

BLUE FIRE & NATURAL WONDERS OF EAST JAVA

8D/7N - Start from \$1,850 per person

TRIP OVERVIEW

Locations	: Banyuwangi Ijen Crater Surabaya Mt. Bromo, East Java
Activities	: Nature, wildlife, culture, sight-seeing, leisure & adventure
Duration	: 8 Days 7 Nights
Price	: Start from \$1,850 per person
Travel Types	: Private Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

Marvel at the richness of the smoking volcano, blue fire phenomenon, unique culture, unspoiled panoramas, and picturesque nature of East Java which boast in multitude flora and fauna offering the other worldly-scenes that make you feel like jumping into a storybook.

On this Blue Fire and Natural Wonders of East Java tour, you will explore one of the most active volcanos in the world – Mount Bromo, as well as one of the most unmissable sights of the Ijen Plateau called Kawah Ijen to witness the natural phenomenon “blue fire” which only exist in two places in the world. Discover the best national parks in East Java that takes you to ‘little Africa,’ savanna, mangrove, seasonal forest with an abundance of bewildering flora and fauna including the bull (*Bos Javanicus*), wild boar, leopards, and even the bird of paradise. Relish the picturesque vista of Red Island and Green Bay where you can spend the day lazing in a hammock or hit the cresting waves of one of the best surfing spots in the world – G Land. The splendor of East Java’s scenic nature, lush plantation, and unique culture will surely adorn your impeccable journey here – on the eastern side of the best island in the world: Java.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 : ARRIVAL BANYUWANGI

This morning you have a morning flight from Denpasar, Bali to Banyuwangi, East Java with a stopover in Surabaya. Upon your arrival at Blimbingsari Airport, our guide will welcome you and take you to your first destination today – Osing Kemiren Village to marvel at the richness of culture and picturesque nature of Banyuwangi. Followed by a stop in Genjah Arum Studio, enjoy a cup of

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the infamous local coffee – Kopai Osing, “once brew we bro!” Drive to the west of Banyuwangi, and you will arrive in Kaliklatak Agrotourism Village – one of the pioneers of agrotourism in Indonesia whose commodities plant are coffee, cocoa, rubber clove, and spices. You can see the process of harvesting, processing, and packaging at a close distance here. On the night, enjoy a welcome dinner and transfer to your hotel for overnight.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

DAY 2 : BANYUWANGI

Enjoy a hearty breakfast as you are going to visit Baluran National Park today! Like a little Africa in Java, this park covers about 25.000 hectares area consisting savanna, mangrove, seasonal forest, coastal, and abundance fauna including the bull (*Bos Javanicus*), deer, wild boar, and leopards. You will pass through five kilometers area of the Evergreen Forest – a forest that is always green throughout the year, making you feel like walking in a green tunnel. The view then gradually changes as you travel through Savannah Bekol, the little Africa with Indonesian typical where if you are lucky, you can spot on the bird of paradise. After going through the evergreen forest and enjoying the vast Savana Bekol, enjoy the splendor of Bama Beach adorned with its white sand and crystal clear water with the mangrove plants around. An excursion to Bangsring Floating Market will then offer you to snorkel with big fishes and baby sharks!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 3 : IJEN CRATER - BANYUWANGI

In the midnight, you will depart for the whole day excursion to Mt. Ijen to see the natural phenomenon “blue fire” which only exist in two places in the world, so it will be such an honor to watch the phenomenon! You will climb up to the rim of the crater and enjoy the sunrise light warms you up. Then, a fifteen-minute drive takes you to Sulfur Processing Factory that will give you an idea and complete information how the sulfur which carried from Ijen Crater will be processed before they sell them to the industries to be used in the chemical. Off to the “Lords of The Ring” setting – Jawatan Benculuk to explore the natural scenic beauty looking like the shooting location of the film by Peter Jackson. This 3.8 hectares protected area has a landscape that is very similar to ancient forests, letting you go home with beautiful pictures. At the end of the day, you will transfer to a hotel near Red Island and overnight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 4 : BANYUWANGI

An excursion to one of the most remote and fascinating national parks today engraves your memory with bewildering flora and fauna at Alas Purwo National Park. The land consists of savanna, mangrove forest, and lowland tropical forest which also a home to the endangered mammals, including the Asiatic wild dog, wild oxen, and leopards. Thousands of migrating birds visit its pristine forests each year and turtles come to lay their eggs on its secluded beaches which

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boast one of the best and most consistent reef-breaks in the world. Set off to Bedul Mangrove Ecotourism, there are 27 types of mangrove and some types of birds such as king prawns and sea eagles. Then, you can join optional activities to Plengkung Beach, known as G-Land – one of the best surfing spots in the world or to Red Island, a hidden pearl of Banyuwangi offers a new alternative for surfers who want to challenge the powerful wave. Whether you are pro surfer or not, you still can relish the beach with many other ways, such as watch its magical sunset.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 5 : BANYUWANGI

Travel southwest of Banyuwangi to Sukamade Turtle Beach – a natural, tranquil, and scenic place which is a part of 50.000 hectare Meru Betiri National Park. The name 'Turtle Beach' is caused by five different turtle species come ashore nearly all year to lay their eggs. Each turtle puts over a hundred eggs in her enclosure. You have your chance to release the baby turtles into their natural habitat which is the sea and watch them crawling and try to swim for the first time! Your tour continues to Green Bay on a boat. Upon your arrival, explore the Green Bay Beach and off the beaten path that leads you to the sandy white beach and blue turquoise ocean. A perfect reward after a day of adventure in Meru Betiri National Park.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 6 : BANYUWANGI - SURABAYA - MT. BROMO

Enjoy a scenic flight from Banyuwangi to Surabaya at Juanda International Airport. Upon arrival, you promptly transfer to your hotel near Mt. Bromo Area. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Meals included: No meal included on this day

DAY 7 : MT. BROMO

Before the sun rises at 4 AM local time, a four-wheeled (4WD) jeep car will bring you to the world's most famous view point at Mt. Pananjakan (2,750 m) on the rim of the Tengger caldera to enjoy the sunrise breaking over the volcano cones including Mt. Bromo and Mt. Semeru in the background that may let you be dumbfounded! Continue across the sand sea to the active Mt. Bromo volcano and climb the 2245 steps to visit the crater which nestled on 2,500 meters above sea level. There you may explore the route up to Bromo on Horseback instead, adding an extra dimension to your journey up whilst saving you the long steep walk. Afterward, the 4WD car will bring you back to the lodge for breakfast at Teras Restaurant by Plataran. Eventually, enjoy your free time here with anything you are fond of.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 8 : DEPARTURE

Enjoy the last hearty breakfast at your hotel, and then you will transfer back to Indonesia's second-largest city, Surabaya at Juanda International Airport for your departure flight to Denpasar, Bali, or

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to your onward journey. Now, it is time to say goodbye – We hope your journey with us is creating unforgettable memories, and we will be glad to see you again in another remarkable place in Indonesia!

Meals included: Breakfast

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR INCLUDE

- Accommodation with daily breakfast at selected hotels.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary, except for alcoholic drinks.
- Private tours, transfers, and all services as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Service of a private driver and air-conditioned vehicles.
- Entrance fees for all the mentioned sights.
- Professional English speaking guides.
- Personal travel insurance (domestic insurance).
- Professional english speaking guides.
- Service charges and government VAT tax.

TOUR EXCLUDE

- International airfares to and from our start and end points + departure taxes if applicable (*Notes: The price of this tour does not include any international airfares to and from our start and end points; however, our reservations specialists are more than happy to help arrange international flights on your behalf and advise on scheduling. We book hundreds of flights each year on behalf of our guests, and we know the best routes to take to ensure you arrive on time. We only book with IATA-approved airlines that have met with international standards of safety and dependability*).
- Personal expenses (mini bar, laundry, room services, additional food & drink at the hotel/ restaurant, etc).
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels.
- Visa fees.
- *Tipping to guides and drivers (Notes: on the final day of your tour, you will have an opportunity to contribute in giving tip fund discretionarily. We believe that between US\$ 5-10 per day is an appropriate amount. However, this is just a suggestion and remains entirely up to the judgment and discretion of the guests. We do ask that you kindly refrain from offering tips to guides or drivers at any time, except during cases of exceptional service, when it should be arranged*

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through the office. Tipping of your travel specialists for their hard work is also welcome, and is at your discretion).

WHAT TO BRING

- **Clothing** - The tropical climate means you can safely leave all of your warm weather gear at home. Bring cool cottons, T-shirts and shorts. Likewise, a lightweight fleece could be useful for pre-dawn trekking or if there is a cool wind on the mountain – even if you don't need it, it will be useful for the plane. Adventure Archipelago is respectful of the local cultures and customs; bring clothes that cover your shoulders and knees for village or temples visits. Finally, you might want to bring at least one smart-casual outfit for sunset cocktails and evening meals. Ladies: beach throw-overs, kaftans and sarongs are always useful; choose fabrics that dry easily. Also, bring a lightweight sundress or two – several destinations offers a great setting for a photo shoot, live it up.
- **Bags** - A day backpack is essential on day hikes to carry things such as your water bottle, camera, binoculars, and rain jacket. A waterproof wet/dry bag is a good idea for your phone, camera, etc.
- **Footwear** - Pack comfortable trainers, trekking sandals, sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots for hikes and walks. Bring socks to wear inside your walking shoes to avoid getting blisters. Many travellers appreciate the added stability of a walking stick or hiking pole; lightweight telescopic poles are easy to pack. You might also want waterproof sandals or reef shoes for wet landings and water activities. Flip-flops are great for the beach. Note: Standard practice is to go barefoot on the boat.
- **Sun Protection** - You'll be spending plenty of time out in the scorching tropical sun, so be sure to pack sunscreen with a high enough SPF to protect your skin from the sun's damaging rays, which are stronger in the water, and some sun-protective clothing as well. Cover-ups, sarongs, sun shirts, and other such clothing will ensure that you come back from your trip with just happy memories and photographs – and not sunburn. A good hat is essential; a wide brimmed hat or cap will keep the strong equatorial sun off your face and neck. Sunglasses keep your eyes protected and add a little glam to your photos. A strap to hold your glasses can be a good idea on more active adventures. Just in case you fail to avoid getting sunburnt, bring an aloe-based lotion to soothe burned skin.
- **Swimwear** - Don't forget your swimsuit/bikini/shorts/trunks/Speedos —and preferably more than just one swimsuit, so that one or two can be drying while you are wearing another. Luckily, swimsuits and/or swim trunks don't take up too much space in your luggage. The water is warm but a rash guard (or a wetsuit) will protect you from the sun, abrasions and stings.
- **Skin & Hair Protection** - Ladies, it's important that you take good care of your skin and hair. The sun, seawater and salty air may be beautiful to experience but it can be tough on your body

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and will wreak havoc on your locks. Bring moisturising lotion to soothe skin parched by the sun and the saltwater; bring a leave-in conditioner to de-tangle your hair with ease because the water, mask, and hair-ties will leave it in knots. Also consider bringing a scarf or headband to hold back unruly hair, or hair-ties/pins to keep your hair off your face and therefore prevent water seeping into your mask.

- **Camera Equipment** - If you are photo enthusiast bring all of the camera and video equipment that you will use as you can expect exceptional opportunities for photography. If you prefer the ease of a point & shoot, bring that. If you want to take underwater photos you might want to invest in a waterproof camera/GoPro or waterproof housing to capture photos of the incredible marine life. It's also a good idea to bring a spare memory card.

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