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INDONESIA: MAGICAL ISLANDS OF JAVA & BALI

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In Indonesia, the beauty of the dramatic landscape matches the warmth of the people; rich traditions endure, religion prevails, the arts thrive, and visitors are welcomed as friends. Begin in Ubud and experience the beauty of the Jatiluwih rice field terraces, a UNESCO World Heritage cultural landscape. Participate in cultural workshops and enjoy stunning views of iconic volcanoes. Fly to Yogyakarta, the arts and culture center of Java. Watch as the sun rises over Borobudur, a 9th-century Mahayana Buddhist compound, and visit the 10th-century Prambanan, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Indonesia's largest Hindu temple. Travel by rail to eastern Java and explore volcanoes and sulfur mines. In Bali, visit the sea temple of Tanah Loto and take in the traditional markets in Denpasar, Bali's capital. Conclude with a three-night stay at the beach resort of Nusa Dua.

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GROUP SIZE: 12 to 24 guests

PRICING: Based on per person double occupancy

- \$5,396 with air Inclusive from LAX (\$4,895 air & land inclusive plus \$501 airline taxes and departure fees)
- \$5,796 with air Inclusive from Boston (\$5,295 air & land inclusive plus \$501 airline taxes and departure fees)
- \$4,395 Land Only
- \$1,295 single supplement

SCHEDULE BY DAY

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 DEPART U.S. FOR BALI, INDONESIA

Kintamani where you can enjoy stunning views over Mt. Agung, travel on to the rural village of Penglipuran, known for its typical Balinese entrance gates and unique architecture. Tonight's dinner features a traditional Balinese dance performance.

Overnight: *Alila Ubud / (B, L, D)*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 ARRIVE DENPASAR/UBUD

After arriving very late tonight on the island of Bali, transfer to the hotel in Ubud, Bali's cultural heart.

Overnight: *Alila Ubud*

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 UBUD

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 UBUD

Today you'll brief with your tour director about the journey ahead. After lunch on your own, embark on a tour of Ubud. Begin at Peliatan Royal Palace, with its traditional Balinese architecture; then visit Agung Rai Museum of Art (ARMA), and learn about Balinese arts from the museum's founder, a master historian of Balinese culture and spirituality. Continue on to 10th-century Tirta Empul, an important Hindu purification temple whose bathing pools are said to have healing powers; and Tegallalang, with breathtaking views of the island's rice paddies. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: *Alila Ubud / (B, D)*

See more of Bali's legendary natural beauty up close today as we embark on a full-day excursion to the "magical" northwest, where terraced rice fields and river-sculpted valleys forge dramatic, unforgettable landscapes. First stop at the 15th-century UNESCO site of Taman Ayun, one of Bali's most important temples. Standing in the water surrounded by a moat, the temple features incomparable historic architecture. Continue to Ulun Danu, a major Hindu temple on the shores of volcanic Bratan Lake. Then enjoy a feast for the senses at Candi Kuning market, where you see and sample some of Bali's exotic tropical fruits. This afternoon visit Jatiluwih Rice Field Terraces, one of Bali's most beautiful areas, a UNESCO Cultural Landscape, and take an hour-long walk through the rice fields as you learn about the time honored irrigation system practiced here.

Overnight: *Alila Ubud / (B, L, D)*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 UBUD / KINTAMANI/MT. BATUR / BESAKIH

Today travel to the ruggedly beautiful mountain region of Kintamani, home of the Mt. Batur volcanic caldera with its deep crater lake and bubbling hot springs. Continue on to Prura Besakih, Bali's important "Mother Temple" perched on the slopes of Mt. Agung. After lunch in

MONDAY, APRIL 20 UBUD / YOGYAKARTA, JAVA

This afternoon we fly to Yogyakarta (also known as Jogjakarta or "Jogja"), Java's art and culture center and popular destination for visitors to nearby Borobudur.

Overnight: *Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta / (B, D)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 21
YOGYAKARTA / BOROBUDUR

A sunrise excursion to the 9th-century Mahayana Buddhist temple compound at Borobudur promises to be a tour highlight. A UNESCO site and one of the world's premier Buddhist places of worship, Borobudur's main temple aligns with Buddhist cosmology with its six square platforms topped by three circular platforms. Some 2,600 relief panels and 52 Buddha statues decorate the platforms; another 72 Buddha statues surround the temple's main dome.

As you watch in silence as the sun rises over the temples, contemplate the enterprise and devotion that created this awe-inspiring complex over a period of 75 years. Next visit the tranquil village of Candirejo, where you take a horse-cart ride past traditional houses and see seasonal planting and harvesting in process. Tonight enjoy a Javanese buffet followed by a performance of the sacred Hindu epic *Ramayana*.

Overnight: *Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta* / (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
YOGYAKARTA / PRAMBANAN

Highlights of your Yogyakarta city tour include a visit to the Sultan's Palace, home of the king and his family and a gem of Javanese architecture. From here take a cyclo ride to a nearby Muslim village followed by the Taman Sari Water Palace of pavilions, pools, and lakes; and a home factory of batik, one of Java's traditional arts. This afternoon visit Indonesia's largest Hindu temple and a UNESCO site: 10th-century Prambanan complex of massive temples with jagged, pointed spires.

Overnight: *Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta* (B, L)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
YOGYAKARTA / MT. BROMO

View Java's volcanic landscapes on an early morning train ride to Jombang in East Java. Continue by coach to the nearby archaeological site of Trowulan, the 14th-century capital city of the Majapahit Empire, followed by a visit to the archaeological museum housing relics from Trowulan.

This afternoon travel on to Bromo-Tengger National Park, home of Mt. Bromo (alt. 7,614 ft) and your hotel on the edge of the Tengger Caldera.

Overnight: *Java Banana* / (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
MT. BROMO / IJEN

Early this morning set out by jeep on a sunrise tour of Mt. Bromo. Watch from a lookout point as the sun climbs from behind the active volcano. Continue down to the mist-covered caldera itself where you ride horses up to the rim of the crater. Then return to the hotel for breakfast.

Midday set out on a long drive across Java's northern coast, reaching your hotel in Ijen early evening.

Overnight: *Ijen Resort* / (B, L, D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
IJEN / KALIKLATAK

Today visit Kaliklatak, Java's largest plantation spreading across some 2,500 acres on a mountainside 3,300 feet above sea level. Known for its coffee (java) and rubber, family-owned Kaliklatak also cultivates cocoa, cloves, cinnamon, and vanilla, along with native fruits and vegetables. Tour the plantation and learn about the process from cultivation to harvesting, and then enjoy a traditional Javanese lunch.

Early this afternoon return to the hotel, where the remainder of the day is at leisure before dinner here tonight.

Overnight: *Ijen Resort* / (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 IJEN / NUSA DUA BEACH, BALI

A long and exciting day of travel and sightseeing lies ahead as you leave Java for Bali by coach and ferry. Upon arrival in Gilimanuk Harbor mid-morning, coach to the stunning Hindu shrine of Rambut Siwi overlooking the Indian Ocean. Continue on to Tanah Lot, a pilgrimage temple set on a rock formation in the sea. You reach your beachside hotel early this evening.

Overnight: *Nusa Dua Beach Resort* / (B, L, D)

MONDAY, APRIL 27 NUSA DUA/ULUWATU

This morning at leisure before your afternoon excursion to Garuda Wisnu Kencana, a private complex devoted to preserving Balinese culture. Next visit Uluwatu, one of Bali's six key temples, perched on a sheer cliff 250 feet above the water. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Overnight: *Nusa Dua Beach Resort* / (B)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 NUSA DUA/DENPASAR

Venture a bit off the beaten tourist path this morning on a visit to Bali's capital of Denpasar, where a city tour includes the Hindu temple of Jagad Nata, the central and immensely popular Denpasar City Square, and traditional Pasar Badung market. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner.

Overnight: *Nusa Dua Beach Resort* / (B, D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 NUSA DUA / DEPART FOR U.S.

Today is at leisure to enjoy the amenities of the resort hotel, or to embark on an optional catamaran excursion to the tranquil island of Lembongan. The rooms are reserved for late check-out before your evening departure for your overnight flight to the U.S.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 ARRIVE U.S.

Arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with your flights home.