

Borobudur by Motor Coach



Approximately 9 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



4.5 out of 5

2 out of 2(100%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Travel by coach to the inspiring **temple of Borobudur**—one the most incredible sights in South East Asia. The 56-mile journey from Semarang to Borobudur begins among the scenic panorama of the Candi residential district and continues through the highlands of the interior, framed by numerous volcanoes and dominated by the inspiring Gunung Merapi. Halfway through the trip, you'll stop at the Eva Café House for **refreshments**. The inspiring Borobudur is unique among Buddhist temples, and its creation, without the use of modern engineering and technology, remains a mystery even today. It was built by the Buddhist kings of the Sailendra Dynasty, possibly to enhance the image of Buddhism when Hinduism was growing in strength across the Indonesian archipelago. For more than 1,000 years, it lay hidden under dense jungle vegetation. According to historical accounts, it would appear that Borobudur may have been deserted soon after its creation, when the Sailendra Dynasty was overthrown by the Hindu Majapahit Empire in AD 850. Borobudur, the largest single monument in the Southern Hemisphere, was covered by jungle until its rediscovery in 1814 by Sir Stamford Raffles. Over the next century, Borobudur was cleared and the process of restoring the two million pieces of andesite stone began. Upon arrival at the temple today, take advantage of your experienced guide's knowledge or wander through the monument at your own pace. Borobudur has arguably the finest examples of Buddhist reliefs in the world, with each of the ten terraces symbolizing the path to Nirvana. At the top is the Great Stupa, which towers above the other 72 stupas and statues. The view from the top is beautiful and will remain with you as one of the

highlights of your visit to Southeast Asia. Afterwards, enjoy a tasty Javanese buffet **lunch**, which will be served adjacent to the temple. The tour will include with a brief stop on the return journey at a traditional **Javanese handicrafts center**, where local people produce various handicrafts such as silver jewelry, wood crafts and Wayang shadow puppets. Enjoy a brief demonstration of a **Wayang shadow puppet show**, accompanied by Mahabarata, an Indian epic, before returning to the port.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes and light clothing. Bring a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

Borobudur by Train



Approximately 9 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4 out of 5

4 out of 4(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Leave Semarang for a one-hour drive to the historical city of Ambarawa. Here you will visit the Antique Train Museum. After a brief introduction to the colonial-era locomotives, board an antique train for a ride past beautiful tropical scenery, crossing the legendary swamp of Rawapening en route to Tuntang. From there you will board a motor coach for the final trip to the inspiring **temple of Borobudur**—one of the most incredible creations in South East Asia. The journey from Semarang to Borobudur begins among the scenic panoramas of the Candi residential district and continues through the highlands of the interior. The scenery is framed by numerous volcanoes and is dominated by the inspiring Gunung Merapi. The inspiring

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Semarang Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Notes:

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Semarang Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



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Semarang Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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Semarang Sights



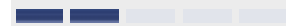
Approximately 5½ Hours



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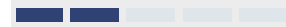


Enjoyed it?



2 out of 5

Value



2 out of 5

0 out of 2(0%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Guests who wish to remain closer to the ship during the call at Semarang may enjoy this shorter tour of Semarang. Begin by driving to the **Sam Po Kong Chinese temple**, built to honor Sam Po Thay Jin—a Chinese emissary who landed in Semarang in 1401. Here, you can see an interesting combination of Chinese and Muslim cultures. This temple also offers the optional services of its resident fortune-teller. The fortune-teller will "read" your future in exchange for a small tip. Next you will visit **Jamu Nyonya Meneer**, a factory producing traditional Javanese herbal medicine. You will also stop at a local **Batik shop** (traditional Indonesian cloth) to observe a demonstration of the intricate Batik making process. The return drive to the port passes through the scenic **Gombel Highlands** with panoramic views of Semarang and the Old Town. As you drive through the **Old Town**, your guide will point out the Gereja Blenduk and other buildings remaining from the Dutch colonial era.

Tlogo Agro Highland



Approximately 6 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

1 out of 1(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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