

Alila SOLO . JAVA

Alila Experience...



## **Alila Experiences... Our Leisure Concierge Concept**

Discover a destination through its traditions, its cuisine, its environment, the roots of its people and their daily rituals.

Being on holiday is much about celebrating your own choices in living and cultivating your personal priorities.

Because perfection is defined individually, we've carefully combined our destination know-how with all the ingredients of your lifestyle to make your stay a 'Surprisingly Different' experience.

Allow our Leisure Concierge Team to guide you on your discovery of the hidden treasures that abound within this fascinating destination.

Our Leisure Concierges are local experts who know this region well and are passionate about sharing their knowledge with you.

Browse the following pages detailing the Alila Experiences and choose those that appeal to your personality and lifestyle.



### TALE OF TWO SULTANS

4 Hours | IDR 720,000++ per person | IDR 960,000++ per couple

Take a step back in time to Solo's royal past with a visit to two royal palaces: Keraton Kasunanan and Pura Mangkunegaran. Kasunanan is a two-centuries-old palace, built in 1745 by King Paku Buwono II when he moved the kingdom from Kartasura to Desa (village) Sala, now Solo. The keraton was built in stages and was finished during the reign of Paku Buwono X (1893 – 1939). Interesting landmarks around the keraton complex include, among others, Alun-Alun Lor, Alun-Alun Kidul, Sasana Sumewa, Sitinggil, Kamandungan, Sri Manganti, and Kedhaton. Sri Susuhunan Pakubuwono XIII is the current descendant of the Pakubuwono dynasty.

## HOUSE OF DANAR HADI

2 Hours | IDR 420,000++ per person | IDR 560,000++ per couple

Discover the beauty and history of batik at the House of Danar Hadi museum complex, which was founded to preserve and advance the art of batik in Indonesia as part of the nation's cultural legacy. Located in the stunning late 19th century nDalem Wuryoningratan, the museum showcases the importance of batik in Indonesia, the process of creating this precious textile and its re-emergence in the contemporary lifestyle, seamlessly integrated into daily dress codes. Walk from room to room and be mesmerised by each different collection, including an incredible number of antique batiks. Learn about the distinctive motifs, patterns and influences that are unique to each region. The complex also features an elegant boutique showcasing some of the city's finest batik prints and a traditional Indonesian restaurant named "Soga", set in an exquisite early colonial-era building.





### MORNING MARKETS

3 Hours | IDR 570,000++ per person | IDR 760,000++ per couple

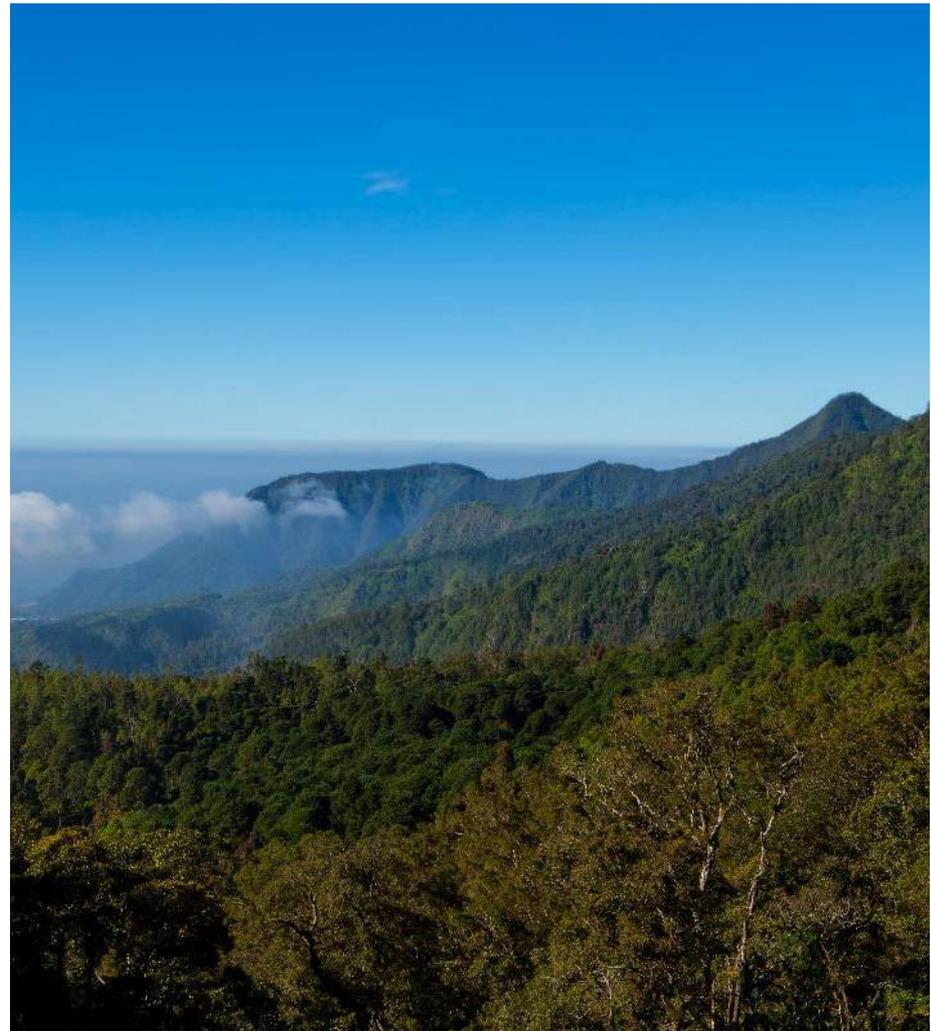
Strolling around Indonesia's vibrant markets is a great way to get up close and personal with the locals and witness the routines of daily life. Start off early around 8.00am and head to Pasar Gede, which literally means "big market". Located in the Chinese district of Solo, it is the largest traditional market in the city, brimming with the largest selection of fruits and snacks. Opened in 1930, this architectural icon was designed by Dutch architect Thomas Karsten and is a classic combination of Dutch and Javanese architecture.

## FRESH LAWU

6 Hours | IDR 1,470,000++ per person | IDR 1,960,000++ per couple

Just before the heat descends on the city, make a start for Mount Lawu where, amid fresh air and beautiful scenery, you can see the cascading waters of Tawangmangu waterfall followed by a visit to the dramatic and photogenic Javanese temples, Candi Sukuh and Candi Cetho. Then head to Kemuning Tea Plantation – 438 acres of lush rolling hills between the Ngargoyoso and Jenawi districts of Karanganyar on the outskirts of Solo. The plantation is open to the public and visitors can walk amongst the tea trees near the river or go downhill cycling or paragliding. A must-see is the well-preserved Dutch colonial Ngoro (Sir) Donker Tea House and eatery at the centre of the complex. Donker was the name of the Dutch chief of the Kemuning plantation who was known to be such a kind man that a nearby village was named after him, Dongkeran.

What to bring: sport shoes, comfort wear, sunglasses, hat or cap, insect repellent. Lunch is excluded at Ngoro Donker and arrangement can be made with direct payment on site on your personal account.





## **TWO TO CANDI**

**4 Hours | IDR 870,000++ per person | IDR 1,160,000++ per couple**

Rise early and follow the temple trail as our Leisure Concierge guides you from the city centre to Candi Cetho, located on the remote western slopes of Mount Lawu. Perched 1,500 meters above sea level, this ancient temple was built in the 15th century during the reign of the Majapahit Kingdom. Its location provides an abundance of fresh air and gorgeous views of the surrounding mountains. According to locals, the word “cetho” means clarity in Javanese. According to historians, the temple is also synonymous with rebirth. Candi Cetho is still used as a place of worship for Hindus and the followers of the original Javanese ancestral religion of Kejawen.

## TALE OF THREE TEMPLES

7 Hours

IDR 2,370,000++ per person | IDR 3,160,000++ per couple

IDR 2,475,000++ per person | IDR 3,500,000++ per couple (Sunrise)

A trip to Central Java would not be complete without a visit to Borobudur Temple, a Unesco World Heritage Site located in Magelang, a scenic two-hour drive from Solo. This world's largest Buddhist monument, a temple that has survived the last 1,200 years, is a truly astonishing sight set in an unspoilt green valley surrounded by majestic mountains. After this unforgettable experience, refresh at your choice of Amanjiwo or Mesa Stila for breakfast, lunch or a quick bite. Minimum spending apply at these properties. Continue the journey to Candi Ratu Boko. Although the history of Ratu Boko is unclear, archaeologists believe that the ruler of the Saliendra Dynasty between 760-780, Rakai Panangkaran, built Ratu Boko after he resigned from his leadership in order to find spiritual peace and concentrate on religious matters. The third and final temple of the tour will leave you breathless: Candi Prambanan. A spectacular 8th century temple complex said to be one of the most beautiful examples of Hindu architecture in the world, Prambanan is the most vast Hindu complex in Java with three main temples dedicated to the three great divinities: Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma, the symbols of Trimurti in Hindu belief.

What to bring: sport shoes, comfort wear, sunglasses, hat or cap, insect repellent.





### **SPICE UP!**

With market tour

**IDR 870,000++ per person | IDR 1,160,000++ per couple**

Without market tour

**IDR 480,000++ per person | IDR 960,000++ per couple**

Experience the entire journey from picking ingredients at the local market to cooking up some of Java's most popular dishes. The day starts early at 6.00am with a quick coffee or breakfast in the restaurant before heading to Pasar Gede market with our chef. At the market you will be able to immerse yourself in the busy sights and sounds, observing the locals as they go about their marketing activities, and learn more about the local ingredients from our chef as you select what you need for the day's cooking class. While you are there, why not have a taste of some authentic Javanese delicacies such as Klepon, Sawut or Lopis? After the market, it's time to head back to the hotel to prepare for your cooking class. But first, refresh with a drink of young coconut water and don your personal Alila Solo apron – a gift from our chef. During the class, you will learn how to prepare and cook three to four authentic Indonesian dishes, which you can then enjoy for lunch in the venue of your choice: the main restaurant, pool deck or your room or suite – an experience to savour long after you leave Solo.

## MYSTICAL KERIS

2 Hours | IDR 420,000++ per person | IDR 560,000++ per couple

Take a closer look at stunning collections of keris (kris), the traditional Javanese dagger, whose centuries-old mystical lore continues to fascinate and enchant. Discover more about this ancient craft at the keris artisan workshop of Padepokan Brojobuwono, located in the village of Wonosari, not far from Solo. An ancestral technique from a bygone era, the keris-making process itself usually takes from six months to a year depending on which materials are used and the complexity of the design. Precious metals such as gold, silver and gemstones such as diamonds or citrines are used to adorn the most exquisite pieces.





## COURTLY DANCES

2 Hours | IDR 420,000++ per person | IDR 560,000++ per couple

Explore classical Javanese dance at the Soerya Soemirat Dance Workshop, located at the Prangwedanan Hall of Mangkunegara Palace in Solo. Founded by GPH Herwasto Kusumo in 1982, this dance studio teaches adults and children traditional Solonese and courtly Pura Mangkunegaran dances. Imagine yourself part of Solo's royal court as you practise the intricate hand movements, subtle head turns and graceful steps! On Wednesday mornings starting from 9.30am until midday, there are rehearsals that are open for visitors to attend.

## ON THE BATIK ROAD

3 Hours | IDR 570,000++ per person | IDR 760,000++ per couple

Adjacent to Kraton Kasunanan in central Solo, Kampung Kauman features small shops and stately homes with architectural influences from Holland, Java and China. In the past, this neighbourhood housed the royal clergy and their relatives, as well as wealthy batik merchants who comprised the sultan's court. The area is ideal for shopping for authentic, handpainted fabrics and for enjoying a class to learn this magnificently detailed form of art.





## SPA ALILA

At the heart of our urban oasis, discover a sanctuary of divine relaxation and pure well-being. Spa Alila blends ancient Asian healing techniques with age-old beauty recipes, featuring the curative benefits of fresh, natural, quality ingredients. Surrender to the warm, genuine care of our therapists that flows from the heart through their hands to stimulate, rejuvenate, balance and relax your mind and body.

Our Spa Alila products are made from a creative blend of ingredients such as indigenous plants, fruits, herbs and spices and use a carrier massage oil that is a pure blend of sweet almond and virgin coconut oils. Our blends feature combinations that are fragrant and so fresh that they are almost edible; cucumber and aloe vera to soothe, lemongrass and ginger to refresh, coffee and coconut to tone and condition. An extensive retail selection of our products is available too; please refer to our Spa Menu.