

Exploring Social Change

Yogyakarta & Bali, Indonesia January 2nd - 14th, 2017







Itinerary

Monday, January 2

Depart SFO to Denpasar, Bali

Wednesday, 4 January

Arrive in Bali, dinner at hotel in Ubud.

Thursday, 5 January

Visit Mitra Bali, one of Indonesia's largest and oldest fair trade organizations, followed by a walk in the rice fields and one of Mitra Bali's fair trade plantations. Dinner in Ubud, followed by a Balinese dance performance.

Friday, 6 January

Beach Tour of South Bali with WALHI (Friends of the Earth Indonesia) to look at the environmental and social effects of mass tourism on the island. Dinner in Taman Baca, a local meeting space and library for socially engaged youth.

Saturday, 7 January

Visit to several sites associated with past political violence and political history in Bali, guided by survivors and witnesses, followed by a trip to 'Rumah Topeng' the personal home of a collector of masks and puppets from all over the archipelago.





Sunday, 8 January Fly to Yogyakarta

Visit to village on the foothills of Merapi Volcano that has organized their own disaster risk reduction program as they have refused to move from the mountain and have had government assistance cut off. Discuss local economic and social issues and how they self-organized to remain in their village.

Monday, 9 January

Sunrise at Borobudur followed by a visit to Bumi Langit, a wildly popular permaculture center with a delicious café for lunch and a tour and discussion with the founder on what he calls "Islamic Permaculture".

Tuesday, 10 January

Visit to Prambanan and Ratu Boko temples with Jaladwara, a local organization dedicated to bringing Indonesian archaeology, architecture and history to life through experiential learning and sustainable tourism. Followed in the evening by the Ramayana Ballet.

Wednesday, 11 January

Morning: Visit to Yayasan Dian Desa, VIA's oldest partner to look at current trends in appropriate technology and village development in Indonesia. Evening: Discussion of LGBTQ issues in Indonesia with local activists, intellectuals and service providers.

Thursday, 12 January

Visit Yogyakarta based artists involved in social movements from the 1960s to the Reformasi period to discuss arts, politics, and social movements.

Friday, 13 January

Leave Jogja for Bali Free day in Bali Closing Dinner

Saturday, 14 January

Return to the US or optional extension to join the VIA Annual Conference