



— DEEP CULTURE · SIBERUT ISLAND, INDONESIA

# Mentawai *Cultural* Immersion

*A private, slow-travel expedition into one of Indonesia's last living indigenous traditions.*

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# Where ancient traditions are still lived, not performed.

The Mentawai Tribe Immersive Experience is a six-day private cultural expedition into the heart of Siberut Island — one of the oldest inhabited islands in the Indonesian archipelago.

Guided by a Mentawai Sikerei (shaman) and hosted by his family, this journey goes far beyond observation. Guests live in a traditional Uma, take part in daily subsistence activities, learn sacred rituals, and share meals, stories, and ceremonies with the community.

Designed for travelers seeking authenticity, respect, and cultural depth, this experience offers rare access to one of Indonesia's oldest indigenous cultures, balanced with thoughtful logistics and comfort in Padang before and after the jungle stay.

DEEP CULTURE

COMMUNITY-LED

ALL-INCLUSIVE

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*An invitation to witness and participate in a way of life that has endured for thousands of years.*

ABOUT THE JOURNEY

# The Mentawai Islands

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SIBERUT ISLAND · WEST SUMATRA · INDONESIA



DAY ONE

# Arrival in *Padang*

MINANGKABAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Arrival at Minangkabau International Airport (PDG)
- Meet & greet by the West Sumatra Traveler team
- Private transfer to Hotel Pangeran Beach Padang
- Hotel check-in and orientation briefing
- Free time to settle in and rest

## GOOD TO KNOW

*A comfortable beachfront hotel — the ideal base for arrival rest and pre-departure preparation.*

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

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- Early breakfast at hotel

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- **05:30**— Transfer to Muaro Padang Harbor

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- **07:00**— Fast Boat Mentawai Fast: Padang to Siberut

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- Arrival at Siberut & meet local guide

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- Traditional boat ride & light jungle walk to Mentawai Tribe village

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- Welcome ceremony by Sikerei (Shaman) & his family

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- Introduction to Mentawai culture, Uma & daily life

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- Explore river & surrounding forest

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- Dinner with the Shaman & family

DAY TWO

# Into the *Jungle*

PADANG → SIBERUT ISLAND

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### CULTURAL NOTE

*The Uma is the communal longhouse at the heart of Mentawai social life — living here is a rare privilege.*



DAY THREE

# Survival & Daily Life

DEEP IN SIBERUT JUNGLE

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Breakfast in the village
- Learn the art of making traditional hunting poison
- Traditional archery lesson with the Shaman
- Learn making Kabit & sago processing
- Hunting sago worms in the forest
- Traditional communal lunch
- Catching fish using traditional nets with local women
- River bathing & village interaction
- Dinner together with the community

## HANDS-ON LEARNING

*Every activity reflects thousands of years of living in balance with the forest — you are a participant, not a spectator.*

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

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- Morning jungle walk

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- Traditional Mentawai tattoo experience — symbolic explanation & cultural meaning

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- Learn traditional trap hunting & how to construct one

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- Lunch in the village

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- Cultural preparation for the ceremony

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- Turuk Laggai — the sacred ceremonial dance inspired by jungle animals

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- Farewell dinner with the tribe



DAY FOUR

# Ritual & Ceremony

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MENTAWAI SACRED TRADITIONS

### SACRED CEREMONY

*The Turuk Laggai channels the spirits of the jungle — one of the most profound expressions of Mentawai identity.*



### TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- Early wake up & sunrise jungle coffee
- Pack up & heartfelt farewell with the Shaman and his family
- Return journey to harbor by traditional boat
- **15:00**— Fast Boat: Siberut → Padang
- Arrival in Padang
- Transfer to Hotel Pangeran Padang
- Check-in & free time to decompress

DAY FIVE

## Return Journey

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OVERNIGHT · HOTEL PANGERAN  
BEACH, PADANG

### A MOMENT TO REFLECT

*Sunrise jungle coffee on your final Uma morning — let the forest ease you gently back to the world.*

### TODAY'S PROGRAMME

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- Breakfast at Hotel Pangeran

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- Free time to explore Padang or rest

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- Transfer to Minangkabau International Airport

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- End of service



DAY SIX

# Departure from *Padang* 06

MINANGKABAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

→ END OF JOURNEY · UNTIL NEXT TIME

#### UNTIL NEXT TIME

*We hope you carry not just memories, but a genuine connection to a culture that has endured for millennia.*



— WHAT'S INCLUDED

# Trip Inclusions

## ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

- ✓ Airport pick-up & drop-off in Padang
- ✓ 2 nights at Hotel Pangeran Beach Padang
- ✓ 3 nights at the Traditional Uma (Mentawai Tribe)
- ✓ Fast Boat Padang ⇌ Siberut (return)
- ✓ All land transport in Padang
- ✓ Traditional local boat in Siberut
- ✓ All entry tickets

## GUIDES, MEALS & COMMUNITY

- ✓ Dedicated local guide & translator
- ✓ Sikerei (Shaman) guide & ceremonial access
- ✓ All cultural and ritual activities
- ✓ All meals throughout the journey (3x daily)
- ✓ Donation for Shaman & local community
- ✓ Fair compensation to all Mentawai families involved



### OUR COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL TOURISM

*Designed with community consent and fair compensation — ensuring cultural respect and direct benefit to the Mentawai families involved.*