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The Green Heart of Borneo
BRUNEI
A Kingdom Of Unexplored Treasures

4DAYS 3NIGHTS AMAZING LAKE TOBA

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Day 01: AIRPORT - PARAPAT (LD)



Upon arrival at the airport of **KNIA** being the Indonesia's second largest after Soekarno Hatta International Airport as well as being the first airport with a publicly accessible check-in area and the **first airport train** located in Kuala Namu, Beringin District, Deli Serdang Regency; a regency stands as home for Medan's new airport on the site of what was previously a state owned oil palm plantation formerly known as an ancient Malay-Indonesian monarchy where the name was derived from the two Sultanates which formerly existed in the Region; the sultanate of Serdang and the neighboring Sultanate of Deli, to which it lost some territory, greet and having sightseeing transfer on broad and fast heading east passing through the endless groves and enormous both government & private owned estates planting rubber & oil palms traversed by kilometers stretch of the Trans Sumatra Highway leading up to Pematang Siantar; North Sumatera's second largest city founded by the Dutch in the 19th century, which is the administrative and commercial hub of the Simalungun area; a highland at 400 M above sea level with notably cooler climate, which is today a key plantation region possessing colonial houses amidst the urban clutter. Stop en-route will be at the estates of oil palm & rubber, the Paten Store known as Siantar's Cakes & Snacks center, which offers a wide variety of typical snacks/crackers of Siantar & candied tropical fruits (if available on day of visit) and Vihara Avalokitesvara - a Buddhist Temple, which houses the Statue of Kwan Im (Goddess of Mercy) at 22.8 meter high being the tallest statue of its kind in Indonesia.

Then, the road ascends steadily through oil palm plantation and a vast patch quilt of irrigated sawah with few tombs appear by the roadside following the main road through the mountains on a long gentle slope around the Toba rim taking down through and above a sheer cliff at Sibaganding rounding a corner - where the first glimpse of the Lake is breathtaking - a shimmering sheet of blue with the verdant cliff of Samosir rising steeply from it in the distance to a refreshingly cool town at night & tolerably warm town during the day called Parapat; a welcome relief at ± 900 M, which occupies a small rocky peninsula jutting into the Toba Lake as the gateway to track down the vestiges of traditional Toba culture and to acquaint the colorful but notoriously forthright & aggressive Batak people inhabit a cluster of spectacularly beautiful & fertile volcanic basin at the northern end of Bukit Barisan range mountains' range; Sumatera's dominated topography being a spine of rugged

Day 02: PARAPAT - LAKE TOBA CRUISE - BERASTAGI (BLD)



Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the pier to cruise on Lake Toba, which is one of the awesome natural wonder of the world - a crater lake of such size to the central isle of Samosir where colorful Toba Batak villages cling to the shore passing lovely coves with white sandy beaches & picturesque villages for a day cruise by private ferryboat. First disembarkation would be at Ambarita Village, which has an archaeologically important meeting place for the King of Siallagan that supposedly served as a kind of hall of justice & for those who condemned would be executed in an adjacent clearing with ancient stone walls that were once topped with a thick fence of thorny bamboo. Then, proceed cruising to Tomok Village. Inland walking on the road lined with souvenir shops up to a site to visit one of the Island's most famous sights - the 200 years old boat shaped sarcophagus of King Sidabutar surrounded by those of his descendents. Afterwards, cruise on Lake Toba back to the hotel for lunch.

At the appropriate time, continue driving following the main road through the mountains on a long gentle slope around the Toba rim rounding back a corner through and above a same sheer cliff at Sibaganding to a turnoff to the left following a side road via a hardly asphalted with gravel bases road surface but scenic side road following a forested ridge overlooking the Lakewhere most smallholders grow Arabica Coffee, which is said to follow a parenting program issued by one of the famous coffee producer to the hill top guesthouse of Simarjarunjung offering magnificent views back across the Lake.

Back on the road hugs the high rim of the ancient caldera skirting the lake and brushing the bare slope of Mt. Singgalang (1.865 M) to a left hand turn leads to Pematang Purba seeing the wooden palace (Ruma Bolon) of the former Simalungun ruler built in the style of traditional adat house, which is said to be more than 200 years and has been restored as a museum. Then proceed upward on a vastly more scenic back road across the Karo Plateau that skirts the northeastern edge of the Toba caldera where the road touches the northern rim of the Toba basin following a side road to the Tongging Hill; a

nearby vantage point offers great vistas of the lake and the fall known as Sipiso piso, which shoots out a cave at the edge of the plateau and plunges 120 m straight down to a small gushing stream below.

Proceed driving through foothills plains skirting the northern edge of Karo highland to the Dokan; one of Karonese villages where most adat houses have multiple decorative gables topped with realistically modeled buffalo heads with open floor plan in which eight related families, each with its own hearth live together under a single upswept or rectangular roof of ijuk thatch interspersed with more modern ones.

Then, driving upward through lush country road on the eastern edge of the highland past scattered market gardens grown abundantly to the delightfully cool & picturesque town of Berastagi formerly known as Dutch scenic hill station; a verdant plateau at 1,330 M elevation with deliciously mild climate during the day & bracing at night, which is as Northern Sumatera's green grocer for market gardens; vegetables, flowers and fruit farming including the enormous yellow passion fruits made into a refreshing cordial to mix with water where the broad main street is lined with stalls and hotels to graduate on the western edge of town at Gundaling Hill (1.496 m) rises some 110 m above the surrounding plateau with a park at the top provides good views of volcanoes, which is dominated immediately to the north by smoking Mt. Sibayak (2.094 m) and further to the west is higher Mt. Sinabung (2.451 m) and then down to the Fruit Market selling wonderfully fresh fruits, flowers, vegetables & other goodies. Afterwards, transfer to the hotel in Berastagi for accommodation and dinner.

Day 03: BERASTAGI -MEDAN (BLD)

Breakfast at the hotel.



Afterwards, proceed driving down on the forested foothills of the Bukit Barisan mountains range, where S-turns affords rewarding panoramic view through the Nature Reserved of Sibolangit known for its pleasant patch of undisturbed rainforest amidst giant ferns & moss covered trees, which lies on an escarpment overlooking the lowlands passing Sembaha being a favorite haunt of friendly locals for weekend getaways by the fresh water river to Medan; the provincial capital of North Sumatera, which is a cosmopolitan city of over 2 million inhabitants and a booming commercial center for the region's huge oil and agro businesses where the pre-independence population of Chinese, Indians, Javanese and Europeans has been swamped by an influx of indigenous Sumaterans predominantly Bataks, but also Acehnese, Malays and Minangkabau with stop en-route at the smaller replica of The Shwedagon Pagoda officially titled *Shwedagon Zedi Daw*, also known as the Great Dagon Pagoda and the Golden Pagoda with 46.8 meters height, which is constructed with almost all of the pagoda components came from Myanmar and other scenic views. Upon arrival in Medan, proceed for a short city tour of Medan visiting the Church of Mary Annai Velangkanni; the uniqueness of the church lies in the originality of its Indo - Mogul architecture (Tamil Nadu), ornaments & displays of color resembling a towering temple, the Market Place; one of traditional food market in town, which displays an overwhelming quality & variety of fresh produce, meat, fish & chickens sold amidst a splendid chaos of noises, which are mass & crowds of shopper.

Afterwards proceed driving to Kampung Keling; a busy commercial center, is as its names implies the original center of Medan's Indian community with the famous high walled Sri Mariamman Temple devoted to the goddess Kali built in 1884 - the entrance is topped by a small ornamental pyramidal gateway and to the Chinese Temple where a big portion of Chinese community in Medan still practice an esoteric form of Buddhism imbued with Taoism.

Then driving through the Polonia area, which was the fashionable colonial residential neighborhood and lavish houses still line its broad shady boulevard to the Great Mosque, which is another of the Sultan of Deli's legacies constructed in 1906 being the largest and most beautiful mosque in Northern Sumatera with its imposing tiled archway with royal burial ground, where one may see also the tall water tower adopted as a symbol of the municipality of Medan back along the main street. One block to the west across the single track railway is the Sultan's Palace, which is also known as "The Yellow Palace" or "Maimoon Palace" being the ceremonial palace of the Sultans of Deli with its yellow trim & typical east coast Malay architecture with living quarters occupied by the Sultan's families established in 1888 and became the centre of the Deli kingdom with a Karo Batak Style called balai or open pavilion built to house the Meriam Buntung - the stub of an ancient iron, which is associated with the legendary of Green Princess - heroine of Deli's war against Aceh in the 16th century. Then, transfer the hotel for accommodation and dinner. Lunch is served en route.

Day 04: HOTEL - AIRPORT (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

At the appropriate time, transfer northeastwardly to the airport of KNIA to catch the flight of onward destination.

Tour Ends

MINIMUM 2 TO GO -

BND303 PER.PERSON (STANDARD)

BND444 PER.PERSON (SUPERIOR)

BND480 PER.PERSON (DELUXE)

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED:

• **STANDARD**

Parapat : Danau Toba Cottage (3*STD) or Similar

Berastagi : Danau Toba Cottage (3*STD) or Similar

Medan : Garuda Plaza Hotel (3*SUP) or Similar

• **SUPERIOR**

Parapat : Niagara Hotel (4*ROH) or Similar

Berastagi : Mikie Holiday (4*Mikie) or Similar

Medan : Tiara Hotel (4*SUP) or Similar

• **Deluxe**

Parapat : Niagara Hotel (4*ROH) or Similar

Berastagi : Mikie Holiday (4*MIKIE) or Similar

Medan : JW Marriot Hotel (5*Deluxe) or Similar

INCLUDED:

- Nightly accommodation is based on twin sharing at designated category of room with daily breakfast
- Transfer and sightseeing tour by ac-private vehicle with English Speaking guide
- Assistance & luggage handling at the airport
- Specified meals with Indonesian menu at Asia Standard
- Any available admission/entrance fees to sites of interest stated
- One ferry boat (double deck - flat bottom wooden boat) for Lake Toba cruise & visit
- 1 bottles (medium size) of mineral water per person
- And others as disclosed in the tour program.

EXCLUDED:

- Flight tickets & airport taxes
- Donations
- Gratuities/tips
- Personal expenses
- **Peak season surcharge (if available)**
- Increase of fuel price
- And others not mentioned above.

CHILD POLICY (02 - 12 YEARS OLD & TRAVELLING TOGETHER WITH PARENTS):

- Child under 02 years of age is free of charge, except for activities
- Child in Twin Sharing: 10% discount from Adult price
- Child with Extra Bed: 25% discount from Adult price
- Child with no Bed: 50% discount from Adult price

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- Package rates are quoted NETT in Brunei Dollars and subject to change
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- Minimum 30 working days advance booking
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