



— CULTURAL, WILDLIFE & TRIBAL JOURNEY · SUMATRA, INDONESIA

# Sumatra Grand Expedition

*North Sumatra · Minangkabau · Mentawai Tribe —  
fourteen days across the island's most extraordinary  
landscapes, cultures, and wildlife.*

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# One island. Fourteen days. An entire world of landscape, culture, and wildlife.

The Sumatra Grand Expedition is a 14-day journey through the island's most diverse landscapes — from the rainforests of North Sumatra and the volcanic beauty of Lake Toba, to the cultural highlands of Minangkabau and the remote jungles of the Mentawai Islands.

Along the way, travelers encounter orangutans in the wild, explore crater lakes and karst valleys, and experience living traditions that continue to shape Sumatra today. Guests stay in traditional villages, engage with local communities, explore colonial mining heritage, and live alongside a Mentawai Sikerei (shaman) in the forest.

Carefully paced and expertly guided, this expedition balances cultural immersion, adventure, and comfort — offering a rare and respectful way to explore Sumatra in its entirety.

LAKE TOBA

ORANGUTAN TREKKING

UNESCO HERITAGE

ALL-INCLUSIVE

TRIBAL IMMERSION

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*A rare and respectful way to explore Sumatra — from jungle to volcano, from palace to shaman's fire.*

THE GRAND EXPEDITION

# Sumatra *Unfiltered*

NORTH SUMATRA · MINANGKABAU ·  
MENTAWAI · INDONESIA

# I North Sumatra — Orangutans & *Lake Toba*



## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Arrival at Kualanamu International Airport (KNO)
- Meet & greet with English-speaking guide
- Scenic overland drive to Bukit Lawang
- Check-in at Eco-Lodge by the river
- Free time to explore the riverbank & settle in

## Arrival at *Bukit Lawang* OI

KUALANAMU AIRPORT → ECO-LODGE

 OVERNIGHT · ECO-LODGE, BUKIT LAWANG

### THE GATEWAY TO LEUSER

*Bukit Lawang sits on the edge of Gunung Leuser National Park — one of the last places on earth where orangutans live wild and free.*

5-6 HRS TREKKING

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast at eco-lodge
- Full-day guided jungle trekking (approx. 5-6 hours)
- Observe **orangutans & wildlife** in their natural habitat — ethical, non-intrusive encounters
- Jungle picnic lunch on the trail
- Return to lodge & free evening

DAY TWO

Orangutan  
Trekking

GUNUNG LEUSER NATIONAL PARK

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## IN THEIR WORLD

Encounters are guided by ethical principles — keeping safe distances and letting the orangutans set the terms of every interaction.



DAY THREE

# To Lake Toba

BUKIT LAWANG → PARAPAT · LAKE TOBA

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Early breakfast & check-out
- Scenic full-day overland journey to Lake Toba
- Lunch en route
- Check-in at lakeside hotel
- Relax lakeside & enjoy the sunset over the caldera

### THE LARGEST VOLCANIC LAKE

Formed by a supervolcanic eruption 74,000 years ago — at 100km long, Lake Toba is the largest volcanic lake on earth and one of Sumatra's most iconic sights.



OVERNIGHT · LAKE TOBA, PARAPAT

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast at hotel
- Ferry across to Samosir Island
- Visit Batak villages & stone chairs of King Siallagan
- Cultural explanation of Batak traditions & heritage
- Lunch on Samosir Island
- Return ferry to Parapat



DAY FOUR

Samosir *Island*

BATAK HERITAGE · LAKE TOBA CALDERA

## BATAK HERITAGE

*The stone throne of King Siallagan is a living reminder of the Batak kingdom — ancient, powerful, and still presiding over the most beautiful lake in Sumatra.*

# II Minangkabau — Culture, Heritage & *Highlands*

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LAKE TOBA → MEDAN → PADANG (FLIGHT)

DRIVE 4 HRS · FLIGHT 1 HR



DAY FIVE

## Fly to *Padang*

LAKE TOBA → MEDAN → PADANG

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### TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast & check-out
- Drive to Medan Airport
- **Flight** Medan → Padang
- Arrival in Padang & transfer to hotel
- Free time to relax, enjoy a hot shower & recover

### TRANSITION DAY

*A well-earned rest at Hotel Pangeran Beach — a comfortable beachfront base before the Minangkabau highlands chapter begins.*

 OVERNIGHT · HOTEL PANGERAN BEACH, PADANG

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast & drive toward Sawahlunto
- Explore Solok rice fields & local market experience
- Bajamba traditional communal lunch
- Continue to Sawahlunto — visit **Lubang Mbah Suro** (UNESCO-listed mining tunnel)
- Explore Museum Goedang Ransoem
- Check-in at Sawahlunto hotel

DAY SIX

# Solok & Sawahlunto

RICE FIELDS · UNESCO MINING HERITAGE

## OMBILIN COAL MINING HERITAGE

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2019 — Sawahlunto's remarkable colonial mining landscape is one of the most complete of its kind in Asia.



DAY SEVEN

# Silokek & Sijunjung

GEOPARK · KARST LANDSCAPE · RUMAH GADANG

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast & check-out
- Explore **Silokek Geopark**— dramatic karst landscapes & river views
- Lunch en route
- Drive to Sijunjung Traditional Village
- Cultural interaction with the local Minangkabau community
- Check-in to Traditional Rumah Gadang homestay

### SILOKEK GEOPARK

One of West Sumatra's most dramatic and undervisited landscapes — limestone karst towers, clear rivers, and a geological story millions of years in the making.



OVERNIGHT · RUMAH GADANG, SIJUNJUNG

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast in the village
- Village life activities & traditional farming experience
- **Minang cooking class** with the host family
- Cultural performances: **Randai, Silek** (martial art), **Talempong & Saluang** (music)
- Dinner with the local family

DAY EIGHT

# Minangkabau Immersion

VILLAGE LIFE · COOKING · PERFORMANCE

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## A FULL DAY OF CULTURE

*Randai, Silek, Talempong — living traditions passed down through generations, performed tonight in your honour by the village community.*

DAY NINE

# Lake Singkarak & Bukittinggi

SINGKARAK · NGARAI SIANOK · JAM  
GADANG

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast & farewell to the Rumah Gadang
- Scenic stop at **Lake Singkarak**
- Visit Padang Panjang Railway Station
- Explore **Ngarai Sianok** (Sianok Canyon) or Lobang Jepang
- Sunset at **Jam Gadang**— Bukittinggi's iconic clock tower

### SIANOK CANYON

A dramatic gorge cutting through the centre of Bukittinggi — steep green walls, a winding river below, and one of West Sumatra's most arresting landscapes.

± 95 KM · 3 HRS

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast & free time in Bukittinggi
- Drive to Padang
- Explore **Padang Old Town** & colonial-era waterfront
- Visit the **Grand Mosque of West Sumatra**
- Check-in at Hotel Pangeran Padang

DAY TEN

# Return to *Padang*

BUKITTINGGI → PADANG OLD TOWN

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OVERNIGHT · HOTEL PANGERAN BEACH,  
PADANG

## BEFORE THE JUNGLE

*One final night of comfort before the expedition's most extraordinary chapter — the fast boat leaves early tomorrow morning.*

FAST BOAT · 4 HRS



## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Early breakfast & transfer to Muaro Harbor
- Fast boat to Siberut Island (approx. 4 hours)
- River boat & jungle walk to the Uma
- Welcome ceremony by the **Sikerei (shaman)** & his family
- Dinner & storytelling around the fire

DAY ELEVEN

Into *Siberut*

PADANG → SIBERUT · MENTAWAI ISLANDS

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## THE UMA WELCOMES YOU

*The shaman's welcome fire, the sound of the jungle at night, and the warmth of a family who has opened their home — the Mentawai chapter has begun.*

OVERNIGHT · TRADITIONAL UMA, SIBERUT

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast in the village
- Learn traditional hunting poison preparation
- Traditional archery lesson with the Shaman
- Sago processing— the Mentawai staple food
- Fishing with traditional nets with local women
- River bathing & village interaction
- Dinner together with the community

DAY TWELVE

# Daily Life & *Survival*

VILLAGE · FOREST · RIVER

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### PARTICIPANTS, NOT SPECTATORS

*Every activity today reflects thousands of years of living in balance with the forest — you are not watching, you are doing.*



DAY THIRTEEN

# Ritual & Ceremony

TATTOO · TURUK LAGGAI · FAREWELL

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Morning jungle walk
- Traditional **Mentawai tattoo** explanation & symbolic meaning session
- Trap hunting lesson & construction
- Cultural preparation for ceremony
- **Turuk Laggai**— the sacred ceremonial dance inspired by jungle animals
- Farewell dinner with the tribe

### THE TURUK LAGGAI

*The sacred dance of the Mentawai — performed by firelight, channelling the spirits of the jungle. One of the most profound ceremonial experiences in Indonesia.*

OVERNIGHT · TRADITIONAL UMA,  
SIBERUT

### TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Early breakfast & farewell with the Shaman & his family
- Return to harbor
- Fast boat back to Padang (approx. 4 hours)
- Transfer to Minangkabau International Airport
- End of service — and the beginning of a lifelong memory



DAY FOURTEEN

## Return to Padang

SIBERUT → PADANG · DEPARTURE

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→ END OF JOURNEY · MINANGKABAU AIRPORT

### FOURTEEN DAYS WELL SPENT

*Orangutans in the wild. The world's largest volcanic lake. A Minangkabau village. And three nights in the jungle with a Mentawai shaman. This is Sumatra — entire.*

— WHAT'S INCLUDED

# Trip Inclusions

## GUIDES, MEALS & EXPERIENCES

- ✓ English-speaking guide throughout
- ✓ Licensed ranger for orangutan trekking
- ✓ Mentawai Sikerei guide & ceremonial access
- ✓ All meals throughout (3x daily)
- ✓ All cultural & ritual activities
- ✓ All national park & entry fees
- ✓ Samosir Island ferry (return)
- ✓ Minang cooking class
- ✓ Bajamba traditional lunch experience
- ✓ Donation to Shaman & local communities

## TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ Eco-Lodge, Bukit Lawang **2 NIGHT**
- ✓ Hotel, Lake Toba **2 NIGHT**
- ✓ Hotel Pangeran Beach, Padang **2 NIGHT**
- ✓ Sawahlunto Heritage Hotel **1 NIGHT**
- ✓ Rumah Gadang, Sijunjung **2 NIGHT**
- ✓ Hotel, Bukittinggi **1 NIGHTS**
- ✓ Traditional Uma, Siberut **3 NIGHTS**
- ✓ Airport pick-up (Medan) & drop-off (Padang)
- ✓ All private land transport throughout
- ✓ Internal flight Medan → Padang
- ✓ Fast boat Padang ⇌ Siberut (return)



### DESIGNED WITH RESPECT

*Designed with consent, fair compensation, and an unwavering commitment to local ownership — ensuring every rupiah spent on this journey benefits the communities who make it extraordinary.*