- Transfer to the coastal city of Semarang, the capital of Central Java. in the afternoon.
Exploration of the old town, if there is time.





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Day 12. Karimunjawa Archipelago




Semarang 
 - ⌚ 2h
Karimunjawa 

- Early in the morning, transfer to the airport, then flight to Karimunjawa - which is home to no less than 27 islands, each more heavenly than the last.
- The rest of the day is free. Possibility of renting a scooter to tour the main island (allow 1h30) where you are staying, or take a hike to discover some secret beaches. Night at the seaside hotel.





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 Lunch	Inclus
 Dinner	Inclus
 Accommodation	Breve Azurine

Day 13-14. Paradise Islands







Karimunjawa 

- The day is dedicated to discovering the archipelago by boat: deserted and idyllic islands (Gleyang Island in particular), diving or snorkeling spots, marine farms, where you have the opportunity to swim with perfectly harmless black sharks. , etc. Return to the hotel after sunset.
- Free day on the main island of the Karimunjawa archipelago.

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 Lunch	Inclus
 Dinner	Inclus
 Accommodation	Breve Azurine

Day 15. Back to earth!



Karimunjawa 
 - ⌚ 4h
Semarang 
Departure 

- Free time until your very short transfer to Karimunjawa airport and flight to Semarang.
Domestic or international connection, for your next destination.

 Breakfast	Breve Azurine
 Lunch	Inclus

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-5	6-8
3995 EUR	3495 EUR	2795 EUR	2350 EUR

Included

- The services of professional photographer Dominique Clarisse
- Land transport necessary for the smooth running of the tour
- Domestic flight Bali-Yogyakarta
- Accommodations as indicated or similar, depending on hotel availability
- Meals as indicated in the description day by day
- Entrances to sites, museums and trekking permits
- Mineral water and energy supplement (fruit, biscuits, etc.) during walking days

Not included

- International flights
- Any visa fees and airport taxes
- Insurance & travel assistance
- Your photographic equipment (possibility of renting photographic equipment on site - please contact us)