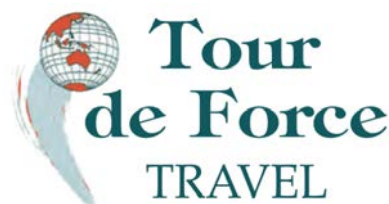


GREAT JAVA RAIL TOUR



Dear Traveller,

We are thrilled to present to you our **2025 GREAT JAVA RAIL TOUR** brochure! Since I first conducted this tour back in 1985, hundreds of happy travellers have returned with glowing reports. In fact, several travellers have enjoyed the tour not just once, but three times!

In this our fortieth year, our journey through Java will be an unforgettable experience!

Travel in comfort with reclining seats and a special lounge car, both reserved exclusively for our group. These are attached to daylight trains that traverse Java's spectacular tropical scenery.

To ensure your relaxation, every night you will stay in beautiful four-star hotels, with a minimum stopover of two nights.

Most meals are included and one of our hotels, the **Tugu Park Hotel** 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 fascinating way to view the pristine, rural hinterland of Java. Just sit back and watch the ever-changing panorama at your window while lunch and refreshments are served at your seat.

For avid train enthusiasts, a chartered, vintage train excursion behind a steam locomotive more than 120 years old, is sure to delight! Additionally, you will enjoy numerous wonderful side trips where you can meet the locals and discover their unique culture and way of life.

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

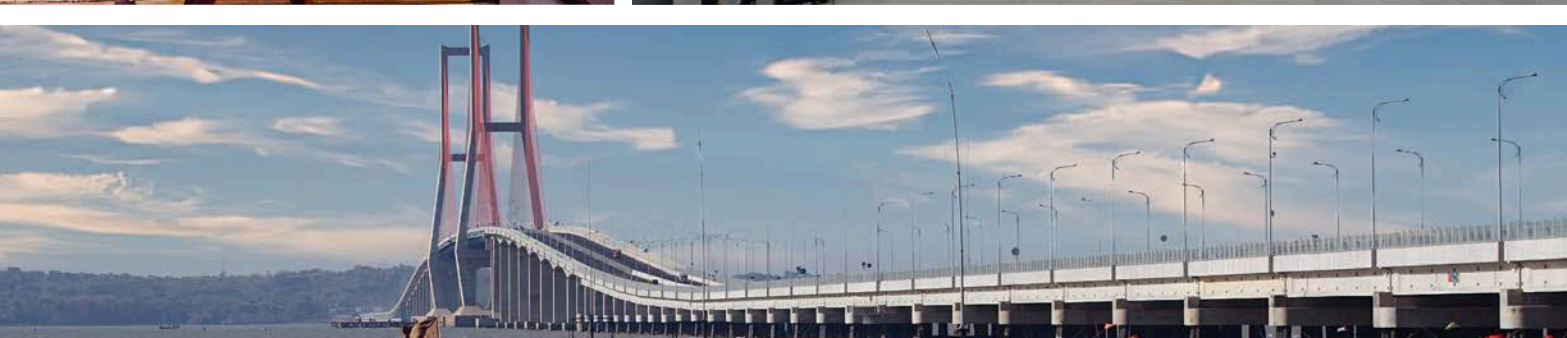
I look forward to having you aboard!

Kevin Pearce
Tour Manager





Java's
pristine and
Innocent
Charms
will capture
your Heart!



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 \$1500.00 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

Airline routings and flight schedules are subject to change at short notice. Additionally, air fares and taxes are subject to increase. 20kg checked luggage & 7kg carry on is included. Additional fees apply for extra weight.

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.

PORTERAGE

Porterage throughout the tour is included for one piece of luggage per person.

Bookings:



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Kevin Pearce Tours

2025 ESCORTED

GREAT JAVA RAIL TOUR



15 DAYS
October 2025

INCLUDES
First Class
Hotels
Most meals
Airfares
and More.

Massive
Volcanoes,
Green
Rice fields,
Palm trees,
and Quaint
Villages ...

GREAT JAVA RAIL TOUR

Departs Perth
12 October, 2025
\$7328 share twin per person
\$1450 Single person supplement

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

Crater's-edge gaze into an
active volcano caldera

Eighth century Borobudur
Buddhist Temple.

Chartered vintage train ride
behind an 1896-built steam
locomotive in Solo.

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

Watch village school children
perform in a traditional
bamboo orchestra.



Our group will travel in a specially chartered,
private carriage attached to DAYLIGHT
intercity trains.

As the spectacular scenery fills your
panorama window, lunch and refreshments
will be served direct to your seat.

Day 1 - Sun. 12 October PERTH - JAKARTA

Your tour escorts Kevin Pearce & Rory Oktaviano will be on hand at the **Perth International Airport** to assist with check-in formalities before boarding your direct flight to Jakarta. Upon 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.

SARI PACIFIC HOTEL (BD)

Day 2 - Mon. 13 October 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 **National Grand Mosque**. 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.

SARI PACIFIC HOTEL (BD)

Day 3 - Tue. 14 October 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.

SARI PACIFIC HOTEL (B)

Day 4 - Wed. 15 October JAKARTA - BANDUNG

Following breakfast we check out from our hotel and transfer to the nearby Gambir Railway Station in readiness to board the **Pangandaran 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**, we board our coach for transfer to the Queen Chinese Restaurant. It is well known for their fine Chinese cuisine for nearly fifty years. After lunch we check in to our hotel which is located in the heart of Bandung's restaurant and nightlife area. During this evening's dinner at the hotel we are entertained by local school children with a performance of Angklung music played on tinkling bamboo instruments.

ARTOTEL (BLD)

Day 5- Thur. 16 October 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.

ARTOTEL (BL)

Day 6- Fri. 17 October 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 onboard 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. We are transferred to our central hotel. This evening dinner is provided in the hotel's garden restaurant. MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (BLD)

Day 7- Sat. 18 October 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 made wooden coaches are hauled by a 1896 German 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 returning to Yogya by road coach.

MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (BL)

Day 8 - Sun. 19 October 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 - Mon. 20 October YOGYAKARTA AT LEISURE

Today is a free day to explore the city on your own. An option is a visit to see the Sultan's Palace or the famous Prambanan Temple. Your guide will be happy to assist you with your own arrangements.

MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (B)

Day 10 - Tue. 21 October YOGYAKARTA - MALANG

After breakfast we check out from our hotel and transfer to the station to board the Maliboro Express train.



Enjoy a nostalgic ride on this
19th Century steam train

Our journey takes us on the main **Surabaya line** as far as **Kertosono** where we take the southern scenic branch line to Malang via Kediri and Blitar, the latter noted as the location of the grave of **Sukarno**, the first President of Indonesia. Lunch is served onboard by our catering crew. Upon arrival at **Malang** we check in to our hotel - **The Tugu Park** - listed as one of the world's 100 most beautiful hotels. The public rooms are adorned with priceless works of art and antiques. Dinner tonight is served in the hotel's Tirta Gangga room.

TUGU PARK HOTEL (BLD)

Day 11 - Wed. 22 October MALANG - SELECTA SIGHTSEEING

The delightfully cool town of Malang is nestled between a group of mountains. It 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, such as the **Toko Oen** tea shop. We continue our tour into the highlands and pass many plant and flower shops, fruit markets and produce stalls before reaching the recreational area of **Selecta**. Here, there is time to take a stroll through the hillside gardens with panoramic views of the local farmlands. Lunch is provided at a

scenic hillside restaurant. Tonight we enjoy an Asian buffet in the hotel's Sahara garden featuring Thai and Vietnamese cuisine.

TUGU PARK HOTEL (BLD)

Day 12 - Thur. 23 October MALANG- SURABAYA

This morning there is 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 heritage colonial hotel with a rich history and is 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 - Fri. 24 October SURABAYA SIGHTS

Surabaya is Indonesia's second largest city with a population of around seven million including the surrounding rural areas. 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** with a population of four million, lies just off the coast of Surabaya. Since 2009 the island has been

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. This evening we enjoy dinner at a city steak house with an ice cold Bintang beer included.

HOTEL MAJAPAHIT (BD)

Day 14 - Sat. 25 October 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**. At several locations our train travels within a few metres of the Java Sea. Morning tea and lunch are served onboard and later farewell drinks with entertainment in the lounge car before our late afternoon arrival into Jakarta. We transfer to our hotel for dinner and accommodation.

SARI PACIFIC HOTEL (BLD)

Day 15 - Sun. 26 October JAKARTA-PERTH

After breakfast there is free time for last minute shopping or sightseeing before we check out from our hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight home and the end of your Great Java Rail Tour

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15 AMAZING DAYS. UNIQUE HOTELS
Local tasty Javanese cuisine.

PLUS a wealth of surprising
attractions few have ever seen!



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Direct Perth- Jakarta Return Flights
- Most meals as indicated on the daily itinerary :
B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner
- Accommodation each night in 4 and 5 Star Hotels
- Daytime only train journeys in a private sitting car with a lounge car exclusively for our group
- Clean, spacious train restroom with western-style toilet plus attendant in the lounge carriage
- Services of two tour managers and local assistants
 - Special money-change facilities if required
 - Porterage of one suitcase per person



OPPORTUNITY TO SHOP OR BROWSE IN NEARBY MARKETS AND MALLS

