



Indonesia: Culture, Beaches, Orangutans, & Dragons

DURATION | 14 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Active

Trip Overview

Join an unforgettable journey with AdventureWomen, exploring the rich tapestry of Indonesia by plane, bicycle, sailboat, and on foot. Discover Komodo dragons, lush jungles, vibrant artist villages, and wild orangutans in this tropical paradise. Your journey begins in Jakarta, where an expert guide will introduce you to the archipelago's secrets. In Tanjung Puting, spend three days on a klotok riverboat, observing orangutans at Camp Leakey and enjoying serene river mornings. Next, tour coffee plantations in Semarang and marvel at the grandeur of Borobudur Temple. Sail to Komodo National Park for snorkeling and hiking, then relax in Ubud, experiencing Balinese culture through cooking classes and biking. Conclude your journey at a seaside resort, celebrating new friendships and memories made along the way.

Trip Highlights

- Experience the wonders of Tanjung Puting National Park, observing orangutans in their natural habitat, cruising rivers to spot Proboscis Monkeys, and exploring the majestic Komodo National Park.
- Discover Indonesia's rich heritage, from the awe-inspiring Borobudur Temple to engaging with Ubud artisans and immersing yourself in a hands-on Balinese cooking class.
- Sail between stunning islands, whitewater raft thrilling rapids, bike through lush landscapes, snorkel in crystal-clear waters, and unwind at exquisite seaside resorts.

Map View



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Day 1

Welcome to Jakarta!

Straddling the equator, Indonesia is a paradise of thousands of lush islands set in a sparkling blue sea. Your unforgettable island-hopping adventure begins in Jakarta, guided by an expert who will unveil the hidden treasures of each destination. Accompanied by an AdventureWomen Ambassador, you'll be encouraged to embrace new challenges and expand your horizons. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel, with group transfers available. This evening, enjoy a lively welcome dinner, sharing stories with fellow travelers and discovering what inspires each woman to explore the wonders of Indonesia!

Meals: dinner | Overnight: Hotel Borobudur



Hotel Borobudur

Hotel Borobudur Jakarta is situated right in the center of Jakarta. It is only a stroll away from the Presidential Palace and a quick ride to shopping malls and business districts. Spanning 23 acres of tropical gardens and supported with extensive recreational facilities, Hotel Borobudur Jakarta has become an oasis where people can relax and escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, hair dryer, minibar, bottled water, safe, flatscreen TV, cable / satellite TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



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Day 2

Jakarta to Kalimantan

After breakfast, board a morning flight to Pangkalan Bun on the island of Kalimantan. Once there, visit a Dayak long house, welcomed with a traditional ceremony performed by members of the local community. Then, get escorted to a nearby port of Kumai, where you'll board a "Klotok," a wooden riverboat. The boat is equipped with an upper deck to view the rain forest as you glide through the Tanjung Puting National Park. Located two hours up-river from Kumai, it is not unusual to see female orangutans building their nests high in the treetops as you cruise up the river. Enjoy dinner on the boat at the dock near your lodge.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Rimba Lodge



Rimba Lodge

Rimba Lodge is a basic accommodation nestled deep within the lush jungle. Surrounded by trees of varying sizes, their dry leaves fall gracefully in front of the rooms.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, safe, electricity

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Day 3

Witness Orangutan Feedings

Board the Klotok for an enchanting upriver journey through Tanjung Puting National Park to Pondok Tanguii. Keep an eye out for monkeys, birds, and other wildlife along the banks. Arrive in time for the 9:00 AM orangutan feeding, where you'll witness these incredible creatures up close in their natural habitat. Enjoy lunch aboard the Klotok before witnessing another feeding, observing these fascinating animals as they enjoy their bananas. Conclude your day with a scenic sunset and dinner on the boat while cruising back to the lodge, soaking in the beauty of this extraordinary landscape.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Rimba Lodge



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Day 4

River Cruise the Crocodile River

Spend another morning cruising the river, venturing up a branch in search of crocodiles. Enjoy a delicious lunch onboard, featuring fresh fish, chicken, beef, vegetables, and fruit prepared by the crew. As you savor your meal, the klotok will transition from the “Big” Sekonyer to the “Small” Sekonyer, aptly named Crocodile River, where many crocodiles dwell. Arrive at the renowned Camp Leakey, established in 1971 for orangutan research, and learn about local orangutan families while observing gibbons and macaques. Later, unwind on an evening cruise back to the lodge, savoring dinner as you glide past the serene riverbanks.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Rimba Lodge



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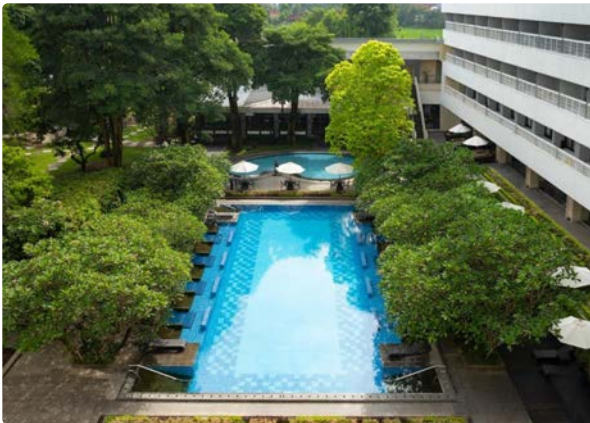


Day 5

Coffee Tasting in Java

Wake up early this morning and catch your flight to Semarang on the island of Java. Enjoy lunch when you arrive, and then take a tour of a local coffee plantation, complete with a coffee tasting. You even have an opportunity to buy coffee to bring home if you'd like. Dinner is on your own tonight. There are multiple dining options at your beautiful resort.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Royal Ambarrukmo



Royal Ambarrukmo

What once served as the Yogyakarta Royal palace and gardens stand today as one of Yogyakarta's finest hotels. This award-winning hotel offers a prestigious sanctuary to the discerning business and holiday traveler. Meticulously renovated, Royal Ambarrukmo Yogyakarta infuses authentic royal tradition, glamour and grace with 21st century modernity and sophistication.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, minibar, bottled water, safe, flatscreen TV, cable / satellite TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



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Day 6

Sunrise Serenity and Cultural Encounters

Start your day with an optional guided trek to Dagi Hill for a breathtaking sunrise, followed by a picnic breakfast. Next, explore Borobudur, where ancient stone reliefs reveal Buddhist teachings and Javanese heritage. Ascend to discover 1,640 relief panels and 504 Buddha statues, enjoying stunning views from the top. Later, visit Candirejo Village to connect with locals, explore farms, and participate in a traditional Gamelan music lesson. After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, unwind at your beautiful hotel with leisure time by the pool before enjoying dinner on-site.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Royal Ambarukmo



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Day 7

Journey to the Komodo Dragons

Embark on a long but rewarding travel day with an early morning flight from Java to Labuan Bajo, featuring a layover in Bali or Jakarta, where you'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Upon arrival in Labuan Bajo, gateway to Komodo National Park, transfer to the harbor and board your luxury-chartered vessel, Cheng Ho, for a two-night adventure in search of Komodo dragons. Witness the breathtaking sight of fruit bats soaring from Kalong Island at sunset. After a delightful dinner on board, unwind with an evening of stargazing under the clear skies.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Cheng Ho



Cheng Ho

Your sailing vessel, Cheng Ho, is a modified Phinisi (Bugis) schooner launched in 2000 and named after the famous Chinese mariner, explorer, diplomat and fleet admiral who played an important part in Asia's maritime history. Constructed with three decks, 110 feet long, 34 feet wide, and with 14 cabins, the Cheng Ho has plenty of space to lose yourself, whether in the air-conditioned comfort of the large saloon or on the decks under the shade of one of the ship's huge sails. All cabins have individual air conditioning, a private bathroom with hot and cold water, wireless internet connection and plenty of storage. The Cheng Ho is equipped with a modern navigation system, plus updated safety and first aid equipment.

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Day 8

Explore Komodo Island

After breakfast on board the Cheng Ho, get in smaller boats and hop out on Komodo Island. You'll be escorted by rangers to search for Komodo dragons on foot. Climb to the top of the hill just behind the beach on Komodo Island for a stunning panoramic view of the surrounding area. After lunch on the Cheng Ho, spend some time on the Pink Beach, which gets its name (and color!) from the particles of red coral that are mingled in with the sand. Do some snorkeling from the beach, or just swim and relax on the sand.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Cheng Ho



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Day 9

Final Cheng Ho Voyage

Spend a relaxing morning on the Cheng Ho, watching islands drift by as you cruise back to your port in Labuan Bajo. Enjoy lunch on board before saying goodbye to the boat crew. This afternoon, fly to Denpasar, Bali – the “Island of the Gods,” and proceed to Ubud, arriving just in time for dinner at your hotel. Experience Bali’s paradise of lush rice terraces, stunning volcano views, and beautiful beaches, enriched by the warmth of the Balinese people. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture while enjoying activities like swimming, surfing, and soothing massages.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Komaneka Rasa Sayang



Komaneka Rasa Sayang

Komaneka at Rasa Sayang is a stylish small hotel in the midst of central Ubud’s cafes and boutiques but set off from the street in luxurious calm. The smart modern architecture is warmed by the use of wood and recycled timber. The Deluxe rooms have sleek, first-class interiors with generous living space and broad balconies facing urban gardens. A sheltered infinity pool overlooks a quiet river valley.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, bathrobes, minibar, safe, flatscreen TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning

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Day 10

Culinary Exploration in Bali

Embark on a culinary adventure unlocking secrets of authentic Balinese cooking, utilizing traditional ingredients and preparation methods, in a fully equipped community village kitchen. Your day begins early at the Ubud markets with the chef as you buy fresh herbs and spices, crisp vegetables, and choice cuts of meat. Explore cooking techniques and the fascinating kitchen myths of Balinese cuisine and learn about the exotic herbs and spices used in ceremonial and everyday Balinese dishes. After preparing the meal, sit down together to enjoy it as a group. Take the afternoon to explore, shop, or maybe just relax and enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Komaneka Rasa Sayang



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Day 11

Culture and River Rafting in Ubud!

Begin your day at Goa Gajah, or Elephant Cave, a serene 11th-century Hindu meditation center. Next, immerse yourself in the vibrant local food and art markets. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at a riverside restaurant overlooking the stunning Tjampuhan River. Afterward, embark on an exhilarating whitewater rafting adventure on the Ayung River. Following a safety briefing, you'll walk down a long set of stone stairs (600 stairs!) to reach the river, and then navigate Class II and III rapids through breathtaking gorges, lush rainforest, and picturesque rice terraces. After climbing back up 350 steps, gather for a delightful dinner at Cafe Wayan with your group, sharing stories of the day's adventures.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Komaneka Rasa Sayang



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Day 12

Biking through Bali

Explore Bali by bicycle, starting just north of Ubud. You will ride through villages, seeing the real Bali. Visit temples and ride through rice fields. You'll visit a local family's compound and learn about the significance and uses of each building. Biking is a peaceful way to explore the countryside. Finish your ride with a delicious lunch. Then, check out of your hotel and drive to Sanur, a beautiful beach area in southern Bali. Enjoy this evening on your own.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Maya Sanur Resort



Maya Sanur Resort

Featuring an outdoor pool and four on-site restaurants and bars, Maya Sanur Resort & Spa offers modern and luxurious beachfront getaway in the tranquil area of Sanur. It's the ideal place to unwind before your long flights home.

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Day 13

Learn from Local Women

Spend your final full day in Bali enjoying the beaches in this area of Bali, which are incredible - white sands, deep water, and long stretches are perfect for swimming. Bali is the ideal place to relax before you head home. (Perhaps schedule a massage!) Then, spend time with a woman from the local community and learn about what it's like to be a woman in modern Bali, what traditions they continue, and what is changing. a farewell dinner with your new AdventureWomen friends. Reminisce over all the memories you have made and celebrate the end of an amazing journey through this truly spectacular country.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Maya Sanur Resort



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Day 14

Depart Bali

All great adventures must one day come to an end. Enjoy your last few hours in Indonesia before heading home. Say goodbye to your new AdventureWomen friends as you transfer to the airport for your flights home. Depart Bali Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS) any time after 12:00 PM today.

What's Included

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- Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- All meals as listed in the itinerary
- All ground transportation
- One group transfer on arrival and departure
- Domestic airfare (priced separately from the main trip)
- Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees
- English-speaking guide(s) throughout the trip
- Drinking water available in large jugs to refill personal bottles
- Gratuities for local guide, driver, and hotel and wait staff

Not Included

- International airfare to and from Indonesia
- Optional activities
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for main guide and boat staff

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

