

**!! PIONEER'S PROMOTION !!**  
**Itineraries in West Sumatra (in and around Bukittinggi)**  
**please read conditions carefully**  
promotional offer valid until end of August 2005

Our unique packages include a personal driver, A/C vehicle, and a personal guide (or personal guides for bigger groups) for the duration of the trip, additional professional guides for suggested activities, the cost of suggested activities, all (twin-share based) accommodation, and full board (except in Bukittinggi where the package only includes accommodation and breakfast).

Most significantly excluded is airfare and airport taxes, visa (if applicable), drinks, and shopping (and other items not specifically included).

**All packages come in two versions, and guests will have to tell us in advance which package they opt for so that we can make the appropriate reservations.**

Should the guests wish to change the itinerary during their visit, then our guides will do their best to accommodate you, and if they succeed, these changes will come at no extra cost. However, we cannot guarantee that they will succeed, nor that there won't be surcharges.

**Package 1: Cool&Easy Package**

In this package your permanent base is Bukittinggi's most beautiful hotel (Pusako hotel), from where you could make day excursions, as suggested below. Note that lunch and dinner is not included, although our guide can certainly help you choosing between the most interesting restaurants.

**Package 2: Adventure Package (for travelers and schools)**

In this package you change locations regularly. The accommodation gets more basic, but most travelers feel it adds in charm and local touch, plus you will enjoy full board outside Bukittinggi!

**The price for package 1 and 2 is the same, and the suggested itineraries too. The only difference is that in package 1 you'll be making day trips whereas in package 2 you will be lodged on-site.**

**Flight issues**

Currently [Tiger Airways](#) operates flights 3 times a week between Singapore and Padang's brand new airport (on Tue, Thu, and Sun), so that for instance currently the only 3N4D 'Tiger' package is from Thu to Sun.

Alternatively, [Silk Air](#) flies (more expensively) twice a week to Padang (currently Wed and Sat). Finally, there are daily flights from Batam to Padang, but they leave so early that you have to be in Batam the day before. Advantage is stable price (less than \$ 100 one way, including airport tax). We can arrange these flights for you.

**Payment conditions**

Full payment before departure. Confirmation only upon full payment.  
Cancellation fees: full refund more than 2 weeks notice, 70% refund 1 – 2 weeks notice, 25% refund for 3 – 7 days notice, no refund for less than 3 days notice.

**Don't forget**

- Please change some money at the airport in Padang. Our guides can help you find other money changers later in the evening at Bukittinggi if necessary, but the rate in Bukittinggi is about 2% less. Credit card only works at the hotel in Bukittinggi, everywhere else it's cash!
- Check if you need a visa (see third page of this document)
- As it is cool at night, hotels have no air-con. Remember to bring warm cloths!!

## Itineraries

### **2N3D Package (check flight details first!) – Package 1 only**

Day 1	Arrive in Padang. Change money at airport. Meet personal guide(s). Car tour to Solok and lake Singkarak, then move to Bukittinggi. Late PM tour or evening tour of Bukittinggi (market recommended)
Day 2	Day tour to Maninjau lake. Go around the lake by car or by bicycle and stop at the lovely villages or views, wherever you like. Kayaking on the lake can be arranged. Optionally trek to waterfall (Sarasah 7). At extra charge we can also arrange motorbikes for you. Evening return to Bukittinggi
Day 3	Wake up early. Visit the fantastically colorful market of Bukittinggi again, then move on to the beautiful handicraft village Koto Gadang, famous for its weaving, silverwork and woodcarvings.

### **3N4D Package (check flight details first!) – Package 1 or 2**

Day 1	Arrive in Padang. Change money at airport. Meet personal guide(s). Car tour to Solok and lake Singkarak, then move to Bukittinggi. Late PM tour or evening tour of Bukittinggi (market recommended)
Day 2	Visit the Grand Palace, then move on to Harau canyon. Stroll in the village, enjoy the natural roadside pool and spectacular countryside, or go for a 2 – 5 hour trek to panorama point and the bat caves. Evening: sleep in Harau or return to Bukittinggi.
Day 3	Visit Maninjau lake. Go around the lake by car or by bicycle and stop at the lovely villages or views, wherever you like. Kayaking on the lake can be arranged. Optionally trek to waterfall (Sarasah 7). At extra charge we can also arrange motorbikes for you. Evening: sleep in Maninjau or return to Bukittinggi
Day 4	Wake up early. Visit the fantastically colorful market of Bukittinggi again, then move on to the beautiful handicraft village Koto Gadang, famous for its weaving, silverwork and woodcarvings.

### **4N5D Package (check flight details first!) – Package 1 or 2**

Day 1	Arrive in Padang. Change money at airport. Meet personal guide(s). Car tour to Solok and lake Singkarak, then move to Bukittinggi. Late PM tour or evening tour of Bukittinggi (market recommended)
Day 2	Visit the Grand Palace, then move on to Harau canyon. Stroll in the village, enjoy the natural roadside pool and spectacular countryside, or go for a 2 – 5 hour trek to panorama point and the bat caves. Evening: sleep in Harau or return to Bukittinggi.
Day 3	Visit the scenic mountain village of Pandai Sikat, famous for its home-weaving. See local homes, stroll the lovely hills and learn about the local agriculture and produce. Have lunch there. In the afternoon, head for Maninjau lake. Go for kayak ride on the lake with local boatmen, or on your own. Soak up the magic. Evening: sleep in Maninjau or return to Bukittinggi
Day 4	Go around Maninjau lake by car or by bicycle and stop at the lovely villages or views, wherever you like. Optionally trek to waterfall (Sarasah 7). At extra charge we can also arrange motorbikes for you.
Day 5	Wake up early. Visit the fantastically colorful market of Bukittinggi again, then move on to the beautiful handicraft village Koto Gadang, famous for its weaving, silverwork and woodcarvings.

### **5N6D Package (check flight details first!) – Package 1 or 2**

Day 1	Arrive in Padang. Change money at airport. Meet personal guide(s). Car tour to Solok and lake Singkarak, then move to Bukittinggi.
Day 2	Late PM tour or evening tour of Bukittinggi (market recommended) Visit the Grand Palace, then move on to Harau canyon. Stroll in the village, enjoy the natural roadside pool and spectacular countryside, or go for a 2 – 5 hour trek to panorama point and the bat caves. Evening: sleep in Harau or return to Bukittinggi.
Day 3	Visit the scenic mountain village of Pandai Sikat, famous for its home-weaving. See local homes, stroll the lovely hills and learn about the local agriculture and produce. Have lunch there. We strongly recommend (for package 2) you do a homestay with a local family and immerse yourself in the idyllic tranquil authentic village life, but alternatively you could head for Maninjau lake in the afternoon and enjoy the fantastic scenery of Indonesia's most beautiful lake, or do activities as suggested by our guide.
Day 4	Maninjau lake. Go for kayak ride on the lake with local boatmen, or on your own. Simply soak up the magic, or do a jungle trek to the waterfall, or go pig-hunting with the local villagers. At small extra charge we can also arrange motorbikes for you to drive. Evening: sleep in Maninjau or return to Bukittinggi
Day 5	Go around Maninjau lake (55 km) by car or by bicycle and stop at the lovely villages or views, wherever you like.
Day 6	Wake up early. Visit the fantastically colorful market of Bukittinggi again, then move on to the beautiful handicraft village Koto Gadang, famous for its weaving, silverwork and woodcarvings

### **6N7D Package (check flight details first!) – Package 1 or 2**

Essentially follow the 5N6D package but make use of the much greater flexibility to either extend your stay at your favorite place in the last 2 days, or to trek up Singgalang Volcano, visit the bull fights, see the most beautiful waterfalls, try hang-gliding (at your own cost/risk) or go pig-hunting with the locals in Maninjau, see the famous Rafflesia flower, enjoy the many cultural performances etc. Check your travel guide and talk to your guide!

## **School itineraries**

For schools, there are a bewildering number of opportunities in Sumatra. The unique matrilineal heritage system (heritage goes from mother to daughter) and the fantastic Minangkabau architecture, handicraft, food, and home-stay opportunities make for a truly intriguing cultural experience. Extensive opportunities for meaningful community service programs. West Sumatra is Indonesia's food basket, and its incredibly rich flora and fauna and its unique and diverse landscape, geology, and climate, make for spectacular biology and geography trips. To ensure that your school gets the most out of the trip, we will customize each trip personally with the teachers in charge. Please send an email to [marc@pacific.net.sg](mailto:marc@pacific.net.sg) to arrange for a meeting to create your ideal itinerary.

## visa issues

Since Feb 2004 Indonesia introduced a new visa system. Some nationalities do not need a visa at all, while 36 nationalities can get visa on arrival (VOA) in Padang airport starting August 2005.

The cost is US \$ 10 for up to 7 days visit, and US\$ 25 for more than 7 day visit.

All other nationalities have to get a visa beforehand from the embassy (at a cost of typically US \$ 40, please check with your embassy).

Visa are valid for a period of maximum ONE month.

Visa-Free	Visa-on-Arrival		
Brunei	Argentina	Hungary	Portugal
Chile	Australia	India	Qatar
Hong Kong	Austria	Ireland	Spain
Macau	Belgium	Italy	Russia
Malaysia	Brazil	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Morocco	Canada	Kuwait	South Africa
Peru	China	Luxemburg	South Korea
Philippines	Denmark	Maldives	Switzerland
Singapore	Egypt	New Zealand	Taiwan
Thailand	Finland	Norway	United Arab Emirates
Vietnam	France	Oman	UK
	Germany	Poland	USA

## Price table (prices in SGD)

Our unique packages include a personal driver, A/C vehicle, and a personal guide (or personal guides for bigger groups) for the duration of the trip, additional professional guides for suggested activities, the cost of suggested activities, all (twin share based) accommodation, and full board (except in Bukittinggi where the package only includes accommodation and breakfast).

	Number of people against number of nights. Price quoted (in blue) is total price							> 15 price pp
	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11-12	13-14	
2N3D	450	800	1140	1440	1700	1920	2100	160
3N4D	640	1080	1560	2000	2400	2820	3220	225
4N5D	800	1400	1940	2500	3100	3660	4200	300
5N6D	920	1620	2280	2960	3700	4400	5100	360
6N7D	1000	1800	2580	3360	4100	4860	5600	400

## Please note

This promotional rate is offered to you on your understanding that our guides and drivers are currently still continuing with their training, and your feedback (to them directly as well as to us) will be very much appreciated. We also hope you can supply us with better photos on our website, which bring out the true vivid colors of Sumatra! These special promotional rates are only valid until end August 2005. Have a great time in Sumatra!