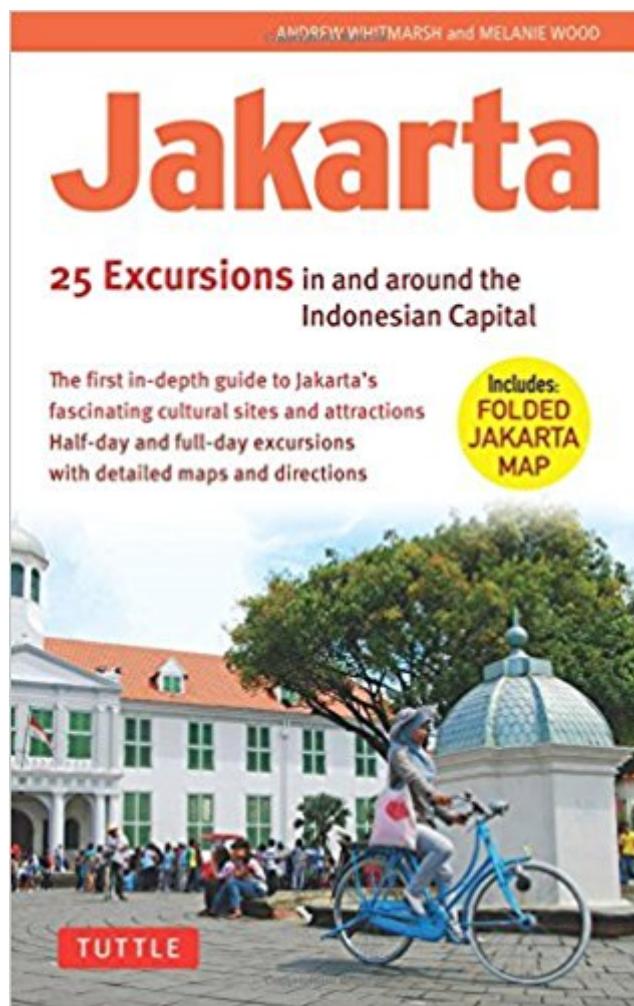


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# Jakarta: 25 Excursions In And Around The Indonesian Capital



## Synopsis

The only Indonesia travel guide you'll need for getting around Jakarta! Everything you need is in this one convenient packageâ "including a large pull-out map!Linking over 500 activities and attractions into 25 half-day and full-day excursions, this is the first in-depth travel book on Jakarta that tells you exactly where to go, what to do and how to get there in order to maximize your enjoyment of the city.Illustrated with over 40 maps and 200 color photographs of the city, the 25 tours take you by the hand from the maritime and historical attractions of north Jakarta, down the culturally rich back streets of central Jakarta, to the peaceful parks and family attractions of the south; and on five additional tours outside the city, exploring mountains, lakes and beaches within easy reach of the capital.Each tour starts with a description of the neighborhood's key attractions; cultural and historical background and advice on how to get to the starting point, followed by a step-by-step guide through the walk itself. Tours include high adventureâ "scuba diving, paragliding, rock climbing, microlighting, horse riding and wet and dry market explorationâ "as well as more traditional visits to art galleries, museums, parks and temples. Special interest tours include history walks, urban art walks and market walks. Each chapter gives you the walk length, degree of difficulty and age suitability, so you know exactly what you are getting into before you start.This indispensable Jakarta travel guide is jam-packed with practical tips on what to wear, what to bring, expect and say to the local people you encounter as you explore areas of Jakarta off the beaten path, and re-explore favorite neighborhoods with new insight. Written by resident expert Andrew Whitmarsh, this book makes exploring Jakarta on foot fun, safe and easy.

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## Customer Reviews

"The book is bright and colourful and funny and useful and FULL of cool things to do in Jakarta. It's got some secrets that I bet even you don't know about!" *Travel Junkie Indonesia*"Exploring Jakarta made easy with trail-blazing travel guide." *The Jakarta Globe*" |Andrew Whitmarsh and wife Melanie Wood have taken a brave step in producing an excellent walking-tour guide dedicated to visitors as well as inhabitants of Jakarta." "The Jakarta Post

Andrew Whitmarsh is a travel and adventure writer who has been exploring and writing about Jakarta for many years. Raised on bear attack survival books, Andrew viewed his initial move to Jakarta as a survivalist's challenge in an urban jungle. Over the years he has ridden on top of trains, joined street protests, seen a ghost, experienced fire therapy and had needles stuck in his headâ "all for the sake of experiencing Jakarta to the full.Jakarta-based Melanie Wood is a freelance writer and photographer who moved to Indonesia because she "liked the shape of it." Her blog, *Gangs of Indonesia*, gives some of the stories behind the photographs in this book. (Note, "gang" in Indonesian means narrow street.)

Apparently I was in the same office with the writer but because he wrote it long before I joined the office so I didnÃ¢Â™t know that he had created this. I always amaze with how foreigners put more attention to my city compared to JakartaÃ¢Â™s citizens themselves. No Indonesian has ever elaborated Jakarta as fascinating as Andrew did. The history of each area is described though briefly but enough to add knowledge to the readers. Not just he describes about the place of interests, but also explains the directions in details so we know where we head.Exploring the city especially by foot is not something usual that the Jakartans would do. The middle class and up usually go the malls to shop and watch movies, so for the anti-mainstream Jakartans this book helps open our minds to see the unseen Jakarta. Overall, I recommend this book not only for foreigners but also for Jakartans and I thank Andrew to have ever written this.

This book is beyond excellent: it is an exceptional introduction to the real city of Jakarta.Local people will shrug their shoulders and insist there is little or nothing worthwhile to see in town: they'll tell you to head outto the likes of Yogyakarta as soon as you can. But they are wrong: Jakarta is a fascinating place once you have this book as thekey to all that makes it wonderful.All major cities of

the world should have a book like this. Ordinary tourist guides list the obvious tourist places and say nothing about real life. This rare book lets you live the life of locals with all its colour, wit and joy -- and squalor sometimes. Take this book with you to Jakarta and it will make you smile and want to stay a month!

If they can do it, so can I. That's how this book makes me feel. Jakarta can be overwhelming--the heat, the pollution, the narrow winding streets. But this book makes me excited to get out there and explore. I've never before picked up a guidebook that not only informs, but is truly entertaining AND inspiring. The layout of the book makes it easy to use, and there are practical tips and advice in every section. Things that travelers really wonder and worry about, like where am I going to find a bathroom on this walking tour? There is a reassuring tone to the book, which I like. A lot of time I want to try something new, something different, but I don't know what to do or how to do it. This book gives me enough detail and variety to take care of both of those problems. Walking tours of different lengths are laid out in detail that are geared towards interests like museums, wildlife, sporting activities, and just plain interesting and weird sights. If you have this book, it is like having a reassuring adventurous friend who takes you by the hand and says, "Come on, let's have some fun!". The maps are great, and the playfulness of the author's style makes it an entertaining read. I would recommend this book to anyone already living in Jakarta, about to move there, or someone like me--in Jakarta for an extended visit.

Anyone who will be in Jakarta for more than a few days should buy this book! I visited Jakarta for 11 days in May 2016 and this book made all the difference. I followed all or parts of about half of the walking tours and I saw so much more of Jakarta than I would have seen without the benefit of this book. I can't recommend it enough. The walks were easy to follow and I made lots of interesting detours, too. I met so many friendly people in the neighborhoods this book let me explore. Without this book, I would have just ridden by in a taxi.

I liked this book so much that I got an extra copy for the private tour guide (from Viator) that I hired for my 3 days in JKT on stopover. She has since used it with her next tour and business clients already. It may not give all the tourist info on flying in/out, but is a wonderful book to have when in Jakarta, particularly if for longer stays. I used this + CultureShock! Jakarta + the guide, and had a great experience. I recommend touring Jakarta on the weekends, as Jakarta traffic jams ("macet") can be pure gridlock on weekdays. Enjoy riding the bajaj locally as well as the taxis on the "jalan tol"

toll roads. Jakarta is quite reasonable in cost, and with a bit of patience, and go-with-the-flow attitude on travel and time, you will be able to enjoy this city. The last 5 excursions give you ideas outside of Jakarta. A bit more on Bandung would probably be good, and the map should be expanded to show the airport area, too.

This book far exceeded my expectations. The author is not only very well versed on Jakarta itself, but his writing is entertaining, inspiring and detailed enough to be useful. I will be moving to Jakarta soon and this book has helped put me at ease about my transition. I am very much looking forward to taking as many walking tours as I can. It has also been helpful with general information about travelling around the city, how to deal with the local folks, some common Indonesian phrases, and many suggested links with helpful information.

Great choice of city tours.

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