



THE SUNDA EXPRESS

6 Days / 5 Nights

Day 1: Jakarta Arrival

Your guide and private car will meet you at Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta International Airport and transfer you to your hotel for check-in and overnight. Dinner is at leisure.

Overnight in Jakarta

Day 2: Jakarta - Bogor

(B/L/D)

Begin today with a city tour of Jakarta. You'll visit iconic sites such as the Presidential Palace and Istiqlal Mosque, the largest mosque in Southeast Asia. Continue to the neo-gothic Jakarta Cathedral and the National Monument. Known locally as 'Monas', this structure was built to commemorate the country's Proclamation of Independence in 1945. You'll stroll through 'Kota', the formerly walled part of Dutch Batavia which still retains a charming colonial atmosphere. First visit Sunda Kelapa Old harbor and then proceed to Pasar Ikan Wet Market.

While in Batavia, stop for lunch.

This afternoon you'll have the opportunity to step off the tourist trail and discover the 'real' Jakarta. Travelling by local transport, walking along hidden laneways and meeting friendly locals you will get a taste to see what the city is all about. We will visit the real Kota the China Town or called Glodok where Chinese were gathered in this place by the Dutch, make sure to visit the Chinese temple named to be the first Chinese temple were build in Indonesia.

After your tour, transfer to the town of Bogor and check in to your hotel. Dinner is at leisure.

Overnight in Bogor

Day 3: Bogor - Bandung

(B/L)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and set off for an excursion through Bogor and on to Bandung.

You'll begin with a visit to Bogor's outstanding botanical gardens. Home to more than 15000 species of trees and plants and over 5000 species of orchids, these botanical gardens are also a haven for birds and bats. Spend time walking around the gardens and enjoying the beautiful landscapes. From the Garden can be seen Bogor's Presidential

Palace, which is noted for its distinctive architecture. It was built in 1744 as a retreat for the Dutch Governors and was later used by the British administration. (Note: palace is not open to the public, but will be viewed from the outside)

Drive along the Puncak Pass to Bandung. Puncak is a mountainous road that takes you past one of the first colonial tea plantations, several scenic rice fields and typical Javanese villages. There are plenty of opportunities to stop for photos or for a short walk through the tea plantation.

Stop for lunch in a local restaurant and then continue the journey to Bandung. Arrive in Bandung this afternoon and check-in to your hotel. Once known as the 'Paris of Java', Bandung is a dynamic, modern city yet retains many grandiose Art Deco buildings and historical houses resulting in an intriguing mix of old and new.

Overnight in Bandung

Day 4: Bandung - Tangkuban Perahu - Ciater - Bandung (B/L)

After breakfast in Bandung proceed to Tangkuban Perahu, a smouldering 2000 meter wide volcano. Start with a walk around the main crater, Kawah Ratu.

Nearby, you'll stop at the Ciater (also referred to as Sari Ater) hot springs. This resort-area has natural hot water spring pools and you can swim in the therapeutic waters if you wish.

Then continue to a nearby tea factory for a tour. Pass through the expansive tea plantation and learn about the growing, harvesting and processing of the legendary leaves.

ALTERNATE OPTION: MORNING EXCURSION TO KAWAH PUTIH

This morning depart for a tour to Kawah Ciwidey and its surroundings. Located south of Bandung near the Mountain Tilu Reserve, this area is full of spectacular landscapes. Visit Mount Patuha where you can see two volcanic craters 600 meters apart. One is dry but the other has a greenish-white crater lake, earning it the name 'Kawah Putih' or 'white crater'. Continue to the nearby Strawberry Farm where you can buy fresh fruits raised in the cool highland air.

On the return to Bandung, stop for lunch.

Drive back to Bandung stopping for a visit at Saung Angklung Udjo workshop, a venue aimed at preserving the rich culture of Java. You'll see an energizing performance of *Angklung* (traditional bamboo instruments) by village students and then you can try your hand at playing this instrument.

Continue to Bandung and check into your hotel. Dinner is at leisure.

Overnight in Bandung

Day 5: Bandung - Jogjakarta (B)

Awake early for breakfast and to check out of your hotel. Transfer to Bandung's railway

station and board the morning express executive train to Jogjakarta.
(Agrowilis Train: Departure 0700- arrival 1430 in Jogjakarta)

The journey takes you through beautiful landscapes of rice fields and mountainous areas.
Lunch is served on board.

Your guide and private car will meet you and transfer you to your hotel for check-in. The remainder of today is at leisure. Dinner is at leisure.

Overnight in Jogjakarta

Day 6: Jogjakarta - Departure

(B)

Following breakfast at hotel, the morning is free before transferring to the airport for your onward flight.

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