Cosmopolitan Jakarta & the Phinisi Schooners





Spend the day exploring Indonesia's metropolitan area, starting with a visit to Taman Mini Indonesia Indah. This facility represents Indonesia in miniature. It is situated on 296 acres of land and allows visitors with limited time the opportunity to 'experience' all of Indonesia's 27 provinces. The complex was the brainchild of Madam Tien Soeharto, the late first lady of Indonesia. It features life-size replicas of traditional architecture from each province, a miniature version of the Indonesian archipelago, a series of museums and a number of well-maintained parks and gardens. The park's centerpiece is a beautiful artificial lake. Continue to Monas National Monument, representing the people's determination to achieve freedom. This 450-foot-tall marble obelisk is topped with a flame, coated with 77 pounds of gold. Explore the National History Museum at its base. Next you'll visit Taman Fatahillah Square & Museum—a complex housing three of the city's most interesting museums. Once the heart of the colonial administration in the 18th century, the square underwent a major restoration in the 1970s. A fountain in the middle once served as the main water supply for the former colonial capital of Jakarta. Don't miss the Portuguese cannon on the north side. The site is brimming with stories of natural disaster and colonial trade. It was originally occupied by a

Dutch Reform Church until a devastating earthquake in 1808, and then by a warehouse until 1912. Some prominent Dutch officials are buried in the small cemetery at the back. The museum boasts thousands of puppets from all over Indonesia. Two of the most famous are wayang kulitand wayang golek. These shadow puppets lend an exotic insight into the native theatrical scene. Finally, you'll stop at the old port of Sunda Kelapa—a bustling hub for those involved in the vibrant trade of fresh fish auctioneering. Catch a view of the amazing Phinisi schooners, made out of Sulawesi ironwood by Bugis Boat Builders. These beautiful ships comprise the world's last wind-powered commercial sailing fleet. They dock here at the quay here as they have done for centuries and are used to transport the wide range of the Indonesian archipelago's bounty from island to island. Lunch is served at a local restaurant before you return to the port.

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Jakarta, Batavia & President Obama's School



Approximately 5½ Hours





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Jakarta's history began in the 14th century, when it was founded as a small harbor town. Visit the **market** to learn how these traditional trading venues are an integral part of the city's character, tucked among its modern, air-conditioned shopping malls and well-stocked supermarkets. The traditional market is usually open from early in the morning until 8am. Many Indonesians still prefer to buy produce at the local market as generations have done before them. Jakarta also has markets specializing in items such as gold, gemstones, ceramics, textiles,

flowers and birds. Visit the **old port of Sunda Kelapa**—a bustling hub for those involved in the vibrant trade of fresh fish auctioneering. Catch a view of the amazing **Phinisi schooners**, made out of Sulawesi ironwood by Bugis Boat Builders. These beautiful ships comprise the world's last wind-powered commercial sailing fleet. They dock here at the quay here as they have done for centuries and are used to transport the wide range of the Indonesian archipelago's bounty from island to island. Continue with a visit to the **Istiqlal Mosque**, which was built in 1978 and is one of the largest mosques in Southeast Asia. Next, the highlight of your tour is a visit to **President Obama's elementary school**. You'll see the new statue of Barack Obama—a depiction of when he was just 10 years old. A refreshing cup of **java coffee** or tea and a local **snack** will be served as you spend time with the school principal and children who are proud of their association with the illustrious former alumnus.

Notes:

The school is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 1pm. It is closed Sundays and public holidays. On days that the school is closed, you will view it from the outside only—the Principal and children will not be present—and the refreshment will be served at local restaurant.

Safari Park, Bogor Botanical Garden & Countryside



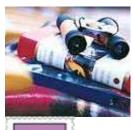
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The city of **Bogor**, about 38 miles south of Jakarta, is most famous for its botanic gardens. In the days before Independence, this was the most important Dutch hill station, midway between the mountains and the heat-ridden plaines. Governor-General van Imhoff is credited with its discovery in 1745. He built a large country estate here, which he named Buitenzorg (Without a Care). In 1811, it was first used as a country residence by Sir Stamford Raffles during the British interregnum. Many years later, Bogor became the semi-official capital and it has become an important center for scientific research in botany, agronomy and forestry. At an elevation of almost 1,000 feet above sea level, it is appreciably cooler than Jakarta. Your tour begins with a visit to the Taman Safari Park, recognized as one of the most successful breeding centers of endangered species in the world. Sumatran and albino tigers, rhinoceros and Chinese bears are just a few of the species that roam freely throughout the park. Stop at Gunung Mas Tea Plantation. The area is bursting with tea plantations, and is also a major recreational destination. Finally, visit Bogor Botanic Garden—one of the oldest of its kind in Asia conceived at the order of Sir Stamford Raffles and officially opened in 1817. The enchanting garden exhibits an impressive 17,000 species of plants, from Indonesia and abroad, including rare orchids and the giant rafflesia. The entire grounds cover a vast 214 acres and also hold a cemetery, including a monument to Raffles' wife Olivia, who died in Bogor but was buried in Batavia, Old Jakarta. Return to the port.

Notes:

Please expect traffic delays on Sundays. Bring a jacket. A lunch box form the ship will be provided and eaten on the motorcoach en route. You will not see the tea production process at the plantation.

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