Volcanoes of Indonesia

Trip Code: ILM

Version:

WALK & TREK	GUIDED GROUP	5 MODERATE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Summit 5 major volcanoes: Merbabu, Kawa Ijen, Batur, Bromo and Rinjani
- Watch sunrise from the summit of Mt Rinjani (3726m)
- Journey by train through the amazing volcanic landscape of Central and East Java.
- Discover Borobodur temple, the rice fields of Ubud, and Sanur's palm-ringed beaches

AT A GLANCE

- 8 days trekking
- 5 days touring and sightseeing
- Max altitude - 3726m.
- Join at Yogjakarta, End in Denpasar

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

This is a volcano climbing holiday, with an exciting mix of adventure, cultural exploration, and relaxation. In addition to summiting five major volcanoes, we will visit some of the most iconic highlights of Java, Bali, and Lombok, with opportunities to swim, snorkel, and unwind on the beach. Indonesia, situated at the convergence of three tectonic plates, has more active volcanoes than any other country, making it an unparalleled destination for those seeking spectacular landscapes and geological wonders.

Our journey begins with a visit to Borobudur, the world's largest Buddhist temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its intricate carvings and awe-inspiring structure. From there, we kick off our volcano adventure with Merbabu (3,145m), an extinct stratovolcano offering panoramic views from its summit. Next, we experience the otherworldly landscapes of Bromo (2,329m) and Kawah Ijen (2,368m), where we will witness the famous sulphur miners at work and marvel at the turquoise crater lake.

Crossing over to Bali, we trek to the summit of Mt. Batur (1,717m) before spending time in Ubud, a cultural hub surrounded by lush rice terraces. From Bali, a speedboat takes us to Lombok, where we embark on a trek to the summit of Rinjani (3,726m), Indonesia's third-highest volcano. Standing at the peak for sunrise is a truly unforgettable experience. We conclude our adventure with well-earned relaxation in Bali's coastal town of Sanur, known for its palm-fringed beaches, calm waters, and surf-friendly shores. This final stop offers the perfect setting to unwind before heading home.

Is this holiday for you?

This is primarily a trekking adventure, with well-planned intervals for relaxation and cultural exploration. The trekking routes cover a variety of terrains, including jungle trails, village paths, and steep volcanic scree. Trekking poles are highly recommended for stability and support. Most trekking days involve 4 to 6 hours of walking, with some early morning starts to reach summits in time for sunrise. The ascents of Merbabu (3,145m) and Rinjani (3,726m) present the greatest challenges, requiring 8 to 11 hours of trekking, including some steep and loose trails. While the Rinjani summit push is optional, those attempting it should be prepared for demanding conditions at high altitude. We will experience two night of supported wild camping, with all necessary equipment provided, including sleeping bags and camping mattresses. Porters will carry camping equipment, so you will only need to trek with a day pack. With an incredible blend of physical challenge, cultural immersion, and stunning landscapes, this trip offers an unforgettable journey through Indonesia's most spectacular volcanic regions.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified Tour Leader
- Single timed airport transfers
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- All transport required by itinerary
- All activities/excursions/entrance fees mentioned except where specified as ‘optional’
- All trekking permit and Conservation Area fees required by the itinerary
- All camping equipment required including sleeping bag and mattress

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Some meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional
- Tips
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the group hotel in Borobudur on Day 1.

A single timed group transfer from Jogjakarta Adisutjipto Airport to the group hotel is provided in the early afternoon.

On the last day of the Land Only itinerary there will be single timed transfer from Sanur to Bali's Ngurah Rai Airport provided in the late evening.

Anyone may join the group transfers by prior arrangement. Travelling as a group or on public transport saves energy. If this is not practical, we can provide private transfers at an additional cost. Taxis are also available.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All breakfasts, 10 lunches and 9 dinners are included in the holiday price.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Drinking Water

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. If you are on a trekking or cycling holiday, water is supplied to fill up your individual bottles. This will be boiled, filtered or provided in large jerry cans or 5 litre bottles. Additionally you should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a Water-To-Go bottle) to treat your water when in towns or where water is not supplied. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

Rice is the basis of nearly all Indonesian dishes and is usually served with fish, chicken, or vegetables. Food can run the gamut from mild to fiery hot - so there will be plenty to please all palates. Three traditional dishes, nasi goreng and mie goreng (fried rice and fried noodles, similar to their Chinese or Japanese counterparts), and gado gado (a tofu salad with thick peanut dressing) can be found everywhere and are a fantastic introduction to the flavours of Indonesia. Every town has at least one market, providing an incredible range of fresh fruit and vegetables, and these form an important part of most Indonesian dishes. The meals on the trip will be a mix of traditional Indonesian dishes and more familiar international dishes. When staying in hotels or lodges we will take our meals at the accommodation or in nearby restaurants. On the overnight trek on Rinjani, we have a cook to make our meals.

Accommodation

We will stay in a variety of comfortable hotels, many of which have swimming pools, and in the mountains, we will stay in more basic lodges and guesthouses. We will spend two nights camping on Mt. Rinjani (camping equipment, including a sleeping bag and camping mattress, is provided). Rooms at hotels and guesthouses are en suite and twin-share, with the exception of the resthouse in Selo prior to the ascent of Merbabu, where we will stay in a dormitory. If you are traveling by yourself, you will be paired with another single client of the same gender. Single rooms are available for a supplementary cost. If you are planning to extend your holiday, additional nights at the group hotel are available on request.

Group Leader & Support Staff

On each of the islands, Java, Bali and Lombok, there will be a different professional and qualified tour leader. For groups of 6 or more the Balinese leader will also be with the group during the time on Lombok. The group will also have the assistance of porters to carry group camping equipment on the ascent of Rinjani.

Altitude

This holiday involves going to moderately high altitude. During the course of your trip you will reach altitudes in excess of 2500 metres. Most people will have no difficulty with this level of altitude but before coming on the holiday, we recommend you read the advice on trekking at high altitude. You can also talk to one of our trekking experts if you have any concerns about altitude.

Spending Money

A total of around £200-£250 should be allowed for miscellaneous expenses and non included meals. This amount will also cover reasonable tips to local staff. You will need to pay directly for a total of 5 dinners and 3 lunches and you should budget around £5-£10 for each of these non included meals. If you are intending to buy expensive souvenirs or considerable quantities of soft drinks or beer, you should make an allowance for this. If you would like to take part in any of the optional excursions, you can expect the costs to be as follows: Snorkelling Day 7 - £60 (based on a group of 2), Temples and Terraces excursion Day 9 - £60 (includes lunch) (based on a group of 2), both excursions are payable directly. There will be the opportunity to change money into local currency on arrival at the airport and your local leader will advise the best places to change money en-route and at borders. Additionally, you will be able to get currency from bank ATMs in many of the towns that we will visit. Credit cards are useful and it is a good idea to carry one in case of emergency.

Guidance on Tipping

Tipping is the accepted way of saying ‘thank you’ for good service. Tips do not form part of the wages of our local staff but they are very much appreciated. It is important to remember that tipping is voluntary and should be dependent on good service. The amount to tip is up to you but we suggest that you discuss this as a group and make tips from the group as a whole. As a rough guide, we recommend that you can expect to contribute around $75 to the group tips ‘pool’.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. During the 2 day trek on Rinjani you will leave your main luggage at your hotel and you will need a rucksack large enough to carry what you need for the this trek (warm clothes, water, camera etc). During the trek, the camping equipment including your sleeping bag and mattress (provided) will be carried by porters. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the ‘Dates and Prices’ table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Visa Indonesia

A visa valid for up to 30 days can be obtained free on arrival if entering and exiting Indonesia through certain airports (note that Lombok is not currently included). If you intend to stay longer than 30 days, you must check visa requirements with the Indonesian Embassy before travel.

From 1 September 2025, all international travellers must complete the All Indonesia Digital Arrival Card before departure (from 3 days prior up to the day of travel). This new online form replaces previous paper customs and health declarations and simplifies the arrival process.

Travellers can register via the official website https://allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id/

or through the mobile app (available on Google Play and App Store). Once submitted, a QR code will be generated, which should be saved (a screenshot is fine) and presented to immigration officers upon arrival.

Note: The Digital Arrival Card is separate from the Visa on Arrival process and the Bali Tourist Levy, which remain distinct requirements.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Currency

The unit of currency in Indonesia is the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)

Preparing for your Holiday

Getting some additional exercise before coming on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable you will find the experience.

You should be aerobically fit and comfortable with walking for around 6 hours for consecutive days. Hill walking, with a good amount of ascent and descent, is the best training. Running, cycling and swimming are also good for developing cardiovascular fitness and stamina.

Climate

Lying on the equator, the temperature in Indonesia is relatively high year-round. We can expect daytime temperatures at lower elevations to be as high as 34°C with high humidity. During the trek and climbs in the mountainous areas, the daytime temperature will be a very pleasant 20°C and with considerably less humidity. At night in the mountains the temperatures can drop surprisingly low, sometimes reaching or even dipping below freezing point. This part of Indonesia receives most of its rainfall between December and February. In the dry season which extends from May to November we can expect sunshine on most days. Occasional rainfall can occur in the dry season but this tends to be during the night or in the early morning.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Maps

- Java: Reise Know-How Verlag. Scale: 1:650,000
- Bali & Lombok: Freytag & Berndt. Scale: 1: 125,000

Private Groups Information

Make this KE Adventure holiday your own!

- Do our normal group departure dates not fit?
- Would you prefer to travel with just friends and/or family?
- Are you looking to organise a trip for your local walking, biking or mountaineering club?

It's really easy to make a trip your own. Simply select from our full range of adventure holidays and choose the dates that work for you and your group.

We are experts in creating holidays for groups of friends, families, charities and clubs. Our personal service means you'll be fully involved as we make the arrangements for your perfect adventure holiday.

Independence with Security

Travelling as a KE Private Group allows you more flexibility and choice, but still with the peace of mind that everything is pre-planned and arranged for your group by a reputable adventure travel company.

To take your first step to an amazing adventure with your friends and family complete the private group enquiry form, or call our **Sales Experts on: 017687 73966**

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

You SHOULD bring the following items:

- Hiking boots
- Daypack 30 litres
- Training shoes or similar
- Walking socks
- Spare laces
- Trekking trousers
- Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
- Underwear
- Socks
- Thermal baselayer shirt
- Casual shirt and/or T-shirts
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Sunhat
- Warm hat
- Thermal gloves
- Scarf or neck buff
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Travel clothes
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sleeping bag liner
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles 1 Litre x2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash
- Small towel
- Basic First Aid Kit including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, Insect repellent, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

The following items are optional:

- Trekking poles (highly recommended)
- Camera
- Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

The following items are provided:

- Sleeping bag and inflatable camping mattress (for night camping on Mt Rinjani)

Land Only Information

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for joining at the group hotel in Borobudur, Java. The holiday ends in Sanur, Bali. Single timed transfers from Jogjakarta's Adisutjipto Airport and to Bali's Ngurah Rai Airport (Denpasar) are provided.

Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London (Heathrow) to Jogjakarta's Adisutjipto Airport and returning from Bali Ngurah Rai Airport (Denpasar). The flight will depart from the UK in the morning, arriving early afternoon the following day. Return flights will depart Bali Ngurah Rai Airport (Denpasar) in the early hours of the last day of the itinerary and arrive in the UK later the same day.

Why Choose KE

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Join KE on this volcano trekking holiday to summit five of Indonesia's major volcanoes. Enjoy an overnight wild camp on Mt. Rinjani at sunset before trekking to the summit for sunrise! This trekking holiday offers the perfect blend of activity, adventure, culture, and relaxation!

Please Note This document was downloaded on 11/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change