



FAST FACTS

Official Name

Republic of Indonesia

Capital City

Jakarta

Currency

Indonesia Rupiah
(IDR)

Official Language

Bahasa Indonesia

Population

250 million

Total Area

65,610 km²

Boundaries:

Malaysia, Papua New
Guinea, Timor-Leste

INDONESIA DESTINATION INFORMATION

Selamat Datang and welcome to Indonesia!

Indonesia is a country of large numbers; it consists of more than 17,000 islands, of which approximately 8000 are inhabited, 300 languages are spoken amongst a population of almost 250 million, making it the fourth most populous country. The archipelago stretches for 5000 along the equator. From the western tip of Sumatra to the eastern edge of Papua, this nation stretches a long long way and represents many different cultures, peoples, animals, customs, plants, features, artworks and foods that it is like 100 countries melded into one. Over time deep and rich cultures have evolved within Indonesia, from the mysteries of the spiritual Balinese to the utterly non-Western belief system of the Asmat people of Papua.

GEOGRAPHY

Indonesia is a vast country composed of Over 17,000 islands and stretching more than 5,000km from east to west and 1,700 km from north to south, Lying between the Indian and Pacific Ocean, Indonesia is home to the 2nd (New Guinea), 3rd (Borneo), 6th (Sumatra), 11th (Sulawesi) and 13th (Java) largest islands in the world. New Guinea is shared with neighboring Papua New Guinea and Borneo is shared with Malaysia and Brunei.

Located in the South Pacific along the Ring of Fire, Indonesia is home to more active volcanoes than any other nation. With roughly 130 live volcanoes across the country, there are around 5 million people living in the immediate danger zone surrounding them.

Given the landscape and remoteness of many of the islands, Indonesia has some of the best diving and trekking opportunities in the world.

PEOPLE

Indonesia is the 4th most populous country in the world and largest Muslim nation. Given the natural separation of cultures being a nation of thousands of islands, there are over 500 languages throughout the country. The largest ethnic group is the Javanese as more than half of Indonesia 250 million residents live on the island of Java, making it the most populated island in the world. Traditions can vary greatly from island to island as there can be many different cultures and languages on a single island.

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1. Taman Sari Bali, Bali
2. Kelimutu Eco Lodge, Flores
3. Tabo Cottage, Sumatra
4. Jogja Village Inn, Java
5. Qunci Villas, Lombok



INDONESIA DESTINATIONS

Also it's abundantly present tourist attractions are as diverse as one can imagine; dramatic volcanoes of which many still active, abundant wildlife in Sumatra and Kalimantan including Orangutans, traditional Javanese and Balinese dancing, idyllic deserted white sand beaches in Sumbawa, glittering mega malls in the crowded capital Jakarta and magnificent Borobudur and Prambanan temples.

Below is a description of Indonesia's main islands and attractions. If you wish to travel to, or receive information about any other destinations in Indonesia please do not hesitate to contact us at sales.indonesia@khiri.com

Sumatra

This giant island is still as wild and unpredictable as when they first explored its shores. Millennia of erupting volcanoes from the earth's toxic core or from the fierce ocean waves have both destroyed and created the natural beauty over and over again. The rugged mountains and fertile valleys are fed by near-constant rains, colouring the jungles and the rice terraces of many shades of green.

Climb up the smoking volcano craters that ring the hill town of Berastagi, slog through muddy jungle paths and spot a wild orang-utan high up in the canopy at Bukit Lawang.

Sumatra is still visibly diverse, with more than 52 tribal languages and the full spectrum of societal organization. In a few remaining pockets, hunter-gatherer tribes collaborate with the jungle for survival. Other tribes have sewn together the expectations of the outside world with their own customs. The Bataks of beautiful Danau Toba; the matrilineal Minangkabau of West Sumatra – each ride will bring you to another tribal heartland.

Java

Java is the heart of the nation, it is an island of the mega metropole Jakarta with its population of over 10 million and never ending traffic but also mesmerising natural beauty, and profound traditions in art, dance, spiritualism and learning.

Boasting a dazzling array of bewitching landscapes most journeys here are defined by scenic excesses. Java's is one of the most fertile and heavily populated places on this planet resulting in that transport can be challenging at times. By road it can be slow going, particularly in the west of the island. However, the beauty of its sights makes it all worthwhile. The UNESCO Heritage listed temples of Borobudur, the volcanic craters of Bromo and Ijen or the historically important city of Yogyakarta are just some of the ingredients on your Java itinerary.

Bali

The word 'Bali' evokes thoughts of a paradise. It's more than just a destination; it's a mood, an aspiration, a tropical state of mind. With its green rice terraces, pulse-pounding surf and truly charming people. Enjoy world-class food, lounge on stunning beaches, or spend an epic night clubbing – Bali has it all.

Lesser Sunda Islands/Nusa Tenggara

This sparsely inhabited archipelago extending eastwards from Lombok to Timor and includes the islands formed by the protruding peaks of a giant submarine mountain range that stretches to Sumatra. The infrastructure in Nusa Tenggara is less developed than on the larger islands, and since the region continues to receive

Borobudur

Indonesia has the largest
standing Buddhist
temple in the world,
which is Borobudur in
Central Java.



relatively few foreign visitors, modest dress and politeness out of respect for ancient cultures and religions are imperative.

Lombok & The Gili's

Sometimes – in our opinion unfairly - overshadowed by its famous neighbour Bali, Lombok is blessed with exquisite white-sand beaches, epic surf, a lush forested interior, and hiking trails through tobacco and rice fields, Lombok is fully loaded with tropical allure.

Gili Meno is the most beautiful of the three bounty islands referred to as The Gili's that are lying just off the shore just northwest of Lombok. This is an ideal place to relax, swim or snorkel. This island is also known for its miraculous sunsets.

Komodo & Flores

The main attraction of the inhospitable Komodo islands is the remarkable Komodo dragon, the largest lizard in the world. Flores is named for its untamed beautiful sites like Gunung Kelimutu, with three crater lakes that constantly change color.

Kalimantan (Borneo)

Kalimantan is Indonesia's name for its two-thirds share of Borneo, the world's fourth-largest island. Kalimantan, represents nearly 30 per cent of Indonesia's land area, but is occupied by barely six per cent of the population. Kalimantan is covered with some of the world's oldest rainforests and one of the very few places where one can enjoy the presence of the Orang - Utans like at Tanjung Puting National Park.

Tourism Arrivals

By: All Ministry of Tourism

Year	Number of Tourism Arrivals
1984	700.910
1994	4.006.312
2004	5.321.165
2014	3.700.047



INSIDER'S PICK

On the island of Java, the city of Yogyakarta (Jogja for short) is known for being an important cultural destination in Indonesia. Nearby is Borobudur, the largest Buddhist temple in the world, as well as Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple in central Java. Jogja, the location of many universities, is also the country's center for education. The fine arts such as music, ballet, as well as the globally recognized batik fabric all thrive in Yogyakarta. The most popular place to shop, and certainly most crowded, is Malioboro Street. Along both sides of this mile-long strip of road you will find shops and stalls selling an array of clothes, plants, leather goods, ornaments, and other handicrafts. While the prices are quite reasonable, your guests should be prepared to bargain as is the custom and they will be rewarded with a discount. Travelers should also bring their appetite since this market street has many warungs, or traditional eateries where locals and visitors alike can enjoy a snack or small meal starting at less than a dollar each. Located about one kilometer from the north end of Malioboro Street is Beringharjo Market. This market, located inside a large building, is the epicenter of activity on the street as it is one of the biggest traditional markets in the city. There are hundreds of shops offering fruits and vegetables, plants, spices and herbs, various clothing and of course batik. Batik is a method of producing various colored designs on a cotton cloth using dye and wax. Indonesia's batik, originating in Java, has been given special status by UNESCO. This artistic and colorful cloth makes a great souvenir so we say travelers should feel free to stock up on it at great prices! At night, Malioboro Street is still quite busy with vendors continuing to hustle selling food, drinks and goods. Also, many young people come to hang out at a warung, or go drinking at a local bar or club. Your travelers may also see a group of drummers playing some traditional local beats that will keep the atmosphere lively. After visiting these market areas, it will be easy to see why it is the busiest area in the Jogja.

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