

GREAT JAVA RAIL TOUR



**Tour
de Force**
TRAVEL

Dear Traveller,

We have great pleasure in enclosing our
2024 GREAT JAVA RAIL TOUR brochure.

Since I first conducted the tour way back in 1985, hundreds of happy travellers have returned with glowing reports – in fact it is flattering to note, several travellers have repeated the tour not just once – but three times!

The journey though Java encompasses train travel in a comfortable, reclining seat carriage together with a special lounge car, both for our exclusive use. These are attached to daylight trains and traverse Java's spectacular tropical scenery.

To make the tour relaxing, every night is fully accommodated in beautiful four-star hotels with a minimum stopover of two nights. All this with most meals included. In fact, one hotel, the Tugu Park in Malang is listed as one of the 100 most beautiful hotels in the world!

Travelling through Java by train is an absolute treat and a truly fascinating way to view the pristine rural hinterland of Java. Just sit back and watch the ever-changing panorama at your window whilst lunch and refreshments are served at your seat.

For avid train buffs a chartered vintage train excursion behind a 120-year-old steam locomotive is sure to delight!

As well, you will enjoy heaps of wonderful side trips where you can meet the locals and discover their unique culture and way of life.

Bookings for the tour are again expected to be heavy so we suggest, to avoid disappointment, you contact Carol at Tour de Force Travel today on 9246 2177 or email travel@tourdeforce.com.au to register your booking.

I look forward to having you aboard!

Kevin Pearce
Tour Manager



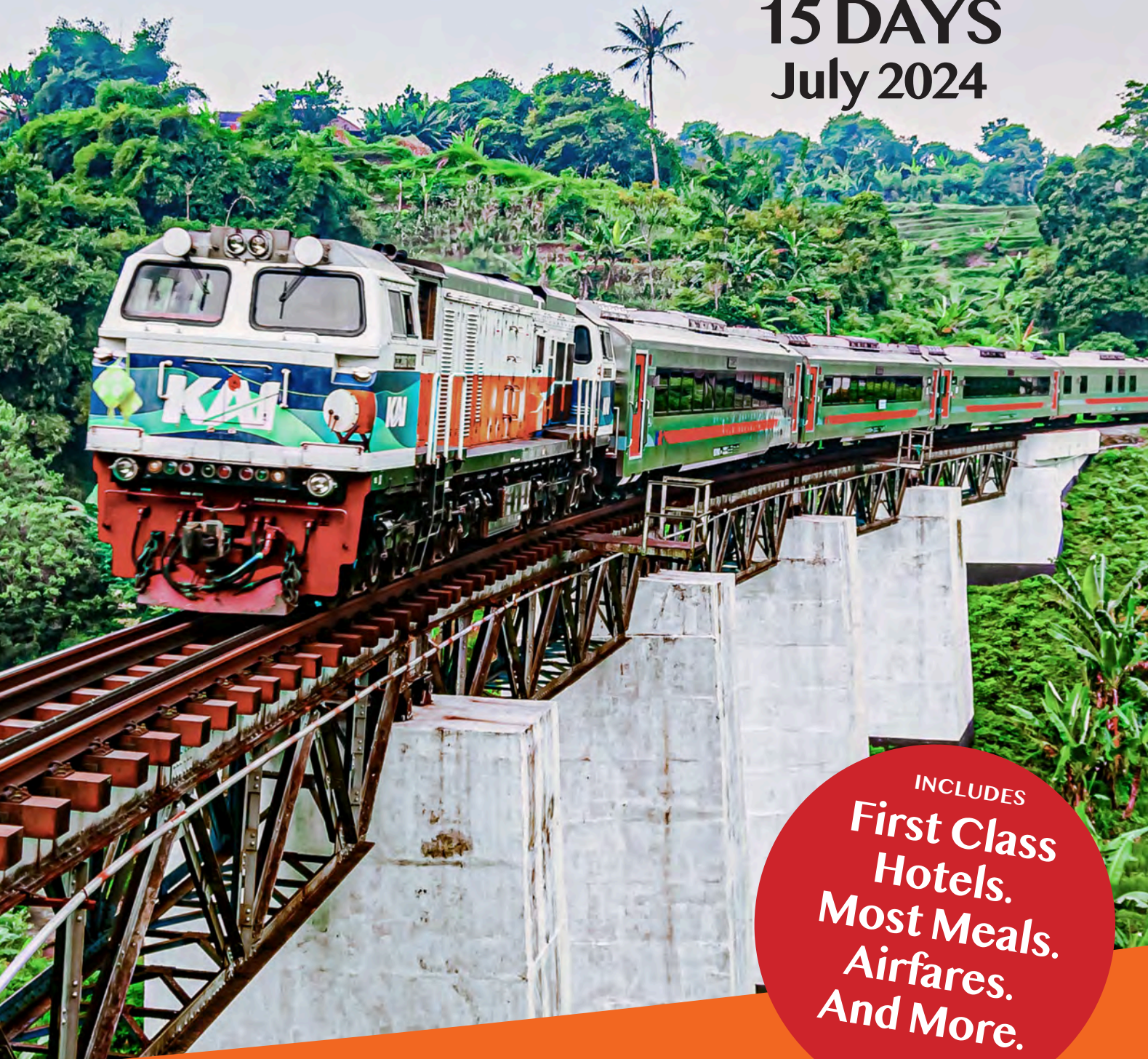
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2024 FULLY ESCORTED

GREAT JAVA RAIL TOUR

15 DAYS
July 2024



INCLUDES
First Class
Hotels.
Most Meals.
Airfares.
And More.

Java is a world on its own



Stretch out, Relax, and watch the breathtaking scenery go by.

This specially designed rail tour traverses the island in a privately attached carriage aboard Daylight express trains specially chartered for our tour group.

Lunch and refreshments are served direct to your seat as the spectacular, ever-changing scenery fills your panorama window.

\$6798 per person share twin
\$1350 - single room supplement

Day 1 - Sunday 28 July PERTH - JAKARTA

Your tour escorts **Kevin Pearce & Rory Oktaviono** will be on hand at the Perth International Airport to assist with check-in formalities before boarding your direct flight to Jakarta. On arrival into Jakarta we are met by our local agent and transferred to our centrally located hotel for breakfast and early check-in. **This evening we enjoy a welcome party at our hotel with drinks and entertainment.**

AKMANI HOTEL (BD)

Day 2 - Monday 29 July JAKARTA SIGHTS

This morning our city sights tour will introduce you to the many delights of both the old and new Jakarta. We see the National Monument, Chinatown and the Jalan Surabaya flea market. A special highlight is the **Sunda Kelapa harbour** where you can see the tall-masted Bugis schooners – the largest fleet of commercial sailing ships in the world today. Tonight we enjoy a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

AKMANI HOTEL (BD)

Day 3 - Tuesday 30 July MINI INDONESIA TOUR

This morning we visit **Taman Mini Indonesia** (Indonesia in miniature). This beautiful 170 hectare park features the ethnic culture and traditions of the country with permanent exhibits of traditional architecture native to the 28 provinces.

This afternoon is free time for shopping in the nearby department stores close to our hotel.

AKMANI HOTEL (B)

Includes:

- Direct Perth–Jakarta return flights.
- Porterage throughout the tour of one suitcase per person.

- Most meals as indicated on the tour itinerary: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner

- Accommodation each night in four and five star hotels.

- Day time only train journeys in a private sitting car plus lounge car exclusively for our group.

- Clean, spacious train restroom with western toilet and

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:



Gaze from the crater's edge into the Tangkuban Perahu volcano.



Eighth century Borobudur Buddhist Temple.



Specially chartered vintage train excursion behind an 1896 German-built steam locomotive.



Stay in the splendour of the Tugu Park Hotel with its beautiful artworks and antiques.



Watch as village school children perform in a traditional bamboo orchestra.

Day 4 - Wednesday 31 July JAKARTA - BANDUNG

After breakfast we check out and transfer to the nearby Gambir Railway Station in readiness to board the **"Argo Parahyangan" Express** to **Bandung**. Leaving bustling Jakarta behind our train soon reaches the more tranquil highlands. Spectacular, breathtaking scenery abounds as the train passes over huge bridges and viaducts constructed more than 100 years ago by the Dutch. On reaching Bandung lunch is provided at a local restaurant before we visit **Saung Angklung Udjo** to enjoy a traditional performance of angklung music. This orchestral performance played on tinkling bamboo instruments by scores of school children is guaranteed to enchant you! After the performance we check in to our hotel which is located in the heart of Bandung's restaurant and nightlife area. Dinner is provided at our hotel.

DE BRAGA HOTEL (BLD)

Day 5 - Thursday 01 August CRATER EXCURSION

A spectacular day unfolds as we drive up into the mountains to the resort of **Lembang**. We pause to visit the many fruit and vegetable markets before continuing our climb to the **Tangkuban Perahu volcano**. After stepping down from the bus you can walk to the actual rim of this still active volcano. On our return we

visit the **Ciater Hot Springs** where there is time for a refreshing swim in the hot mineral baths before our lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, you may wish to join your tour escorts for an optional dinner at a local restaurant.

DE BRAGA HOTEL (BLD)

Day 6 - Friday 02 August BANDUNG-YOGYAKARTA

After breakfast we transfer to the Bandung Railway Station to board our special private carriage attached to the morning express train to Yogyakarta. Today's journey takes us through fascinating rural countryside passing terraced paddy fields, plantations and villages. Lunch is served on board by our catering crew as you enjoy the superb scenery.

Mid afternoon we arrive in **Yogyakarta** one of the foremost cultural centres and former capital of the ancient Javanese Kingdom, where we are transferred to our central hotel. This evening dinner is provided in the hotel's garden restaurant.

MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (BLD)

Day 7 - Saturday 03 August SOLO STEAM TRAIN EXCURSION

Today we transfer to the Yogya train station to board the local commuter train for the one-hour journey to Solo. We alight at Purwasari station to board our waiting steam train. The two 1929's wooden coaches are hauled by a 1896 German



attendant in the lounge car.

• Special money change service throughout the tour.

• Services of two tour managers plus local assistants.



15 AMAZING DAYS ... Classic Javanese hotels and unique tasty flavours

PLUS a wealth of Surprising Attractions few have ever seen!

Departs Perth – Sunday 28 July 2024

-built locomotive for six kilometres along the side of Solo's main street to Sangkrah Station. After our steam excursion we have lunch at a local Chinese restaurant before continuing our sights of Solo and return to Yogya by road coach.

MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (BL)

Day 8 - Sunday 04 August

BOROBUDUR TEMPLE TOUR

Our sightseeing tour today takes us to one of the great wonders of the world – the mighty 8th century **Borobudur Buddhist Temple**. A local guide will lead you and there will be ample time to explore this historic site. This evening we travel by traditional **becak** (Trishaw) transport to Purawisata where we will enjoy the open-air **Ramayana Ballet** performance accompanied by a traditional **Javanese gamelan orchestra**. An Indonesian buffet dinner is provided before the show commences.

MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (BLD)

Day 9 - Monday 05 August

YOGYAKARTA AT LEISURE

Today is a free day to explore the city on your own. Alternatively, you might wish to take an optional city tour visiting the batik factory and silver works. Your guide will be happy to assist you with arrangements.

MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (B)

Day 10 - Tuesday 06 August

YOGYAKARTA-MALANG

After breakfast we check out from our hotel and transfer to the station to board our private carriage. Our journey takes us on the main Surabaya line as far as Kertosono where we

take the southern scenic branch line via Kediri and Blitar, the latter being the burial place of Soekarno, Indonesia's first president. On arrival into Malang we check in to our hotel the Tugu Park, listed as one of the world's 100 most beautiful hotels. Dinner tonight is served in the hotel's garden restaurant.

TUGU PARK HOTEL (BLD)

Day 11 - Wednesday 07 August

MALANG – SELECTA SIGHTSEEING

The delightfully cool town of **Malang** is nestled between a group of mountains, and offers the visitor a more tranquil escape after the bustling coastal cities on Java. Our tour today will take us through the main shopping precinct with many vestiges of the Dutch colonial past still evident. We continue into the highlands and pass many plant and flower shops, fruit markets and produce stalls before reaching the recreational area of **Selecta**. Lunch is provided at a scenic hillside restaurant. Tonight's Indonesian buffet dinner is at a nearby local restaurant.

TUGU PARK HOTEL (BLD)

Day 12 - Thursday 08 August

MALANG-SURABAYA

This morning, enjoy free time before we transfer to the station to board the local train for the two hour journey to **Surabaya**. Our accommodation is at a delightful colonial time hotel with a rich history and currently celebrating its 114th birthday. **The Majapahit Hotel** was built by Lucas Martin Sarkies of the famous Armenian family whose collection of grand hotels included the Raffles in Singapore. Tonight's dinner is served poolside in the hotel.

HOTEL MAJAPAHIT (BD)

Day 13 - Friday 09 August

SURABAYA SIGHTS

Surabaya is Indonesia's second largest city. It is the main seaport and commercial centre for the eastern region of Indonesia. Our city sights tour will show us some of the city's historic buildings, the central business area, and the local Arab markets. The **island of Madura** lies just off the coast of Surabaya. The island is connected to the mainland of Java by the **5.4km Suramadu Bridge**, the longest in Indonesia. We journey across the bridge and stop for shopping at the roadside textile markets. Lunch is provided at a local restaurant. This evening we enjoy dinner at a city steak house with an ice cold Bintang Beer included.

HOTEL MAJAPAHIT (BLD)

Day 14 - Saturday 10 August

SURABAYA - JAKARTA

After breakfast we transfer to Surabaya's **Pasar Turi Railway Station** to board our private carriage for the train journey to Jakarta. Our return journey travels along the north coast passing through two major cities, **Semarang and Cirebon**. Morning tea and lunch are served on board and later farewell drinks with entertainment in the lounge car before our late afternoon arrival into **Jakarta** where we transfer to our hotel.

AKMANI HOTEL (BL)

Day 15 - SUNDAY 11 August

JAKARTA-PERTH

After breakfast there is some free time before we check out from our hotel and transfer to a local restaurant for lunch before heading to the airport for our flight home and the end of your Great Java Rail Tour.

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YOUR TOUR MANAGERS



KEVIN



RORY

Trains are both a passion and a way of life for a surprising number of people. Some love the modern speed-record shattering kind. Others can't get enough of the vintage trains that were so instrumental in building our modern world. Train buff KEVIN PEARCE and Indonesia expert RORY OKTAVIONO can't wait to join you aboard this spectacular Java rail adventure. Trust in their expertise to look after you from start to finish!



Tour Conditions and Special Terms

Deposits & Payments

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 per person together with a signed booking form is required to confirm your reservation.

Final payment is due 65 days prior to travel. Credit card payments will attract a merchant fee.

Cancellation Policy

If cancelled outside of 65-days prior to travel, a cancellation fee of loss of deposit applies.

Less than 65 days prior to departure 100% of tour cost.

No refunds can be given to passengers who join the tour after its commencement, or leave the tour early. Additionally, no refunds can be given for meals, accommodation or excursions not utilised on the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is compulsory and is available from Tour de Force Travel. It is recommended that insurance be purchased at the same time as paying your deposit.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Cost of Comprehensive Travel Insurance which is compulsory
- All passport and visa application fees, if necessary
- Any expenditure of a personal nature e.g. Telephone calls, laundry, mini-bar, drinks etc.
- Any meals which are not included in the itinerary
- Any additional fees and charges due to changes in entrance fees

RESPONSIBILITY

Tour de Force Travel reserves the right to alter or omit any part of the itinerary or change of reservation, features and/or means of conveyance without any notice and for any reason whatsoever.

We reserve the right to take any reasonable action should your health, actions or behaviour impinge on the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other passengers.

GROUP DEPARTURE

The tour will operate with a minimum of 20 and maximum of 42 passengers.

AIRLINE

Due to post pandemic operational complexities in the airline industry, flight schedules and routing may be subject to changes. Additionally, air fares are subject to increase.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tour prices are based on land rates, taxes and exchange rates, current at time of printing. These are subject to change without prior notice until final payment has been made. Hotels can be subject to change depending on availability and circumstances beyond our control. Costs are based on group prices and are subject to a minimum of 20 passengers travelling together. Tour de Force Travel reserves the right to re-cost the tour should minimum numbers not be met.

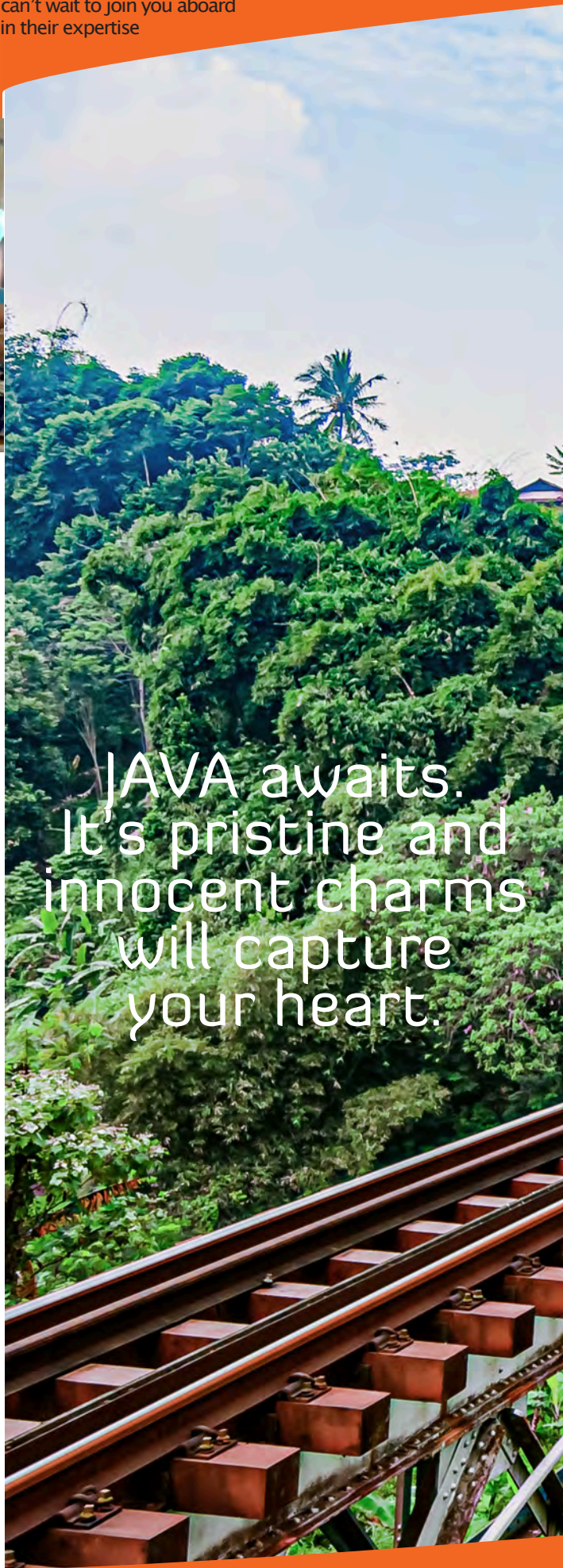
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It's pristine and
innocent charms
will capture
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