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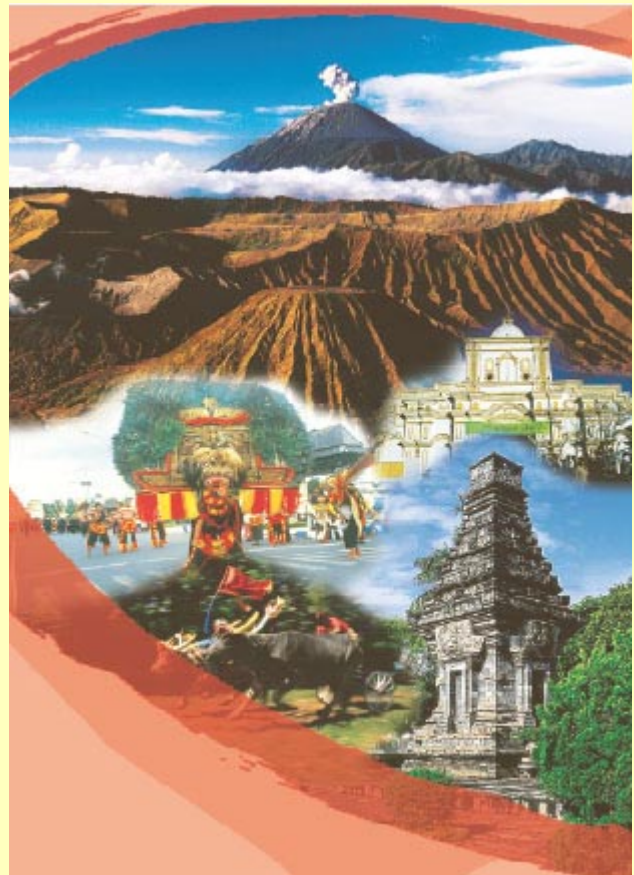
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Indonesian Tourism Destination - EAST JAVA



East Java is a vital, energetic province with an earthy, forthright character, Its scenery is marked by startling contrasts between volcanic landscapes of stark and savage beauty and cool, elegant colonial towns set amongst finely sculpted plantations; between some of the most remote and untamed wilderness in Indonesia, and its most cosmopolitan trading town, set around a medieval, yet still fully functional, harbour.

The Majapahit dynasty, based in and around East Java, began the foundations of an empire that was to dominate the entire Indonesian archipelago, the Malay peninsula and part of the Philippines for hundreds of years. This was the beginning of profitable trade relations with China, Cambodia, Siam, Burma and Vietnam. As the power in Central Java declined in the 10th century, powerful kingdoms rose in East Java to fill the power vacuum. During the reign of King Erlangga both East Java and Bali enjoyed lucrative trade with the surrounding islands, and an artistic and intellectual renaissance. Parts of the Mahabarata epic were translated and re-interpreted to conform to an East Javanese philosophy and view of life, and it was from this era that East Java inherited much of its temple art. Today the open-air amphitheater at Pandaan performances tell some of the stories of this glorious past, set against an impressive backdrop of distant volcanoes, capturing the spirit of the province's culture and scenery. East Java's claim to fame in modern history is its vanguard role in the struggle for independence against colonial forces in 1945. Little of the Majapahit Empire's former glory still stands in East Java. Nevertheless, East Java has a variety of attractions, ranging from temple sites to unspoiled beaches, stunning volcanoes, extraordinary highland lakes, resplendent marine parks and fantastic wildlife reserves. Magnificent mountain scenery includes the crater and legendary sea of sand at Mount Bromo, the "sulphur mountain" of Welirang and the rugged Ijen Plateau. The island of Madura, famous for its bull races, is also part of the province and it has its own traditions, culture and language. The provincial capital, Surabaya is second in size, population, and commerce only to Jakarta. It is also the most industrialized province in the nation with the strong economy based on agriculture (coffee, mangoes and apples), fisheries and oil. The province is efficiently connected to the rest of Java by good roads, regular trains, and air services between Surabaya and other major cities in the country including Denpasar on Bali, which is only half an hour's flight away.



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PLACES OF INTEREST

Surabaya : A booming city of over 7 million people, Surabaya offers many good hotels, shopping centres and plentiful sources of entertainment. Its well stocked zoological garden includes several species of Indonesia fauna: orang utans, komodo dragons and a collection of nocturnal animals. Kalimas is an old traditional harbour for the world famous Bugis Schooners, which can still be seen in all their former glory. Across the Madura Strait, half an hour by ferry from Surabaya is the island of Madura, famous for its unique bull races.

MADURA Thirty minutes by ferry from Surabaya's Tanjung Perak harbour lies the dry, harsh island of Madura. With its sun-baked cliffs, blinding white-sand beaches, turquoise seas and its proud, clannish fishing folk and farmers, there is something almost Sicilian about Madura. In the harvest season, between August until September, farmers hold dramatic bull races that draw visitors from around the island and beyond. Visitors to Madura may prefer not to spend the night, as the major sights can be seen easily in a single day, and Surabaya offers a far greater range of hotel facilities. A car with a driver can be hired in Surabaya and taken to Madura by ferry for a modest fee.



Trowulan - Pandaan - Tretes Trowulan village and the surrounding area is believed to be the site of ancient capital of Majapahit. Archaeological excavations in the area have recovered many teracotta ornaments, statues, pottery and stone carvings which are displayed at the Trowulan Museum. The map in the museum is a guide to nearby sites of historical interest. The Candra Wilwatika open-air theatre in Pandaan, 45 km south of Surabaya presents classical East Javanese ballet performances on each full moon night from June to November. The performances are based either on the Ramayana stories or East Java's legends and folklore. The backdrop of Mt. Panangungan makes the performances an enchanting experience. 10 km from Chandra Wilwatika is Tretes, one of the most beautiful mountain resorts of East Java.

Malang 90 km south of Surabaya lies Malang, one of the most attractive hill towns on Java. A strong sense of civic pride is evident from the wellmaintained and elaborately painted becaks, the groomed main square, and clean buildings and streets. The cool climate is a welcome respite from Surabaya. 20 km from Malang on the southern flank of Mt. Arjuna, are Selecta and Songgoriti, popular hill resorts with hot springs. Nearby Batu is famous for its apples and flowers. Sport facilities at Selecta include horseriding, swimming, and tennis.



Purwodadi Botanical Garden Founded in 1941 for the study of plants growing under relatively dry conditions, the Purwodadi Gardens lie about 30 kms northeast of Malang, just off the Surabaya-Malang main road. They cover an area of about 85 ha (212 acres).

Mount Kawi Fortune Hunting This sage's grave on Mt. Kawi is a famous pilgrimage site for those who seek to increase their worldly blessings. Possesing an intensely Javanese atmosphere, with frequent wayang and gamelan performances, the grave itself is built on a hilltop. On both sides of the long stairway leading to the top is an assortment of sacred springs, Chinese houses of worship, flower and souvenir stalls and other interesting sights.

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Mount Bromo Many local and foreign travelers make the trek for the mystical experience of watching the sun rise from the crest of the Bromo volcano. A pony ride from the village of Ngadisari takes you over a sea of sand to the foot of the volcano. Ascend the 50 steps to reach the rim. On the vast expanse of sand, formerly a calder, there are two volcanoes: the extinct Batok which is the perfect cone and Bromo. Volcanic sulphur fumes and smoke still emanate from the depths, and when the God of Bromo begins to rumble, the surrounding population quickly bring their offerings. The annual offering ceremony of Kasada is held on the 14th day of Kasada, the 20th month in Tenggerese calendar year. It is a dazzling event where villagers from the surrounding areas bring their humble offering to holy volcano.



Baluran National Park / Wildlife Reserve Located on the tip of East Java, just off the Surabaya-Banyuwangi mainroad, is dry country side of open forests and scrubland, bordered by marshes, swampy groves and white sand beaches. A landrover or jeep is needed to traverse these rugged, grassy plains. A perfect place to photograph banteng wild ox, deer and birds in their natural habitat.

Kaliklatak A privately owned plantation 450-750 m above sea level on the slopes of Mt. Merapi, Kaliklatak covers a 2,500 acres of land producing coffee, rubber, cocoa and spices. Tour the plantation to see the entire process, from cultivation to harvest and processing for export.

Sadengan An important wildlife reserve located in the forest of "Hutan Purwo", 81 km to the south of Banyuwangi. Home to a herd of 700 wild buffaloes and many other species of world animals which can be observed from viewing tower.

Sukamade Turtle Beach 78 km south of Banyuwangi, the beach is known for its deep turquoise waters and 250 kg sea turtles which come to lay their eggs here.

Meru Betiri Reserve Here at the southeastern tip of province is where the last of the Javenese tigers sought refuge. A hundred and fifty years ago the Javanese tiger inhabited most of Java and was even considered a nuisance in some populated areas. During the late 1800's and early 1900's it was hunted mercilessly and its habitat destroyed by plantation builders. By the beginning of the Second World War it survived only in the most remote mountains and forests, and today the last four or five live on the brink of extinction. The government and the World Wildlife Fund have mounted a determined effort to save the tigers and their environment. Meru Betiri is not simply a tiger reserve. Wildlife of all kinds thrives here, like black panthers, leopards and sea turtles.



Temples Between Surabaya and Malang is the town of Singosari, where remnants of the 13th century Singosari Kingdom include a temple and two gigantic guardian statues, the main gateway to the capital of the kingdom. Jago temples dates back to 1268, and is one of the most enchanting temples in East Java. Scenes from folktales and the Mahabarata epic decorate the side panels. Kidal temple was completed in 1260 to honor one of the kings, and is a gem of Singosari temple art. Located 120 km southwest of Malang and 11 km North of Blitar, is well-preserved Penataran temple in the Singosari-Majapahit temple complex, dating from the fourteenth century. The temple terraces are decorated with Ramayana bas reliefs.

Ponorogo Ponorogo is 200 km southwest of Surabaya on the main highway to Central Java. The Festival Reog, held here on the 17th of August each year, highlights the area's traditional drama and dance. The unusual batik and basketry of the region are also wellknown.

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS FOR EAST JAVA

ACCOMODATION : Surabaya has a large number of big Hotels with a variety of restaurants, nightclubs, and convention facilities. There are five five-star Hotels of superior standard, all with convention facilities, restaurants, TV and refrigerator as well as telephones in the rooms, swimming pools and air conditioning. Two-star Hotels and those rated one-star have attached bathrooms, some have air conditioning and telephones but all have restaurants.

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