

A wide-angle landscape photograph of Mount Bromo at sunrise. The foreground shows the terraced slopes of the volcano, with a small crater visible on the left. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue. The text is overlaid in white.

# WACA 53rd AGA Pre-Tour JAVA GRAND TOUR

9–16 October 2022



Yogyakarta — Borobudur — Prambanan — Bromo — Ijen —  
Kalibaru — Bayuwangi — West Bali National Park



**Culture**

**History**

**Adventure**

**Scenic Views**

**Beach and Sun**



# Java

The heart of the nation of Indonesia, Java is a complex island of great antiquity: this, after all, is where ancient Java Man stood upright and walked abroad. As such the island, home today to 140 million people and the most populated island on earth, is defined primarily by people.

Human ingenuity has left the island sprinkled with ancient treasures, such as the temples of Borobudur and Prambanan. It has also shaped a culture that resonates in modern life, as expressed through the artistic traditions of Yogyakarta and Solo, and contributes to the modern dynamism of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta. Java's megacities may be crowded and gridlocked but they have a restless energy that is magnetic.

People have shaped the natural landscape too, giving it an urban texture that runs in slithers through the pea-green paddy fields. Add in nature's splendours — smoking volcanoes, rainforests and polished white beaches — and Java becomes irresistible.

The Java Grand Tour begins in Yogyakarta in Central Java to witness the great temples of Prambanan and Borobudur; from Yogyakarta, journey to the iconic landscape of Bromo in East Java, with an astounding view of volcanoes; walk in giant underground caverns and see the “Blue Lava” of Ijen. The trip will be capped off with a stay at the West Bali National Park where there is excellent snorkelling and you will have time to relax before being driven to the InterContinental Bali Resort.

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# Java Grand Tour Programme

## **Day 1 (9 October) — Arrival in Yogyakarta**

Arrive in Yogyakarta and check into the Phoenix Hotel.

## **Day 2 (10 October) — Yogyakarta Tour (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)**

After breakfast visit the Palace of Yogyakarta, known locally as the Sultan Palace Keraton, a reflection of Javanese Cosmos. It is a must-see site in Yogyakarta encompassing an elegant complex of pavilions. After we will proceed to Taman Sari Palace, the site of a former royal garden of the Sultanate of Yogyakarta. The next stop is one of the world's largest Hindu temples and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Prambanan Temple. A place where tourists can experience how the Javanese culture lives. Overnight at the Phoenix Hotel.

The spectacular temples of Prambanan, set in the plains of Central Java, are the best surviving examples of Java's extended period of Hindu culture. With nearby Borobudur, they are one of the top highlights of Southeast Asia. All the temples in the Prambanan area were built between the 8th and 10th centuries A.D., when Java was ruled by the Buddhist Sailendras in the south and the Hindu Sanjayas of Old Mataram in the north.

The two dynasties were united by the marriage of Hindu Rakai Pikatan and the Buddhist Sailendra princess, Pramodhavardhani. This may explain why a number of temples, including those of the Prambanan temple complex and the smaller Plaosan group, reveal both Shivaite and Buddhist elements in architecture and sculpture. Prambanan, however, is a Hindu site first and foremost and the wealth of sculptural detail on the great Shiva temple here is the nation's most outstanding example of Hindu art.

As the only Indonesian royal city still ruled by a monarchy, Yogyakarta is regarded as an important centre for classical Javanese fine arts and culture such as ballet, batik textiles, drama, literature, music, poetry, silversmithing, visual arts and wayang puppetry. Yogyakarta is the capital of the Yogyakarta Sultanate and served as the Indonesian capital from 1946–48 during the Indonesian National Revolution.



The Phoenix Hotel



The Taman Sari Palace



Prambanan Temple



### Day 3 (11 October) — Yogyakarta to Borobudur and the Dieng Plateau (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Head out early in the morning to watch the sunrise at the famous Borobudur Temple. After our tour at Borobudur we will visit the beautiful Dieng Plateau. The scenic volcanic landscape with its sulphur springs and the coloured lakes make this place a real natural wonder. Then visit of Sikidang Crater where you are surrounded by steaming vents and bubbling mud ponds. With a facemask on you can walk around the crater. From Sikidang Crater we drive to Arjuna Temple Complex which consists of five temples amongst which are some of the oldest temples in Java. Transfer to the Phoenix Hotel for dinner and overnight.

A world heritage site Borobudur is one of the most famous Buddhist temples in the world. Built in the 9th century C.E. during the reign of the Syailendra dynasty the temple's design in Gupta architecture reflecting India's influence on the region although there are enough indigenous scenes and elements incorporated to make Borobudur uniquely Indonesian. It is located near Yogyakarta in Central Java and is the world's largest Buddhist temple built in three tiers: a pyramidal base with five concentric square terraces, the trunk of a cone with three circular platforms and at the top a monumental stupa. The walls and balustrades are decorated with fine low reliefs covering a total surface area of 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>. Around the circular platforms are 72 openwork stupas each containing a statue of the Buddha. The monument was restored with UNESCO's help in the 1970s.

The Dieng Plateau is a marshy plateau. It forms the floor of a volcanic caldera complex and consists of two or more stratovolcanoes and more than 20 small craters and cones of Pleistocene-to-Holocene age near Wonosobo, Central Java. Referred to as "Dieng" by Indonesians it sits at 2,000 m above sea level far from major population centres. The name "Dieng" comes from Di Hyang which means "Abode of the Gods". The Plateau is the location of the Arjuna Hindu temple complex which consists of eight small Hindu temples from the Kalingga Kingdom. The Sikidang Crater emits sulphuric gas and is surrounded by beautiful scenery.



Clockwise:  
Borobudur Temple  
The Dieng Plateau  
Arjuna Temple Complex  
Sikidang Crater



#### **Day 4 (12 October) — Yogyakarta to Surabaya (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)**

In the morning, relax in the hotel and after an early lunch we will head over to the airport and take a flight from Yogyakarta to Surabaya. After landing in Surabaya we will take a two hour journey to the Bromo Terrace Hotel or the Jawa Jiwa Hotel. Dinner will be at Probolinggo before checking into the hotel.

#### **Day 5 (13 October) — Bromo at Sunrise and Kalibaru (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)**

An early morning again as we start our Bromo Sunrise tour. The magnificent Mount Bromo will not disappoint with its spectacular views and dramatic landscapes. After watching the famous sunrise over the iconic view of Indonesia we will have breakfast at the hotel and check out.

On the way to Bayuwangi we shall visit a coffee plantation in Kalibaru. The picturesque road from Jember to Banyuwangi winds around the foothills of Gunung Raung through rainforest and up to the small hill town of Kalibaru (428 m). Java coffee beans are world famous and synonymous with coffee. The trip between Bromo and Bayuwangi takes approximately six hours. After arrival in Bayuwangi we check into the Santika Bayuwangi Hotel to get some needed rest after dinner.



Iconic view of Mount Bromo

**Mount Bromo** is the most iconic volcano in Indonesia and is an active volcano and part of the Tengger massif, in East Java, Indonesia. At 2,329 meters (7,641 ft) it is not the highest peak of the massif, but is the most well known. The massif area is one of the most visited tourist attractions in East Java, Indonesia. The volcano belongs to the Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park. The name of Bromo is derived from the Javanese pronunciation of Brahma, the Hindu creator god.

#### **Day 6 (14 October) — Ijen (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)**

The fabled Ijen Plateau is a vast volcanic region dominated by the three cones of Ijen (2,368 m), Merapi (2,800 m) and Raung (3,332 m). Mount Ijen (aka Ijen volcano) is a quiet but active volcano. It is set amidst a stunning landscape of volcanic cones. The beautiful turquoise coloured sulphur lake that resides at the heart of Ijen volcano is the largest acidic lake in the world and the result of a volcanic crater. Travellers flock to Ijen for what's known as the "Ijen blue fire". An electric-blue flame that appears from the combustion of sulphuric gases. The gases emerge from cracks in the volcano at high pressure and temperature of up to 600° C. Igniting when they come in contact with air. The Ijen blue flames can reach up to 5 m high. It is necessary to wear a gas mask to protect against the sulphurous fumes when visiting the crater.

In the very early morning we shall commence our hike up to Mount Ijen to its spectacular sulphur crater lake and to experience the unworldly sight of its "blue fire" phenomenon. Walk past Indonesian sulphur miners as they walk down the slopes with their heavy quarry. The hike will take approximately 1½–2½ hours depending on physical fitness. After descending from Mount Ijen we will have breakfast at the hotel before departing via ferry for Menjagan in the West Bali National Park and check into the Mimpi Resort Menjagan.



Sulphur miners walking down to Ijen Volcano



The phenomenon of Blue Fire at Ijen



### **Day 7 (15 October) — West Bali National Park (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)**

The West Bali National Park covers around 190 km<sup>2</sup> of which 58 km<sup>2</sup> is land and the remainder is sea. This is approximately 3% of Bali's total land area. To the north it includes a 1,000 m long beach, reef and islets. There are several habitats in the national park, a savannah, mangroves, montane and mixed-monsoon forests and coral islands. The centre of the Park is dominated by remnants of four volcanic mountains from Pleistocene era with Gunung Patas at 1,412 m its highest elevation. The island is a bird watcher's paradise with 160 species with Rusa (Javanese Deer) and Indian Muntjac barking deer plentiful in the Park.

After breakfast we will visit the West Bali National Park and prepare for an amazing private snorkelling tour in the sea around Menjangan Island. Experience beautiful reefs, coral gardens and exotic fishes in all colours of the rainbow. After lunch there will be free time to relax then dinner and overnight at the Mimpi Resort.

### **Day 8 (16 October) — End of Tour (Breakfast)**

After breakfast a 4½ hour ground transfer to the InterContinental Hotel and the end of the tour.





## PRE-AGA TOUR REGISTRATION DETAILS

**Package Cost:** USD 1,150.00 per person based on double occupancy excluding airfare Yogyakarta–Surabaya. Single occupancy supplement USD 400.00.

*Note: as at April 2022 the airfare Yogyakarta–Surabaya is approximately USD 100.00 per person.*

**Maximum Capacity:** 60 participants (*registered on a first come first served basis*).

**Date:** 9–16 October 2022.

### Package Includes:

- Seven nights accommodation at the hotels as specified in the programme or equivalent.
- Meals as specified in the programme.
- Tours as specified in the programme. Tours will be in air-conditioned coaches with English speaking guides.
- Entrance fees to sights as specified in the programme.
- Ground and sea transfers as indicated in the programme.
- Gratuities for guides and drivers.
- USD 20.00 WACA fee.

### Package Does Not Include:

- Airfare Yogyakarta–Surabaya.
- Expenses of a personal nature such as drinks/meals (unless specified in the programme), laundry, telephone calls, internet, etc.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Visas (refer online at [www.indonesiaevisas.com](http://www.indonesiaevisas.com) or contact an Indonesian Consulate or Diplomatic Mission for visa requirements).
- Travel to the location at the start of the package.
- Any other miscellaneous charges as applicable.

**Registration Form:** can be downloaded from the Events section of the WACA website [www.waca.org](http://www.waca.org) or requested by e-mail from Mr. Keith Miller at WACA Headquarters [info@waca.org](mailto:info@waca.org).

**Payments:** to be confirmed on the package a deposit of USD 700.00 per participant is required. It can be made by cheque, money order or bank draft in United States dollars made payable to the “World Airlines Clubs Association” and sent with the duly completed Registration Form to: World Airlines Clubs Association, c/o Mr Keith Miller, 644 Westwood Avenue, Dorval, Quebec, Canada H9P 2M5.

The balance of payment can be made in the same manner as above and sent to Mr. Keith Miller as above by 15 July 2022. Payment can also be made by bank transfer. WACA’s bank account details as follows:

Bank name and address: Bank of Montreal, 2005 Peel Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1T7.

Account name: World Airlines Clubs Association.

Account number: 4600-790.

Transit number: 01581-001.

Swift code: bofmcam2.

*It is most important to note that bank transfer charges for both the issuing and receiving banks must be borne by the participant.* WACA’s Bank of Montreal charges USD 14.00 for each transfer received.

Regretfully, WACA does not have the capability to accept payments by credit card. Payment by PayPal is also not an option due to the high service charge incurred.

**Registration Deadline:** 15 July 2022.

**Cancellation:** if the registration is cancelled prior to the registration deadline date, the deposit will be refunded *if a replacement participant is found* less a service charge of USD 150.00.

If the registration is cancelled after the registration deadline date, there will be no refund of any payment that has been made.