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*Welcome to Indonesia "Ultimate in Diversity"
Tourist Attractions in Indonesia - If you plan your holidays in Indonesia*



Indonesia is an adventure into a culturally fascinating and wonderfully scenic paradise. The world's largest archipelago stretches across the equator for more than 5,000 miles and 17,508 islands along the explosively volcanic and incredibly fertile "Ring of Fire". Tropical Rainforests saturated with vegetation and bursting with life thrive here; eternal snow-capped mountain peaks defy the senses and contrast with exotic white-sand beaches idling in the laps of warm tropical seas; living forests of coral fringe equatorial shores together with a marvelous variety of marine life; orangutans and birds of Paradise share this environment with rare orchids and pre-historic dragons; awesome volcanoes demonstrate their power and strength over remarkably fertile, terraced landscapes; Indonesia, quite literally, provides something for everyone! This is the 4th most populous county in the world with over 220 million people from amultitude of ethnic groups, customs, religions and languages. This, in turn, has nourished the arts and preserved ancient traditions

which are expressed through hypnotic music and exquisite dances, super batik, magnificent paintings and remarkable carvings in both wood and stone. Indonesians are indeed united in their diversity and intensely proud of their national and regional history which has helped to shape the archipelago into one of the most culturally prolific countries on earth.

JAVA : Java is the most populated island in the archipelago. Its diverse attractions range from unspoiled tropical beaches, jungles and active volcanoes to noisy, crowded cities and quaint villages. The island is divided into three provinces : West, Central and East. It also includes the special territories of Jakarta, the country's capital, and Yogyakarta. Jakarta is located on the northwest coast of Java. As Indonesia's capital the city is bustling center of government, business and commerce that never stops growing. Its many attractions cater to wide range of interests, from museums and cultural attractions, to shopping and fun family recreation. Surrounding Jakarta on three sides, West Java is land of Sundanese. Most of the region is lush and mountaineous, offering a host of exciting outdoor and nature attractions. For a truly authentic Sundanese experience, join an angklung workshop in Bandung or enjoy a delicious Sundanese meal among lush surroundings in the Parahiyangan highlands. Central Java is dotted with many ancient monuments from Java's glorious past. As patrons of Javanese culture, the Yogyakarta and Surakarta Kraton or palaces are fascinating places to visit. East Java isn't short of attractions either, from ancient temple sites to fantastic wildlife reserves, from incredible volcanic craters to fabulous surf waves.



SUMATRA : Sumatra is the second largest island in Indonesia. Rich in natural resources and beauty, Sumatra has volcanoes, thick jungles, sculpted canyons, mighty rivers and waterfalls, idyllic lakes and exotic beaches. Sumatra's population is made up mostly of the Christian Bataks living round Tapanuli and Lake Toba, the Melayu in North Sumatra and the distinctive Minangkabau in the west, around Padang and Bukittinggi. The western offshore islands of Nias and Mentawai shelter isolated communities who still retain ancient megalithic customs. In the Riau archipelago in the Straits of Malacca, the people's colorful and illustrious histories stretch back for centuries to the days when the Malay kingdoms were a power to be reckoned with around the Malayan Peninsula.

KALIMANTAN : Kalimantan is the Indonesian two-thirds of Borneo, sharing its boundaries with Malaysian East Sarawak and B Brunei. It is the World's third largest island and represents five percent of Indonesia's land mass. Kalimantan's indigenous population is made up on the Dayak tribes who traditionally lived in longhouses, and the Banjar in the south. Dense green jungles shelter a diverse world od flora and fauna. Bekantans (Proboscis monkeys), river dolphins, orangutans, crocodiles, clouded leopards, crab-eating macaques, giant butterflies and the legendary hornbill all live here and some can be found nowhere else. A 5,000 acre orchid reservation close to the village of Kersik Luwai, East Kalimantan, cultivates 27 different species of orchid including the rare black orchid. Large, powerful rivers wind their way through the jungles and flatlands in the south. Apart from timber and oil, Kalimantan is also known for its gems and precious stones mostly mined in Martapura and Cempaka in the south. The most common starting points for journeys into the Dayak country are Balikpapan and the provincial capital of Samarinda, with regular boat and flight services to Jakarta.



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PLACES OF INTEREST IN SUMATRA

NANGGROE ACEH DARUSSALAM

NATURES & VIEWS : Biang Kakon Waterfalls - Lhok-Seumawe, Goa Tujoh Cave - Banda Aceh, Gunung Lauser National Park, Simeuleu Reserve - Simeuleu island, Singkil Barat Reserve.

BEACHES : Lhoknya Beach - Sabang

NORTH SUMATRA

MUSEUMS : Balige Museum - Balige, Batak Museum - Samosir Island, Museum Propinsi - Medan, Museum Simanindo, North Sumatera Cultural Centre - Medan, Simalungun Museum - Pematang Siantar.

BUILDINGS : Batak Palace - Pematang Purba, Maimun Palace - Medan, Mesjid Raya (grand mosque) - Medan, Padang Lawas Hindu Temple - Gunungtua, Shri Mariamman Temple, Kampung Keling - Medan.

NATURE & VIEWS : Asahan Valley -Prapat, Toba Lake and Samosir Island, Siguragura Falls - Porsea, Silindung Valley - Sibolga, Sipisopiso Falls - Toba Lake.

BEACHES : Musala Sea Garden - Tanjung Balai, Pancan Gadang Sea Garden - Musala Island, Pandan Beach, Barus Tuktuk Beach.

TRADITIONAL MARKETS & VILLAGES : Batak Karo Villages - Kabanjahe, Bawomtalowo Village - Nias, Nias Traditional Village Stone Sculpture, Petisan Market - Medan, Stone Sculpture - Samosir Island.

ZOO & PARKS : Bukittinggi Zoo, Sibolangit Botanical Garden - Berastagi.

WEST SUMATRA

MUSEUMS : Adityawarman Museum, Padang Military Museum - Bukittinggi

BUILDINGS : Clock Tower, Bukittinggi, Fort de Kock - Bukittinggi, Rumah Gadang - Padang

NATURES & VIEWS : Bukit Tinggi Highland, Gua (cave) Ngalau Indah - Mentawai, Harau Canyon - Payakumbuh, Lembah Anai Reserve - Padang Panjang, Maninjau Lake - Maninjau, Minang Highland Sianok Canyon, Bukittinggi, Siberut Reserve - Siberut Island, Singkalang Lake - Singkarang.

BEACHES : Mentawai Sea Garden Islands, Batu Karang Beach - Padang.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN JAVA

JAKARTA

MUSEUM AND GALLERIES : Adam Malik Museum, Ancient Inscription Museum, Bahari Museum, Jakarta Fine Art and Ceramic Museum, Jakarta Historical Museum, National Archives, National Museum (Musuem Gajah), Puppet (Wayang) Museum, Sunda Kelapa Harbour, Textile Museum, Wayang Museum.

AMUSEMENT CENTRE : Ancol Dreamland and Amusement Park, Taman Mini Indonesia Indah

SHOPPING PLACES : Ancol Art Market, Ciputat Galleries & Art Market, Fish Market, Jakarta Design Centre, Jalan Surabaya Art Market, Kemang Galleries and Art Shops

ZOO & PARKS : Ragunan Zoological Garden, Slipi Orchid Garden

ART PERFORMANCE : Gedung Kesenian Jakarta Ismail Marzuki Arts Centre.

WEST JAVA & BANTEN

MUSEUMS : Geological Museum - Bandung, Military Museum - Bandung Postal Museum - Bandung

BEACH AND RESORTS : Carita Beach - Pandelang, Cipatujah Beach - Tasimalaya, Florida Beach - Merak, Karang Bolong Beach - Serang, Lembang Dutch Resort - Bandung, Pangandaran Beach Resort, Pelabuhan Ratu Beach - Sukabumi, Tirtamaya Beach - Indramayu.

PARKS AND ZOO : Alun-alun - Bandung, Merdeka Park, Taman Safari Zoological Park - Cibodas.

MARKET & ART SHOPPINGS : Cisaat Metal Crafts Village - Sukabumi, Flower Market - Bandung.

NATURES & VIEWS : Badui Village - Banten, Cibodas Botanical Garden, Citarik River - Sukabumi, Gunung Mas Tea Plantation - Puncak, Indakila Swallow Cave - Ciledug, Kampong Naga - Tasikmalaya, Karang Lawu Cave - Karawang, Kebun Raya Botanical Garden - Bogor, Kendeng Mountain - Banten, Maribaya Waterfall - Subang, Prabu Geusan Ulun - Sumedang, Tangkuban Perahu Nature Reserve, Telaga Warna Lake - Cianjur, Ujung Kulon Origin Tropical Rainforests - Banten.

YOGYAKARTA & CENTRAL JAVA

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES : Afandi Galery - Yogyakarta, Agastya

Art Foundation, Batik Research - Yogyakarta, Biology Museum - Yogyakarta, Perjuangan Museum - Yogyakarta, Radya Pustaka Museum - Solo, Great Mosque - Yogyakarta, Kalasan Temple - Central Java, Kraton Sultan's Place

TEMPLES AND BUILDINGS : Blendul Church - Semarang, Borobudur Temple - Yogyakarta, Cetiya Buddha Prabha - Yogyakarta, Dalem Notoprajan - Yogyakarta, Gedong Senisono - Yogyakarta, Gedung Songo Hindu Temple - Yogyakarta, Mendut Temple - Magelang, Paku Alaman Palace - Yogyakarta, Prambanan Temple - Yogyakarta, Pura Mangkunegaran - Solo, Purawisata - Yogyakarta, Tay Kak Sie Chinese Temple - Semarang.

BEACHES : Alam Indah Beach - Tegal, Kaliurang Highland Resort - Yogyakarta, Parangtritis Beach - Yogyakarta, Tanjung Mas Harbour -Semarang, Teluk Penyu Beach-Cilacap, Widuri Beach - Pekalongan.

PARKS AND ZOO : Alun-alun - Yogyakarta, Sri Wedari Park - Solo, Tamansari Water Castle - Yogyakarta.

MARKET & ART SHOPPINGS : Batik Factories - Yogyakarta, Beringharjo Market - Yogyakarta, Bird Market - Semarang, Jepara Wood Carving - Jepara, Johar Market - Semarang, Jepara Wood Carving - Jepara, Johar Market - Semarang, Klewer Market - Surakarta, Kotagede Silver Crafts - Yogyakarta, Malioboro Mall - Yogyakarta, Ngasem Market - Yogyakarta, Pekalongan Batik Crafts Centre, Simpang Lima - Semarang, Triwindu Market - Solo.

NATURES & VIEWS : Dieng Plateau - Wonosobo, Guci Hot Water Spring - Tegal, Jatijajar Cave - Yogyakarta.

ART PERFORMANCE : Ngesti Pandoyo Dance Theatre - Semarang.

EAST JAVA

MUSEUMS : Angkatan 45 Museum - Surabaya, Mpu Tantular - Surabaya.

BUILDINGS : Astatinggi Tombs - Sumenep, Colonial Architecture Scenic Harbor - Pasuran, Dutch Reformed Church - Malang, En an Kiong Temple - East Java, Holy Spring Islam Tombs, Bangkalan - Madura, Jawi Temple - Pandaan, Panataran Temple - Blitar, Singosari Temple - Malang, Tengowangi Hindu Temple - Jombang, Kraton Sumenep Palace - Madura.

BEACHES : Bangrang Beach - Ketapang, Camplong Beach - Madura, Gili Ketapang Beach - Pasuran, Grajangan Surfing Area - Banyuwangi, Jembatan Merah Chinatown - Surabaya, Pasir Putih Beach - Situbondo, Plengkung Beach - Banyuwangi, Popoh Beach - Trenggalek, Sumenep Beach - Madura, Tanjung Perak Port - Surabaya, Tretes Mountain Resort.

PARKS AND ZOO : Surabaya Zoological Park

MARKET & ART SHOPPINGS : Flower & Bird Market - Malang, Tanjung Bumi Batik Crafts - Madura

NATURES & VIEWS : Baluran National Park - Banyuwangi, Bromo Mountain, Roksa Cave - Sumenep Madura, Sedudo Waterfall - Nganjuk, Tengger Highlands - Mt. Bromo, Tengger Crater Sand Sea - Mt. Bromo, Wonosari Tea Plantation.

ART PERFORMANCE : Candra Wiladatika Open Air Theater - Pandaan, Pamekasan Bull Races - Madura, Taman Budaya - Surabaya

PLACES OF INTEREST IN KALIMANTAN

WEST KALIMANTAN

MUSEUMS : Dayak Longhouse Museum - Pontianak, Provincial Museum - Pontianak.

NATURE & VIEWS : Bulungan National Park, Gunung Palung Reserve, Gunung Niyut Reserve - Singkawang, Kapuas River, Mandor Reserve - Mempawah, Muara Kendawangan Reserve - Sukaraja, Sambas Forest Reserve.

BEACHES : Kinjil Beach - Ketapang, Jawi Beach - Ketapang, Tanjung Kelaung Beach - Kendawangan.

BUILDINGS : Equator Monuments Pontianak, Dwikora Docks - Pontianak, Jami Mosque - Pontianak.

CENTRAL KALIMANTAN

BEACHES : Kumia Beach - Pangkalanbun, Sampit Bay Beach

NATURE & VIEWS : Tanjung Puting National Park, Kahayan River

SOUTH KALIMANTAN

BEACHES : Sarang Tiung Beach - Kotabaru

NATURE & VIEWS : Pelaihari Martapura Reserve, Martapura River - Banjarmasin

BUILDINGS : Sabilal Muhtadin Mosque - Banjarmasin, Markets Kuin Floating Market - Banjarmasin, Martapura Gold Market - Banjarmasin

EAST KALIMANTAN

MUSEUMS : Mulawarman Museum - Samarinda.

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NATURE & VIEWS : Gunung Berau Reserve - Krampanjang, Jempang Lake, Kayan River, Kersik Luwai Orchid Reserve - Samarinda, Kutai Reserve - Bontang, Mahakam River - Samarinda, Muara Kaman Reserve - Samarinda, Muara Sebuku Reserve - Tarakan, Padang Luwai Reserve - Longiram, Sankulirang Reserve - Tanjung Redeb, Sungai Kayan Mentarang Reserve Tanjung Isuy 'Dayak' Reserve - Samarinda, Ulu Sembaku Reserve - Mensalong.

BEACHES : Derawan Island, Tarakan, Manggar Beach - Balikpapan, Tanjung Harapan Sea Garden, Tarakan Beach.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN BALI

TEMPLE AND BUILDINGS : Besakih Temple, Jagatnatha Temple, Keihen Temple, Sakenan Temple, Tampak Siring Palace, Tanah Lot Temple, Tirta Empul Temple, Ulun Siwi Temple

BEACHES : Benoa Harbour, Jimbaran Beach, Kuta Beach - Bali, Legian Beach - Bali, Sanur Beach - Bali, Uluwatu Beach.

MARKET & ART SHOPPINGS : Batuan Villages, Batu Bulan Village, Celuk Village, Mas Village - Bali, Ubud Village - Bali.

NATURES & VIEWS : Goa Gajah, Serangan Island, Tegangan Village, Trunyan Village.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN NUSA TENGGARA

WEST NUSA TENGGARA

MUSEUMS : Kupang Museum Negri, Nusa Tenggara Barat Museum Palace Museum - Sumbawa.

BUILDINGS : Batu Bolong Temple - Lombok, Dalam Loka Sultans Palace - Sumbawa, Lingsar Temple - Lombok, Meru Temple - Lombok, Meruya Temple - Lombok, Narmadi Temple - Lombok, Segara Temple - Lombok, Suranadi Temple - Lombok, Tomb's Palace - Sumbawa.

BEACHES : Gili Meno Snorkling - Gili Island, Gili Trawangan - Gili Island, Hu'u Beach - Sumbawa, Kuta Beach - Lombok, Putri Nyale Beach - Lombok, Selang Belanak Beach - Lombok, Senggigi Beach - Lombok.

MARKET & ART SHOPPINGS : Bamboo Craft - Lombok, Cakranegara Market, Mataram Gili Air Pearl Farm, Penunjuk Pottery Crafts Village, Lombok.

TRADITIONAL PLACE : Wadu Pa'a Stone Carvings - Sumbawa.

NATURES & VIEWS : Gili Meno Salt Pans, Lebo Lake - Sumbawa, Monkey Forest - Lombok, Moyo Island, National Park Reserve, Rinjani Mountain - Lombok, Segara Anak Lake - Lombok, Sendang Gile Water Fall - Lombok, Tambora Mountain - Sumbawa.

EAST NUSA TENGGARA

MUSEUMS : Bikon Blewit Museum, Flores Concordia Fort, Kupang **BUILDINGS** : Ende Old Harbour - Flores, Marapu High-peaked Houses - Sumba, Motael Church - Dili, Rumah Adat Lio - Ende, Soekarno Museum - Ende.

BEACHES : Pantai Merah Marine Park - Komodo Island, Seventeen Island National Resort - Flores, Wonokaka Beach - Sumba.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN SULAWESI

NORTH SULAWESI

LOCAL TRADITIONAL PLACES : Sawangan Village - Manado, Tomohon City - Manado

BEACHES : Batu Nona Beach - Manado, Bunaken National Marine Park - Manado, Lembah Sea Garden - Bitung, Molasing Sea Garden - Inobonto, Tanah Merah Beach - Manado, Tasik Ria Beach - Manado.

BUILDINGS : Bitung Port - Manado, Watu Pinabetengan - Manado

NATURES AND VIEWS : Airmadidi - Manado, Gunung Ambang Reserve - Kotamobagu, Klabat Mountain - Manado, Tangkoko - Batuangus Reserve, Manado, Tondano Lake - Manado.

SOUTHEAST SULAWESI

BEACHES : Batu Gong beach, Hari Island, Muna Island Beach, Napabale Lagoon, Muna Island, Tukang Besi Islands.

NATURE AND VIEWS : Buton Utara Reserve - Buton Island, Maramo Waterfall, Motonunu Lake

SOUTH SULAWESI

MUSEUMS : Bailalompoa Museum - Ujung Pandang, Rotterdam Fort & Museum - Ujung Pandang

LOCAL TRADITIONAL PLACES : Burial Site, Baby Graves, Lokomata, Tana Toraja, Cave Burial Site, Londa, Tana Toraja, Cave Burial Site, Stone, Langsa, Tana Toraja, Megalith Traditional Village - Tana Toraja, Traditional Village Burial Site, Labo - Tana Toraja, Traditional Village Palawa - Tana Toraja, Traditional Village, Siguntu - Tana Toraja.

BEACHES : Bista Ria Beach - Bontusunggu, Lumpue Beach - Pare-Pare, Lupuk Beach - Watansoppeng, Solomona Island.

BUILDINGS : Tomb of Prince Diponegoro - Ujung Pandang

AMUSEMENT CENTRE : Makassar Amusement Park - Ujung Pandang

MARKET : Market Place, Bolu - Tana Toraja

NATURES AND VIEWS : Bantimurung Waterfall & Caves - Ujung Pandang, Bissapu Waterfall, Bantimurung Reserve - Ujung Pandang, Clara Bundt Orchid Garden Goa Mampu - Ujung Pandang, Latimojong Mts Reserve - Larompong, Makale and Rantepao Valley - Tana Toraja, Matana Reserve - Soroako, Towuti Lake - Soroako, Uloe Mampu Caves.

CENTRAL SULAWESI

MUSEUMS : Museum Negri Propinsi - Central Sulawesi

LOCAL TRADITIONAL PLACES : Sengkang Silk Weaving, Typical Torajan Villages - Tana Toraja

BEACHES : Tanjung Karang Beach, Donggala, Togian Island.

NATURES AND VIEWS : Lore Lindu National Park - Palu, Morowali Reserve - Morowali, Poso Lake Tanjung Api Reserve - Borone

GORONTALO

BEACHES : Indah Beach - Issimu, Saronde Sea Garden

NATURES AND VIEWS : Domuga Bone National Park, Limboto Lake Randangan Panau Reserve, Tanjung Panjang Reserve.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN MALUKU & NORTH MALUKU

MALUKU

MUSEUMS : Captain Cole Museum - Banda, Istana (palace) Mini Museum - Banda, Moh. Hatta & St. Syahir Museum - Banda, Rumah Budaya Museum - Banda, Rumah Budaya Museum - Banda, Siwalima Museum - Ambon.

BEACHES : Amahusu Beach, Ambon Banda Sea Garden, Latulahat Beach - Ambon, Manusela Sea Garden - Seram, Namalatu Beach - Ambon, Natasepa Beach, Baguala - Ambon, Pasir Panjang Beach - Kei Island, Saum Laki Sea Garden - Yamdena, Waiuhuru Beach - Ambon.

BUILDINGS : Al Fattah Mosque - Ambon, Fort Amsterdam - Ambon, Fort Hollandia, Lontar Island - Banda, Fort Kapahala - Ambon, Fort Nassau - Banda, Fort Revenge - Banda, Fort Rotterdam - Ambon, Fort Victoria - Ambon, Patimura Monument - Ambon

MARKETS & TRADITIONAL VILLAGES : Pearl Shell Cultivation - Banda, Tanimbar Island (wood Sculpture Making), Waai Village - Ambon

NATURES & VIEWS : Aru Tenggara Marine Reserve, Baun Island Reserve, Manusela National Park - Seram, Soya Atas - Ambon

NORTH MALUKU

MUSEUMS : Kedaton Sultan's Palace - Ternate

BEACHES : Pasir Putih Beach - Tidore, Sulamadaha Beach - Ternate, Widi Sea Garden

BUILDINGS : Fort Da Sario - Ternate, Fort Kayumerah - Ternate, Fort Oranje - Ternate, Fort Portuguese - Tidore, Fort Tohula - Tidore, Fort Toloko - Ternate, Sultan Babulla's Grave - Ternate

MARKETS & TRADITIONAL VILLAGES : Ngade Village - Ternate

NATURES & VIEWS : Afo Oldest Clove Tree - Ternate, Akerica Springs - Ternate, Batuangus - Ternate, Dufa-Dufa Village - Ternate, Gamalama Mountain - Ternate, Garabunga Village - Tidore, Kao Island - Halmahera, Kiemabutu Mountain - Tidore, Laguna Lake - Ternate, Suamadaha Lake - Ternate, Telaga Lake - Tidore, Tolire Besar Lake - Ternate, Tolire Kecil Lake - Ternate.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN PAPUA

PAPUA

MUSEUMS : Asmat Museum of Culture and Progress - Agats, Antropoligical Museum - Jayapura, Loka Budaya Museum - Jayapura.

TRADITIONAL VALLEY : Akima Village - Baliem, Amomoge Village - Wamena, Baliem Valley Cultures - Wamena, Dayo Lama Village - Jayapura, Jiwika Village - Wamena, Negeri Museum - Jayapura - Tree Fern's Valley, Baliem - Wo'ogi Mummy - Baliem.

MARKETS : Asmat Woodcarvings - Agats, Nayak Market - Wamena.

BEACHES : Ambon Beach - Manokwari, Bintuni Bay, Cendrawasih Marine Reserve, Hamadi Beach - Jayapura, Holtekam Beach - Jayapura, Lampu Satu Beach - Merauke, Pasir Putih Beach - Fakfak, Raja Ampat Marine Reserve.

NATURE & VIEWS : Batania Island Reserve, Cyclop Mountain Reserve - Jayapura, Dolak Island Reserve - Yos Sudarso Island, Gunung Meja Reserve - Manokwari, Ifar Mountain - Jayapura, Lorentz Reserve, Maoko Mountains, Muara Kaman Reserve, Northern Biak Reserve, North Salawati Island Reserve, Sentani Lake - Jayapura, Supriori Island Reserve - Biak, Waga-waga Caves - Baliem, Wasur National Park - Merauke, Western Waigeo Island Reserve, Wondimon Wandamen Reserve, Yotefa Natural Reserve - Jayapura.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN INDONESIA- IF YOU PLAN YOUR HOLIDAYS IN INDONESIA



BALI & NUSA TENGGARA : Bali is an island endowed with great natural beauty, fascinating culture and traditions that are religiously guarded and preserved by its people. Shrines and temples as well as lush terraced rice fields dominate the landscape. The Hindu Bali religion touches all aspects of Balinese society. Offerings to different deities are made everyday in almost every nook and cranny. Integral to the Balinese life and culture are the ceremonies and festivals, of which each stage in life is celebrated with ceremonies and rituals. Recently, many have found that Bali's irresistible combination of natural beauty and unique culture is the perfect recipe for a romantic, tropical wedding destination. Besides the rich cultural attractions, water sports is an increasingly popular activity of choice, and Bali boasts superb surfing, windsurfing, sailing, scuba diving and white water rafting.

Nusa Tenggara, known as the Lesser Sundas, comprise some 568 islands most of which are uninhabited. The five largest islands in Nusa Tenggara are Lombok, Sumbawa, Sumba, Flores and Timor. Whether tiny or large, the Nusa Tenggara Islands offer many and varied attractions, surrounded by white virgin beaches, crystal-clear waters and spectacular coral reefs. Majestic volcanoes shape the landscape, such as Rinjani in Lombok, just to the east of Bali, and Tambora which dominates the island of Sumbawa to the east of Lombok. In 1815, this massive volcano erupted and killed an estimated 92,000 people. In Flores, the three colored lakes of Kelimutu are a rare and beautiful natural wonder. The tiny island of Komodo is home to the world's only pre-historic "Dragon" or giant lizards, while Sumba, long ago known as the Sandalwood island is now famous for its horses and an unique style of ikat or cloth weaving.

SULAWESI : The beautiful orchid shaped island of Sulawesi is famous worldwide for its magnificent coral gardens and multitude of tropical marine life. Bunaken Marine Reserve and the Wakatobi offer some of the best diving and snorkeling in the world. Further inland, mountains and volcanoes create lush fertile highlands. In this region lies remarkable Tana Toraja, often referred to as the "Land of the Heavenly Kings". With a belief that their forefathers descended from heaven onto a mountain generations ago, the Torajas have a distinctive culture based on strong animistic beliefs. They practice an ancestor cult where death and afterlife ceremonies are elaborate and important feasts. Ancestral remains are placed in coffins which are then interred in caves hollowed out in high cliffs and guarded by life-like statues. The southern tip of Sulawesi is home to the seafaring Bugis. The Bugis are also skilled boatbuilders. Bugis vessels called phinisiqs have been known to sail as far as South Africa and Australia. Today, Bantaeng and Bulukumba are the place to see traditional boatbuilding techniques.



MALUKU : Once known as the Mollucas, the famed Spice Islands, were once fought over by Indian, Arab, Chinese and later by European traders. The Mollucan archipelago consists of over 1,000 islands and is situated on one of the world's most active volcanic belt. Maluku is blessed with fabulous sea gardens, idyllic, tropical beaches. The forest-coated mountains of the islands are home to brilliantly colored king fisheries, the red-crested Mollucan cockatoo, and many multi-colored lorikeets and parrots. Forts scattered all over the islands stand as reminders of Maluku's history, particularly the Spice Trade days of the 16th and 17th Centuries when Europeans established their influence and power in the region. The main gateway into Maluku is through the provincial capital of

Ambon, which is served by regular flights to most parts of the archipelago. Air and sea transportation connect the islands with 79 seaports and 25 airports.

PAPUA : Papua is Indonesia's largest and most eastern province. It is a land of exceptional natural splendor, with beautiful scenic beaches, immense stretches of marshlands, valleys, grassy meadows and powerful rivers, cutting gorges and dark, dense primeval forests. Snow caps cover 5,000 meter-high mountain peaks that tower over glacier lakes. A real trekker's paradise. The people of the island can be divided into more than 250 sub-groups, and include among others, the Marind-anim, Yah'ray, Asmat, Mandobo, Dani and Akyat. Most of the tribes have lived for centuries in isolation of each other and only just opened to the rest of the world in the 1930s. Papua's rich waters offers a rich variety of dives, a multitude of fish and marine species and amazing scenery both above and under water. There are WWI fighter ships and planes in their watery graves in the Shallow waters of Cendrawasih Bay and in the islands of New Guinea's western tip. In Sorong's Wai Island Base Camp, reefs hold a myriad of colorful marine life, big and small, from sharks, ray, whales, dolphins, turtles and giant clams to schools of snapper, parrot fish, surgeon fish, the list goes on. But the Jewel of Irian diving is the Raja Ampat Diving Sites which has a variety of diving sites; shallow bays, lagoon channels bordered by rainforest, rock islands and offshore reefs that contain the richest species of marine animals and corals in the world.



TRAVEL FORMALITIES : All travelers to Indonesia must be in possession of passport valid for at least six months from date of arrival and have proof (tickets) of onward or return passage. The Government of Indonesia has issued a new regulation concerning the application of visas for foreign nationals to enter Indonesia. Free tourist visas are granted for a period of 30 days to nationals of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Philippines, Hong Kong Special Administration Region (SAR), Macao SAR, Chile, Morocco, Peru and Vietnam. In conjunction with the new visa policy, The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has issued new regulation with respect to visa-on-arrival (VOA) facilities. VOA facilities are valid for the citizens of the countries like Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Czech Republic, China, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, **India**, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Laos, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan Territory, Tunisia, The Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States. There are 14 Airports and 22 seaports across Indonesia that has the VOA facilities. Tourist visas for thirty days can be obtained from any Indonesian embassies or consulates. Two photographs are required and a small fee is charged. For further information please log in to site of Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Mumbai. <http://www.kjrimumbai.net/consular/visarequirements.html>.

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