

## ✳ Java Travel Guide – Your Ultimate Route & Travel Tips

### Getting to Java

Fly into Jakarta (CGK) or Yogyakarta (YIA) from major hubs such as London, New York, Los Angeles, Singapore, or Sydney. International carriers like Qatar Airways, Emirates, Singapore Airlines, and KLM offer easy connections with one stop in Asia or the Middle East.

### Getting Around – Self-Drive or Driver

A self-drive fly-drive trip is possible but not recommended for first-time visitors. Traffic can be chaotic, road rules differ, and conditions can be unpredictable. Car + Driver (Recommended): Hire a private car with an English-speaking local driver who also acts as a guide. Expect extra costs for driver meals and accommodation (usually included in tour packages). Tipping the driver is appreciated (around €2–5 / US\$3–6 per day).

### Best Time to Visit

Java has a tropical climate with two main seasons:

- Dry Season (May–October): Sunny and perfect for sightseeing.
- Rainy Season (November–April): Short, heavy showers mainly in the afternoon.

Ideal Months: June and September are dry but less crowded.

### Group Tours

Several international travel companies offer Java group tours, including flights, accommodation, and guided transport. Great for travelers who prefer a fixed route and professional guidance.

### Top 10 Accommodation Picks

- Hotel Indonesia Kempinski – Jakarta
- Padma Hotel – Bandung
- Greenhost Boutique Hotel – Yogyakarta
- Plataran Bromo – near Mount Bromo
- Dialoog Banyuwangi – East Java

### Must-See Attractions

- Jakarta – National Museum, Kota Tua (Old Town)
- Bandung – Scenic tea plantations, Kawah Putih crater lake
- Yogyakarta – Borobudur & Prambanan Temples
- Mount Bromo – Sunrise jeep tour
- Ijen Crater – Blue Flame phenomenon

### Top Activities

- Jakarta street food night tour
- Volcano hiking around Bandung or Mount Merapi
- Cycling through rural villages near Yogyakarta
- Bromo jeep safari at sunrise
- Night trek to Ijen's sulfur mines

### Food & Dining

- Jakarta: Café Batavia – historic colonial vibe
- Bandung: Kampung Daun – garden dining
- Yogyakarta: Malioboro Street Food – try gudeg (jackfruit stew)
- Bromo: Lava View Lodge – sunrise breakfast
- Banyuwangi: Warung Mbok Wah – local seafood

### Health & Safety

- Bring anti-diarrhea medicine and a small first-aid kit
- Use high-SPF sunscreen and mosquito repellent
- Drink only bottled or filtered water
- Wear comfortable shoes for lots of walking