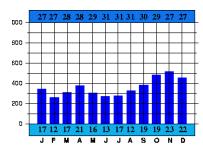
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4D3N Padang, Bukit Tinggi & Lake Maninjau









BEST TIME TO VISIT: Padang and Bukit Tinggi are on Sumatra island and experience a tropical climate like Malaysia, with similar temperatures. Heaviest rainfall is in the year end, Oct to Dec. See Padang rainfall chart on left. Avoid going during Hari Raya Puasa as many businesses and tourism services shut down.

DAY 1: PADANG arrival - BUKIT TINGGI

(D)

Upon arrival at Minangkabau International Airport, meeting and greeting service by our representative. Then proceed from Padang to Bukit Tinggi via scenic **Anai Valley**, passing by **Anai Valley Waterfall**. Visit **Information Centre of Minangkabau Culture**, showcasing a variety of information and collection of Minangkabau culture in visual or audio documentation. Then visit **Pandai Sikek**, one of seven villages in Minangkabau where weaving skills have been handed down for generations. At this place, you are able to buy some of the locals' beautiful handicraft as souvenirs back to home. On arrival in **Bukit Tinggi**, check in hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Bukit Tinggi.

DAY 2: BUKIT TINGGI – HARAU VALLEY – SIANOK GRAND CANYON - BUKIT TINGGI (B/L/D)

Visit **Harau Valley** (also spelt Arau Valley), where lush green ricefields are hemmed in between huge granite cliffs. Here dozens of waterfalls tumble down from 80 to 300 meters height into the valley below, cut by the Batang Arau River. Then visit **Tabeh Patah**, scenically located with Mount Merapi as backdrop. Stop at **Kiniko Home Industry** for purchase of coffee and local snacks.

Next is visit of **Pagaruyung Palace**, being the grandest and most distinctive Ruman Gadang in West Sumatra. It consists of 5 stacked sweeping roofs, eleven sharp horns, and three storeys. The palace was completely razed in a fire on 27th February 2007 and was rebuilt based on the original design. Continue to **Sianok Grand Canyon**, a breath-taking canyon which has two steep walls facing each other almost vertically, falling to a flat bottom where a river meanders among green ricefields. Its height is about 100 to 120 meters and the canyon itself is 15 km long.

Return to Bukit Tinggi and visit the **Clock Tower**, landmark of Bukittinggi built in 1926 as a gift from the Queen of the Netherlands to Rook Maker, secretary of Fort de Kock (colonial name of Bukit Tinggi) during the reign of the Dutch East Indies. Then visit **Pasar Atas**, where you can find the most mouth watering Padang food: Beef Rendang, Rendang Balado, Pisang Kapik, etc. Overnight in Bukit Tinggi.

DAY 3: BUKIT TINGGI - PADANG

(B/L/D)

Transfer back to Padang, on the way visiting Lake Maninjau, enjoying the view of this ancient lake, set within a volcanic crater from Embun Pagi viewpoint. Next stop is **Teluk Bayur**, largest and busiest port on the western coast of Sumatra. Stop at **Siti Nurbaya Bridge**, at the mouth of the Batang Arau river; the area which is a popular recreation place for locals. Then visit **China Town**, where turn of the century houses line the streets. Stop at **Padang Beach** and then **Air Manis Beach** (famous for its legend of Batu Malin Kundang). Next, visit **Monument Gempa Padang**, remembering the earthquake victims of 30 Sept 2009. Then go for **shopping of souvenirs** in Padang city. Overnight in Padang.

DAY 4: PADANG departure (B)

After breakfast, at leisure until transfer to airport for flight departure.

RATES: per person, twin/triple sharing basis, min 4 persons group size, ASEAN passport holders, valid till Dec 20th 2016. Not applicable for Hari Raya Puasa July 1st to 20th.

2 star hotels: Bukit Tinggi: Grand Malindo + Padang: Bunda Hotel; or similar

3 star hotels: Bukit Tinggi: Royal Denai + Padang: HW Hotel; or simmilar

4 star hotels: Bukit Tinggi: The Hills + Padang: Grand Zuri; or similar

4-9 paxs: RM 810 10 or more: RM 750 Sgl. Supplement: RM 390

Saturday Surcharge: The Hills and similar category in Bukt Tinggi (RM 30/Room/Night)

NOTE:

- a) For 2 or 3 persons group, add surcharge RM 190 /person
- b) Child With Extra Bed (11yr and below) = same rates as adult; Child No Bed (11yr and below) = 60% of adult rate. Tipping paid by child same as adult = RM 40 /child.
- c) Rates and itinerary subject to changes to FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, weather, local conditions, etc.
- d) Seasonal surcharge applies special periods like Long Holiday Weekends, Hari Raya Puasa, X'Mas, New Year, etc. Surcharge amount to be advised on booking.

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Airport transfers and tour excursion on Private basis
- b) Accommodation at hotels with daily breakfast as per options given above.
- c) Meals as indicated in itinerary above
- d) Entrance fees for attractions as per itinerary
- e) Driver cum Guide (English/Malay Speaking) for 2 to 9 paxs group. 1 Guide + 1 Driver if 10 or more paxs group. Mandarin guide not available in this area
- f) 1 bottle of drinking water per day (except last day)

EXCLUDING:

- a) Air tickets, airport taxes and fuel surcharges.
- b) Travel insurance
- c) Visa not required for Malaysians to visit Indonesia. Other nationalities to be advised.
- d) Tipping for Driver cum Guide: compulsory RM 40/traveler (pay to him at end of tour)
- e) Expenses of personal nature such as activities not part of itinerary, miscellaneous tipping, room mini-bar charges, laundry charges, etc.