

West Java

Day 04 : Bogor - Cibodas

In the morning, take a little stroll between the huge trees at the famous Bogor Botanical Garden. The garden has a collection of more than 15,000 native and foreign plant species, including orchids and giant 1-m wide Rafflesia, blooming only once a year. Later in the day, move to Cibodas Botanical Garden on the slope of Mt. Gede Pangrango. Founded in 1862, the garden is attached to 1,200 ha forest reserve extending up to the summit of Mt. Pangrango and the crater of Mt. Gede. Overnight at FREDDY Simple Homestay, Cibodas, popular place for bird watchers (B,L,D)

Day 05 : Cibodas - Ciwidey

Morning walk in the flower gardens owned by locals and continue to the highland botanic gardens. Noon continues to Ciwidey, South of Bandung, capital of West Java Province. Overnight at PATUHA RESORT, Ciwidey, guest house type for nature lover. (B,L)

Day 06 : Ciwidey

Explore a full day trip to admire Ciwidey Valley. Start with a trip to a picturesque crater lake, the Kawah Putih, which color ranges from white to pale turquoise. Nice spots include Civalini Hot Springs, Rancabali Tea Estates, Lake Patenggang, making blacksmiths, strawberry gardens and the Gambung Tea and Quinine Research Station. Overnight at PATUHA RESORT, Ciwidey (B,L)

Day 07 : Ciwidey - Pangandaran

Travel along the busy business road to the southeast, the true Sundanese Highlands, through enchanting rural scenery, geological wonders and historical remains. A visit to Canguang Hindu Temple, the only Shiwa stone sculpture found in West Java, Then a walking trip down the valley of Kampung Naga where the thatch-roofed houses represent one of the last examples of traditional Sundanese architecture. Overnight at SURYA BEACH HOTEL (3 stars), Pangandaran (B,L)

Day 08 : Pangandaran

Start your visit of Pangandaran Beach with a boat trip in Green Canyon, then spend the time to relax on the beach or visit the Penanjung Nature Reserve. Overnight: SURYA BEACH HOTEL, Pangandaran. (B)

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Day 09 : Pangandaran - Candirejo

Early morning drive for a long day of eastward journey. At 07.00 am, leave by ferry boat from the small harbor of Kalipucang across the Segara Anakan Lagoon to Loh Manis Harbor at the other side of the lagoon. Enjoy the mangrove and sights of birds along the way. The car waits you close to the jetty for the last leg of the journey on the land of Central Java to Candirejo Village. Overnight at Family HOMESTAY (B,L,D)

Day 10 : Candirejo - Jogja

Start the day with a village tour to visit community activities. Morning walk to observe the rural life, then walk or cycle to the famous Buddhist Temple of Borobudur, one of the seven world's wonder. Afterwards, enter the city of Yogyakarta, known as the center of Javanese culture. Free for the rest of the day. Transport by Minivan. Overnight at IBIS MALIOBORO (3 stars), Yogyakarta (B)

Day 11 : Jogja

After a half day guided city tour, visit the famous Royal Sultan Palace and Water Castle. Transport by Minivan. Overnight at IBIS MALIOBORO, Jogja. (B)

Day 12 : Jogja - Departure

Free till transfer out for your flight home/next destination. Transport Minivan (B)

Included

Accommodation, meals and means of transportation as stated in the itinerary ; Admission fees to places of interest ; Donation to the visited rural host communities ; English speaking tour leader/interpreter/ naturalist ; local guides ; forest rangers ; porters

Excluded

International and domestic flights, airport tax, Travel insurance, Personal needs

Sundanese Heartland and World Heritage Site



Located south of Jakarta, the Indonesian capital, West Java is predominantly mountainous and agricultural, with lush green valleys and high volcanic peaks covering more than half of the area. The fertile mountains and valleys of inland West Java offer beautiful landscapes, invigorating cool air and relaxing, unhurried pace. The southern, northern and western part of the province are fringed by quiet beaches, perfect for admiring the marine life or trying your skills at surfing. West Java is also the land of the soft-spoken, hospitable Sundanese, known for their sophisticated culture, their delicate music based on bamboo percussions and flutes, their elaborate dances and their spicy food.

Lying at the most western tip of Java, the Ujung Kulon National Park is the home of endangered species such as the one horned java rhino (estimated remaining population less than 60). The Park has been appointed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and has received the assistance of WWF Indonesia for the development of community-based ecotourism.

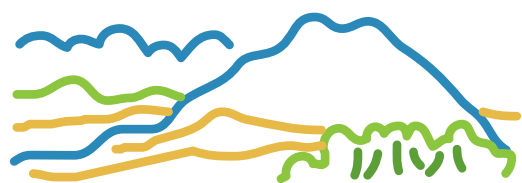


Nestled on a hilly mountainous range, the Halimun National Park represents one of the remaining tropical rainforest areas in Java. It is also an example of active participation of the local community in conserving the environment through ecotourism, which has significantly improved their economic welfare. Situated at more than 1,000 meters asl,



the park is partly bordered with the exquisite panorama of the green Nirmala Tea Plantation. To diversify the jungle trekking, the park management has built an exciting canopy trail.





Day 01 : Jakarta - Cinangneng

Upon arrival at the airport Jakarta, direct transfer to your accommodation in Bogor (1 hour by road). Rest of the day is free. Transport Minivan. Overnight at HB RIVERSIDE GUESTHOUSE, a simple accommodation nestled at the border of Cinangneng Village. (D)

Day 02 : Cinangneng - Citalahab

After early breakfast, take a walk to feel the first taste of the villager's life, next to your guesthouse. Walk along the dike of rice fields, observing farmers tilling their fields with the help of water buffaloes, and women weeding the young green shoots of rice.

After lunch, move by car to the National Park of Gunung Halimun, the misty mountain, one of Indonesia's largest remaining area of lowland and montane forest. Covering an area of 40,000 ha at the elevation of 500 to 1,900 meters, it is a home to more than 200 species of endemic such as Javan Hawk Eagle, Javan Gibbon, Javan Leaf and Black Leaf Monkey.



Drive on bumpy road along dense tropical jungle to reach Cikaniki Research Station and walk up along the canopy trail. Overnight stay at a Sundanese wooden-bamboo lodge owned by the local community. (B.L.D)

Day 03 : Citalahab - Ciptagelar

Enjoy the fresh morning atmosphere at the Nirmala Tea Plantation, an enclave in the middle of national park located about 1,000 meters above sea level. Tea walk along the plantation and visit tea processing factory.

Morning trekking for 3 until 4 hours along the trail you will spot Javan Gibbons. Stop at Kampung Sawah (Rice Fields Village) and continue your journey by a motorbike taxi to reach next stop. Listen the beautiful sound of angklung bamboo percussions at Ciptagelar, the center of Kasepuhan,

one of the most ancient Sundanese tribes. Enjoy meals and local dancing called Jipeng and musical Kecapi Suling (bamboo flutes). Overnight at HOMESTAY called ImahGede, Ciptagelar. (B.L.D)



Day 04 : Ciptagelar - Pelabuhan Ratu

Morning village tour visits rattan handicraft and blacksmiths producing machetes and agriculture equipment. Your adventure continues to Ciptarasa (former capital of the Kasepuhan tribe) through the jungle on the bumpy road condition. Proceed for a good country road to the harbour town of Pelabuhan Ratu. En-route visit Bat Cave to witness thousands of this tiny animal swarming out of the cave to search their daily diets at dusk. Overnight at BUNGA AYU HOTEL, beach style, colonial style hotel on a small bay near Pelabuhan Ratu. (B.L.D)

Day 05 : Pelabuhan Ratu - Ujung Genteng

Pelabuhan Ratu or The Queen's Harbour features an ideal place for beachcombing, surfing and sunbathing. Swimming is best suited for experienced swimmers due to the very strong and dangerous currents. Known as Ratu Kidul, the Queen of the Southern Sea and for its fishing sites.

In the morning, drive along the city and the coastline to admire the seaside. Visit fish market. After lunch, drive for a rather long journey around 5 hours southward to our next destination, Ujung Genteng Nature Reserve, where most nights of the year giant marine turtles weighing over 100 kilograms come to lay eggs. Watch these animals come



ashore, drag themselves up the beach, dig a hole and lay up to 150 eggs. Overnight at PONDOK ADI GUESTHOUSE, a simple wooden-bamboo beach hotel. Ujung Genteng. (B.L.D)

Day 06 : UJUNG GENTENG - PANCAWATI

After a beach breakfast, visit the turtle breeding site and learn about local initiatives to protect this endangered species against poachers. Take some time to relax by walking and swimming at the safe at small bay. After lunch drive for approximately 7 hours directly to the last stop Pancawati by late evening where you spend overnight at this wooden-bamboo guest house, Bogor. (B.L.D)

Day 07 : PANCAWATI

Free rest in the morning. Noon visit of home industries around the guesthouse. Evening enjoy a traditional dinner in a serene atmosphere. Overnight at LEMBUR PANCAWATI GUESTHOUSE. (B.L.D)

Day08 : PANCAWATI - JAKARTA DEPARTURE

Transferred to the airport of Jakarta for your next destination. (B) Transport: Minivan

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telephone, laundry
Personal needs



Day 01 : Jakarta Morning Arrival - Tamanjaya

Meeting service at Soekarno Hatta Airport, transfer to the simple accommodation at the buffer zone of Ujung Kulon National Park. Rest of the day is free for orientation, deep inside the green world of tropical vegetation.

This long trip leads you to explore the National Park of Ujung Kulon - Sundanese for Western End . The park is one of the last sanctuaries of extinct species such as Java wild-oxen, panther, and the single tusked rhinoceros - with an estimated remaining population of about 60 individuals. This animal can rarely be seen. Overnight at basic accommodation at the border of the park: QOMAR GUEST HOUSE, Tamanjaya. (L.D)



Day-2 Tamanjaya

The adventurous tour starts by crossing the bay for further canoeing right inside the park along the Cigenter River. Then, trek inside the jungle to find the wallows where the shy rhinos like to bathe in the mud. Sail to Laban for the trek through the rain forest across the isthmus of Java Island (ca. 2.8 km only) to reach Karang Ranjang at the beach of Indian Ocean. Rest a while in the forest ranger's shelter. Hike back along the flat trail back to your home-stay at Taman Jaya. Transport Morboat/ walking. Overnight at basic accommodation QOMAR GUESTHOUSE (B.L.D)

Day 3, Taman Jaya - Bogor

A quick early move to leave the park for a short visit to The Baduys Homeland, en route. Living on the west slope of Mount Kendeng, this indigenous tribe has kept megalithic traditions and has attempted to maintain self-sufficiency despite the onslaught of modernization. The road is very poor, but a chance to discover the hidden Mother Mary Shrine, fossilized woods, and primitive local gold mining areas. Overnight at Bogor Botanical Garden with the interior structure from the colonial time. (B.L.D)