

ABOUT INDONESIA

Indonesia, in Southeast Asia, is situated between the Indian and Pacific oceans, bridging the continents of Asia and Australia. We are the largest island nation state in the world (approx. 17,000 islands), and home to many customs, dialects and cuisines. We also have many unique archaeological and touristic destinations.

To name a few: Bali, Indonesia's paradise island; Borobudur Temple, the largest Buddhist monument in the world and one of the 7 wonders of nature; and the Komodo National Park. The Borobudur Temple and the Komodo National Park are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Facts on Indonesia

1. One of the largest archipelagos and most diverse countries in the world.
2. Religion is diverse, however, Indonesia is the home to the world's biggest Muslim population, though Bali is predominantly Hindu.
3. It is the 4th most populous country after China, India, and the United States (World Bank 2013) with Java island being the world's most populous island. Almost 3/4 of Indonesians live in Java.
4. According to the Global Volcanism Program, Indonesia ranks third with the most volcanoes in the world after the United States and Russia.
5. The largest volcanic lake is Lake Toha, located in North Sumatra.
6. It is the only place where one finds the Komodo dragon and orangutans in the wild.
7. On the 17th of August 1944, after the defeat of the Japanese in the Second World War, the Indonesian people declared their independence through their leaders Soekarno and Hatta.
8. The official language is Bahasa Indonesia. The flag is red and white. It is the same color as Monaco only, Indonesia's flag is slightly wider.