

## INDONESIA TRAVEL TRIPS:

**CAPITAL:** Jakarta

**LANGUAGE:** Bahasa Indonesia is the official language of Indonesia.

**RELIGION:** Approximately 90% of the population in Indonesia are Muslim. Other religions include Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism and Tribal Animalism (in Papua).

**ELECTRICITY:** 127/230 volts AC, 50Hz. Plugs used are European-style with two circular metal pins and British-style with two flat blades and one flat grounding blade.

**LOCAL TIME:** The standard time for Indonesia is calculated from Jakarta. Western Indonesian Time (WIB) is 7 hours ahead of GMT.

### PREPARING TO TRAVEL

#### **PASSPORT & VISA:**

A valid passport is required by all nationalities.

Canadian citizens using a Canadian passport do not require a Visa to visit Indonesia if the visit is for less than 30 days and tourism is the primary purpose.

Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the return date and must contain at least one blank page for the placement of the Indonesian entry stamp.

This information was taken from the Government of Canada's website:  
<https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/indonesia>

It was also verified by the Indonesian Consular Office in Vancouver: 1-604682-8855

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct documentation for our travel program. If you have any questions, please contact the Indonesian Consular Office in Vancouver.

#### **CURRENCY: The Indonesian Rupiah (Rp)**

1 Canadian Dollar = 11,633.85 Rupiahs

Notes are in denominations of Rp100,000, 50,000, 20,000, 10,000, 5,000, 2,000 and 1,000. Coins are in denominations of Rp1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50.

#### **CREDIT CARDS:**

American Express, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in the main tourist areas. In more remote areas, it is best to carry cash in small denominations. ATMs are available in towns and at airports.

#### **ATM:**

ATMs are available in cities and larger towns but be aware that many have a maximum withdrawal limit which can be as high as Rp 3,000,000 or as low as Rp400,000.

#### **BANKING HOURS:**

Typically: Mon-Thurs 0800-1400; Fri 0800-1200; Sat 0800-1100 (some branches).

**CURRENCY RESTRICTION:**

The import and export of local currency is limited to Rp5,000,000; amounts more than that must be declared. The import and export of foreign currency is unlimited. However, amounts exceeding the equivalent of Rp100,000,000 must be declared.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE:**

Although there should be no difficulty exchanging major currencies in the main tourist cities, problems may occur elsewhere. Watch out for on the street money changers who may try to trick visitors out of their cash. The easiest currency to exchange is the US Dollar. Do not accept notes with a lot of visible wear and tear as these may not be accepted by merchants.

**FOOD AND DRINK CAUTIONS:**

Drinking and using bottled water for brushing teeth is advised. Generally, milk is unpasteurized so exercise caution. Powdered or tinned milk is available and is advised. Avoid dairy products when possible. Only eat well-cooked meat and fish. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit peeled.

**DELICIOUS CUISINE:**

The staple diet for most Indonesians is *nasi* (rice), but this is swapped on some islands with other starchy foods such as corn, sago, cassava and sweet potatoes. Whilst there is some similarity to other countries within the region, Indonesia's location as a trade route means the diet has been highly influenced by other cultures like Spain, Portugal and China.

Indonesians like their food highly spiced - look out for the tiny and fiery hot red and green peppers often included in salads and vegetable dishes. Seafood is a regular feature on menus (with salt and freshwater fish, lobsters, oysters, prawns, shrimp, squid, shark and crab all available). Coconuts are often used for cooking. A feature of Jakarta is the many *warungs* (street stalls); each specialises in its own dish or drink.

**TIPPING:**

10% is normal unless a service charge is already included in a restaurant bill.

**REGIONAL DRINKS:**

- Es* (ice drinks with syrups, fruits and jellies)
- Brem* (Bali; rice wine)
- Tuak* (palm-sap wine, a famously potent local brew)
- Arak* (rice or palm-sap wine)
- Kelapa muda* (young coconut juice)

**TEMPATURERS IN DENPASAR (APPROX):**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>MAX TEMP (CEL/FAH)</b>	33/92	32/90	33/92	34/94	33/92	31/89	31/89	30/86	32/90	32/90	33/92	32/90
<b>MIN TEMP (CEL/FAH)</b>	23/74	23/74	23/74	22/72	22/72	21/70	20/68	22/72	22/72	22/72	23/74	22/72
<b>RAINFALL (mm)</b>	348	287	213	94	76	71	51	23	41	91	155	292



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**CLOTHING:**

Dress for temperatures between 34 and 22. Be prepared for the potential of rain. Overall, clothing should be modest. Shorts should be mid-thigh or longer. Sleeveless tops are fine, but it's recommended that you always carry a scarf or lightweight shirt that can be layered when going to temples. Remember to bring a bathing suit and/or beach wear! However, remember to change before participating in any outings.

**VACCINATIONS:**

It is your responsibility to talk to your Doctor about vaccinations that might be required for your trip. The Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce will not make any recommendations.

You can view some information on vaccinations here: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/indonesia>

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

It is highly recommended that you purchase travel insurance from your travel agent. Some credit cards may have travel insurance but it is your responsibility to ensure you understand relevant conditions.

