

**HERITAGE OF JAVA**  
**5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS**



Heritage of Java takes you deep into the historical heartland of Indonesia, linking each of the major heritage hotspots that tell Java's story. You will stay in hotels that have been specifically chosen for their historical significance, their architectural design and their proximity to areas of interest. This tour puts you in the centre of the action; a tactile and evocative journey back through the ages in the footsteps of sultans, pirates and pilgrims; into the heart of Java.

## ITINERARY

### **DAY 1 ARRIVAL YOGJAKARTA – MAGELANG**

Meet your assigned guide upon arrival at Adisucipto International Airport in Yogyakarta (pronounced 'Jogjakarta' and often shortened to 'Jogja'). On your first day in the city - known for its traditional arts and cultural heritage - you will be escorted to visit the largest Hindu temple compound, Prambanan. Explore the temple compound then directly transfer to Magelang regency (90-minute drive). Check-in at a resort and the remainder of the evening is free at leisure with dinner provided (D)

**Accommodation: Plataran Heritage Borobudur Hotel 4\*+ or similar**

### **DAY 2 BOROBUDUR SUNRISE – YOGYAKARTA – SOLO**

Wake up before the break of dawn and you will be transferred to the biggest Buddhist monument in the world, Borobudur. Situated in Magelang regency and nestled between the Progo and Elo Rivers, this sacred 8th-century monument is protected by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. A short, leisurely walk from the entrance and the steep narrow stone stairway will get you to the top deck of the monument. Surrounding the mother stupa, the top deck is the best spot to catch the sunrise, promising a breathtaking panoramic view of the surroundings, serene ambience and near-mythical experience on a clear day. Return to the resort for breakfast and check out afterwards. Drive back to Yogyakarta to unfold the history and culture of the city. Visit the 18th-century Keraton Sultanate's palace and the former royal garden of the Sultanate Tamansari Water Castle. Authentic Javanese cuisine for lunch will be served at one of the best restaurants in the city. Proceed to visit a Batik Workshop to see the manual making process of this famous fabric and to try your hand at making your own piece of batik. In the afternoon, drive towards Surakarta or also known as the city of Solo - the epicenter of Javanese culture in the modern day. Arrive approximately 3 hours later, transfer directly to a heritage hotel located in the city center. Check in and evening at leisure. (B/L)

**Accommodation: The Royal Surakarta Heritage Solo Mgallery by Sofitel 4\*+ (or similar) for 2 nights**

### **DAY 3 SOLO – KARANGANYAR – SOLO**

Breakfast then check out from the hotel. Pick up at the hotel lobby at 08:00hrs for a journey to discover the controversial temples in Karanganyar regency. Both of these unique temples are considered to be controversial due to their different shapes compared to the usual Hindu temples, the three dimensional reliefs as well as the unusual stone or relic arrangements. The common misconception about the two temples is that they are considered as temples of erotica, however the reliefs actually tell a story connected to higher philosophies about family values. An hour's scenic drive, passing through tea plantations in Kemuning gets you to Candi Sukuh, a 15th-century Hindu temple 910 metres above sea level at Berjo Village. Surrounded by pine forest, it was a place for sacred rituals which have gained notoriety for their similarity to those at the Inca's pyramids in Peru. Another unique temple to visit is Candi Cetho located in Gumeng village. Situated at the elevation of 1,496 metres above sea level, the 15th-century Hindu temple complex once served as a sacred place to achieve freedom from guilt or curses.

Drive afterwards to a nearby local restaurant overlooking the tea plantations and enjoy delicious Javanese cuisine while sipping your hot tea. In the afternoon, discover the beauty and the long history of batik at a privately owned house of Batik House of Danar Hadi. Admire the very finest batik prints and learn more about batik in Indonesia as part of the nation's cultural heritage and national identity. Return to hotel and afternoon at your own leisure. (B/L)

#### **DAY 4 SOLO – MOJOKERTO BY TRAIN – BROMO**

Check out early morning with breakfast packed in a box. Transfer to the train station for morning train Sancaka to Mojokerto. The 3-hour scenic train ride unfolds scenic rice fields and lush greenery as you sit back on a reclining seat in a fully air-conditioned compartment. Your chauffeured vehicle will be waiting as you arrive in Mojokerto. Proceed to drive towards TOSARI-BROMO. Arrive in TOSARI approximately 3 hours later, check in at a hotel in Tosari and afternoon at your own leisure. (B/L)

**Accommodation: Bromo Cottage Tosari 4\* or similar**

#### **DAY 5 BROMO SUNRISE – DEPARTURE SURABAYA**

Rising from the ancient Tengger caldera, the volcanic trio of Mount Bromo (2,392m), Mount Kursi (2,581m) and Mount Batok (2,440m) emerge from a vast crater that stretches 10km across. The smoldering cone of Bromo stands in a sea of ashen, volcanic sand, surrounded by the towering cliffs of the crater's edge – giving it a lunar-like landscape with epic proportions and breathtaking views. Wake up when it is still dark for a journey to catch the majestic view of sunrise at Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park. Mount Bromo provides the backdrop for one of the most stunning sunrise views on earth. Depart from your resort at 04:00hrs in a 4 Wheel-Drive vehicle (jeep) and make your way to Penanjakan Viewpoint to witness the awe-inspiring Tengger Caldera before your eyes as the night turns into day. Your 4WD vehicle will then take you closer to Mount Bromo. Arrive at the parking area, from here you can ride a pony to the foot of Mount Bromo. The hike up to the rim of the crater (253-stone steps) is worth the view from the top. Afterwards, continue on with the exploration of Tengger Caldera area where a unique ecosystem exists. Your 4WD vehicle drives over Pasir Berbisik, a landscape of volcanic sand that is reminiscent of an arid desert, then a couple of hundred metres away feel as if you are transported into yet another different world of savannah. Return to the resort for breakfast and check out afterwards to continue on with your journey towards Surabaya in a chauffeured vehicle. You will be transferred directly to Surabaya's Juanda International Airport for your onward flight to next destination. (B/L)

#### **Good to know**

- Suitable for minimum of 2 persons or small group
- Private basis only
- Operated daily
- Train schedule is subject to change without prior notice, program will be adjusted accordingly should there be any change on train
- it is strongly advised to avoid traveling overland (by car or by train) prior, during, and post peak season Eid al-Fitr celebration due to the high congestion
- Due to the heavy weekend traffic congestion, we do not recommend to start this program on Thursday and/or Friday



## INCLUSIONS

- 4 night accommodation based on twin-sharing (2 persons per room)
- 9 Meals mentioned in the itinerary as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Private transportation in a chauffeur-driven, air-conditioned vehicle
- Bottled drinking water during transfers
- One-way train ticket from Solo to Mojokerto
- Tours and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional and licensed English-speaking
- All entrance fees, donations and parking fees as per itinerary

**Not included:** International or domestic airfare & airport taxes · Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers · Beverages · Optional excursions. Visa for Indonesia if required

**Minimum 2 passengers required**

Price per person in CA\$, double occupancy, starting from:	LAND PACKAGE
<b>DAILY DEPARTURES 2021</b>	
February 1 - November 30	1549
<b>Single supplement</b> (Min. 2 passengers required on tour)	On request

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