Mighty Mt Bromo





Mount Bromo is an active volcano and part of the Tengger Massif, in East Java, Indonesia. At 7,641 feet, Bromo is not the highest peak in the range, but it is the best known of them all. The massif area is one of the most-visited attractions in East Java. The volcano belongs to Bromo **Tengger Semeru National Park**. The name derives from Javanese pronunciation of Brahma, the Hindu creator god. Once a year the local people climb Mount Bromo for the Kasada ritual—a celebration of ancestor worship. Mount Bromo sits in the middle of a vast plain called the Sea of Sand—a protected nature reserve since 1919. You will visit Mount Bromo the way the locals do, accessing the nearby mountain village of Cemoro Lawang by coach; then continue to Mount Bromo by four-wheel-drive vehicle. Here, you'll throw in a dash of adventure with a pony ride (or walk if you prefer) to the rim of the crater; then it's truly back-to-basics as you proceed on foot to climb the last 100 steps to the lip of the Mount Bromo crater. Was it worth it? Oh yes! Mount Bromo stands in a sea of ashen, volcanic sand, surrounded by the towering cliff of the crater's edge. The immense size of the crater and the supernatural beauty of the surrounding scenery are really very special indeed. Re-board your 4x4 vehicle for the drive back to **Cemoro Lawang village**. An **Indonesian buffet lunch** is served here at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will drive back to Probolinggo port and to the ship.

Notes:

The ponies are used as transportation and thus are led by their owners—this is not a horseback-riding excursion. Minimum height is 4'10". Minimum age is 7 years.

Probolinggo Highlights



Approximately 4½ Hours





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Probolinggo is located in East Java and is most famous for being the main access point for Mt Bromo. This short tour offers the perfect **overview of the city**. Travel by coach to **City Square** a favorite with local residents. On one side of the square, there is a magnificent mosque. From there, you'll take a pedi-cab ride to see the Red Church. Inside this eye-catching, colorful church is a Bible that dates back to the 16th century. Hop back on the pedi-cab and continue to the **Probolinggo Museum** to watch a **traditional dance demonstration** and enjoy a local **snack**. The museum exhibits various modes of transport used in the past—cikar, bicycles, locomotives and aircraft, as well as agricultural equipment, weapons and plenty of fascinating information about the area. Your pedi-cab ride continues to the Pasar Baru (New Market), where locals buy and sell all kinds of wares. From there, re-board the coach and you will head to the Tri Dharma Sumbernaga Chinese Temple, built around 142 years ago. The temple has many unique ornaments on display and is still used today for religious ceremonies. Your last stop is at a local batik workshop. Batik is a craft for which the area is renowned and the textiles created in this part of Indonesia incorporate a design known as Batik Manggur, which means that mangos and grapes form part of the design. You'll have an opportunity to purchase some of this fine cloth directly from the artisans, if you like, before you return to the port.