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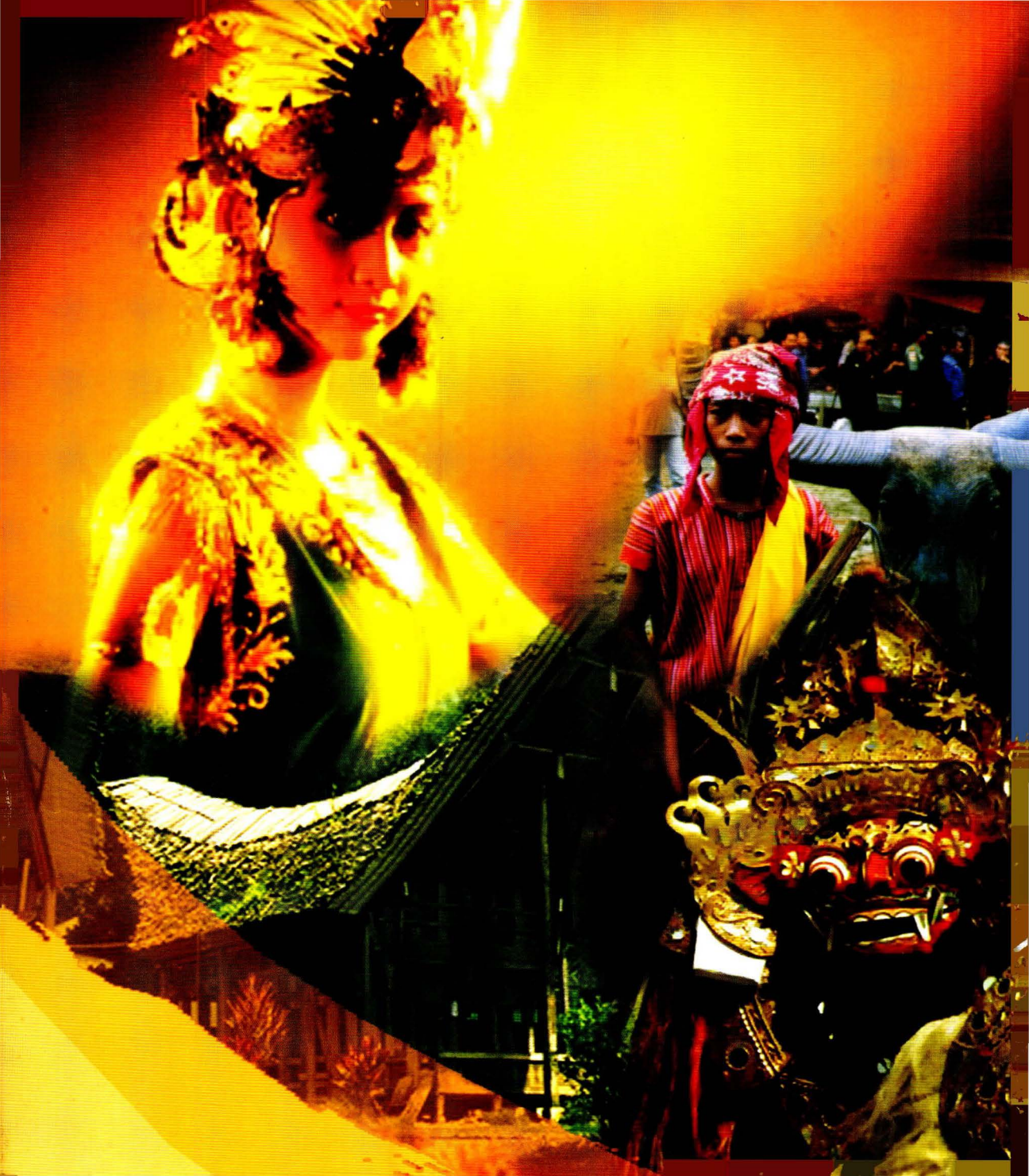


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# Message By

## Minister For Culture And Tourism

### Of The Republic Of Indonesia

Indonesia is the biggest archipelago in the world, consisting of 17,508 islands and 9,000 islands of them are actually inhabited. It is rich with most fascinating, beautiful and wonderful nature; varied cultures and historical marvelous places.

The population consists of 485 ethnic groups and 583 different languages comprising a cultural diversity of kaleidoscopic proportions collectively constituting one of the most rewarding travel destinations in the world. Indonesia's cultures and religions are diverse but it is unified in one nation. Consequently, Indonesia has become a midpoint of many festivals and cultural performances continuously and regularly performed every year in every region throughout the country. It is not exaggerating, if the Government of Indonesia, through the Department of Culture and Tourism, has merged these tremendous potentials into a new branding "Indonesia, The Ultimate in Diversity".

It is the proud of Indonesians that we present the performances and cultural events into a Calendar of Events 2006. Hopefully it will lead and attract the visitors to visit Indonesia and involve in many cultural activities around Indonesia.

We do hope that you will enjoy these events during your visit in Indonesia.

Welcome to Indonesia, the endless beauty of diversity.



Ir. JERO WACIK, S.E.





*Straits of Malacca*

*South China Sea*

*Natuna Sea*

*Straits Karimata*

*Java Sea*

*Indian Ocean*



BRUNAI  
DARUSSALAM

Malaysia

KALIMANTAN

West Kalimantan

Central Kalimantan

Palangkaraya

Banjarmasin  
Martapura

Karimun Java Islands

JAVA

Bawean I.

Kangean I.  
WEST TENG

Banda Aceh  
Nanggroe Darussalam  
Langsa

Simeuleu I.

Beuyak Islands

Medan  
Tebingtinggi  
Berastagi

Prihat

Bukittinggi  
Batu Islands

Padang

Sierut I.

Pagai Utara I.  
Pagai Selatan I.

Rupat I.

Bengkalis I.

Batam I.

Bintan I.

SUMATRA

West Sumatra

Jambi

South Sumatra

Bengkulu

Enggano I.

Bandar Lampung

Lampung

Banten

Panaitan I.

Natuna Besar I.

Anambas Islands  
Siantan I.

Natuna Islands  
Subi Besar I.

Searasan I.

Linga Island.

Singkep

Pangkalpinang

Bangka I.

Karimata Islands

Bellung

Thousand Islands

Jakarta

Bandung

Semarang

Central Java  
Tasikmalaya

Surabaya

Solo

Yogyakarta

Malang

East Java

Blora

Dumai

# INDONESIA



EAST NUSA TENGGARA





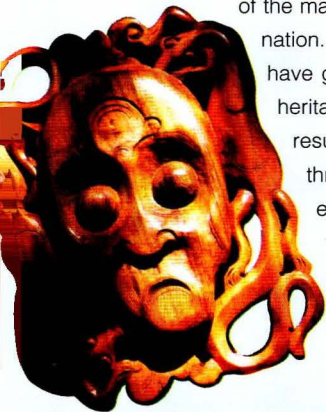
# Introduction

Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world. It consists of five major islands Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi and Papua and about 30 small group of islands, a total of more than 17,508 islands. Stretching 3,200 miles (5,120 km) from east to west, it straddles the equator between the Australia and Asia Continents. With the fourth largest population in the world, Indonesians number 220 million and are basically of Malay and Polynesian stock comprising of 300 ethnic groups and sub-groups having their own traditions. Early immigrant from the Indian subcontinent China, the Arab peninsula and Persia have left their mark on culture and religion followed by influences of Portuguese, Spanish, English and Dutch trades and invaders. The Indonesian constitution allows freedom of religion in a predominantly Moslem Country and the state's "Unity in Diversity" is a symbol of the co-existence of the many cultures unified in one nation. Those diverse cultures have given Indonesia a rich heritage of traditions and art resulting in festivities throughout the year in different parts of the country, which are also closely related to religion, particularly on the island of Bali.

In this Calendar of Events, the highly sophisticated music and dances developed by the royal courts are listed with folk arts, religious ceremonies and festivals in the main tourist destination areas. Crafts, temporary music, exotic dances and rituals are just a few of the delights to be discovered in this unique country.

Indonesian, using romanised script, is the national language and English's spoken in the main cities and tourist areas. Indonesia has two seasons, the dry season from June to October and the rainy season from November to March. There are occasional showers during the transitional periods and the general maximum temperature is 33°C (62°F) and the general minimum 21°C (41°F). Humidity is high at all time. As some events are based on cosmology or traditional beliefs, dates may vary, although every effort is made to provide correct information.

Events in the open air are also influenced by weather conditions. Therefore, reconfirmation before visit is recommended. For more information please write to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta or the Provincial Tourist Offices concerned as the listed in the last pages of this event guide.





# Year Round Events

## JAKARTA

### *Wayang Orang (Dance Drama)*

Performance of the Javanese Wayang Wong or Wayang Orang dance drama can be seen every Wednesday evening at the

Gedung Kesenian Theatre starting at 08.15 pm and lasting till about midnight. The stories of the Wayang Wong usually relate episode of the Mahabarata and Ramayana Hindu Epics.



### *Ketoprak*

An offshoot of the Wayang Wong dance drama is the modern popular Javanese theatre which takes its stories from popular folk legends and from history. Like the Wayang Wong, the ketoprak show accompanied by gamelan music but simpler in costumes and dialogue. Performance can be seen in



Jakarta at Gedung Kesenian Theatre every Wednesday and Thursday evening starting at 08.00 pm.

### *Traditional Indonesian Dances*

Performances of traditional dances from the various regions are stage in

Jakarta at Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (Indonesia in Miniature Park) every Sunday from 9.00 to 14.00 pm and at the Ancol Art Market every Saturday evening or Sunday Morning.



### *Wayang Kulit (Leather Puppet Shadow Play)*

Wayang Kulit (Leather Puppet) shows are performed every second

and last Saturday night of the month at the Central Museum in Jakarta. Abbreviated versions, lasting for about an hour, are also presented every Sunday morning at the Wayang Museum Fatahillah Square downtown Jakarta.

### Gamelan Music

Every Sunday morning Sundanese Gamelan music of West Java is presented at the Central Museum in Jakarta.

### Pameran Seni Rupa (Art Exhibition)

Permanent exhibition at Balai Seni Rupa, Jl. Taman Fatahillah Jakarta, open daily.

### Oceanarium

Sea lion and dolphin shows at Taman Impian Jaya Ancol are performed daily from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm.

### Keong Emas Imax Theatre, TMII

The Imax film "Beautiful Indonesia" was initiated by the first Lady Madame Tien Soeharto to present the

beauty on the century from all different aspects. The film is meant to make the people have more pride and affection for the country. The Cinema theatre screens "Beautiful Indonesia" Mondays through Friday from 11.00 to 15.00 pm. Sunday and holidays from 10.00 to 16.00 while on each Saturday performs a special theme.

### Bandung, West Java

Traditional Sundanese Dances

Performances of Sundanese traditional dances, music, etc can be seen every

Wednesday and Saturday evening at

the Pakuan Restaurant of Hotel

Panghegar, Jl. Asian Africa

every night

from 08.00

to 12.00 pm and at Mang Udjo,

Jl. Padasuka, from 02.00 pm to

05.00 pm. Phone : (022)

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### Wayang Golek (Wooden Puppets)

Wayang Golek Wooden Puppets

shows are performed

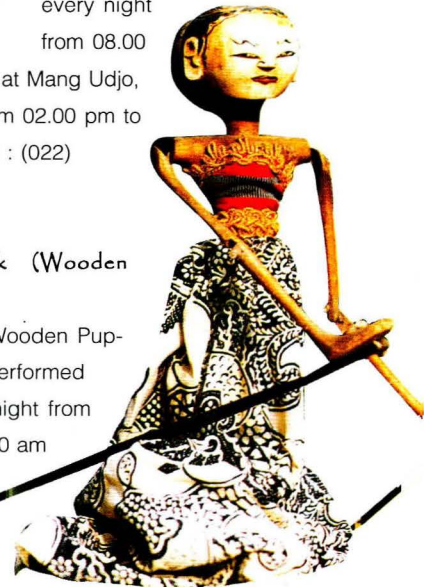
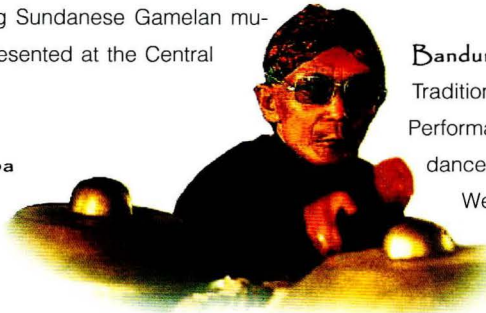
every Saturday night from

01.00 pm to 05.00 am

at RRI Auditorium, Jl.

Diponegoro

61, Bandung.



# SUBANG, WEST JAVA

## Gotong Sisingaan

A traditional art festival, wooden effigies of lions in colorful decoration carried out by many people. This art is often performed at circumcision or other ceremonies on request.

# SEMARANG, CENTRAL JAVA

## Wayang Kulit

The leather puppet shadow play is held at RRI



Semarang on Jl. Achmad Yani from 9.00 pm till 5.00 am the next morning at the third week of each month on Saturday night. The play takes episodes from the Ramayana and Mahabharata epics.

# YOGYAKARTA

## Wayang Kulit (*Leather Puppet Shadow Play*)

- **Agastya Art Institute - School for Narrators**  
Jl. Gedung Kiwo MJ I/1996, performed everyday except Saturday from 03.00 pm to 05.00 pm.

- **Sasana Hinggil** - South Palace Square (Alun-alun Selatan), performed every second Saturday of the month from 09.00 pm to 05.30 am.
- **Ambar Budaya (Dewi Sri)** - Yogyakarta Craft Centre, Jl. Adisucipto, performed every from 08.00 pm to 09.30 pm.
- **Sono Budoyo Archaeological Museum**, Jl. Trikora, performed every from 08.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

## Wayang Golek (*Wooden Puppets*)

### Agastya Art Institute-School for Narrators.

Jl. Gedung Kiwo MJ I/1996, performed every Saturday from 03.00 pm to 05.00 pm. Nitour Inc. Jl. KH A. Dahlan 71, performed every except Sunday from 11.00 am to 01.00 pm.

## Wayang Orang (*Dance Drama*)

Hotel Arjuna Plaza, Jl. P. Mangkubumi every Thursday from 07.00 pm to 09.00 pm.





### Jatilan Kuda Lumping

Bamboo horse dance, at Desa Wisata Bugisan, Prambanan, Bookings must be made at least two hours in advance.

## EAST JAVA

### Reog Ponorogo

Performances during which the dancers carry a very heavy address of tiger head ornamented with peacock feathers. The dance depicts a fight between a tiger and two noblemen on horseback. For further information, please contact the East



### Ramayana Ballet

This Ramayana is very unique and famous. It is presented by 250 professional dancer at the open air theatre of Prambanan temple. The entire Ramayana epics is concised into 4 episodes. Each night 1 episode and presented from 07.30-09.30 pm. Also the full story.

Episode I : The abduction of Shinta

Episode II : The Death of Kumbokarno

Episode III : Hanuman's mission

Episode IV : Shinta's Trial of Purity

- Ramayana Open Air Theatre, Prambanan Temple, performed on moonlight in May to October from 07.30 to 09.30 pm.
- At Pura Wisata Open Air Theatre, Jl. Brigjen Katamso, performed every night from 08.00-09.30 pm.
- At Dalem Pujokusuman performed every Monday and Friday from 08.00-09.30 pm.



Java Provincial Tourist Office Jl. Wisata Menanggal  
Phone : (031) 8531814, 8531820, Surabaya.

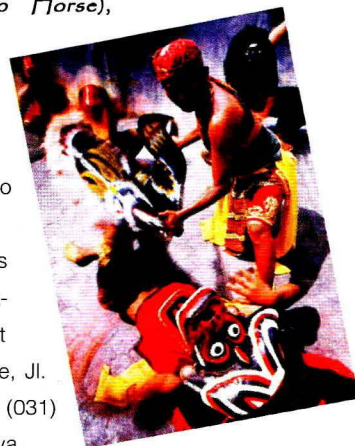
### **Kerapan Sapi (Bull Races), Madura**

This is very popular sport and spectacle is held regularly at least twice a month at Bangkalan on the island of Madura, about half an hour by ferry from Surabaya. Bull racing is a great event in Madura especially the annual races for the island's championship which are usually held by the local administration after the harvest time in September and October. The finals are held at Pamekasan capital of the island, once a year. Special races can be organized, given three days advance notice. For further information, please contact the East Java Provincial Tourist Office, Jl. Wisata Menanggal, Phone : (031) 8531814, 8531820, Surabaya.



### **Kuda Kepang (Bamboo Horse), Kediri**

A dance performance originating from the town of Kediri. Male dances falling into a trance ride on bamboo horses, and eat grass flowers, rice husks and pieces of glass. For further information, please contact the East Java Provincial Tourist Office, Jl. Wisata Menanggal, Phone : (031) 8531814, 8531820, Surabaya.



## **BALI**

### **Temple Festival**

Temple festival takes place throughout Bali, such as the Odalan or temple's anniversary celebrations. Offerings are carried to the temple.

There are purification ceremonies and a fair like atmosphere prevails. At night, performances of sacral dances. Wayang Kulit (shadow) puppets and gamelan music are held.



# WEST SUMATRA

Wild Hog Hunt (50 Kota Regency and Agam Regency). Hunt for wild hogs in the forests of West



Sumatera using dogs for tracking. A sport of the village people in the neighbouring area. The hogs are hunted every Sunday, in Agam Re-

gency and every Tuesday in Limapuluh Kota as they destroy farm lands.

## Minang Traditional Performances

Performances of traditional Minang are staged at 8.00 pm. Daily and at the end of the show, the audience are welcome to participate.

## Randau (*Every Sunday*)

Folks dances and theatre.

## Pacu Itik (*Every Sunday*)

In this traditional duck race, there are 10 ducks at each round. The winner is the first to reach the finish line.

## Water Buffalo Fighting (Kota Baru)

An event held every Tuesday and Saturday by the people of the village of Kuta Laweh and Kota Baru located near the town of Bukittinggi. This event, a popular past time of the people, has remained popular through the years and is still held often. The purpose of this event is to held develop cattle breeding. Two bulls are pitted against each other, and when one of them runs off, it has lost the flight.

## Bird Watching

A jeep from the gate to the Way Kanan Conservation area at dawn to take a quiet look at the birds and other wild animals, and stay the night at lodgings within the area.

# TANA TORAJA, SOUTH SULAWESI

## Toraja Death Feast

The Toraja dead rituals are elaborates feasts which hold the greatest significance in the society. The more

elaborated the rituals, the higher the family's gratitude and esteem considered to be for de-





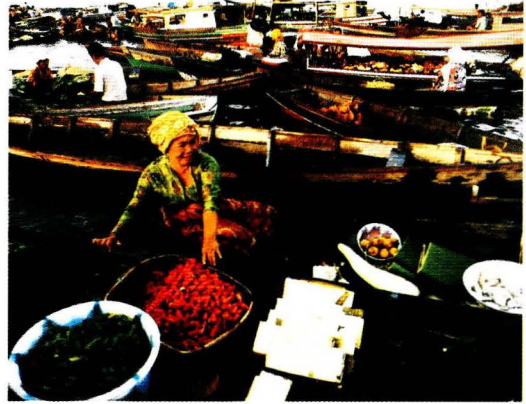
parted member. The rituals begin with the taking off the coffin from the family house, accompanied by the tau-tau, a wooden effigy of the dead person. Traditional welcoming dances are performed for the guests and bull, cock and kick fighting (sisemba) are featured. The mass slaughter of buffaloes and pigs takes place afterwards. The final part of the ritual is when the corpse is taken to its final resting place in a cave high up in the cliffs. A funeral feast for a high-ranking Torajan often lasts for many days.

## EAST KALIMANTAN

*Samarinda Weaving Display, Samarinda*  
Local hand weaving of different designs and colour. Display of traditional woven textiles and clothing of the Dayak Benuaq tribe. The textiles are made of Doyo material from bark. Belian ceremony (for people who are sick), accompanied by the reading mantras (magical charms).



## SOUTH KALIMANTAN



### *Banjarmasin Floating Market*

Every morning between 5.00-9.00 am. The local people sell from their rowing boats along the Martapura river. There is also a lot of bar.



# Core Events

January

## GREBEG SURO

Ponorogo, East Java

Javanese Muslims celebrate the New Year (1424 H) which begins on the first day of the month of Suro (Muharram). One of the highlights of the celebration is the 11<sup>th</sup> National Reog Festival, held in the town of Ponorogo. The Central feature of the famous reog performance is the gigantic mask, consisting of a tiger's head and fan of peacock leathers weighing upwards of 40 kg, worn by a dance in trance. The events begins at 8.00 am. Other events are art and cultural performances, various contests and products sales.



February-March

## BAU NYALE PUTRI MANDALIKA

Kuta Beach, Central Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara

Every once a year usually during the night of the full moon in month of February or March, the sea at Kuta beach on the coast of Lombok, east of Bali full of sea worms, which the local people call "Nyale". They are considered a rare delicacy. Lasting only one or two days, people fill the beach to catch the nyale and indulge in night long merrymaking. By tradition the event is a welcome opportunity for the young people to find matches. It is linked to a popular folktale of the beautiful princes, Putri Mandalika, who was willing to sacrifice herself by jumping into the sea and promised that she would return in the form of the nyale once of year.



Tradition demands that certain rituals should be held preceding the event.

## February TABUIK

Pariaman, West Sumatra

A ceremony held to commemorate the death of the Prophet Muhammad's grand children, Hasan and Husein in the Karbala war, in defense of the Moslem religion. A mystical creature "Bouraq", a winged horse with women's head was believed to have saved the soul of Hasan and effigies of the bouraq are carried in procession, accompanied by music and dancing thrown into the sea. The spectators then jump into the sea and try to grab some of the precious decoration. Horse race, swimming contest, beach festival and art performance are held at the occasion of this ceremony.



## February - March PASOLA JOUSTING CEREMONY

Sumba Islands, East Nusa Tenggara

The Pasola is west Sumba's most exciting ritual scores of colorfully arrayed horsemen on bareback, battling with lances. During the wars ritual riders charge once another flinging blunt spear. The ceremony is held during February in Lamboya and Kodi villages during March in Gaura and Wanokaka. It begins several

days after the full moon and coincides with the yearly arrival to the shore of strange, multihued sea worms.



## March 21-23 BUMI KHATULISTIWA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Pontianak, West Kalimantan

The Festival is held twice a year to commemorate the natural phenomenon of Pontianak which lies



right on the Equator. This festival will feature traditional West Kalimantan art, tourism and cultural

exhibition and traditional sport competition. More ever, Equator young men and lady contest and seminar will be also held during festival.

April 14

## SEKATEN CEREMONY

Alon-Alon Utara Kraton, Yogyakarta

Held during weeks preceding the commemoration of the birthday of the prophet Mohammad. Sekaten begins at midnight when two sets of ancient and sacred gamelan percussion instruments are brought in procession from western side of the palace square. During the whole week except on Thursday night and Friday mornings, the two sets of Gamelan are played turns continuously night and day. Sekaten is accompanied by a fair at the square in front of the mosque where sorts of local handicrafts and item of folk art are sold. It ends, when the set of gamelan is brought back again in procession, to the Kraton.

Juni 16-23

## SRIWIJAYA FESTIVAL

Palembang, South Sumatra

The festival is aimed at increasing the appreciation of the local people toward their own culture and to be one of the annual events in Palembang, South Sumatra. The festival includes traditional and contemporary cultural performances, speed boat races, boat decorating contests, and exhibition of old Sriwijaya boat and other entertainments.

June-July

## BALI ARTS FESTIVAL

Denpasar, Bali

The Bali Art Festival is a month-long festival participated by some other Provinces in Indonesia and some foreign deligates like USA, Korea, Japan, China, Australia, etc as well. The opening ceremony of Bali



Arts Festival, commenced with procession of art and cultural treasures of each regency. Started from the Puputan Margarana/Square Niti Mandala Civic Centre to The Art Centre, downtown of Denpasar where exhibitions and displays of handi-crafts, painting, jewelleries, garments and other products are held, while various kinds of performing arts are on stage every day and night from up to mid-July 2006. The Bali Arts.



## July LAKE TOBA FESTIVAL Parapat and Samosir islands, North Sumatra

Lasting whole week, this festival is centered around lake Toba which is the larger lake is Asia and situated in the



highlands of North Sumatra. This festival features traditional sports, boats races, cultural performances and contemporary shows, horse race and water sport competitions and local handi-crafts exhibitions.

## 4<sup>th</sup> week of August BORNEO FESTIVAL Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan

This event is participated by East Kalimantan, Center Kalimantan, West Kalimantan, and South Kalimantan as the host. And also Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam as honoured guest. This event presenting Dayak ethnic and Melayu culture and arts.

## September BUNAKEN FESTIVAL Manado, North Sulawesi

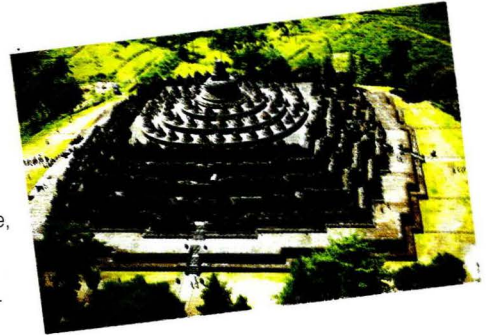
Bunaken is a small island of the coast of Manado, known for its underwater sea gardens. Adjacent to this islands lies the Manado Tua, another island visible from the surroundings as a tall mountain. High-

lights during the festival include art and cultural performances from the four ethnic groups living in the North Sulawesi province, namely Bolaang Mongondow, Sangihe, Talaud, Manado, Bitung and Minahasa. The performances are held in open air stage and they include legenda folkore, bamboo music and a pop song festival, decorated car parade and exhibition of local products.



## September BENGAWAN SOLO FAIR Surakarta, Central Java

Bengawan Solo Fair (BSF) is annual national-wide scope event trade, culture, and tourism sector. The programs held in this event are Borobudur Trade Mart, Solo Great Sale, and Trade and Tourism Exhibition.







# Major Events

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of January TABOT FESTIVAL Bengkulu

The traditional Ceremony to commemorate the struggle of Moslem community, especially the grandchildren of the Prophet Muhammad, Hasan and Husein, in defending and preserving the religion. Highlights during the festival include various kinds of contests and handicrafts exhibitions.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of April MAPPANRETASI (SEA OFFERING CEREMONY) Pagatan, South Kalimantan

Sea offering ceremony for thanksgiving. A "Feeding" ceremony is held in the middle of the sea by a Sanro, Chief of the Adat. The highlight of the events are games, contests and art performances are also held.



## April SEKATEN FAIR Surakarta Municipality, Central Java

It is the traditional fair held annually in coincidence with the Islamic month of Rabiul Awal (Arabic calendar) or Maulud (Javanese calendar)

to commemorate the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. The fair takes place at Alun-Alun Utara (The Kasunanan Palace's north square) and open for visitors day and night. It exhibits a lot of tourist attractions, such as traditional food and handicraft toy, etc. The opening ceremony of fair is marked with the procession of the Royal Family to carry the two huge sets of sacred Gamelans from the Sunan Palace to the great Mosque at the north square for prying. The Sekaten fair is concluded with the "Grebeg Maulud".



July

## LAKE KERINCI CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Jambi

This Festival is aimed to promote tourism potentials. More than a week long festival is highlighted with art performances, traditional sport competitions and exhibition of local handicraft products.

July

## INTERNATIONAL SURFING COMPETITION

Hu'u Beach, Dompu, West Nusa Tenggara

This is an international competition held at the Hu'u Beach which is considered as one of the best surfing areas in the world. This event is continuation of the one held in Nias. It includes a variety of traditional art performance.

August

## NUSA DUA FESTIVAL

Nusa Dua, Bali

Nusa Dua Festival will be highlighted by parades, contemporary theatre, art and craft demonstration, exhibitions, art performances of both traditional and contemporary of Bali and traditional sport participated by visitors.



August

## FLORA AND FAUNA EXPOSITION AND FESTIVAL

Taman Lapangan Banteng, Jakarta

This event is held every year, organized by the Park Office of the Province of Jakarta with the aim to preserve the environment. The two weeks long exposition is opened to public with highlight activities are exhibition of various types of flowers plant, workshop, various competition such as painting, photography, contest of Miss Flora as well as other traditional sport attractions.



August 17-18

## MUSI FESTIVAL

Musi River, Palembang, South Sumatra

August 17 is Indonesia's Independence Day and is celebrated throughout the country by its people who actively participate in different kinds of activities. In Palembang, the capital of South Sumatra province, the people have unique celebration with a Bidar Race, held on Musi River which meanders



through the city. The canoes are shaped to resemble animals or animal heads, each of which can hold 40 rowers in colorful outfits. It is a one day celebration and starts after the flag hoisting ceremony in the morning, then followed by exhibition of handicrafts and cultural performances.

### August 23-26 PACU JALUR

Teluk Kuantan, Indragiri Hulu, Riau

Jalur or canoe races are held coinciding with the celebration of Indonesia's Independence Day. Every decorative Jalur used for the race on the Kuantan River is made of one single large bark of tree, approximately 30 m long and 1 m wide, manned by 25-30 rowers. In the old days, the festival was after a harvest and it was considered sacred. Nowadays it is more for celebration.

### September ERAU FESTIVAL

Tenggarong on Mahakam River, East Kalimantan

It's curious enough to get a glimpse of the Dayak culture which has its deep in the heart of Kalimantan (Borneo). The festival is held to celebrate Tenggarong's birthday as the capital city of an ancient kingdom several countries ago. Traditional Dayak and Malay sport events will be held to add to the festivities, however, the highlight of them all is throwing of the mock dragon in to the Mahakam River which is one of the widest and longest rivers in the country.

### September 7 YADNYA KASADA Probolinggo Regency, East Java

This is an annual ritual held by the Tenggerese community at Ngadisari village, Probolinggo. Thousand of pilgrims bring rice, flowers, fruits, vegetables and live stock, as well as other local products, to the foot of the volcano Mt.Bromo. After the offerings are consecrated and the visitors wishes conveyed to the spirit of the mountain by Tenggerese Hindu priests, the pilgrim ascend to the crater to ask for the blessings of Betoro Bromo (the god of mt. Bromo). The ceremony is preceded by the inauguration of the most honoured men among the Tenggerese and highlighted by a traditional performance on the open air stage at Ngadisari.



### November HARI RAYA KETUPAT CELEBRATION Gorontalo

Hari Raya Ketupat is held seven days after Idul Fitri, end of Ramadhan. Cultural performances such as traditional dances and music, horse racing competition and traditional sport will be performed during this event.



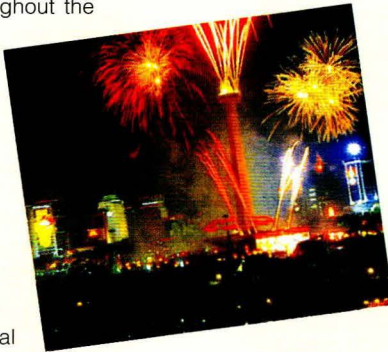
# Supporting Events

## JANUARY

### January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

National Throughout Indonesia.

Observed throughout the country a public holiday, the celebration of International New Year's Eve is often celebrated with the street carnivals, fireworks, special entertainment and shows. In most of the big cities like Jakarta, Medan, Surabaya, Yogyakarta and Bandung as well as Bali, New Year's Eve is time for all night marrying by young and old with parties enlivened by the noise of paper trumpets and exchanges of New Year's greetings. In Christian dominated areas such as North Sulawesi and Ambon, the fiesta atmosphere is more pronounced than in others, with people calling on each other on New Year's Day. Church services are held throughout the country.



### January 7 THE CEREMONY OF "NUMPLAK WAJIK" Yogyakarta

A ceremony preparing the Gunungan (cone shaped) "Wajik", made of sticky rice cooked with sugar and coconut cream. Gunungan Wajik is prepared in the Magangan hall at the Kraton courtyard. The moment the Wajik is turned over on the big round wooden tray (the base for the Gunungan), people beat simultaneously on rice mortars. The beating of the rice mortars in a rhythmic and regular cadence the gunungan is completed. This ceremony starts at 3.00 pm.



January 10

IDUL ADHA (10 Zulhijjah 1426 H)

National, Throughout Indonesia

The Moslem Day of Sacrifice, commemorated with mass prayers at mosque and in town square. Goats and cattle are slaughtered and the meat is given to the poor and needy. Idul Adha is Public holiday.



January 20

WISUDA WARANGGONO

Sambirejo Village, Nganjuk, East Java

This event is held to inaugurate the students of dancing arts who have already succeeded in joining the training of Tayub traditional dance. Held at Padepokan Langen Tayub Anjuk Ladang, Nganjuk. The inauguration is highlighted with Tayub Traditional Dance which begins at 08.00 pm.

January 21 - 23

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LUWU REGION

Luwu, South Sulawesi

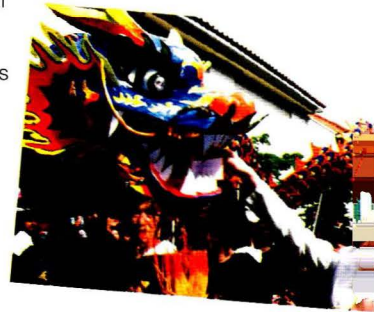
The Anniversary of the founding of the region is celebrated with the ceremonies and performances of traditional dances and exhibition.

January 29

TAHUN BARU IMLEK (CHINESE NEW YEAR)

National, Throughout Indonesia

On Chinese New Year Day, there will be festivals and celebrations such as Chinese cultural performances, various dragon and lion parades and Chinese goods fair. Chinese New Year Day is public holiday.



January 31

TAHUN BARU 1427 H (MOSLEM NEW YEAR)

National, Throughout Indonesia

The first of Muharram, the Moslem's Hijriyah New Year is a National Holiday.

January 31

LABUHAN SURAN

Balekambang Beach (57 km South of Malang) East Java

The traditional ceremony at the seaside village of Balekambang which is located 6 km from the beach (on foot from Srigonco village) is highlighted by ceremonial meals and local traditional art performances, and start at 10.00 am.

January 31

**"RUWAT BUMI" Ceremony**

Tegal Regency, Central Java

It is a thanksgiving ceremony performed by the local farmers and takes place in "Guci" hot water springs about 33 km away from Tegal Town. Guci is a mountain resort at the height of 1.050 meters above sea level with the temperature ranging from 12.8 Celcius to 21.9 Celcius. The unique moments of the ceremony is to bathe goats under 13 years old under hot water. Spout of Gucci as well as slaughtering goat at "Gunung Kelir". The events is ended up at night with local folk performances.

January

**TOA PEH KONG**

Manado, North Sulawesi

Toa Peh Kong is a Buddhist's ritual procession is held annually in the Chinese calendar month. This is exciting event highlights Chinese cultural perfor-

mances, dragon parade as well as various lion and dragon dances.



January

**MANULUDE FESTIVAL**

Sangihe Talaud, North Sulawesi

Manulude is a traditional Sangihe Talaud way of closing the New Year's celebrations. People prepare special cakes and beverages for their guests. It is also a thanksgiving day. Traditional music and dances are staged all night.

**FEBRUARY**

February 7

**SEA OFFERING CEREMONY**

Cilacap Regency, Central Java

A traditional event which is annually held by fishing community at Sidakaya, Donan, Sentolo, Kawat, Lengkong and Tegal. Katilayu villages either those wishing to earn better living or those seeking success in any efforts in the year to come. The event is marked by drifting the offering offshore Karang Bandung village in the Southern of Nusakambangan island. The climax of the event when the offerings (the "Jolen") are brought in a procession starting from the Cilacap Regent's Residence to Pandanarang at the beach of Teluk Penyuu. To liven the event, various art performances are held, joining the procession. The "Jolen" are transferred to colourfully decorated boat followed in its wake by many others, to be drifted off shore to Hindian Ocean at a small island of Majeti. The sea offering ceremony is ended up in the evening, with traditional art performance held in the fishing village.

February 12

## SEDUDO TRADITIONAL BATHING CEREMONY

Nganjuk, East Java

Ritual bathing at the Sedudo waterfall, Nganjuk. It is said to date back to the time of the Majapahit Kingdom in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. According to popular belief, a bath in the water from the falls will grant eternal youth. The highlight of the annual ceremony at Sedudo is a dance to the song of Sekar Mijil, performed by five women and accompanied by drum music.

February 14

## HONDODENTO SEA OFFERING Parangtritis Beach, Bantul, Yogyakarta

The Ritual is held by the big family of Hondodento to ask God for national safety in Parang Kusumo Parangtritis, Bantul, Yogyakarta.

February 17

## THE PITCHER'S FILLING CEREMONY

Imogiri, Bantul Regency, Yogyakarta

The ceremony held once a year on the Javanese month of Suro, by filling four pitchers made of cooper. They are Kyai Mendung (from Rome), Kyai Siem (from Myanmar), Kyai Danumoyo (from Aceh) and Kyai Danumurti (from Palembang). Those pitchers are put in front of the procession and the people

of Imogiri believe that the water could bring good fortune. Held at Imogiri royal Cemetery at 10.00 a.m.

February

## TIWAH CEREMONY

Timpah, Kapuas Regency, Central Kalimantan

Tiwah is the last part of a dead ritual held by the people of Dayak Hindu Kaharingan Kapuas Regency.



February

## GATHERING "TOURISM FUNDAY" Anjer, Banten

This yearly event is organized by the local government. A week long festival will be highlighted by cultural performances, exhibition of handicraft products and various sport/traditional contests.

## MARCH

March

## HAJAT LAUT

Pangandaran Beach, West Java

A thanksgiving ceremony, which is annually held by fishing communities after a good harvest at the same time to commemorate those lost at the sea, is held in Pangandaran beach.



**March 10**

## **JALAN DHIPUJA**

**Balekambang Beach, Malang, East Java**

It is a Hindu religious ceremony of purification held between 1 to 3 days prior of Nyepi day, Headed by priest who blesses the people with holy water which

is taken from "Sumur Pitu", a spring located in the middle of coastal forest. Offering are thrown into

the sea. The ceremony is aimed at physical and spiritual cleansing as well as ceremonial equipment.

**March 20 – April 10**

## **MULUDAN/SEKATEN**

**Cirebon, West Java**

Rituals and festivities to commemorate the birth of the Prophet Muhammad. Rituals are held in three princely courts of Cirebon, Kasepuhan, Kanoman and Kacirebonan during which the old venerated heirlooms and gamelan sets are cleaned. The heirlooms are later brought in procession to mosque where they are blessed. The procession includes seven huge rice mounds decorated with vegetables and spices. These food as well as various

fruits and cakes are later divided and given to selected people and members of the princely families.

**March 11**

## **NYEPI, BALINESE CAKA NEW YEAR**

**National, Throughout Indonesia**

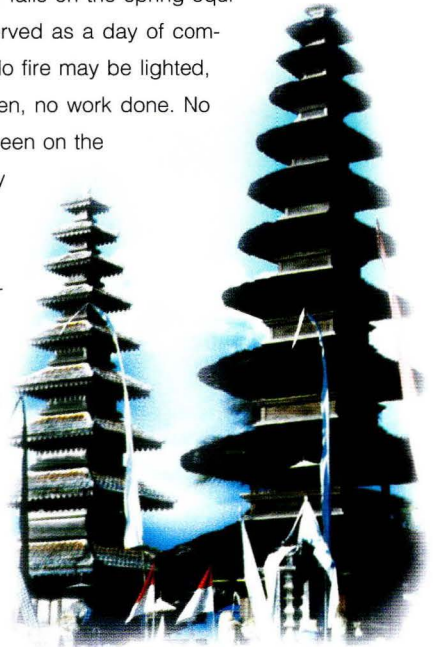
The Balinese Caka New Year is a public holiday observed throughout Indonesia.

**March 30**

## **NYEPI DAY (DAY OF SILENCE)**

**Throughout Bali**

The Balinese New Year in solar/lunar (Caka) Calendar. This holiday falls on the spring equinox and is observed as a day of complete stillness. No fire may be lighted, no transport taken, no work done. No one should be seen on the Roads. One day before Nyepi, the last day of the old year, purification sacrifices and offering are made at crossroad and in the centres of the villages and own towns all over Bali. Priests chant



mantras to exercise the demons (buta and kala) of the old year. In the evening the people of Bali bang gongs and cymbals in all corners of the family compound and parade through the street with farming torches to make sure that all the malingering evil spirits are aroused. In Denpasar, thousand of boys gather at Puputan square for a big parade, through the city streets. The next day, Nyepi, all is silent. Bali appears as if deserted. It is hoped that all the demons and evil spirits aroused the night before will find Bali barren of life and will leave the island.

## APRIL

April 4

### Sekaten Celebration Yogyakarta

Sekaten is held to commemorate the birth of the Prophet Muhammad. It is preceded by carrying out ancient Gamelan instrument which consist of Kyai Gunturmadu and Kanjeng Kyai Nagawilaga. The Ceremony is lively with a month-long night market held at the north square of Yogyakarta Palace.

April 10

### MAULUD NABI MUHAMMAD SAW (ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD SAW)

National Throughout Indonesia

In commemoration of the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, about one week before the actual day, celebrations begin with traditional ceremonies, carnivals and festivals.

April 11

### GREBEG MAULUD (A MOSLEM RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL)

Yogyakarta

Grebeg is parade of the palace Guard. The word is taken from Javanese term means noisy. The noise comes from the activity of the visitors, the footsteps of the palace's soldiers on the procession guarding the gunungan moving from the palace to the court yard of the grand mosque. The noise is strengthened by the explosion of the riffles of the procession. The traditional Islamic ceremony is held by Sultan Palace and Puro Pakualaman.



April 14

### WAFAT YESUS KRISTUS (GOOD FRIDAY)

National, Throughout Indonesia

The commemoration of the ascension of the Jesus Christ is national holiday, observed throughout Indonesia.

## April 21 MERON

Pati, Central Java

A ceremony commemorating the birth of Prophet Mohammad held at Sukolilo village, 30 Km south of Pati town. As many as 12 groups of the village people, each carrying "Meron" (a kind of religious meal offering) in a procession to the local mosque followed by groups of artists, some beating tambourines, other play "Reog" and "Barongan" traditional dance. The "Meron" offer having been blessed by the local preachers, is then distributed to the people attending the ceremony.

## April CULTURAL FESTIVAL Gorontalo

The anniversary of Gorontalo Province is commemorated with traditional art and cultural performances. In the closing ceremony, there will be a colorful carnival parade round the town.

## April ANNIVERSARY OF TAMAN MINI Taman Mini Indonesia Indah, Jakarta

The anniversary of Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (Indonesia in Miniature Park) is commemorated with performances of tradi-

tional music and dances from every region of Indonesia, carnivals and exhibition of handicrafts.

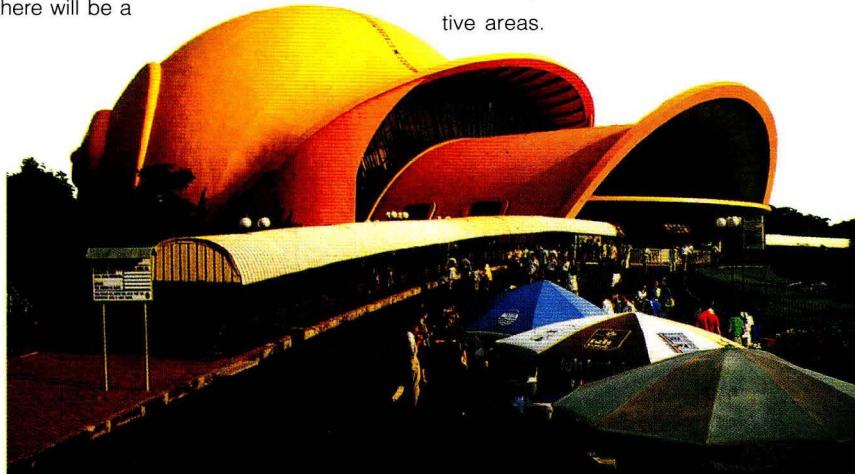
## April MAUDU LAMPOA

Cikoang Village, Takalar, South Sulawesi  
Different attractions such as decorated boats living the rivers, material arts, are held to celebrate the birthday of prophet Muhammad.

## MAY

## May JAMBI FAIR Jambi

The fair is to promote the products of Jambi and lasts for one week. All of the areas of the provinces participated in the fair with display in the pavilions built in the native architectural styles of the respective areas.



May

## TRADITIONAL BOAT RACE

Jambi

This event is held annually to celebrate the anniversary of Jambi Province. Other activities are art and cultural performances and traditional sport competition.

May/June

## SEBA BADUY

Rangkasbitung, Banten

The offering ceremony taking place at Pendopo (Hall) of Lebak Regency by local community in taken of gratitude to god for a successful harvest.

May 10

## OBTAINMENT OF HOLYWATER JUMPRIT WATER SPRING

Temanggung Regency, Central Java

Jumprit is the overflowing water spring of Progo River situated in Mount Sindoro valley. It is renowned as the Ki Jumprit/Kyai Nujum Majapahit site and believed that his graveyard. The water obtainment in Jumprit is included in the arrival Waicak Rituals. The Ritual start at 3 days prior to the Waicak that is May 10<sup>th</sup> , 2006 done by some monk who represent some Sangha in Indonesia. Thousand of bottled water taken from the water spring is then blessed by these monks to the Waicak Holy Water, and then distributed to the Buddhist followers.

May 13

## WAICAK DAY

National, Throughout Indonesia

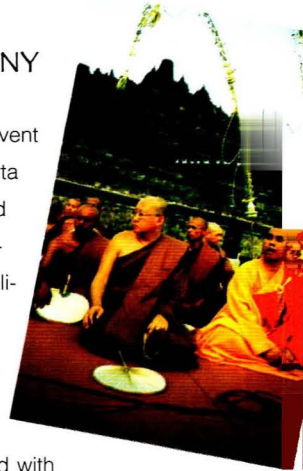
Waicak, the birthday and death of Buddha is a National Holiday.

May 13

## WAICAK CEREMONY

Magelang, Central Java

The "Waisak" is a religious event observing the birth of Sidharta Gautama held at Mendut and Borobudur temples. The ceremony is first initiated with religious praying in Mendut temple during the night in May 13, 2006 and continued the following day in May 14, 2006 then concluded with procession of Buddhist monks and adherents in the morning from Mendut to Borobudur temple. Finally, all Buddhist followers gather at Borobudur for participating in another religious ceremony.



May 14 - 15

## PATTIMURA DAY

Saparua, Malteng Regency, Ambon, Maluku

Commemoration of the National Hero, Pattimura symbolised by a flaming torch carried by relay runners from each village. The torch is greeted by traditional dancers at each village until it arrives for the ceremony in Ambon, where it is kept burning until the next day.

May 19-24

## "ISEN MULANG" CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan

This festival features cultural presentation from provinces all over the country and tourism exhibition.

May 28

## THE BIRTHDAY CEREMONY OF SRI SULTAN HB X YOGYAKARTA

The ceremony to celebrate the birthday of Sri Sultan HB X held in Bangsal Kencono, Yogyakarta Royal Palace.



May

## GALESONG FESTIVAL

Takalar, South Sulawesi

Galesong fishermen hold a traditional thanksgiving ceremony. Offerings are thrown into the sea in hopes of better fortune in the future.

May

## MANE'E TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL

Intata, Talaud, South Sulawesi

Mane'e is unique tradition of the people around Intata, Talaud. Where the people usually hold a festival of catching fish without tool, and it takes place during calm season in about April to May before catching fish, a ritual ceremony is done by the people in order to ask the Almighty God for help. The local Government manages this festival regularly and annually, as this event is also known nationally.

## JUNE

### June 7-July 7 YOGYAKARTA ART FESTIVAL Yogyakarta

A month long art festival to celebrate the many artistic and cultural tradition of Yogyakarta. This festival features parade, traditional performances, exhibition of art and tourism, and other traditional entertainments.

June 14 – July 14

## JAKARTA FAIR

Kemayoran Fair Ground, Jakarta

The annual Jakarta Fair is held to celebrate the anniversary of the Jakarta city with entertainment and promotions of the nation products. The provincial government set up pavilions in the area.

June

## RAFTING COMPETITION

Batang Asai River, Jambi

This event is held to celebrate the anniversary of Jambi. Additional highlights include local handicraft exhibition and other traditional sport competition.

June

## MUARO JAMBI FESTIVAL

Jambi

It is more than a weeklong festival with cultural performances, traditional sport competition and exhibition of local product.

June

## BAKAR TONGKANG

Bagan Siapi-api, Riau

Bakar Tongkang is a thanksgiving ceremony that held by Chinese community at Bagan Siapi-api. This event features a variety of traditional performances, Barongsai dance and other traditional performances.



June

## UA PUA

Bima, West Nusa Tenggara

Ua Pua is cultural festival held by Bimanese people in commemorating Maulud Nabi Muhammad (anniversary of Prophet Muhammad), which takes place in Bima Palace.

During the celebration, many traditional dance and games, offering ceremony are performed.

June

## TRADITIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Ciamis, West Java

This festival is held to celebrate the anniversary of Ciamis Re-gency. The week long festival is high-ighted with art performances, ex-hibition of development of the region and local handi-craft products.



June

## PASAR BARU FESTIVAL

Pasar Baru Shopping Complex, Jakarta

Pasar Baru is one of the most popular shopping centre in Jakarta. Each Year, a festival is held to celebrate the anniversary of Jakarta city. Various enter-tainment such as traditional and contemporary cultural performances, music pop, discount fares, as well as store decorative contest are performed during the festi-val.

June

## BEGAWAI FESTIVAL

Bandar Lampung, Lampung

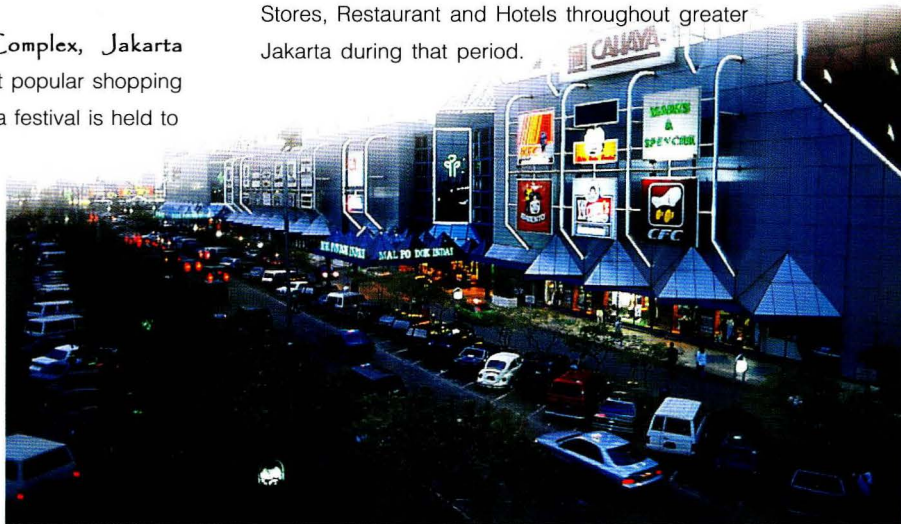
This event is held to celebrate the anniver-sary of Bandar Lampung City. Highlights of the festival are art exhibition, cultural perfor-mances, traditional competitions and other attractions.

June - July

## JAKARTA GREAT SALE

Jakarta

Jakarta Great Sale is an annual "SALE" event, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June – 14<sup>th</sup> of July in conjunction with Jakarta's Anniversary and to promote Jakarta as one of the most preferred shopping destina-tions in Asia. Extensive discounts and pro-grams are offered in Shopping Malls, Department Stores, Restaurant and Hotels throughout greater Jakarta during that period.



June – July

## TIWAH CEREMONY

Timpah, Kapuas Regency, Central Kalimantan

Tiwah is the last part of a death ritual held by the people of Dayak Hindu Kaharingan, Kapuas Regency.

June

## THE 259<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF YOGYAKARTA ROYAL PALACE

It is the traditional ceremony to commemorate the founding of Yogyakarta Sultanate held in Yogyakarta Royal Palace.

# JULY

July

## PAPER KITE FESTIVAL

Pangandaran Beach, West Java

Participants in the kite contest will be come from the region itself as well as from abroad all displaying the most unique and colourful kites of various sizes, beautifully coinciding with the happy harvest period festivities in West Java. Folk music and traditional dances will be performed during the festival.

July

## KITE FESTIVAL

Padanggalak Beach, Sanur, Bali

The event is organized by Pelangi Bali to promote and support the tourist attraction. There will be shows of many special kites, sports, exhibition and sales of local products.

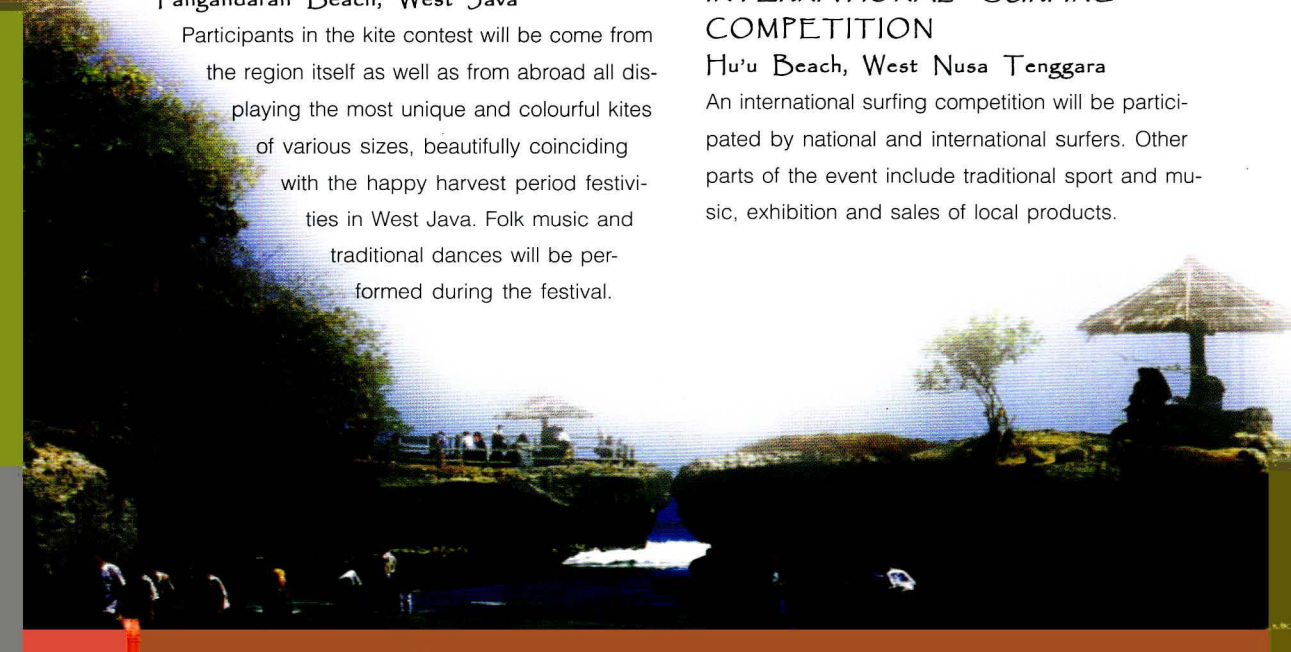


July

## INTERNATIONAL SURFING COMPETITION

Hu'u Beach, West Nusa Tenggara

An international surfing competition will be participated by national and international surfers. Other parts of the event include traditional sport and music, exhibition and sales of local products.







July

## SENGGIGI FESTIVAL

Batu Layar Village, Lobar Regency, West Nusa Tenggara

A week long festival will be organized by the local government to promote Lombok Tourism. Highlights of the events are art exhibition, cultural performances and traditional sport competitions.

July

## RAMBU SOLO / RAMBU TUKA

Tana Toraja, South Sulawesi

There are two different kinds of funeral ceremonies in Toraja. The Rambu Solo is a sad ceremony and Rambu Tuka is the happy ceremony. Rambu

Solo usually starts in the afternoon and lasts for 7 days.

During the ceremony tens or even hundreds of buffalos and pigs are slaughtered, hoping that the spirit of the death would be accepted by God.



July

## MINAHASA ART & CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Minahasa North Sulawesi

The festival held to perform traditional ceremonies accompanied by traditional dance and music, such as: Maengket dance, Katrily, Cakalele, Bamboo music "Melulu", Kolintang and Shell music. These colossal performances will be staged in various places in Minahasa regency.

July 14

## ANNIVERSARY OF MANADO CITY

Manado, North Sulawesi

The official establishment of the city is celebrated with cultural performances and fashion shows in Manado and its surroundings. For the youth there is a contest to select "Nyong and None" (Mr and Miss) Manado.

July 7 - 15

## MANADO BEACH FESTIVAL

Manado, North Sulawesi

A weeklong festival is held to celebrate the anniversary of Manado City. Highlights of the festival include traditional art and music performances, sport competitions and other traditional attractions.

July 21

## BANTUL TOWN ANNIVERSARY

Bantul, Yogyakarta

The celebration of Bantul's anniversary is done in the traditional way. Traditional processions are held with participants clad in traditional Javanese dress, accompanied by various folk dances and gamelan music, making it all festive and unique, all are held at Tri Renggono square of Bantul starting at 09.00 a.m. and ending with a procession of heirlooms. This procession uses andong (fourwheel horse-carts) escorted by guards in traditional dresses.

July

## LAKE KERINCI FESTIVAL

Kerinci Regency, Jambi

A week-long festival is highlighted with art performances, traditional sport competitions and exhibition of local handicraft products.

July

## SAMBOJA SEA FESTIVAL (SEA OFFERING)

Samboja, Kukar Regency, East Kalimantan

Samboja Sea Festival is a traditional thanksgiving ceremony held by fishermen. Offerings are thrown into the sea in hopes of better fortune in the future.

July

## DARWIN - AMBON

## INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

Ambon, Maluku

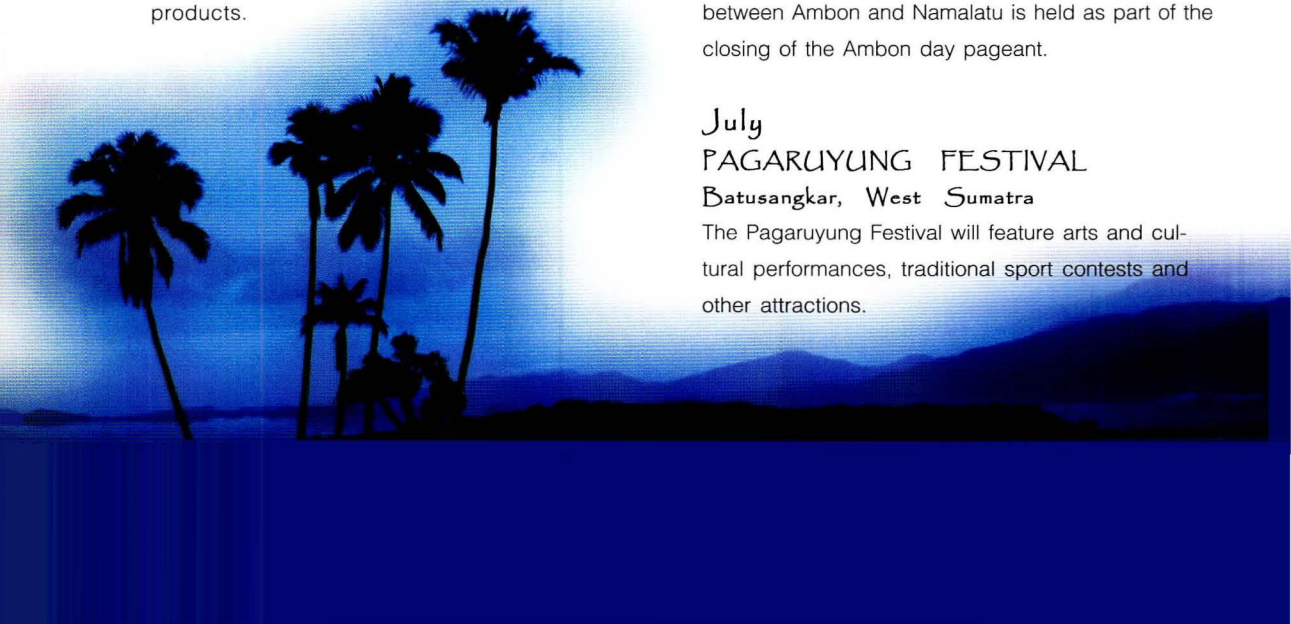
Originally introduced to boast friendship between two neighbours, Australia and Indonesia. The finish of the yacht race is at Ambon where a reception committee will see to it warm welcome awaits them on the shores of this idyllic island group with ceremonies and performances of traditional dances and exhibition. A special event of a 15-km big walk between Ambon and Namalatu is held as part of the closing of the Ambon day pageant.

July

## PAGARUYUNG FESTIVAL

Batusangkar, West Sumatra

The Pagaruyung Festival will feature arts and cultural performances, traditional sport contests and other attractions.



# AUGUST

**August**

## TRADITIONAL ART AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

**Kota Ende, East Nusa Tenggara**

Art and cultural performances, local handicrafts exhibitions and traditional sport competitions are held during festival.

**August**

## FOLK ART FESTIVAL

**Batam**

Folk art festival is held to celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day. The highlight of the festival is cultural performances, exhibition of art and craft and traditional sport competitions.

**August, 17**

## TRADITIONAL BOAT RACE

**Martapura River,  
Banjarmasin, South  
Kalimantan**

The traditional boat races are held at the Martapura river which runs through the city of Banjarmasin, to celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day on August 17 and Banjarmasin anniversary. The boat are provided by the organizing committee and are decorated with dragon heads. The

race covers 1 km along the river.

**August 17**

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

**National, Throughout Indonesia**

The Indonesia National Independence Day is celebrated throughout the country with Jakarta as the centre. Local communities organise traditional sports events, puppet and shadow plays, traditional cultural performances, carnival or festivals, a solemn hoisting flag ceremony is held at the Merdeka Presidential Palace.

**August 21**

## ISRA MI'RAJ (PROPHET MUHAMMAD ASCENSION DAY)

**National, Throughout  
Indonesia**

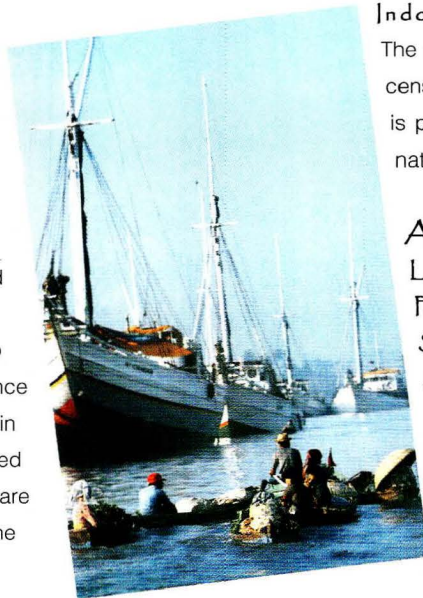
The day commemorating the ascension of the Prophet Muhammad is public holiday and observed nationwide.

**August 23**

## LAKE TEMPE FESTIVAL

**Sengkang, Wajo, South  
Sulawesi**

This annual festival participated by some regencies within the province of South Sulawesi. Traditional dances



and boat races competition and other attractions will be performed during the event.

**August 25**

### LABUHAN CEREMONY

Parang Kusuma beach and the Peak of Mt Merapi and Mt. Lawu, Yogyakarta

Labuhan Ceremony is an offering ritual at Parang Kusumo Beach, south of Yogyakarta, coinciding with the birthday of the Sultan of Yogyakarta. The offering is held to please Nyi Roro Kidul, the legendary goddess of the south sea (the Indian ocean). Similar rituals are held at the peaks of volcanoes Merapi and Lawu.

**August 27**

### CUCI NEGERI

Otemer Village, Maluku

A traditional ceremony held only in Negeri Otemer is to symbolise its purification from any cultural pollution.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of August**

### DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION

Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara

Annual event held by the regional government to present the development of the regencies in the province. Other activities include traditional cultural performance, handicrafts demonstration and various entertainments.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of August**

### SWIMMING BUFFALO RACE

Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan

This swimming buffalo race is unique tourist attractions

held at Rawa-rawa village, Panggung

Lake. This annual event is held to celebrate

Indonesia's Independence Day.



**August**

### NGUGU TAHUN

Mulia Harapan Sibutu, Kukar Regency, East Kalimantan

A thanksgiving ceremony is held after a good harvest. After the ceremony, there are several traditional sport competitions and cultural performances.

**August**

### NUSA DUA FESTIVAL

Badung, Bali

Nusa Dua festival will be highlighted by parades, contemporary theatre, art and crafts demonstration, exhibitions, and art performances of both traditional and contemporary of Bali and sport tournaments, which could be participated by visitors.



## September 4 SEREN TAHUN

Cisungsang Village, Banten

A traditional thanksgiving ceremony after harvest time held by local farmers at the valley of Mount Halimun, South Banten. Various traditional dances and music are performed during this event.

## August

### TRADITIONAL DANCE AND MUSIC CONTEST

Agats, Asmat Regency, Papua

This event is participated by all Regencies within the province of Papua a variety show of traditional music and dances, exhibitions and demonstration of handicraft are performed.

## September - October

### KARAPAN SAPI (BULL RACES)

Sampang, Pamekasan and Bangkalan, Madura

This very popular sport and spectacle is held regularly at least twice a month during September to October begin at 09.00 at Bangkalan, Sampang and Pamekasan on the island of Madura about half an hour by ferry from Surabaya. Bull racing is great event in Madura, especially the annual races for the island's championship which are usually held by the

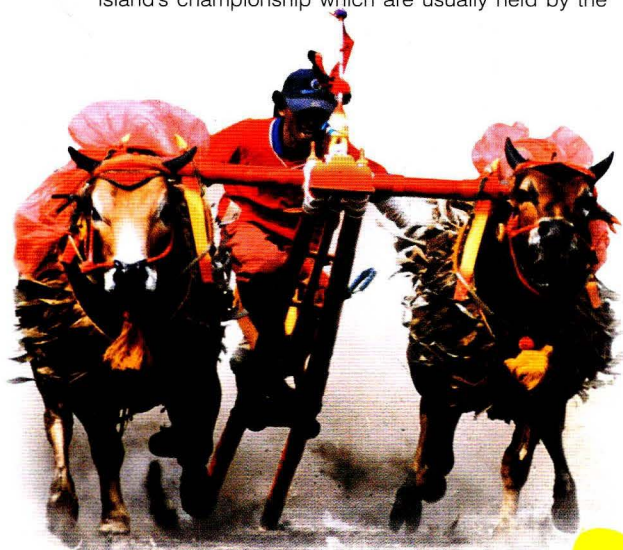
# SEPTEMBER

## First Week of September

### ARUH GANAL SUKU DAYAK

Loksado, South Hulu Sungai Regency, South Kalimantan

A thanksgiving held after harvesting every night for a week, between July, August and September with a "Belian" spiritual dance, led by the chief of village.



local administration after the harvest time in September or October. The final are held at Pamekasan, capital of the island, one a year. Special races can be organized, given three days advance notice. For further information please contact the East Java Provincial Tourist Office, Jl. Wisata Menanggal, Surabaya, Phone : (031) 8531815, 8531820.

### September 15-20 CULTURAL FESTIVAL Buntok, Barito Selatan, Central Kalimantan

The festival is highlighted with art performances traditional folk song, traditional sport competitions and exhibitions of local handicraft products.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of September DECORATED TRADITIONAL BOAT Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan

This festival held to celebrate the province's anniversary.



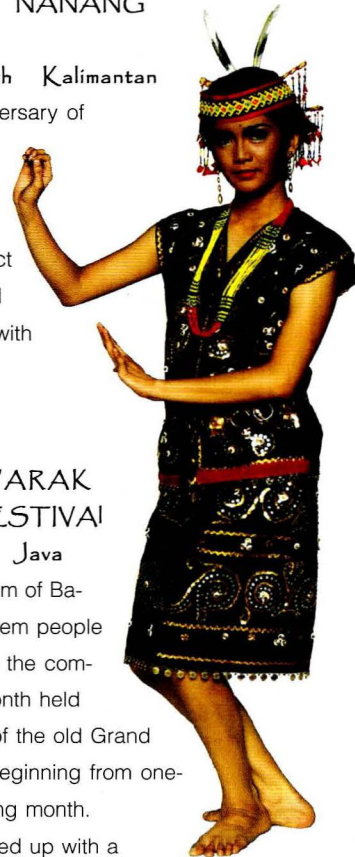
### 4<sup>th</sup> Week of September CONTEST OF NANANG AND GALUH

Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan

To celebrate the anniversary of Banjarmasin and to present the Banjar culture and tradition a contest is held to select a Banjarnese (Mr) and Galuh (Mrs) together with art performances.

### September 23 DUGDERAN-WARAK NGENDOG FESTIVAL Semarang, Central Java

A celebration in the form of Bazaar in which the Moslem people of Semarang welcome the coming Moslem fasting month held night and day in front of the old Grand Mosque of Kauman, beginning from one-week prior of the fasting month. The celebration is ended up with a "Dugderan" procession on September 23, starting from the mayor Semarang office, at Jl. Pemuda Semarang up to Mesjid Besar (Grand Mosque) of Kauman at Jl. Alun-alun Johar where the big drum is sounded to mark the beginning of fasting month. The procession is featured with the mascot of Dugderan, namely "Warak Ngendok."



## September 23 BATHING RITUAL

Yogyakarta

Held by Javanese/ Islamic people on the occasion of the coming of fasting month of Ramadhan (a month in Javanese/ Islamic calendar).

## September TRADITIONAL CANOE COMPETITION

Pontianak, West Kalimantan

Decorated boat races with a cultural festival are held to celebrate equatorial scene, when the sun is exactly above the equator.

## September MALAY CULTURAL FESTIVAL

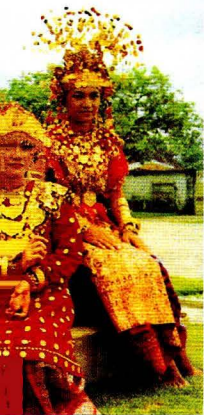
Palembang, South Sumatra

A series of performances of Malay culture and tradition existing in South Sumatra which are participated by groups from local people and other provinces.

## September MATTEMU TAUNG (HARVEST FESTIVAL)

Sopeng Regency, South Sulawesi

A thanksgiving ceremony with folk art performances, held after a good harvest.



## September MEJUAH-JUAH FESTIVAL

Brastagi, Karo Regency, North Sumatra

This annual event is highlighted by exhibition of fruits and flowers, Karo traditional dance and other attractions with the objectives to preserve and promote the local product and traditional performances.

## OCTOBER

### October 10 ANNIVERSARY OF BITUNG CITY

The Anniversary of the city is an event that performs attractions of "Totabuan" artistic culture, which is presented by sub ethnical groups of Bolaang Mongondow. At the top of this event, the final night of Bolaang Mongondow Uyo & Nanu 2006 is held. Also, other interesting attractions are performed.

### October 23 ANNIVERSARY OF PONTIANAK CITY

Pontianak, West  
Kalimantan

The anniversary of the founding of Pontianak is celebrated with ceremonies and performances of traditional dances and exhibition of local products.



October 24

## GREBEG SYAWAL CEREMONY

Alun-alun Utara Kraton Yogyakarta

This ceremony expresses praise and gratefulness to God by the Moslems after having completed their fasting duty in the sacred month of Ramadhan. At 08.00 a.m. the ceremony begins with a parade of Kraton guards in their colourful uniforms comprising of Wirobrojo, Daeng, Ketanggung, Jogokaryo, Prawirotomo, Mantrijero.

Troops led by their commander in chief. They march from Siti Hinggil through the Pagelaran to the Southern square and then wait for the Gunungan procession.



October 24-25

## IDUL FITRI (LEBARAN)

National, Throughout Indonesia

The Moslem End of fast, a public holiday. Idul Fitri is observed by Moslem throughout the country by holding mass prayers in Mosque and squares, beginning early in the morning. People put on their best clothes and ask each others forgiveness for wrong done during the past year. A festive character accentuated by processions marks the night preceding Idul Fitri.

October 29

## SEA OFFERING CEREMONY

Pantai Pandansimo, Srandakan, Bantul, Yogyakarta

A thanksgiving ceremony held by fishermen at the beach of Pandan Simo, at Srandakan, Bantul Regency. The ceremony features a variety of traditional performances, fishing competition, while offerings life stock and local products are released to the sea. From 11.00 a.m. to 16.00 p.m.

## October, 4<sup>th</sup> Week NADRAN (SEA FESTIVAL)

Cirebon, West Java

Nadran is a thanksgiving ceremony held by fisherman. The ceremony features

variety of traditional dances, while offering a buffalo sacrificed and flowers scattered on the water are released to the sea.

October

## RAMADHAN CAKE FAIR

Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan

This is special fair open in the month of Ramadhan, the Moslem fasting month. Different kinds of the traditional food of the Banjar people are on sale at 03.00 – 09.00 p.m.



## October BULL AND BUFFALO RACES

### Buleleng and Jembrana, Bali

"SAPI GRUMBUNGAN" (Bull Race) is held in Buleleng and "MEKEPUNG" (Buffalo Race) in Jembrana, Bali. This event held to win the trophy of Governor of Bali Province.



## October FISHING TOURNAMENT Tablolong Village, West Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara

A fishing tournament is held at Tablolong village, West Kupang. The tournament will employ traditional fishing method using traditional boats. The game will be participated by not less than 100 boats each consists of four crews in maximum.

## October DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL Tanjung Pinang, Riau

Dragon Boat Race is participated by domestic and foreign contestants and it goes through a distance of 400 m long. The race is held at the Tanjung Pinang seaside facing the Penyengat island where visitors can find remains of Malay history. Other activities are traditional cultural performances swimming contest for men and women, canoe races and traditional diving contest.

## October KORA-KORA RACE Banda Neira, Central Maluku

A procession of 6 Kora-Kora (traditional Maluku boats) from 6 villages in the Banda Neira island. The Kora-Kora takes the shape of a horse, spear or human head to show the heroism of the Maluku people when facing the Dutch forces.

## October 21-22 LEBARAN TOPAT Senggigi, West Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara

Lebaran Topat is held seven days after Idul Fitri end of Ramadhan, when housewives cook ketupat (rice cakes wrapped in woven young coconut leaves). The people visit relatives and on the seventh day they visit sacred graves where prayers are held and it ends with fasting.



## October ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH MALUKU PROVINCE

Ternate, North Maluku

The anniversary of the North Maluku Province is celebrated with performances of folk and exhibition of the success of regions development.

## October PUKUL SAPU (SEVEN DAYS AFTER IDUL FITRI)

Mamala and Morela, Maluku

This event is held by two groups of men from Mamala and Morella village who "strike each others" on bare backs in turns with stick brooms for about half an hour. "Mamala Oil" made from coconut is applied to those injured to show its healing powers. The oil is believed to have extraordinary powers such as to cure broken bones.

# NOVEMBER

## November 5 ANNIVERSARY OF MINAHASA REGENCY

Minahasa, North  
Sulawesi

The anniversary of the founding of Minahasa Regency is celebrated with traditional ceremony, cultural performances and traditional sport events.



## November 9 ANNIVERSARY OF MAKASSAR Makassar, South Sulawesi

Various cultural performances, parade, sport and exhibition of development results are held to celebrate the event.

## November WEST NUSA TENGGARA EXPO Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara

West Nusa Tenggara Expo is the exhibition on local product of goods and handicraft. Special cultural performances will be performed to celebrate the fair.

## November STABAS FESTIVAL West Lampung, Lampung

Stabas festival is organized each year by the local Tourism Government to present traditional performances, surfing exhibition will be participated by both national and international surfers, and the sale of local handicraft products.

## November LAKE TONDANO FESTIVAL

It is the most interesting event to see, where there are various artistic culture of Minahasa. Through this event, traditional dances

such as: Maengket, Katrili, Tumatenden and Pisok dance can be enjoyed. Other entertainments are bamboo and kolintang musics, traditional boat race will be performed during this event.

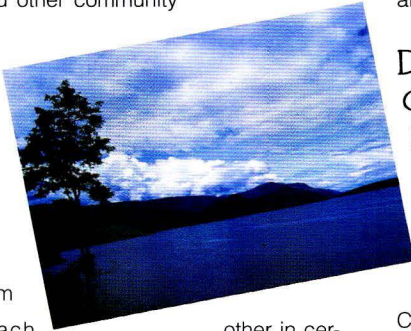
## November

### PERANG TOPAT (TOPAT WAR)

Pura Lingsar , West Lombok , West Nusa Tenggara

The farmers and other community

members in Pura Lingsar about 10 km from the town of Mataram throw "ketupat" (steamed rice wrapped in palm



leaves) at each other in ceremony in hopes that they will be prosperous. The ceremony is held in the late afternoon. Pujawali ceremony should be held three days before the Ketupat War which fall in December on a full moon.

# DECEMBER

## December 20

### TRADITIONAL WALKING COMPETITION

Halteng, North Maluku

Traditional walking competition is held to celebrate New Year's Eve. It starts at Halteng at 06.00 am and

then continued by various attractions as well as traditional performances.

## December 24

### ANNIVERSARY OF SANGIHE TALAUD REGENCY

Talaud, North Sulawesi

Traditional cultural performances and art exhibitions are held in Sangihe Talaud annually to celebrate the anniversary of the regency.

## December 25

### CHRISTMAS DAY

National, Throughout Indonesia

Christmas eve is celebrated by Christmas throughout Indonesia with church services.

There are candlelight dinner at major hotel as well as family gathering and Christmas parties.

Christmas is public holiday.

## December 28

### THE CEREMONY OF "NUMPLAK WAJIK"

Sultan Palace, Yogyakarta

A ceremony preparing the making of the Gunungan "Wajik" is made of sticky rice cooked with sugar and coconut cream. Wajik and other ingredients to make the Gunungan are prepared in the Magangan hall at the Kraton back yard. The moment the wajik is turned over on the big round wooden tray (the base for the Gunungan), people beat simultaneously on the rice mountain. The heating of the rice

mortars in the rhythmic and regular cadence is done on and on until gunung is completed. This ceremony starts at 03.00 pm.

## December

### JAMBI CULTURAL WEEK

Jambi

A week long exhibition on tourism developments participated by local Government and tourism industries held in Jambi. Traditional music, dances, art performances as well as traditional sport competition will be performed during this event.

## December 30

### TOWONG CEREMONY

Yogyakarta

A ritual ceremony held in Yogyakarta Royal Palace on the day before Grebeg Besar (Idul Adha).

## December 31

### GREBEG BESAR CEREMONY

Yogyakarta

This ceremony is to express gratefulness to the Supreme God for his blessings. Moslems give alms, slaughter oxen and goats and distribute the meat to the poor. This is done at the Idul Adha or

Day of Sacrifice commemorating Abraham executing God's will to sacrifice Ismail, his son, who accidentally was exchanged with a sheep. The ceremony is similar to the Grebeg Syawal.

## December

### WAY KAMBAS FESTIVAL

East Lampung Regency, Lampung

This festival features cultural shows, handicraft exhibition, pop song contest flora and fauna photography contest, game fishing and elephant guide contest as well as other sport competitions.



## December

### IRAW TENGGAYU (SEA OFFERING CEREMONY)

Tarakan, East Kalimantan

It is a sea offering ceremony held by Tidung ethnic groups. The offerings are released in the sea and the ceremony is highlighted by traditional cultural performances, art exhibition and sport competition.

# Public Holidays in 2006

- 1 January : New Year
- 10 January : Idul Adha 10 Dzulhijjah 1426 H (Moslem Day of Sacrifice)
- 29 January : Imlek 2557 Tahun Cina (Chinese New Year)
- 31 January : Tahun Baru Hijriyah 1 Muharram 1427 H (Moslem New Year)
- 30 March : Nyepi, Balinese Saka New Year
- 10 April : Maulid Nabi Muhamad SAW 12 Rabiul Awal 1427 H  
(Anniversary of Birth of Prophet Muhammad SAW)
- 14 April : Wafat Yesus Kristus (Good Friday)
- 13 May : Waisak Day (Anniversary of The Birth/ Death of Budha)
- 25 May : Kenaikan Yesus Kristus (Ascension of Christ)
- 17 August : Indonesia Independence Day
- 21 August : Isra Mi'raj Nabi Muhammad SAW (Prophet Muhammad Ascension)
- 24-25 October : Idul Fitri 1 Syawal 1427 H (The End of the Moslem Fasting Month  
Ramadhan)
- 25 December : Hari Raya Natal (Christmas Day)
- 31 December : Idul Adha 10 Dzulhijjah 1427 H (Moslem Day of Sacrifice)

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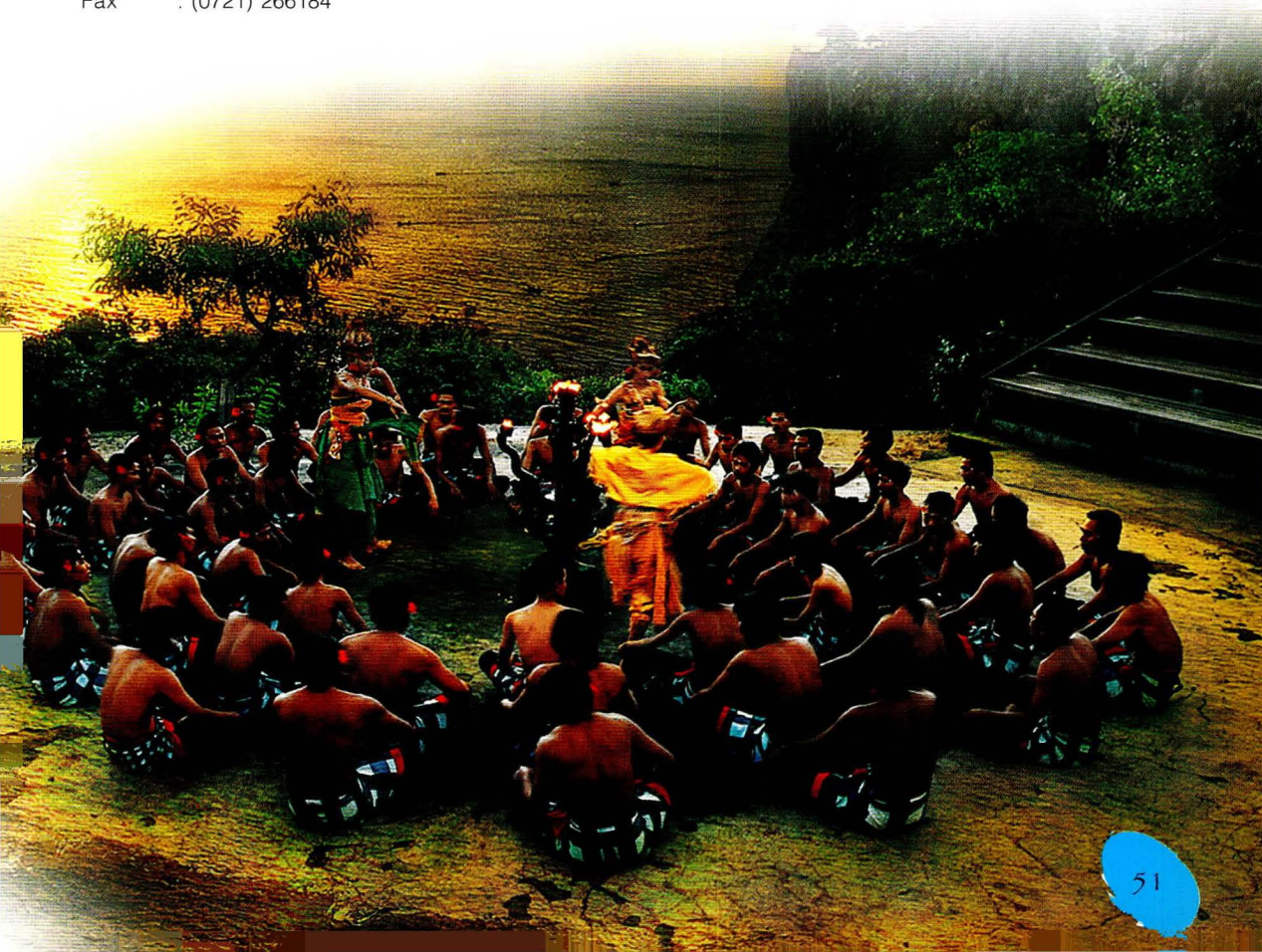
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