

CENTRAL JAVA AND BALI DISCOVERY

14D/13N - Start from \$2,925 per person

TRIP OVERVIEW

Locations	: Yogyakarta Magelang, Central Java Ubud Kintamani Bedugul Seminyak Benoa Bay Uluwatu, Bali
Activities	: Nature, culture, sight-seeing, leisure, family vacation, & adventure
Duration	: 14 Days 13 Nights
Price	: Start from \$2,925 per person
Travel Types	: Classic Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the natural and cultural wonders of Central Java and Bali on this enchanting 14-day tour. We've combined the islands' highlights with some hidden local gems to bring you a unique travel experience. Start in Yogyakarta that situated on the number one best island in the world, Java; a strong cultural nuance will cover most of your holiday here. A visit to the largest Hindus and Buddhist temple as well as a world cultural heritage site – Prambanan and Borobudur are part of the itinerary. You will have the opportunity to make your own Batik, explore the Yogyakarta historic sites, and watch the spectacular Ramayana ballet dance performance. An adventure using an vintage jeep will also drive you to explore the remnant of the last eruption of Mount Merapi.

Arrive in the enchanting island of Bali, you will spend nine days on the island of paradise for cultural and adventurous activities. Ancient temple hopping to the most stunning temples in Bali including the mother temple Besakih, the floating temple Ulun Danu Beratan, and the holy water temple Tirta Empul is definitely on the list. If you are an adrenaline seeker, this tour will perfectly engrave a memorable experience into your head since many vibrant activities you can greatly enjoy; watersports in Benoa Bay which including surfing, jet skiing, kite surfing, and flyboarding lesson; sunrise ascent to Bali's most famous active volcano, an exhilarating swing that soars over a dense jungle of palm trees, and fun bike riding through farms, lush vegetation, neighborhoods, and rice fields from Kintamani to Ubud. Likewise, this tour takes you to one of Bali's most stylish and upscale beach resort area to enjoy spa and massage, as well as sunset cocktails while basking in the tropical sun.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 : ARRIVAL YOGYAKARTA, CENTRAL JAVA

Welcome to Special Region of Yogyakarta! Nestled on the best island of the world, Yogyakarta is one of the foremost cultural centers of Java. Upon your arrival at Adi Sucipto International Airport, our guide will greet you and transfer to your hotel. After check-in, you may spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

Meals included: no meals included on this day

DAY 2 : YOGYAKARTA

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and then spend a half day at your leisure. You may stroll around the hotel and enjoy the hotel's excellent amenities until lunch before we take you to the largest Hindu temple in Indonesia, Prambanan Temple. Dedicated to three great Hindu divinities: Shiva, Vishnu, and Brahma, Prambanan is a complex consisting of more than 500 temples representing not only an architectural and cultural treasure but also a standing proof of past religious, peaceful cohabitation. Next up, you will visit Ratu Boko Temple, about three kilometers south from Prambanan Temple. The site covers 16 hectares in two hamlets displaying attributes of an occupation or settlement site. After dinner, you will back to Prambanan Temple to watch a spectacular Ramayana Ballet Dance performance.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 3 : YOGYAKARTA - MAGELANG

Wake up bright and early for a unique chance to see the sunrise over the majestic Borobudur Temple – a UNESCO World's Heritage Site. Here you will explore the temple at the most mystical time and watch the sun rays make their way through the morning mist along with your loved one. Take photos as many as you wish or simply enjoy looking at the sunrise. You will also stroll around Borobudur for more in-depth exploration of the temple after enjoying a sumptuous breakfast. If you still have enough stamina, after lunch this tour takes you to Candirejo village to experience rural Java's traditional life. We will then back to the hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 4 : YOGYAKARTA

Today a Merapi Lava Tour will fulfill your memory with thrilling experience as you will ride the vintage jeep to explore the remaining of the latest Mount Merapi eruption. There are short, medium, and long route you can pick up where the short itself takes 1.5 – 2 hours journey around Merapi! It's indeed a perfect adventure every adrenaline seeker dreams of. A little visit to Ullen Sentalu Museum probably may soothe your nerve after the jeep riding. There you can enhance your knowledge about the history, art, and culture of Yogyakarta and Solo Royal Palace. After lunch, you have an option to visit Kalibiru Kulon Progo, a national park with an idyllic view of green

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forest under the tropical atmosphere.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 5 : YOGYAKARTA

Your fifth-day tour in Central Java will take you to the heart of Yogyakarta – The Royal Sultan Palace of Yogyakarta, locally known as Keraton, the palace was built with traditional Javanese architecture. Each feature of the complex has a special symbolic meaning related to sophisticated Javanese worldview. Taman Sari Water Castle will then be your next stop. It is known as the garden for the Sultan of Yogyakarta. The most famous place in Tamansari is the bathing and resting place of the Sultan and his Princesses named Umbul Pasiraman. Most tourists find this place interesting as there is a unique story behind its origins. After lunch, your trip continues to Tirtodipuran Village to learn about the profound Javanese philosophy behind some of the batik patterns and you can create your own Batik here. You have an option to visit Ansor's Silver Kotagede for silver making experience and silver craft souvenirs shopping after batik learning. Then, you may stroll around at Malioboro Steet and Alun-Alun Yogyakarta, contemplating the tumult of the city while seeing how local people live, try the traditional cuisine of Yogyakarta and shop for local souvenirs.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 6 : YOGYAKARTA - DENPASAR - UBUD, BALI

This morning the journey to the island of Gods begins. You will set off to Adisutjipto Airport and have a flight to Denpasar, a capital city of Bali. Upon your arrival, you will transfer to an art and culture capital – Ubud. There you will check in to your hotel and may spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 7 : UBUD

After breakfast, you have another free program to relish until lunchtime coming. Next up, prepare yourself for Ubud City Tour and be ready to be enchanted by cultural and art nuances it offers! You can start in Monkey Forest where you can discover the Balinese long-tailed monkey known scientifically as 'Macaque,' and then visit one of the most beautiful temples in Bali – Saraswati. The icon here is pretty lotus blossoms which cover the pond and a pathway with ornate architectural designs that lead to the main temples. You can stroll around at Ubud Art Market that offers myriad of Balinese merchandises at a low price, such as handicraft, clothes, paintings, and silver jewelry. If you are into paintings, Ubud seems like the perfect place! There are many museums which display many beautiful arts including collages and illustrated poetry. You can visit two of them at The Agung Rai Museum of Art or Antonio Blanco Museum. At the end of the day, you may watch the enchanting Bali traditional dance performances - Barong and Legong, in Ubud Palace.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

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DAY 8 : UBUD - KINTAMANI

Start your eighth day trip with a morning drive to see the famous lava sunrise landscape in Mount Batur. You'll rise before dawn and be picked up from your hotel around 02:00 or 02:30 to the base of Mount Batur, and then begin your sunrise ascent of Bali's most famous active volcano. Soothe your feet after the trekking by enjoying a long soak in a natural hot spring with expansive views over Lake Batur, or if you're still excited for vibrant activity, you may want to try white water rafting at Ayung River. Feel the sensation of your adrenaline rush when the boat rafting through cascades and boulders. Once in a while, enjoy the fresh air and scenic view around you as there is a grove of trees in the riverside. Then, a one and a half hour drive will take you to Besakih that commonly known as the 'Mother Temple' of Bali. Located on the western slopes of Bali's tallest volcano, Mount Agung (2,567 meters), Besakih is the largest and most revered temple on the island.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 9 : UBUD

This morning let you go off the beaten path by a fantastic bike ride through farms, lush vegetation, neighborhoods, and rice fields from Kintamani to Ubud. Then, we will visit Pura Gunung Kawi, a temple complex centered around royal tombs carved into stone cliffs in the 11th century and Tirta Empul, one of Bali's most renowned water temples. Famous for its sacred spring water, Tirta Empul is annually visited by all Balinese Hindus who come to bathe in these holy waters dedicated to Vishnu as an act of ritual cleansing. A once-in-a-lifetime exhilarating swing will then rush your adrenaline by swinging on the edge of a scenic cliff over a dense jungle of palm trees at Zen Hideway or Bali Swing.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 10 : UBUD - SEMINYAK

On the tenth day, this tour takes you to the most beautiful scenes of rice paddies at Tegallalang Rice Terrace. The dramatic view of the rice fields is incredible for Instagram pictures! You will have an excellent lunch before heading out to Seminyak – one of Bali's most stylish and upscale beach resort area. After check-in, enjoy free time with activities that you like the most! Our suggestion is an afternoon stroll on the beach will be a good idea!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 11 : SEMINYAK - BENOA BAY - JIMBARAN

Today will be full of fun water activities! We will set off to Sanur or Benoa Bay that renowned for its water sports heaven. Here you will have an opportunity to learn surfing or try something new like a flyboarding or kite surfing with certified instructors. Then, continue with the banana boat, jet skiing, parasailing, sea walking, flying fishing, or turtle glass bottom boat. Recover your energy with a sumptuous lunch, and then pick up either one of these leisure selections: Spa or Sunset Cocktails. Pamper yourself at the best spa & massage treatment in Seminyak to rejuvenate your body and

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mind or enjoy sunset cocktails while chilling out at one of the globe's most popular sunset spots in Jimbaran. At the end of the day, a fresh seafood dinner is specially served for you to savor.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 12 : SEMINYAK - ULUWATU

After a hearty breakfast, fill your half days with leisure activities you are fond of. At 4 PM, we will take you to Uluwatu Temple that sits majestically on the edge of a cliff overlooking the blue Hindia Ocean and watch the Kecak Fire Dance, one of Bali's most iconic art performances, famous for its dominant use of human vocals in place of gamelan instruments to accompany the dance-drama at its core. The best spot to watch the performance is from the cliff-top amphitheater located at the south of the Uluwatu Temple on Bali's southern Bukit peninsula.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 13 : SEMINYAK - BEDUGUL

This morning we will set off to one of UNESCO heritage sites – Jatiluwih Rice Paddies. You can explore the rice paddies by an electric bike while learning about its unique subak irrigation system. Then, the trip continues to the "floating" temple - Ulun Danu Beratan, which surrounded by the second largest lake in Bali, Beratan Lake. The smooth reflective surface of the lake surrounding most of the temple's base creates a unique floating impression, while the mountain range of the Bedugul region encircling the lake provides the temple with a scenic backdrop. Close the day by visit the famous temple of Tanah Lot that sets dramatically on a rocky outcropping in the sea to enjoy a magical sunset. The temple can only be reached on foot during low tide.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 14 : DEPARTURE

Today is the end of your Central Java and Bali Discovery tour. Spa and massage treatment seems so tempting to rejuvenate your body and mind after 13 days of the exciting trip. If you want to bring something unique for your family or friends home, you may buy souvenirs instead at the best local and international fashion boutiques, galleries, art shop, or fun markets on Seminyak Street. Then, spend the rest of the day at your leisure until it's time for your scheduled transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR INCLUDE

- Accommodation with daily breakfast at selected hotels.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary, except for alcoholic drinks.
- Private tours, transfers, and all services as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Service of a private driver and air-conditioned vehicles.
- Entrance fees for all the mentioned sights.
- Professional English speaking guides.
- Personal travel insurance (domestic insurance).
- Professional english speaking guides.
- Service charges and government VAT tax.

TOUR EXCLUDE

- International airfares to and from our start and end points + departure taxes if applicable (*Notes: The price of this tour does not include any international airfares to and from our start and end points; however, our reservations specialists are more than happy to help arrange international flights on your behalf and advise on scheduling. We book hundreds of flights each year on behalf of our guests, and we know the best routes to take to ensure you arrive on time. We only book with IATA-approved airlines that have met with international standards of safety and dependability*).
- Personal expenses (mini bar, laundry, room services, additional food & drink at the hotel/ restaurant, etc).
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels.
- Visa fees.
- *Tipping to guides and drivers (Notes: on the final day of your tour, you will have an opportunity to contribute in giving tip fund discretionarily. We believe that between US\$ 5-10 per day is an appropriate amount. However, this is just a suggestion and remains entirely up to the judgment and discretion of the guests. We do ask that you kindly refrain from offering tips to guides or drivers at any time, except during cases of exceptional service, when it should be arranged through the office. Tipping of your travel specialists for their hard work is also welcome, and is at your discretion).*

WHAT TO BRING

- **Clothing** - The tropical climate means you can safely leave all of your warm weather gear at home. Bring cool cottons, T-shirts and shorts. Likewise, a lightweight fleece could be useful for pre-dawn trekking or if there is a cool wind on the mountain – even if you don't need it, it will be useful for the plane. Adventure Archipelago is respectful of the local cultures and customs; bring clothes that cover your shoulders and knees for village or temples visits. Finally, you might want to bring at least one smart-casual outfit for sunset cocktails and evening meals. Ladies: beach throw-overs, kaftans and sarongs are always useful; choose fabrics that dry easily. Also, bring a lightweight sundress or two – several destinations offers a great setting for a photo shoot, live it up.
- **Bags** - A day backpack is essential on day hikes to carry things such as your water bottle, camera, binoculars, and rain jacket. A waterproof wet/dry bag is a good idea for your phone, camera, etc.
- **Footwear** - Pack comfortable trainers, trekking sandals, sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots for hikes and walks. Bring socks to wear inside your walking shoes to avoid getting blisters. Many travellers appreciate the added stability of a walking stick or hiking pole; lightweight telescopic poles are easy to pack. You might also want waterproof sandals or reef shoes for wet landings and water activities. Flip-flops are great for the beach. Note: Standard practice is to go barefoot on the boat.
- **Sun Protection** - You'll be spending plenty of time out in the scorching tropical sun, so be sure to pack sunscreen with a high enough SPF to protect your skin from the sun's damaging rays, which are stronger in the water, and some sun-protective clothing as well. Cover-ups, sarongs, sun shirts, and other such clothing will ensure that you come back from your trip with just happy memories and photographs – and not sunburn. A good hat is essential; a wide brimmed hat or cap will keep the strong equatorial sun off your face and neck. Sunglasses keep your eyes protected and add a little glam to your photos. A strap to hold your glasses can be a good idea on more active adventures. Just in case you fail to avoid getting sunburnt, bring an aloe-based lotion to soothe burned skin.
- **Swimwear** - Don't forget your swimsuit/bikini/shorts/trunks/Speedos —and preferably more than just one swimsuit, so that one or two can be drying while you are wearing another. Luckily, swimsuits and/or swim trunks don't take up too much space in your luggage. The water is warm but a rash guard (or a wetsuit) will protect you from the sun, abrasions and stings.
- **Skin & Hair Protection** - Ladies, it's important that you take good care of your skin and hair. The sun, seawater and salty air may be beautiful to experience but it can be tough on your body and will wreak havoc on your locks. Bring moisturising lotion to soothe skin parched by the sun and the saltwater; bring a leave-in conditioner to de-tangle your hair with ease because the water, mask, and hair-ties will leave it in knots. Also consider bringing a scarf or headband to

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hold back unruly hair, or hair-ties/pins to keep your hair off your face and therefore prevent water seeping into your mask.

- **Camera Equipment** - If you are photo enthusiast bring all of the camera and video equipment that you will use as you can expect exceptional opportunities for photography. If you prefer the ease of a point & shoot, bring that. If you want to take underwater photos you might want to invest in a waterproof camera/GoPro or waterproof housing to capture photos of the incredible marine life. It's also a good idea to bring a spare memory card.

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