

Smiles & Volcanoes : Java & Bali



Days:	14
Price:	1750 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★★
Difficult:	★★☆☆☆
🗨 Must see 🗨 Culture 🗨 Trekking 🗨	

We know too little about Indonesia, this fabulous archipelago at the end of the world, where a smile is on the lips of a population imbued with finesse and cordiality. But when references to 'Java' and 'Bali' start rattling around in our heads, the dream machine goes into overdrive...

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!

You'll then set foot on Balinese soil, nicknamed the Island of the Gods, with gentle strolls through fabulous landscapes of rice terraces, traditional villages and sacred temples.

Day 1. Welcome to Indonesia



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

- Your guide will meet you at Yogyakarta airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free. In the evening, a welcome dinner gives you the opportunity to get to know your accompanying team.

🍴 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel or The Phoenix Hotel

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 The Phoenix Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel or The Phoenix Hotel

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



Yogyakarta 📍
🚗 16km - ⌚ 30m
Prambanan Temple 📍
🚗 16km - ⌚ 30m
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 The Phoenix Hotel
🍴 Lunch	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Gallery Prawirotaman Hotel or The Phoenix Hotel

Day 4. The last bastion of Hinduism



Yogyakarta 📍
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 The Phoenix Hotel
🍴 Lunch	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Rani Homestay or The Shalimar

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 or The Shalimar
🍴 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Rani Homestay or The Shalimar

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.

🍳 Breakfast	Rani Homestay or The Shalimar
🏠 Accommodation	Lava View Lodges or Jiwa Jiwo Hotel

Day 7. East of Java

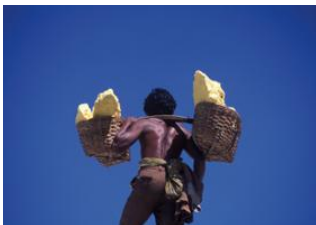


Cemorolawang 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 7h
Ketapang 📍

- 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.

🍳 Breakfast	Lava View Lodges or Jiwa Jiwo Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Teras Ijen Hotel

Day 8. Green Crater



Ketapang 📍
- ⌚ 1h 30m
Kawah Ijen 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 3h 30m
Pemuteran 📍

- 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 Pemuteran, a small seaside resort on Bali's north-west coast, far from the tourist concentrations.

🍳 Breakfast	Teras Ijen Hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Taman Sari Resort

Day 9. Relaxing in paradise



Pemuteran 📍

- Day at leisure (but the driver and guide remain at your disposal). Possibility of hiring a boat to go and observe the underwater world around the island of Menjangan, where all of Bali's richest fauna seems to have gathered. A veritable polychrome aquarium awaits you in these coral reefs! This is where the rare Bali starling, for example, has found refuge.

🍳 Breakfast	Taman Sari Resort
🏠 Accommodation	Taman Sari Resort

Day 10. On the heights



Pemuteran
🚗 80km - ⌚ 2h
Belimbing

- In the early morning, you take to the highlands of Bali. On the way, visit the temple of Pulaki, located at the foot of a cliff and inhabited by a large community of monkeys. The road branching off into the mountains is magnificent. Your destination, the small village of Belimbing, is surrounded by some of the island's most breathtaking rice terraces. The afternoon is then devoted to an extraordinary walk to discover the surrounding nature.

☕ Breakfast	Taman Sari Resort
🏠 Accommodation	Kebun Villas

Day 11. Balinese temples



Belimbing
🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h 10m
Batukaru Mount
🚗 10km - ⌚ 30m
Jatiluwih
🚗 21km - ⌚ 1h
Bedugul
🚗 42km - ⌚ 2h
Ubud

- This morning you set off for the southern slopes of Mt Batukaru (2,270m). Visit the Luhur Batukaru temple, set in lush greenery and featuring several multi-roofed "meru", some dating back to the 17th century, dedicated to the ancestors of the Tabanan dynasty and to local protective deities. Transfer to Jatiluwih, a small village in the middle of Bali's most beautiful rice fields, in the central-western part of the island. In the early afternoon, you embark on a superb hike through the ocean of rice terraces that surround you. You then head back to Bedugul to visit the famous Hindu-Buddhist temple of Pura Ulun Danau. This temple, which appears to float on the waters of the lake, is one of Bali's most famous. A sacred place surrounded by verdant gardens dedicated to the goddess Dewi Danau. Afterwards, you make a short stop at the local market. Finally, you make your way to Ubud, the cultural capital of the island of the gods.

☕ Breakfast	Kebun Villas
🏠 Accommodation	Greenfield Resort or similar

Day 12. Cultural capital



Ubud

- A day exploring Ubud and the surrounding area. In Ubud, elegant temples and palaces with carved facades line the streets. During our stroll through the city, we'll discover Puri Saren and the detail of its wooden doors, Pura Saraswati and the finesse of its ornamentation, Pura Puseh and its splendid sculptures, as well as many other museums and galleries. Another of Ubud's tourist attractions, set slightly back from the town centre, is the Monkey Forest Temple. Walks and hikes outside Ubud, meanwhile, take you to places where the views of the surrounding countryside are breathtaking, so unspoiled is the rural landscape. A family of Balinese artists welcomes us to their traditional home and offers us a meal, no less typical of Ubud, Ubud, accompanied by Balinese dances. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

☕ Breakfast	Greenfield Resort or similar
🏠 Accommodation	Greenfield Resort or similar

Day 13. Rest



Ubud 📍

- A day at leisure to explore Ubud and the surrounding area in greater depth.

🍽 Breakfast	Greenfield Resort or similar
🏠 Accommodation	Greenfield Resort or similar

Day 14. See you soon in Indonesia



Ubud 📍

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

- Free morning until transfer to the airport

🍽 Breakfast	Greenfield Resort or similar
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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-5	6-7	8-8	SS
2625 EUR	2395 EUR	2095 EUR	1895 EUR	1750 EUR	550 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 & domestic air travel
- Insurance, assistance, visas and any airport taxes
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary above
- Drinks, personal expenses & tips
- Anything not mentioned in "Inclusions"