

# *A Cultural Immersion Tour*



# INDONESIA

October 8 – 23, 2024

Hosted by Don and Kathy DeGraaf





**Selamat Datang!** (Welcome) Come experience the wonders and hospitality of Indonesia, one of the world's most diverse countries in terms of culture, nature, and landscapes. From the bustling streets of Jakarta to the serene landscapes of Bali, Indonesia has so much to discover. Our time in Indonesia will offer a wide variety of opportunities to see and feel the heartbeat of this vibrant region: meet the people, see the wildlife (such as Komodo dragons) and encounter natural beauty everywhere. You'll have the opportunity to go cave exploring before rafting down the cave's river, hike to a waterfall with time to swim, and snorkel alongside the pristine beaches Bali has to offer. Travel by bus, train, and water as you experience Komodo Island on a private deluxe boat for two nights. We would love to have you join us for this journey of a lifetime!

#### Tour Cost

Starting at \$6,395 per person, with air from Chicago and motorcoach from Grand Rapids, based on double occupancy

REGISTER ONLINE AT

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**use booking code**

**100824DEGR**

or complete and return the printed registration form.



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#### **Don and Kathy DeGraaf**

Don has taught at a variety of higher education institutions, including Calvin where he served as the Director of Off-Campus Programs for ten years. Prior to teaching, he served as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines and has worked in Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, China, and the Netherlands. After meeting Kathy in 1987, they have lived abroad in Korea, Hong Kong, and Australia. They will be spending much of 2024 in Indonesia, as Don will be serving as a Fulbright scholar teaching at the Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH) outside of Jakarta. Together they enjoy kayaking, cycling, traveling, reading, and hanging out with family. They look forward to sharing the beauty of the people and cultures of Indonesia with you as the group experiences a variety of adventures together.

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**08, Tuesday and 09, Wednesday**  
**Depart Grand Rapids**

Today we depart Grand Rapids and transfer to Chicago for our flights to Indonesia! During our overnight flight, we will cross the International Date Line and lose a day. (Meals in-flight)

**10, Thursday**  
**Jakarta**

After arriving, we gather our luggage and go to meet our tour manager and driver for our transfer to Setu Babakan in East Jakarta. Setu Babakan is dedicated as a Betawi Cultural Village, and will give us a glimpse of Betawi local life. While here, we enjoy an Ondel-ondel dance, which features a large puppet figure used in Betawi folk performances. An icon of Jakarta, Ondel-ondel are utilized for livening up festivals or welcoming guests of honor. We will also enjoy some Betawi snacks and drinks while here. Following this, we proceed to the hotel. (B-inflight, D)

- ❶ Padar Island
- ❷ Ondel-Ondel
- ❸ Komodo Island
- ❹ Jakarta

Cover: Prambanan Temple, Yogyakarta



**11, Friday**  
**Jakarta**

Today we will head “back to school” at Universitas Pelita Harapan. You will have an opportunity to tour campus, understand the challenges of Christian education in a Muslim dominated culture, choose to take a short class on some aspect of Indonesia history or culture from a local professor, and meet students for lunch on campus in smaller groups. This afternoon we will head back to the hotel for an independent dinner. (B, L)

**Highlights:**

- Two-night cruise on private deluxe boat
- Komodo Island to see Komodo dragons
- School immersion day at Universitas Pelita Harapan in Jakarta
- Local rice farm tour
- Tea plantation visit
- Pindul Cave tour with river tubing
- Waterfall hike with time to swim
- Visit to Bodogol Nature Reserve
- Visit to Borobudur Temple
- Time to relax on Bali Island





**12, Saturday**  
**Sentul, Bojong Koneng,  
 Cisadon, Cibodas**

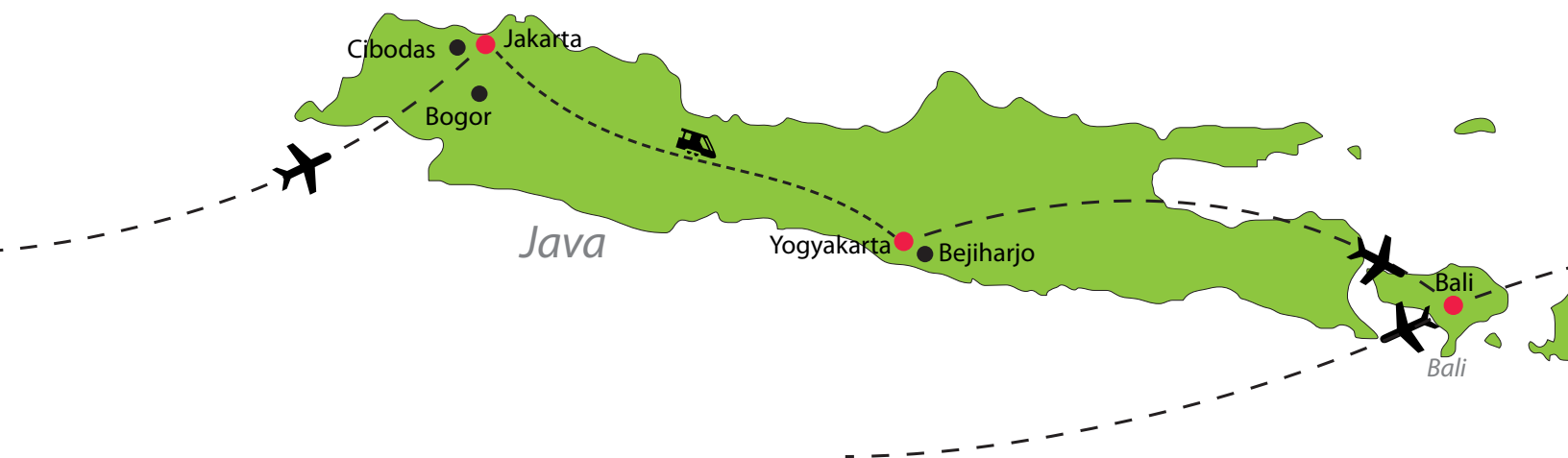
Today we depart Jakarta and stop in Sentul for a quick guided sightseeing walk before continuing to the village of Bojong Koneng. From here we have a pleasant walk to Cisadon Village where we will pass local rice farms and meet with local farmers. From Cisadon we transfer by motorcoach to Cibodas village, located on the foot of Mount Gede. We check in at our local inn before a group dinner this evening. (B, D)

**13, Sunday**  
**Cibodas, Puncak, Bogor**

In Cibodas, we have a moderate walk up to a waterfall on the foot of Mount Gede (approximately 1.5 hours each way). After time exploring and cooling off in the water, we'll continue back to the lodge to refresh before proceeding to a Puncak tea plantation. While here, you have the option of going on a tea walk, ATV riding, paragliding, horseback riding, and more adventures (at additional cost). From here, we continue to our hotel in Bogor for a two-night stay. (B)

**14, Monday**  
**Bogor**

After breakfast, we spend the day at Bodogol Nature Reserve, which we access by a 1.5 mile walk through farmland. The conservation education center works with three different institutions to introduce the general public to tropical rainforests and to raise awareness and community involvement in relation to the protection of forest areas. While here, we will go on a canopy walk to observe local wildlife. We have time for some talks with the local conservation staff at a local and global level. (B, L)





**15, Tuesday**  
**Jakarta, Yogyakarta**

Today, we transfer to the train station in Jakarta for our ride to Yogyakarta, a town rich in culture, traditional foods, and arts! Once we arrive, we check into our hotel for a three-night stay. This evening we have a group dinner. If you're not quite ready to turn in for the night, catch the sunset or walk through the markets before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

- ❶ Bogor
- ❷ Borobudur Temple
- ❸ Pindul Cave

**16, Wednesday**  
**Yogyakarta, Kotagede, Yogyakarta**

This morning we visit Borobudur Temple, the largest Buddhist temple in the world, built in the 8th and 9th centuries AD. After time to take in the majestic sights, we transfer back to Yogyakarta to visit Sultan Palace – the Royal Palace of Yogyakarta and center of Javanese culture. Following, we visit Kotagede, a suburb consisting of narrow streets lined with traditional shops and mosaic-tiled houses. While here, we visit the Mosque of Mataram. First established in 1575, it has gone through rehabilitations and the last major rebuilding ended in 1926. After we return to Yogyakarta, we visit Prambanan Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999. Following this, we transfer back to the hotel for an independent evening and dinner. (B)

**17, Thursday**  
**Bejiharjo, Giriloyo Village, Yogyakarta**

Following breakfast, we transfer to South Yogyakarta for a tour of Pindul Cave which was formed by karst stone. We explore the cave by tubing down the clear underground Oyo River. Afterward, we visit Giriloyo Village to meet locals and experience traditional written batik, a technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to cloth. These hand-printed textiles originated on the island of Java. Time willing, we will end our day visiting the Pendhapa Art Space to take in more local art traditions. (B)





**18, Friday**  
**Yogyakarta, Bali**

Today we transfer to the airport for our flights to Bali. After arriving, we check into our hotel in the Seminyak area before an independent evening. Try one of the many restaurants before catching the sunset at one of the island's famous beaches. (B)



**19, Saturday**  
**Labuan Bajo, Komodo Boat Cruise**

Today we embark on a two-night sailing tour to Komodo Island, known for Komodo dragons. We first transfer and fly to Labuan Bajo, where we meet our guide and transfer to the harbor. On our cruise, we visit Kelor Island, Menjerite Island, Rinca Island, and Kalong Island. Enjoy life on the water while we weave through some of Indonesia's many islands. Our ranger and guide will trek with us to look for Komodo dragons in their natural habitat while stopping at some beautiful spots for pictures. (B, L, D)

**20, Sunday**  
**Komodo Boat Cruise**

It's a full day of sailing and trekking! Today we visit Padar Island, Komodo Island, Pink/Long Beach, Manta Point, and Taka Makassar to again look for Komodo dragons and see some beautiful lookouts. (B, L, D)





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**21, Monday**

**Komodo Boat Cruise, Bali**

Today we sail to Bidadari and Kanawa Islands to snorkel and swim at their pristine beaches before disembarking and transferring to the airport for our flight back to Bali. We check into our hotel and have an independent evening. (B)

**22, Tuesday**

**Bali**

Today is a free day to explore the Seminyak area on your own. Feel free to relax in our hotel or take a walk to find some good restaurants and experience some delicious local finds. Get some sun time at the beach, or do some souvenir shopping. This evening we partake in a group farewell dinner to conclude our time together. (B, D)

**23, Wednesday**

**Depart Home**

After a packed trip full of new memories, we transfer to the airport for our return flights home. (B)

*Note that alternative activities may be able to be provided to accommodate mobility concerns. Don, Kathy, and the local tour manager will be available to make the most of everyone's time in Indonesia.*

- ❶ Komodo dragon
- ❷ Kelor Island
- ❸ Kanawa Island
- ❹ Sunset at Batu Belig Beach, Seminyak
- ❺ Padar Island
- ❻ Pink Beach

**Inclusions:**

- Roundtrip air with transfers
- Inter-Indonesia flights
- Hotel accommodations in moderate first-class hotels
- Breakfast daily, four lunches, and six dinners
- All land transportation from arrival until departure
- All entrance fees and tips

**Tour Pace**

**ACTIVE** – This is an active tour that includes hikes some days on uneven or uphill terrain in remote areas, a canopy walk, and floating on river tubes. Where possible, modifications and alternatives will be available to individuals.



## ***Lady Grace***

Explore the natural beauty of Indonesia by using the best phinisi boats. Experience the epitome of luxury with the breathtaking *Lady Grace*. Crafted with precision and adorned with opulent details, this sailing masterpiece is designed to elevate your maritime escapades.

From the sleek lines of the hull to the lavish interiors, this luxury phinisi sets a new standard for nautical indulgence.

### **Whispers of Tradition**

Each plank of the *Lady Grace* tells a story of centuries-old sailing traditions, meticulously preserved and brought to life by skilled artisans. As you step on board, you'll be enveloped in an atmosphere that resonates with the echoes of maritime history. Yet, beneath the traditional exterior lies a vessel equipped with state-of-the-art amenities, seamlessly merging the charm of yesteryear with the convenience of today.







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## Public Areas

Immerse yourself in the rich heritage of seafaring with the *Lady Grace*. A fusion of traditional craftsmanship and modern amenities, this sailing marvel pays homage to a bygone era while ensuring a seamless blend of comfort and nostalgia.

- ❶ *Lady Grace* at anchor port side
- ❷ *Lady Grace* at anchor starboard
- ❸ Sun deck and bow
- ❹ Shared jacuzzi and stern
- ❺ Shared jacuzzi and outdoor dining area
- ❻ Indoor dining area
- ❼ Outdoor dining area



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## Cabins

DELUXE CABIN – four available

A cabin with a double bed, bathroom, air conditioning, and port hole windows.

FULL DELUXE CABIN – two available

A cabin with a double bed, bathroom, air conditioning, and full ocean view.

OCEAN SUITE – two available

A cabin with a double bed, bathroom, air conditioning, several windows, private balcony, and private outdoor jacuzzi.

## Tour Cost

Per person, with air from Chicago and motorcoach from Grand Rapids, based on double occupancy.

### Per person, double occupancy throughout the tour

DELUXE CABIN	FULL DELUXE CABIN	OCEAN SUITE
\$6,395	\$6,445	\$6,495

### Single occupancy on land / double on the cruise

DELUXE CABIN	FULL DELUXE CABIN	OCEAN SUITE
\$7,345	\$7,395	\$7,445

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- ❶ Deluxe cabin
- ❷ Full Deluxe cabin
- ❸ Ocean Suite private balcony and jacuzzi
- ❹ Ocean Suite

