

Java-Central Essential



Days:

11

Price:

875 EUR
International flight not included

Comfort:

★★★★☆

Difficult:

★★★★☆

Hiking

Culture

temples

Cradle of **local Hindu-Buddhist culture**, you will be amazed by the diversity that **the Central Java region** offers.

Departing from **Yogyakarta**, the royal city, you will get to the point by first admiring the famous sites of Prambanan and Borobudur. Then, in **Surakarta** (affectionately nicknamed "Solo"), you will study the art of **batik**. And you will end your circuit with the wild beaches in the south, before reaching the capital of the province, **Semarang**, in the north of the island.

This circuit is in reality a clever mix of culture and nature, which will make you appreciate an authentic region of Java preserved from mass tourism.

Day 1. Welcome and free day in Yogyakarta



Yogyakarta International Airport 📍
🚗 10km - ⌚ 30m
Yogyakarta 📍

- Welcome at Yogyakarta airport by your guide and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

🏠 Accommodation	Hotel
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Day 2. City break



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.

Your city stroll takes you to Taman Sari, known during the Dutch colonial empire as the "Aquatic Palace", then to the puppet and batik workshops.
- After a short ride in a becak (small local rickshaw), you take the opportunity to stroll along the famous avenue Malioboro, often compared to the "Champs-Élysées", in order to take a walk in the crowd and for a little shopping.

The rest of the afternoon is free.

🍽️ Breakfast	Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 3. Visit to the Prambanan Temple



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

- The day is dedicated to the cultural discovery of the surroundings of Yogyakarta, in particular with the visit of @Prambanan] (prambanan), the largest Hindu temple in Indonesia, and its region with “a thousand temples”. You start your day with a visit to the Plaosan temple, neighboring Prambanan which you also visit.

In the afternoon you explore the surrounding hills overlooking the city of Yogyakarta. You then make a stop at the temples of **Candi Ijo** and **Ratu-Boko**, from where the sunset is splendid.

- Return to the hotel in the early evening.

🍽 Breakfast	Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 4. Flanks of the Merapi volcano



Yogyakarta ♡
🚗 30km - ⌚ 1h 20m
Mt Merapi ♡
🚗
Surakarta (Solo) ♡

- Early in the morning, head to the slopes of Merapi, to explore the village of **Kina Rejo**, located on the south-southeast flanks of the volcano, and to realize its devastating effects. This village, destroyed during the 2010 eruption, was known for its famous “keeper of the keys”, Mbah Marijan, that is to say the representative of the Sultan to the God Brama who “lives” in the mouth of the crater . You then begin a walk to observe the ancient lava flows and discover a landscape where nature has since reclaimed its rights.

- Transfer to Surakarta (Solo) in the afternoon. Night at the hotel.

🍽 Breakfast	Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 5. On the slopes of Mount Lawu



Surakarta (Solo) ♡
🚗 - ⌚ 50m
Mt Lawu ♡

Tawangmangu ♡
🚗 - ⌚ 1h
Surakarta (Solo) ♡

- Early in the morning, discovery of the sides of another volcano: Mt Lawu. This is then the opportunity to explore two ancient Hindu temples hanging on the sides of the volcano: **Ceto and Suku**. They are the rare vestiges of the architectural style of the ancient kingdom of Majapahit. These pyramids, which some compare to those of South America, were places where the cult of ancestors was venerated and where fertility rites were practiced. These rites are strongly illustrated at the Suku temple which presents an original iconography, such as the phallic figures and the large tables in the shape of turtles, which would reveal the existence of initiatory, even orgiastic, rituals.

- Then we begin a walk towards the village of Tawangmangu, on the slopes of lawu volcano. This walk is an opportunity to discover certain plant species present in this region but also to admire superb panoramas of the pine forest and the surrounding high-altitude plantations. We will end our walk by crossing the Tawangmangu park. Our first steps in the park lead us to a superb waterfall (Grojogan Sewu) in the middle of a tropical forest inhabited by a large community of monkeys.

4 hours of walking – Positive elevation: 400m / Negative elevation: 300m

- Return to Solo, and night in the same hotel

🍽 Breakfast	Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 6. “Fossils and mud volcanoes”



Surakarta (Solo) 📍
- 🕒 2h 20m
Purwodadi 📍
🚗 - 🕒 2h 20m
Surakarta (Solo) 📍

- You begin the day with the discovery of the archaeological site of Sangiran, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and where “Java Man” (Pithecanthropus Erectus, now classified as Homo Erectus) was discovered in 1934. You visit the site museum to learn more about one of the key sites for understanding the evolution of Man.
- Further on, continuing your route towards **Purwodadi**, you will be impressed by the mud volcanoes known as **Bledug Kuwu**. A local guide will help you approach these astonishing natural phenomena safely.
- Return to Solo, and night in the same hotel.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 7. Solo: Royal batik and tradition



Surakarta (Solo) 📍

- Cultural tour of the city of Surakarta also nicknamed Solo. Twin sister of Yogyakarta, Solo has nothing to envy of the latter. You visit the city's two royal palaces: the Keraton Hadiningrat and the Mangkunegaran Palace, which is a true museum of Javanese art. The city of Surakarta is also renowned for the quality of its batik textiles, which you can find in many shops in the city. Visit the Danar Hadi Museum, where you learn more about the manufacturing secrets and the history of this art, which is very widespread in Indonesia.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 8. Head to the beaches of southern Java



Surakarta (Solo) 📍
🚗 110km - 🕒 3h
Pantai Parangtritis 📍
🚗 25km - 🕒 1h
Yogyakarta 📍

- At mid-morning you set off towards the wild beaches and cliffs of the south-eastern coast of Java. You then enjoy calm time on small, quiet coves away from mass tourism.
- Then you head to the famous Parangtritis beach, also nicknamed “Paris” (Indonesians like acronyms), where you witness a superb sunset. Night in a hotel overlooking the beach.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel

Day 9. Walk to Borobudur



Yogyakarta 📍
🚗 40km - 🕒 1h 30m
Suroloyo 📍
- 🕒 2h 30m
Borobudur Temple 📍
🚗 - 🕒 1h 10m

- Early this morning we leave for the **Menoreh Hills**, located about 25 km west of Yogyakarta and overlooking the **Borobudur plain**. We then begin an original walk through superb landscapes, also along some ridges, which offer us an extraordinary panorama of green rice fields below and the volcanoes that rise on the horizon (Mt Sumbing, Mt Merapi and Mt Merbabu)...
- Then, in the middle of the valley, the imposing sanctuary of @[Borobudur] (borobudur_temple) emerges, which we visit at the end of our walk.
- After your visit, you reach the outskirts of Mt Sumbing, to explore the temple of @[Selogriyo] (selogriyo_temple), discovered late by the natives (1835) in the middle of lush nature. The panorama of rice terraces that awaits us is proof that Bali is not the only island to offer such idyllic landscapes.
- At the end of the afternoon, transfer to **Wonosobo**, a small high-altitude town surrounded by superb tea plantations, where you will spend the night.

Selogryo 📍	☕ Breakfast	Hotel
🚗 - ⌚ 2h		
Wonosobo 📍	🏠 Accommodation	Kresna Hotel

Day 10. On the way to the Dieng plateau



- We then head to the Dieng plateau, located at an altitude of 2000 meters, and visit its main sites (Arjuna temples, Sikidang crater).
- In the afternoon, you take the road again towards Bandungan, a small high altitude station located on the slopes of Mt Ungaran.

Wonosobo 📍	☕ Breakfast	Kresna Hotel
🚗 - ⌚ 1h 30m		
Dieng 📍	🏠 Accommodation	Nugraha Wisata
🚗 - ⌚ 3h		
Bandungan 📍		

Day 11. Welcome back!



- Free day until your transfer time to Semarang Airport for your next flight.

Bandungan 📍	☕ Breakfast	Nugraha Wisata
🚗 45km - ⌚ 1h 10m		
Semarang 📍		

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-5	6-8
1195 EUR	1150 EUR	925 EUR	875 EUR

Included

- The services of an experienced French-speaking Azimuth guide
- Land transfers necessary for the smooth running of the circuit
- Accommodations mentioned or similar categories depending on availability
- Meals as indicated in the description day by day
- Entrances to sites, museums and trekking permits
- Mineral water and an energy supplement (fruit, biscuits, etc.) during activity and walking days

Not included

- International and domestic air travel
- Any visa(s) & airport taxes
- Drinks, personal expenses & tips
- Travel insurance & assistance
- Single supplement (€250)
- Anything not listed in “Inclusions”