
14D13N INDONESIA: ADVENTURE NORTH SUMATRA - PADANG

Destinations : Adventure North Sumatra - Padang
Durations : 14 days/13 nights
Valid until : December 2022 (*low season only*)

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN NORTH SUMATRA MEDAN - TRANSPORT TO THE HOTEL

Selamatdatang! Welcome to North Sumatra, Medan.

Arrival at the international airport in Medan. Upon arrival at Medan International Airport, your driver will take you to your Medan hotel.

Accommodation:

Swiss-belin Hotel, Medan 3* (Deluxe Room)

DAY 2: MEDAN TO TANGKAHAN (B)

After breakfast, you will be picked up by your driver and headed towards Tangkahan at Gunung Leuser National Park. Along the way, visit the Maimum Palace, built in 1888 for the Sultan of Deli. Then we go to the "Mesjid Raya", a large mosque built at the same time before going to the Chinese temple "Gunung Timur". Afterwards, a four-hour drive through the beautiful nature of north Sumatra towards Tangkahan in the Gunung Leuser National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Tangkahan used to be known for illegal timber mining and hunting. Since 2001, park rangers with elephants have been patrolling the area around Tangkahan to protect the jungle.

Accommodation:

Linnea Lodge, Tangkahan (Standard Room)

DAY 3: BATH WITH ELEPHANTS - JEEP RIDE TO BUKIT LAWANG (B)

After breakfast, you can wash and bathe the park rangers' elephants along with the mahout (elephant guide) in the nearby river. Afterwards, head to Tangkahan with your guide on a first two-hour hike into the jungle. Then, take a jeep in about 3 hours towards Bukit Lawang, on the other side of the national park, known for its orangutan rehabilitation programs. Upon arrival in Bukit Lawang, spend the afternoon relaxing at your lodge or exploring the small village of Bukit Lawang on foot.

Accommodation:**Ecolodge, Bukit Lawang (Standard Room)****DAY 4: JUNGLE TREKKING BUKIT LAWANG - OVERNIGHT IN A TENT (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, head to Gunung Leuser National Park on a 6-hour hike in search of orangutans and other wild animals. In the late afternoon, you'll find a suitable spot on the river with your guide, where you'll set up camp for the night. Spend the night in a simple tent in the middle of the rainforest, where your guide will cook you a delicious dinner.

Accommodation:**Bukit Lawang**

DAY 5: JUNGLE TREKKING BUKIT LAWUNG (B)

After breakfast at your camp, continue on a 4-hour trek through the jungle. Your jungle trek ends at a river where you'll cruise back to your hotel on a tire in about 20 minutes. In the afternoon you can relax in your lodge or cool off in the river.

Accommodation:**Eco Lodge, Bukit Lawang (Deluxe Room)****DAY 6: YOGYAKARTA CITY TOUR - PRAMBANAN TEMPLE (B)**

After breakfast it is time to say goodbye to the jungle and your journey continues to Berastagi in the highlands of the Karo. The drive to Berastagi takes about 5 hours through the breathtaking nature of Sumatra with a view of the two volcanoes Sibayak and Sinabung. Berastagi is located at about 1300 meters and thus has a much cooler climate of the Gunung Leuser National Park. Along the way, visit Mary Annai Church and Lumbini Park, where the Buddhist Shwedagon Pagoda from Myanmar was recreated. Before heading to the hotel in Berastagi, visit one of the many local fruit markets where you can stock up on fresh exotic fruits.

Accommodation:**Grand Mutiara, Berastagi 3* (Super Deluxe Room)****DAY 7: SIBAYAK - BERASTAGI - TRANSFER TO LAKE TOBA (B)**

Today, after breakfast, you'll head to Sibayak Volcano with your guide. The ascent to the volcano Sibayak (2172m) is relatively easy and takes only about an hour from the parking lot. On the way back, relax your muscles with a hot bath in the hot springs of Raja Berneh. In the afternoon, travel with your driver to

Medan. Along the way, you'll stop at Dokan, a traditional BatakKaro village with traditional Batak houses. Afterwards you will visit the SipisoPiso waterfall. In the afternoon you will reach Parapat, from where you will take a ferry in 45 minutes to the island of Samosir in the middle of Lake Danau.

Accommodation:**Tabo Cottage, Samosir 3.5* (Junior Room)****DAY 8: FREE DAY IN SAMOSIR (B)**

Guests can relax at the hotel, swim in the lake or take a bike ride around TukTuk.

Accommodation:**Samosir - Tabo Cottage, Samosir 3.5* (Junior Suite)****DAY 9: SAMOSIR DAY TOUR (B)**

Today you will explore the island of Samosir with your private driver. Your first stop is Ambarita, the most important Batak Toba village on Samosir, where the highest court was held on stone chairs and tables. Afterwards, visit the former home of King Sidauruk in Simanindo village and attend a performance of the traditional gate-gate dance. Afterwards we continue north to the hot sulfur springs in Panguruan. On the way back to your hotel, visit the ancient tomb of King Sidabutar.

Accommodation:**Samosir - Tabo Cottage, Samosir 3.5* (Junior Suite)****DAY 10: FLIGHT TO PADANG VIA MEDAN - TRANSFER TO BUKITTINGGI (B)**

After breakfast, your driver will take you to Silangit Airport for your flight to Padang via Medan. **Please note that driving from Toba to Airport in Medan takes 3.5 – 4 hours.**

Sriwijaya Air SJ-021, dep.Medan KNO 13:10 arr. Padang PDG 14:15

Economy Class: € 32 per person (luggage included: 20 Kg)

Upon arrival in Padang, your driver will take you to your hotel in Bukittinggi. The drive to Bukittinggi takes about 2 1/2 hours. Upon arrival in Bukittinggi, the afternoon is at your leisure.

Accommodation:**Bukittinggi - NovotelBukittinggi 3.5* (Deluxe Room)**

DAY 11: BUKITTINGGI - HARAU VALLEY (B)



In the morning, head to the Harau Valley with your driver. Explore the valley on a 2-hour walking tour. With a bit of luck you can see black Siamang and Gibbon monkeys here. The hike ends at a waterfall for a relaxing swim. Afterwards we go to a family's house for a small Padang cooking class before heading back to Bukittinggi.

(Optional overnight stay in a homestay in the valley possible)

Accommodation:

Bukittinggi–NovotelBukittinggi 3.5* (Deluxe Room)

DAY 12: BIKE TOUR AROUND BUKITTINGGI (B)



After breakfast, your driver will take you to the village of Koto Baru, the starting point of today's bike tour, in about 45 minutes. With your guide, you'll explore the surrounding villages and rice fields at the foot of Merapi Volcano. From here you have a beautiful view over Bukittinggi. Along the way, make several stops at small villages, where you can learn about traditional blacksmithing and rice cultivation in Sumatra. During a small coffee stop, you can get to know villagers. In the afternoon, head back to your hotel in Bukittinggi.

Accommodation:

Bukittinggi - NovotelBukittinggi 3.5* (Deluxe Room)

DAY 13: FLIGHT TO TANA TORAJA VIA MAKASSAR (B)



After breakfast, explore the surroundings of Bukittinggi. But first we go to Sianok Canyon, a 150 meter deep gorge located on the edge of Bukittinggi. On a 2-hour hike you will go through small forests and bushes until you reach "Koto Gadang", a village known for its traditional silversmiths. Here you can look over the shoulder of the blacksmiths before continuing with your driver to Lake Maninjau. On the way to Lake Maninjau you will enjoy the beautiful view on one of the most winding roads in Sumatra.

Accommodation:

Bukittinggi - Novotel Bukittinggi 3.5* (Deluxe Room)

DAY 14: TANA TORAJA DAY 1 (B)

Enjoy your last day in Sumatra. After check-out, transfer to Padang Airport for your flight to Medan.

Sriwijaya Air SJ-020, dep. Padang PDG 11:25 arr. Medan KNO 12:25

Economy Class: € 30 per person (luggage included: 20 Kg)

Accommodation: -

Price of the round trip (does not include flight tickets) in EUR per person:

2 PAX	4 PAX
€ 1,642	€ 1,437

INCLUDED:

- All transfers and transportation with English speaking drivers.
- Overnight stays in hotels of the selected category incl. breakfast
- Excursions and tours with English-speaking guides:
- Trekking Guide at Sibayak Volcano
- Trekking Guide in Bukit Lawang
- Tour guide in Sumatra: Days 1-9
- Tour guide Padang/Bukittinggi Day 11 - 13
- Boat transfer at Danau Toba Lake
- All excursions and tours mentioned in the itinerary
- All meals mentioned in the itinerary
- All tickets in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED:

- Off/Domestic Flight Tickets
- Additional English/German-speaking guides on the transfers (not mandatory)
- All meals and drinks not mentioned in the program.
- Any activities or experiences not mentioned in the program
- Private expenses: laundry, room service, massages, etc.