

# Discovering Yogyakarta and crossing East Java



Days: 8

Price: 825 EUR  
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★☆☆☆

Difficult: ★★☆☆☆

📌 Culture 📌 temples

📌 Travel with children 📌 Must see 📌

Gentle Java is unlike any other tropical island in the world. Heir to an art and history that is as supernatural as its temples (Borobudur, Prambanan, etc.), this island is a landscape of rice paddies dominated by a hundred volcanic cones, which are as beneficial as they are destructive. You'll experience the power of nature at the foot of the Merapi volcano, the most active in Indonesia, the Bromo volcano, one of the most aesthetically pleasing, and in the crater of Kawah Ijen, the most sulphurous!

## Day 1. Welcome to Indonesia



- Your guide will meet you at Yogyakarta airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

🍴 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel (or similar)

Yogyakarta International Airport 📍  
🚗 - ⌚ 1h 30m  
Yogyakarta 📍

## Day 2. Yogyakarta, cultural capital



Yogyakarta 📍  
🚗 16km - ⌚ 30m  
Prambanan Temple 📍  
🚗 16km - ⌚ 30m  
Yogyakarta 📍

- The morning is devoted to visiting Yogyakarta, the cultural capital of Java, and in particular the area around the Sultan's Palace, built in 1756, where life is good. Your city walk will take you to Taman Sari, known in the days of the Dutch colonial empire as the "Water Palace", and then to the puppet and batik workshops. At the end of the morning, you head for the Ratu Boko temple, perched on the Gunung Kidul hills overlooking the Prambanan plain. You then begin a short hike to the Hindu temple of Prambanan, through forest, traditional villages and rice fields. You then visit the Prambanan temple complex, and in particular Loro Jonggrang, a sumptuous 47-metre-high temple dedicated to the goddess Siva. It is considered to be the most elegant and breathtaking Hindu temple on the island of Java. Possibility (optional) of attending the Ramayana show. Return to the hotel in the early or mid-evening.

🍴 Breakfast	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel (or similar)
🏠 Accommodation	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel (or similar)

## Day 3. Rice fields of Java and the temple of Borobudur



Yogyakarta 📍  
🚗  
Kulon Progo 📍  
🚲 - ⌚ 2h  
Borobudur Temple 📍  
🚗  
Yogyakarta 📍

- In the early morning, transfer to the banks of the Kulon Progo river, where you will enjoy a pleasant countryside start in a small Javanese village, from where you will discover the surrounding countryside by bicycle (Dutch). You'll have a gentle introduction to the Javanese countryside, and will make a few stops in the surrounding villages, where you'll have the chance to observe the local handicrafts. In the middle of the afternoon, transfer to the temple of Borobudur. Return to the hotel in the early evening.

🍳 Breakfast	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel (or similar)
🍴 Lunch	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel (or similar)

## Day 4. The last bastion of Hinduism



Yogyakarta 📍  
🚗  
Sukuh Temple 📍  
12km - ⌚ 4h  
Tawangmangu 📍  
🚗 290km - ⌚ 7h  
Tumpang 📍

- Morning transfer to the Sukuh temple, the last bastion of Hinduism in Central Java in the face of the spread of Islam. The temple's original iconography, including phallic figures and large turtle-shaped tables, suggests the existence of initiation and even orgiastic rituals. You then set off on a walk towards the village of Tawangmangu, on the slopes of the Lawu volcano. This walk is an opportunity to discover some of the plant species found in this region, as well as admiring superb panoramic views of the surrounding pine forest and high-altitude plantations. You finish your walk by crossing the Tawangmangu park, which leads you to a superb waterfall (Grojogan Sewu) in the middle of a tropical forest inhabited by a large community of monkeys. In the afternoon, transfer to Tumpang, near Malang, at the western foot of the Bromo-Tengger-Semeru massif.

🍳 Breakfast	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel (or similar)
🍴 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Rani Homestay

## Day 5. Magnificent landscapes



Tumpang 📍  
🚗 - ⌚ 2h  
Tumpak Sewu 📍  
🚗 - ⌚ 2h  
Tumpang 📍

- Morning departure for the Lumajang region, skirting the southern flanks of the majestic Semeru volcano. You will then reach the **Tumpak Sewu** waterfall ("Thousand Waterfalls" in Javanese). As you descend into the gorge (on a slippery and sometimes steep path), you will feel the force of the hundreds of streams as they "plunge" over 100m. Seen from above, the beauty of this waterfall seems ephemeral as the fine mist soaks everything in its path. No wonder, then, that a photo of Tumpak Sewu with Mt Semeru in the background won the award for "best aerial shot" in 2019. And, if you're also taking your camera equipment with you, remember to protect it from moisture. Return to Tumpang in the late afternoon.

🍳 Breakfast	Rani Homestay
🍴 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Rani Homestay

## Day 6. Spectacular Mt Bromo caldera



Tumpang 📍  
🚗 35km - ⌚ 2h  
Cemorolawang 📍

- In the early morning, 4x4 vehicles will take you to the Tengger region, where the famous Mt Bromo (2329 m) spits out its volutes and the surrounding caldera forms a gigantic sea of sand. On this journey, you pass through the stunning forest of the Tengger-Bromo-Semeru National Park, skirting part of the crest of the Bromo volcano caldera, before descending to the sea of sand to reach the village of Cemorolawang (located on one of the opposite crests). Mt Bromo is the most revered of the Tengger Hindu people who live in the region. Climb the Bromo volcano in the early afternoon. You'll be able to admire its crater resembling a steaming cauldron. It's easy to understand why the Javanese once considered this place to be the entrance to purgatory. You then make your way to the summit of Mount Pananjakan (2,775m) to witness a fabulous spectacle. You will watch the world set against a lunar backdrop, with a breathtaking view of Mount Bromo, its sea of sand, and the Semeru volcano, both of which emit thick fumaroles. Unique! Return to the hotel in the early evening.

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☕ Breakfast	Rani Homestay
🍴 Lunch	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Lava View Lodges

## Day 7. East of Java



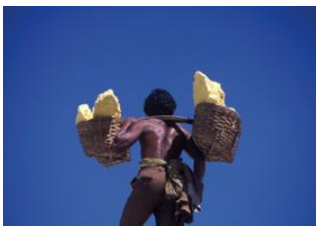
Cemorolawang 📍  
🚗 - ⌚ 7h  
Kawah Ijen 📍

- Early morning transfer to the outskirts of Kawah Ijen. After settling into your hotel, your guide will take you to some superb rice terraces, from where you will begin a pleasant walk through traditional villages and other plantations (fruit, spices, etc.). Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

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☕ Breakfast	Lava View Lodges
🏠 Accommodation	Teras Ijen Hotel

## Day 8. Green Crater



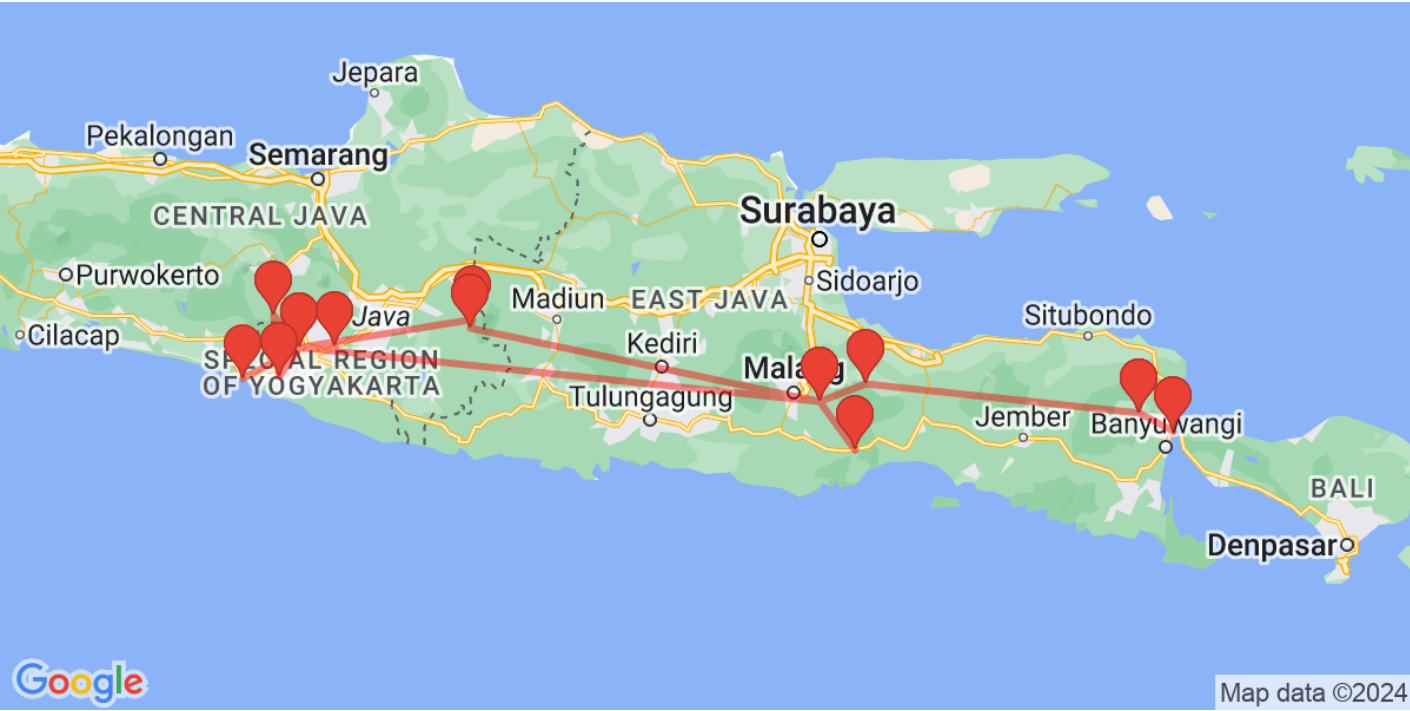
Kawah Ijen 📍  
Kawah Ijen 📍  
- ⌚ 4h  
Ketapang 📍

- In the early morning, you set off again in a 4x4 towards the slopes of Kawah Ijen ("green crater" in old Javanese), which you can easily climb in the company of the men who extract sulphur every day from the edge of the largest acid lake in the world. These real "convicts" carry around 80 kg of ore on their backs for around 15 km to the processing plant! You then witness the weighing and the various employment contracts. A very powerful and striking image of your journey. In the late morning, transfer to Ketapang port or Banyuwangi airport.

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☕ Breakfast	Teras Ijen Hotel
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# Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-5	6-7	8-10	SS
1425 EUR	1195 EUR	1025 EUR	925 EUR	825 EUR	250 EUR

### Included

- English-speaking guide
- Ground transfers in private air-conditioned vehicle
- Sea transfers
- Accommodation in B&B
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary above
- Entrance to sites
- Donations
- Mineral water and energy supplements on walking days

### Not included

- International air
- Insurance & assistance
- Visas & airport taxes
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary above
- Drinks, personal expenses & tips
- Anything not mentioned in "Inclusions".