



Segara Anak Lake, West Nusa Tenggara

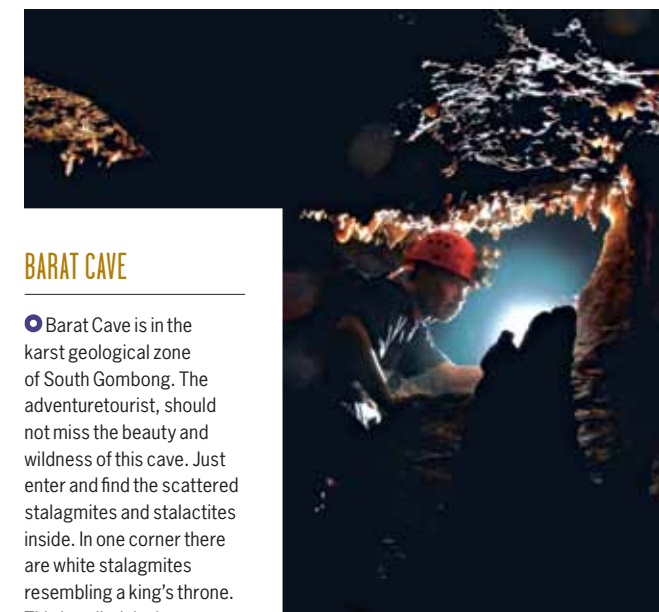
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Gili Trawangan, West Nusa Tenggara

C A V E



BARAT CAVE

Barat Cave is in the karst geological zone of South Gombong. The adventure tourist, should not miss the beauty and wildness of this cave. Just enter and find the scattered stalagmites and stalactites inside. In one corner there are white stalagmites resembling a king's throne. This is called the keratonan.

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C U L T U R E



LARANTUKA

In front of the line, a man beats a drum called genda do in a particular mournful rhythm. It sounds melancholy and brings a person to spiritual heights, as if it is the only sound that night. Behind the drummer, a group of children carry a black cross, sugar canes and other sweet fruits, two big candles and a human skeleton.

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PARADISE ACROSS THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARCHIPELAGO

IN INDONESIA, PARADISE CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE FROM THE SEAS, MOUNTAINS, RIVERS, CAVES AND FORESTS TO THE OLD CITIES AND VILLAGES. THOUGH MOST ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, SOME TAKE DAYS TO REACH, REQUIRING VISITORS TO SWITCH THEIR MODES OF TRANSPORTATION OR EVEN WALK FOR HOURS.



Indonesia's 100 HIDDEN PARADISE



WATCHING THE SUN RISE ON MOUNT BROMO OR DIVING IN BUNAKEN MAY NO LONGER BE ENOUGH FOR ADVENTURE-SEEKERS IN INDONESIA. THE SEARCH IS ON FOR LESSER-KNOWN DESTINATIONS, AND THERE ARE MORE THAN PLENTY AROUND THE ARCHIPELAGO AS TEMPO DISCOVERED. WITH THE HOLIDAYS APPROACHING AT YEAREND, WE PRESENT A SPECIAL REPORT ON SELECTED SITES THAT CAN SERVE AS ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS.



WE WILL NOT, right from the start, look at the conventional places like Lombok, Bunaken and the Thousand Islands, but seek the less-traveled path. The journey may be tiring but the final destination could well take your breath away, a heaven on earth.

That's how we located these unknown earthly edens. Among them is the beautiful and romantic Togeang Beach in Central Sulawesi. One well-known place that deserves to be listed is Mount Rinjani in West Nusa Tenggara. But we do not recommend Senaru and Sembalun, the mountain's two popularly-used trails. Instead, we chose the rarely trodden Torean trail, which may be more challenging to mountain trekkers, but which promises infinitely more rewarding vistas.

BEACH



TOGEAN

The Togeang Islands have four types of coral which are not found in any other seas: atolls, barrier reef, fringing and patch reefs. These diverse formations and colors of coral are home to species of fish living in tropical and subtropical waters.

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MOUNTAIN



RINJANI

From Taman cave, we walked to Susu cave, about 500 meters away. Inside is a natural hot spring, which makes one feel as if stepping into a sauna. Hot water drips from stalactites. The steam was so enjoyable that an hour went passed unnoticed.

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LAKE

LUWU

With a depth of about 590 meters, Lake Matano is the deepest lake in Southeast Asia. This lake is connected by river to Lake Mahalona, and to Lake Towuti to the south. Lake Towuti, which measures 561 square kilometers, is the second-largest lake in Indonesia. These three lakes formed as a result of tectonic activity millions of years ago.

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RATENGGARO

When building a traditional house, there are lines that may not be crossed. Locals believe the work must not only involve people on earth, it must have the blessing of the spiritual world, specifically ancestors. "The first ritual will tell us whether or not our ancestors approve of our intention to build a house," said 43-year-old Ndara, a village head.

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TRADITIONAL VILLAGE



SPORTS

BULELENG

We swam slowly, climbed up rocks, slipped and slid down others. Several times I couldn't resist the urge to go underwater, walk on tiptoes or splash water onto the air. The gorge with the towering batu padas was transformed into the perfect hiding place to release my inner child.

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RIVER



BAHAU RIVER

We had started the journey from Tanjung Selor from the mouth of the Kayan River. After four days traversing the Kayan, we arrived at Apau Ping. From the wooden boat, we often saw pairs of hawks flying around over the liat trees on the right side of the river toward the ketepai treetops to the left of it. White storks perched en masse on a tree.

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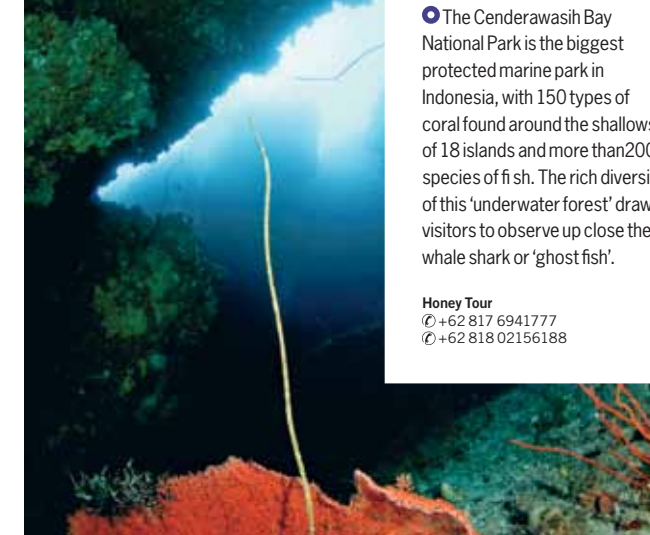
KAYAN NATIONAL PARK

Kayan Mentarang is very remote, located on the edge of Indonesia's region bordering Malaysia. The only way to get there is via a small river with rapids. The Long Alango airport, which is overrun with grass, can only accommodate small aircrafts, with a maximum of about a dozen people.

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DIVING



KWATISORE

The Cenderawasih Bay National Park is the biggest protected marine park in Indonesia, with 150 types of coral found around the shallows of 18 islands and more than 200 species of fish. The rich diversity of this 'underwater forest' draws visitors to observe up close the whale shark or 'ghost fish'.

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HISTORY



BANDA NEIRA

A pentagon-shaped fort, named the Belgica, stands at the top of the Banda Neira plateau, 300 meters above the harbor. The upper part of the fort has a canon on every side. The Dutch built it on the remains of a Portuguese fort during the 16th century.

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SURFING

MENTAWAI

Mentawai's waves have characteristically long barrels, making them very popular. They are also closely spaced, so surfers don't need to wait too long for the next wave. The worldwide recognition of the islands can be gauged from the many surfing championships held there.

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