

INDONESIA

JAVA



**Interactive
Travel Guides**

**Plus
IJEN
BLUE FIRE
Tour**



**Your Interactive
Travel Guide Specialist**

MEGAWORLD ASIA JAVA



[Megaworld Asia Facebook Link](#)

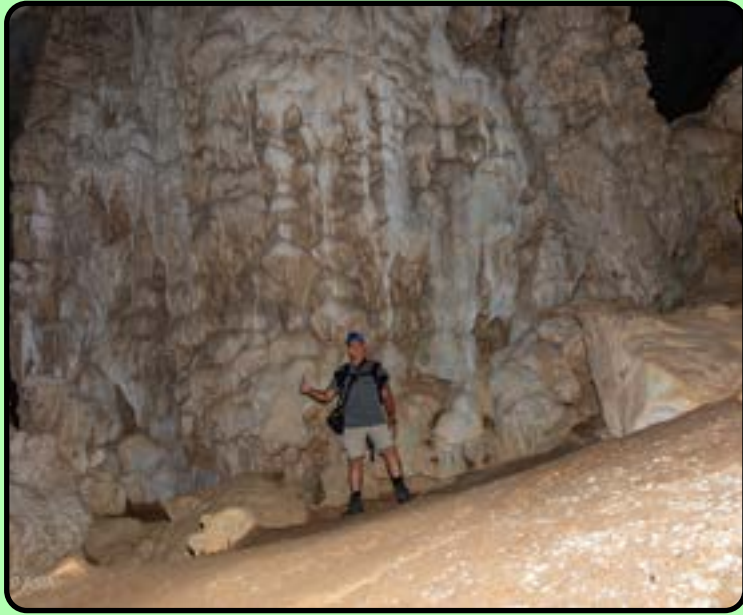
This Interactive Travel Guide Promotes:

12GO ASIA

VERIFIED AFFILIATE

Your Indonesian Travel Specialist

FOREWORD



Thanks for downloading this FREE interactive travel guide. You've made an excellent choice if you plan on **GETTING OFF THE BEATEN TRACK** in (LOCATION). Before you delve into the content of this travel guide, please take a few minutes to read this foreword. It outlines how to make the best use of the information contained within.

First-hand experience: This travel guide has been put together using first-hand experience gained from traveling to, and exploring, all the locations presented within. The information and photos featured in my travel guides, have been collated over years of putting boots on the ground. There is no second-hand information, or information which is plagiarized from other travel sources, within this guide. Every cave, waterfall, river, viewpoint, jungle trail, temple site, guesthouse and restaurant presented, or promoted, I have been to and seen and/or experienced myself.

Getting off the beaten track: The primary focus of my travel guides is **ADVENTURE TRAVEL** (and activities) to locations which are non-mainstream tourist destinations. As an example, there is no information for the mainstream tourist locations of **INDONESIA** (except as transit hub's before heading off to a more remote location) listed in this travel guide. As such, the information in this guide is directed towards travelers (not tourists) who

are keen for a bit of adventure - caving, climbing, jungle trekking, kayaking - in an off the beaten track location, of South East Asia. If these types of activities aren't to your liking, then this travel guide won't be much use to you. There's no information in here about the party towns in South East Asia.

Budget travel: Knowing the importance of making the most of your hard-earned currency, my travel links ([12GO ASIA](#)) and accommodation links ([AGODA](#)) are predominantly budget oriented. They provide a range of options for getting to a central hub, or base, from which you can make your daily explorations.

Independent sightseeing: Instead of going on group tours, I strongly promote the idea of renting your own vehicle (car or motorbike) and venturing out yourself. To help you get to the exact location, there's always a [GOOGLE MAPS](#) link to show the route from a hub (hotel or guesthouse) to the sightseeing attraction. If there's a local tour operator offering excellent adventure type tours, or activities, I'll provide links to their website. A good example of a great adventure tour operator is [GREEN DISCOVERY LAOS](#), who offer excellent caving, kayaking and trekking tours throughout Laos.

The Table of Contents: This is page four of the travel guide and has a sequential list of sections, which you can go to directly by clicking on the **GREEN** numbered tab.

YouTube Links: These take you directly to my YouTube Vlog ([Megaworld Asia](#)) where you can see short, high quality travel videos of the numerous attractions listed in my travel guides. If you enjoy the videos, please hit the like button and don't forget to subscribe to see my upcoming adventures.

Your next adventure is just one click away

Safe travels,

MEGA

JAVA

Table Of Contents

General Info = Getting There, Accommodation, Transport & Dining

Foreword.....	Page	3
Table of contents.....	Page	4
How to use this interactive travel guide.....	Page	5
Yogyakarta - General info.....	Page	6
Yogyakarta - Accommodation.....	Page	7
Sightseeing - Buddhist Structures.....	Page	8
Jomblang Cave Tour - General info.....	Page	9
Jomblang Cave Tour - Repelling.....	Page	10
Jomblang Cave Tour - Cave Excursion.....	Page	11
Merapi Sunrise Jeep Tour - General info.....	Page	12
Merapi Sunrise Jeep Tour - Kaliadem Bunker.....	Page	13
Merapi Sunrise Jeep Tour - Museum Village.....	Page	14
Mount Bromo Tour - General info.....	Page	15
Mount Bromo Tour - Sunrise View Point.....	Page	16
Mount Bromo Tour - Volcano Crater.....	Page	17
Kawah Ijen Blue Fire Tour - General info.....	Page	18
Kawah Ijen Blue Fire Tour - The Ascent.....	Page	19
Kawah Ijen Blue Fire Tour - The Crater Lake.....	Page	20



How To Use This Interactive Travel Guide

The Table Of Contents: To effortlessly move from the TOC to the page you want to view, simply click on the **page number**: **1**

YouTube Links: These will take you to a short highlights video, of the sightseeing attraction, in the section you're looking at:



Other Links: These take you to ancillary services such as recommended restaurants, or car and motorbike rental agencies, in the location you're traveling to:

ANCILLARY SERVICES

Travel Links: This takes you to **12GO ASIA**, an excellent travel group which provides a range of options for getting around the region:



The Table Of Contents: To move back to the TOC, click on the **yellow arrows**, at the bottom of each Page: 

Google Maps Links: These provide a route from a designated location (e.g., a hotel) to a particular sightseeing attraction:



Information Links: These links take you to information sites, such as Wikipedia or Wiki-voyage, to provide more in-depth info on a particular subject or location:



Accommodation Links: This takes you to the Agoda website to check accommodation availability and make bookings:



It's Time To Get Off The Beaten Track



YOGYAKARTA - GENERAL INFO

About: Yogyakarta is a medium sized Indonesian city, located in Central Java. It is the center of an older Buddhist civilization, established in the area, prior to the advent of Islam. Many historical Buddhist Structures dot the landscape, some dating back 1300 years. Spending a few days in Yogya provides an opportunity to explore many of these impressive structures. The city also sits nearby one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, MOUNT MERAPI.

Sightseeing: There are plenty of sightseeing choices available from Yogyakarta. Most are single day, or half day tours. For the more adventurous there are two and three day hiking tours available to MOUNT MERBABU, a nearby dormant volcano. The single day tours are varied and include sunrise tours, visits to the Buddhist structures in the area, and adventure activities.

Getting there: If you're in Bali, there are direct daily flights from Denpasar to Yogyakarta with LION AIR and AIR GARUDA. Click the following link for flight options:

From overseas: The nearest overseas hub is Singapore. There are direct daily flights from Changi Airport to Yogyakarta with SCOOT AIRLINES. **Note:** If you're flying into Jakarta, there's also the option of using the fast and efficient train service to Yogyakarta. Click the following link for flight options from Singapore:



Transfer from Yogya Airport: Yogyakarta Airport (YIA) is approximately 36 km from Yogya City. The quickest and least expensive form of transport is on the Airport Train Service. This service is direct and takes approximately 40 minutes. Trains depart from Yogya Airport every 30 minutes. Click the following link for ticketing options:



Buddhist strcutures of Yogyakarta

YOGYAKARTA - ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation: There's plenty of accommodation to suit a variety of budget ranges, from hostels to five star hotels. A good recommendation is to stay in the Malioboro District. This is the city center and there are plenty of restaurants and cafes to choose from. **Click the following link to see the Malioboro District:**



Mid-Range Hotels: A good choice in this regard is the RISS HOTEL. Located in the Malioboro District, this is a reasonably priced four star hotel: **Click the following link for booking inquiries:**



Eat and Drink: Yogyakarta is a predominantly Muslim City. There is no pork available anywhere and alcohol is only available at limited locations, such as five star hotels. The local food choices are available everywhere at street side Warungs. The food is inexpensive and tasty. If you're looking for western food, choices are limited.



Most of the four and five star hotels have reasonable western menus on offer. The best choice in this regard is the PHOENIX HOTEL, in the Malioboro District. The Phoenix is a five star hotel which has an excellent buffet BBQ available from Wednesday to Saturday. The price is 400k IDR per person. **Click the following link for booking inquiries:**



SIGHTSEEING - BUDDHIST STRUCTURES

About: The two most popular locations in the Yogyakarta area are PRAMBANAN TEMPLE and BOROBUDUR. Both can be visited independently (not on an organised tour) simply by using the Grab service to get there. Prambanan Temple is within the city environs and, allowing for traffic conditions, is approximately 30 minutes travel time from the Malioboro District. BOROBUDUR is further out (beyond the city environs) and, allowing for traffic conditions, will take approximately 60 minutes from the Malioboro District. If you'd prefer to use a tour provider (including an English speaking guide) to visit the above mentioned locations a good option is the BOROBUDUR SUNRISE SERVICE. Click the following link for booking inquiries:

BOROBUDUR SUNRISE SERVICE

Prambanan Temple: This temple is the easier of the two to access. Using a local guiding service will provide a deeper understanding (in-depth information) of the site. However, if you just want to visit independently, this is easy enough to do. As of 2025, the entry price for foreigners is 400k IDR per person. Click the following link for directions from Malioboro District:



Prambanan Temple

Borobudur: According to Online information, this is the world's largest Buddhist Temple. Due to its design, it is unique and impressive. The most popular sightseeing experience is the SUNRISE TOUR. However, be aware that during the peak season (July - August) there is often hundreds of doing this. While being an impressive structure, the sheer numbers that visit for a sunrise can dampen the experience. To do a guided tour, contact the previously mentioned local operator. To visit independently, click on the following link for directions from the Malioboro District:



Borobudur Buddhist Temple

JOMBLANG CAVE TOUR - GENERAL INFO

About: JOMBLANG CAVE is an interesting cave site, located 52 km East of Yogyakarta City, in Central Java. It's an exciting and challenging caving experience with the highlight attraction being the shafts of sunlight streaming through a hole in the cave roof, in the farthest cave room. Getting into the cave involves a thrilling 40 meter drop by rope and harness into a sinkhole. **Click the following link for the location of Jomblang Cave:**



Getting There: The best way to experience Jomblang Cave and remove the hassles of traveling there on the crowded roads, is to do an organised tour from Yogyakarta. There are several tour operators offering full day tours from Yogyakarta. An excellent choice, in terms of service is JOMBLANG CAVE TOURS. **Note:** The tour price varies with the number of participants. The pick-up time from your hotel is normally 07:00 am. Travel time from Yogya to Jomblang Cave is approximately 1.5 hours. Additionally, if you want to avoid overcrowded conditions, try to do the tour on a weekday. **Click the following link for booking inquiries:**

JOMBLANG CAVE TOURS



Onsite Info

On-site: Once you arrive at the site HQ (parking area) there's a covered seating area where you can relax while the driver does your registration and gets your ticket (queue) number. You'll also be issued with a set of wellington boots for the walk through the cave. **Note:** The cave floor is extremely muddy. Wearing your own hiking boots isn't a good idea as they'll get coated in mud. Wait time, before starting the caving tour, is usually about 30 minutes. There is restrooms and tea and coffee available in the waiting area.



Getting a pre-tour briefing

JOMBLANG CAVE TOUR - REPELLING

Doing the tour: The group size for an excursion through the cave is 25 - 30 people. Once everyone has been registered, the guide team will move the group down to the cave drop point. At this location everyone is issued a caving helmet and put into groups of two. After this is completed, the lead guide will give a briefing about the excursion through the cave and the initial drop into the sinkhole.

The drop: The 40 meter drop into the sinkhole is a thrilling start to the cave tour. The drop apparatus is well set up and completely safe. The guides and team operating the drop ropes are professional and experienced in this activity. Each person is fitted into a harness which is then hooked on to the drop-line. Two people at a time take the drop to speed things up.

Entering the Cave: Once the full group is safely down at the bottom of the sinkhole, the tour guides will lead everyone into the lower section of the cave. This involves a 30 meter descent down a slippery, muddy slope. Once you get down to the inner cave floor, there's no let up with the mud. It's worse. [Click the following link to see a high-lights video of Jomblang Cave:](#)



The drop frame



The drop



Entering the lower section

JOMBLANG CAVE TOUR - CAVE EXCURSION

Going through the cave: There's a route across this first cave room which the guides lead you on, to avoid the worst of the mud. On the opposite side of this first cave room a muddy trail leads to a short tunnel which eventually opens up to the main feature of the excursion: another massive cave room with a hole in the roof. As you get towards the end of the joining tunnel you'll see the shafts of sunlight streaming through the hole in the cave roof.

The inner cave room: This is the highlight of the tour and provides the opportunity for some great photos, or video. There's a couple of spots around the edge of the cave where the best photos can be taken. The guides will direct the group members to them. They allow plenty of time for everyone to get photos of the sunlight streaming down from the roof of the cave.

Returning to the top: This is simply a matter of retracing your steps back to the starting point. Everyone is pulled out of the sinkhole, two at a time.

Tour summary: Although the muddy conditions within cave are hazardous (muddy and slippery) the effort to work through the mud is well worth it in the end. The inner cave room, with its shafts of sunlight, is quite spectacular. Jomblang Cave is an excellent day's adventure activity.



Negotiating the mud



Streaming sunlight



The inner cave room

MERAPI SUNRISE JEEP TOUR - GENERAL INFO

About: This is an interesting volcano tour which gives you a memorable view of Mount Merapi, at sunrise, and a deeper look at the tragedies of recent eruptions. The best way of experiencing this is to do an organised tour with one of the local jeep tour companies. If you're staying in Yogyakarta you've got two options for getting to the Jeep Base Camps, which are approximately 24 km north of Malioboro District. The first is to arrange your own transportation by Grab or a local taxi. The second is to pay extra to the jeep Tour Company and have them provide a pickup (and return) from your hotel. Note: this is the most efficient way as pickup time for the sunrise tour is 3:30 am. A good local tour operator is AMTRA JOURNEY. **Click the following link for info and inquiries:**

AMTRA JOURNEY

Doing the tour: Pickup time for the sunrise tour is 3:30 am, from your hotel in Yogyakarta. The transfer to the Jeep Tour base Camp takes approximately 30 - 40 minutes. Once you arrive there, you'll meet your driver/guide for the outing and be heading to the sunrise viewpoint by about 05:00 am. **Note:** There's three options for a jeep tour: Short, Medium, and Long Tours. TBH, if you look at a price list there's not much difference



Sunrise jeep tour

between the three tours in terms of the number of sightseeing stops. The best attractions on the tour are the SUNRISE VIEWPOINT, THE KALIADDEM BUNKER, THE ALIEN STONE, and the MUSEUM. The price differential is mainly about the length of the tour. The long tour, although the most expensive, gives you more time to see all the main attractions without feeling rushed. **Click the following link for directions from Malioboro District to the Jeep Tour base Camp:**

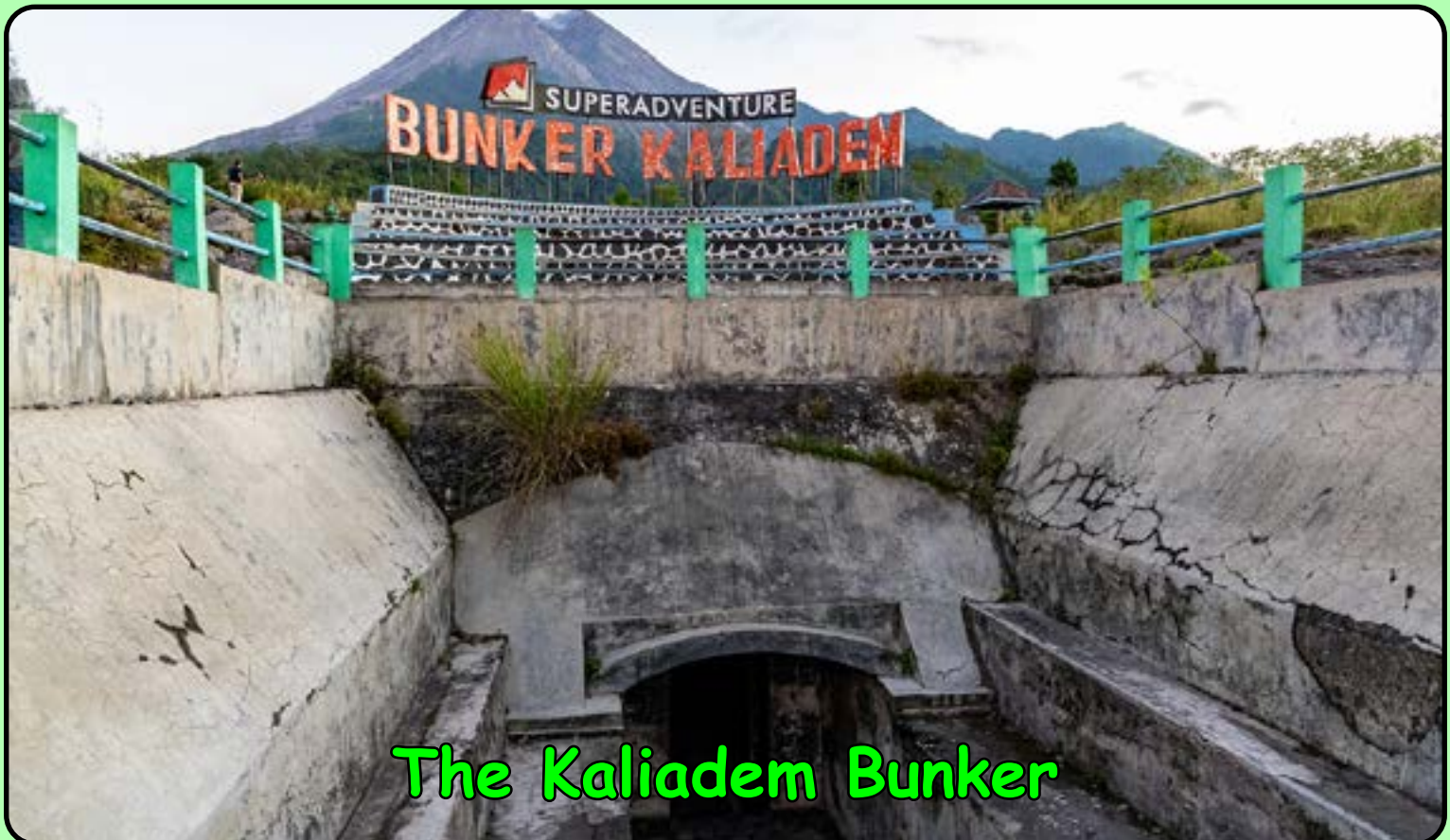


Mount Merapi at sunrise

MERAPI SUNRISE JEEP TOUR - KALIADEM BUNKER

Merapi Sunrise Viewpoint: This is the first stop on the jeep tour. You normally arrive there at dawn and have some waiting time before the sky's become light. This is also the location of the KALIADEM BUNKER, so you get two of the attractions at one stop. If you do the long tour, you'll have plenty of time for photography of the volcano and also for checking out the bunker. There's a tower which gives you an elevated position for viewing the sunrise and also looking at the volcano. The sunrise viewpoint location is approximately four km from Merapi summit and provides a nice view of the volcano and surrounding landscape.

Kaliadem Banker: As mentioned, this is at the same location as the sunrise viewpoint. After getting a good look at the volcano in the morning light, your guide can take you down into the bunker and give a commentary on its history. According to my guide, the bunker was originally built as a place of safe refuge for local villagers in times of minor eruptions (smoke and hot ash). During the 2010 eruption, two local men died in the bunker after taking refuge. Unfortunately, the 2010 eruption had a major lava flow, and the bunker proved ineffective in providing a safe shelter. Since then, the bunker is no longer used as a place of refuge. It remains a sightseeing attraction.



MERAPI SUNRISE JEEP TOUR - MUSEUM VILLAGE

The Alien Stone: This is the third stop on the tour and, according to my guide, the large volcanic rock on site has the resemblance of an Alien's (the movie) head. The best thing about stopping here is the unobstructed view you get of the volcano. It's the best on the route.

The Museum: This is normally the last stop on the tour, and it provides an up close look at the tragic events which occurred on the day of the 2010 eruption. The museum is actually a village which was inundated by hot volcanic ash. The damage is quite astounding. Metal objects, such as motorbikes, being melted by the hot volcanic ash. As you walk through the museum there are photos and information placards which give a commentary on the events of the 2010 eruption.

Summary: After Jomblang Cave, this is probably the best one day tour in the area. You get a reasonably close look at Indonesia's most active volcano and learn a bit about the eruption history. As mentioned, the LONG TOUR (although more expensive) is probably the best option as it allows more time at each sightseeing location, without feeling rushed. **Click the following YouTube link to see a highlights video of the tour:**



MOUNT BROMO TOUR - GENERAL INFO

About: The MOUNT BROMO CALDERA, and it's semi-active volcanic cones, is a popular sightseeing attraction located approximately 130 km (by road) south of SURABAYA, in Eastern Java. This visually impressive volcano is best viewed in the dry season (July and August) when weather conditions are generally dry and clear.

Getting there: If you're already in Java, the best option is to travel to MALANG CITY, and make an organised tour from there. Note: Malang is the nearest main center with hotels, guesthouses, and restaurants, and is a good option to use as a base for day trips to the various sightseeing attractions in the area. **Click the following link for the location of Malang City:**



From overseas: If you're flying in from overseas the best, and nearest, international airport is in SURABAYA. There are direct daily flights from SINGAPORE, with SCOOT AIRLINES. **Click the following link for booking options:**



Malang City

Doing an organised tour: Although possible to get to MOUNT BROMO independently (DIY) it's highly recommended to do an organised tour, starting in either Surabaya or Malang, to avoid the hassle of arranging transportation to get to all the various sightseeing locations en-route. IJEN BROMO TOURS are an excellent choice for a well organised tour, with professional, English speaking guides. **Note:** They have several tour packages available which also include KAWAH IJEN. **Click the following link for tour info and booking options:**

IJEN BROMO TOURS



Mount Bromo Caldera

MOUNT BROMO TOUR - SUNRISE VIEW POINT

Getting to Bromo Caldera: If you depart from Surabaya, travel time to the JEEP TOUR meeting point, at BROMO VILLAGE, is approximately 3 - 4 hours (depending on traffic conditions). Travel time from Malang is approximately 2 - 3 hours. If you're doing an organised tour, pick up times from your hotel in either Surabaya or Malang, will be in the evening (approximately 9 - 10 pm) to co-ordinate getting to the sunrise viewpoint on time. Arrival time at Bromo Village is generally around 01:00 am. You'll then transfer from the minivan to a jeep, for the drive into the caldera and the ascent to PENANJAKAN sunrise viewpoint.

The sunrise viewpoint: There's a couple of things to keep in mind when you're traveling to the viewpoint for the sunrise. The first is if you arrive pre-dawn (3 - 4 am) it will be seriously cold. Take a good jacket and a woolen hat. The second is that the viewing platform gets incredibly crowded, especially in July and August. Try to be in position on the viewing platform no later than 04:00 am. Even though you'll be standing around in the cold for a while, you'll have a better chance of getting a front position for photography. **Note:** Avoid going on weekends. **Click the following link for the location of Penanjakan Viewpoint:**



MOUNT BROMO TOUR - VOLCANO CRATER

The Sea of Sand: After watching the sunrise from Penanjakan Viewpoint, the next stage of the tour is heading back down to the flat area at the bottom of the caldera. This area is called the SEA OF SAND. Primarily because of the black volcanic sand which fills the terrain at the base of the caldera. The tour jeeps normally park at a location which is near the base of a small inactive cone, from which the tour groups make the hike to the top of Bromo Crater.

Bromo Crater: From the parking area, it's approximately 1 km to the rim of the semi-active crater. For anyone who's feeling fatigued, there are horses available (at an extra cost) for transport to the base of the crater cone. On the way, there's an interesting Hindu Temple to spend a few minutes looking at. The ascent to the rim of the cone involves an arduous hike up a sandy slope. Once you reach the rim of the volcanic cone, there's a track which takes you around the rim (to the left) to the highest point for a spectacular view of the crater. The crater often has intermittent releases of smoke which, under pressure, sound like a giant breathing.

Continuing on: After viewing the volcanic crater, you'll return to the jeep and head back to Bromo Village for breakfast. For those doing an extended tour, you'll head to your next location. For those just doing Mount Bromo, you'll be returned to your hotel in Surabaya or Malang.



The Sea of sand

© Mark Jones



Bromo Crater

© Mark Jones



The view from the volcano rim

IJEN BLUE FIRE TOUR - GENERAL INFO

About: MOUNT IJEN is a semi-active volcano located in Eastern Java, approximately 34 km from BANYUWANGI CITY. It's a popular sight-seeing location which attracts many international and local tourists. The primary draw cards are the BLUE FIRE and the SULFUR MINING ACTIVITIES which occur near the CRATER LAKE. A tour to Ijen Crater involves a significant amount of up-hill hiking, and a challenging descent to the crater lake. The hiking component could be classed as moderately challenging. However, what pushes it into the difficult class is the clouds of sulfur fumes which are encountered during the descent to the crater lake. When this is combined with the steep, rocky trail, the difficulty level is significantly increased due to the requirement of wearing a gas mask and goggles. **Note:** Without these two safety items, the local guides will not allow anyone to descend to the crater lake.

Getting There: If you're already in Java, then organizing a tour from Banyuwangi is relatively easy. Simply contact one of the local operators specializing in Ijen Tours. An excellent choice in this regard is IJEN EXPEDITIONS. Their prices are very reasonable, for group or solo, and they have experienced, knowledgeable guides.



From Bali: Ijen expeditions can also organise overnight (24 hours) tours for people staying in Bali. However, due to the small, congested roads in Bali, this option includes a significant amount of travel time. It takes approximately 8 hours each way, including the ferry crossing from Gilimanuk to Banyuwangi. Note: The prices for a tour from Bali are door to door. Pick up time is normally 18:00 (6:00 pm). Click the following link for booking inquiries:

IJEN EXPEDITIONS



IJEN BLUE FIRE TOUR - THE ASCENT

Doing the tour: Once you've committed to doing the tour, you'll be given a pick-up time at your hotel. If you're staying in Banyuwangi, this is normally around 23:00 - 23:30. Before heading up to the start point you will be required to do a medical check - blood pressure and resting pulse rate - to determine your fitness for the hike.

On-site: Once you arrive at the Ijen parking area/start point you'll be greeted by your guide for the hike. He will issue you the gas mask and goggles you'll need to complete the outing safely. The parking area/start point also has several small restaurants, where you can buy snacks, coffee, and tea. There's also toilet facilities on site.

The Ascent to The Crater Rim: This is the first stage of the of the tour. **It's a 3.5 km hike to the crater rim:**

- The first 1 km is an easy slope.
- The second 2 km is steeper and more difficult. Near the top the trail narrows and zigzags to the top.
- The final 500 meters is mostly flat going.

At various points along the trail there are rest stops (huts) with seating selling coffee, tea, snacks, and bottled water. For anyone who runs out of energy, or who don't have stamina to complete the hike to the crater rim, transportation in the form of two wheeled carts with seats are



View across the crater lake

available. Two haulers are assigned to each cart to push and pull you to the top. Note: To be able to see the Blue Fire, the ascent hike normally starts no later than 02:00.

The Crater Rim: The trail along the crater rim is mostly flat going and allows recovery time before the descent into the crater. If the wind is blowing across the crater lake (from the west) you'll already be able to smell the sulfur on the crater rim. If this is the case you'll be asked to don your gas mask before starting the descent. **Note:** If you're only doing the SUNRISE TOUR, you won't make the descent into the crater.



The crater rim

IJEN BLUE FIRE TOUR - THE CRATER LAKE

Descent into the Crater: This is the second stage of the tour and, as mentioned, the most challenging. Not the least because you'll be descending in the dark. The trail down to the crater lake is steep and rock strewn. If the sulfur clouds are being blown up the crater face, the challenge goes up significantly, due to the requirement to wear a gas mask and goggles. This requirement impedes vision markedly. Under normal circumstances, the descent to the crater lake will take a minimum of 30 - 40 minutes. **Note:** For additional safety, use a hiking pole during the descent.

At the Crater Lake: The Blue Fire is located at the lowest point of the trail, near the Crater Lake. As mentioned, you can only see this when it's dark (at night). Normally it's not visible after 05:30, when dawn breaks and it begins to get light. The Blue Fire is a product of burning sulfur and at Ijen it looks like a small stream flowing downhill. Getting close getting photos or video is extremely hazardous as toxic sulfur clouds are constantly swirling about in the area. Even if you're wearing a gas mask and goggles, you'll still probably inhale sulfur fumes and have burning eyes. Trying to do this in the dark makes it even more of a challenge because you'll have to turn off your headlamp/flashlight to see the Blue Fire. **Note:** There are only two places in the world where Blue Fire can be seen. One is at Ijen, the other is somewhere in Iceland.



Mark Jones
Descent to the crater



Mark Jones
The Blue Fire



Sulfur miners next to the crater lake

IJEN BLUE FIRE TOUR - THE SULFUR MINERS

The Sulfur Miners: As soon as it's light, the Sulfur Miners begin their day's work. The sulfur mining area is approximately 50 meters above the Blue Fire zone. You'll need to hike back up the trail to see them at work. The miners have installed piping to funnel the liquid sulfur to a flat area where it is set to a solid mass. Once it is solidified, the miners use crow bars to break it off into manageable chunks. While they're doing this, clouds of toxic sulfur fumes are swirling about everywhere. Once enough of the chunks are stacked up, the miner will then begin loading up his carry baskets. They have two baskets suspended off the end of a long pole, which they support on their shoulders during their long climb up to the crater rim. According to my guide, the combined total weight of these baskets is around 60 - 70 kg. These miners are probably doing one of the world's most hazardous jobs and even though they're wearing gas masks and goggles, the sulfur must eventually take a toll on their health. The reward for such difficult and hazardous work is just 1500 IDR per kilo. **Click the following YouTube link to see a highlights video of the Ijen Blue Fire Tour:**



MEGAWORLD ASIA

Off The Beaten Track Travel & Adventure

With
Bonus
Locations

- CAMBODIA
- INDONESIA
- LAOS
- MALAYSIA
- MYANMAR
- PHILIPPINES
- SINGAPORE
- THAILAND
- VIETNAM

For use with
Mobile Phones
and Tablets

With Interactive Links To Google Maps,
YouTube Videos, and Additional Information

MEGAWORLD ASIA