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Study in Indonesia with IndoAustay

IndoAustay's Northbound Exchange Program and Immersion Course give students completing Year 10 or Year 11 in any Australian state or territory the opportunity to experience Indonesia firsthand through a homestay placement and engaging study program in Bandung and Yogyakarta.

The two-week **Immersion Course** in Yogyakarta, central Java, is limited to a small group of six students who undertake a combination of classroom study and field activities aligned to Australian matriculation preparation (VCE, HSC and IB). Classes are held from Monday to Friday from 9am until 3:30pm, with students spending time with their host families on the weekends.

The six-week **Exchange Program** administered from Bandung, West Java, does not involve formal instruction in Indonesian language, but instead focusses on immersing students in everyday life in Indonesia through placement at a regular high school and staying with a local host family. Through this, students will have a unique cultural experience and an opportunity to improve their Indonesian language through everyday use.

'I found that immersion into the Indonesian way of life was totally less confronting than what I was expecting, and the experience enabled me to rapidly improve my fluency in bahasa Indonesia'

Both Northbound programs are limited collectively to a maximum of 30 participants. Since the Immersion Course has a cap of six students, there is an option in the application forms to roll over your application into the Exchange Program (or vice versa). If you wish to do this, please indicate as much on the applicable form.

Students need at least rudimentary competence in Indonesian language in order to fully benefit from attending school and living with an Indonesian family, so applicants will generally be those currently studying Indonesian at school.

Bandung



Known as the "Paris of Java", [Bandung](#) is the vibrant capital of West Java. This cosmopolitan city is about two hours from Jakarta, the nation's bustling capital, and a focal point for the rich Sundanese culture of the area, including *angklung* music, *wayang golek* puppetry and *pencak silat* martial arts. Bandung played an important role in Indonesia's history, particularly in the post-independence era, and is currently the economic centre for its massive textiles industry and an important player in developing geothermal energy. Set amongst the leafy hills of Java's hinterland, the city has a cooler climate than most of tropical Indonesia. In Bandung IndoAustay works with

Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, a teaching university that has adopted the Exchange Program as part of its social mission.

Yogyakarta

Often called “Jogja”, for short, [Yogyakarta](#) is considered the soul of Java due to its long history of preserving Javanese culture and cultivating the arts, such as *gamelan* music, traditional dance, batik textile making, and *wayang kulit* shadow puppetry. The city is a short distance from such historic icons as Borobudur, the world’s largest Buddhist burial monument, and Prambanan, a Hindu temple complex that rivals Cambodia’s famed Angkor Wat. Although steeped in history, Yogyakarta is also a very international city – much like Germany’s Heidelberg or Barcelona in Spain – that attracts students and academics from all over the world to its many universities. The Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria has for years run an intensive Indonesian language study program for adults in Yogyakarta.



Bandar Lampung



There are plans to set up another exchange program in [Bandar Lampung](#), in southern Sumatra, together with *Universitas Lampung*. Bandar Lampung is a busy port city within close reach of a pristine national park that is home to some of the world’s largest populations of Sumatran elephants, tigers and even rhinoceroses. But the city is best known for having a ringside seat in 1883 to the biggest volcanic eruption in recorded history. Located in the Sunda Strait between Sumatra and Java, Krakatau (or “Krakatoa” as it is known in Western literature) erupted so violently that it wiped itself off the map and covered neighbouring cities such as Bandar Lampung in volcanic ash.

Life in Indonesia

‘This program is run at a perfect time for students to attend classes at their delegated host school and discover what drives their passion for the Indonesian culture’

All program participants will be placed in homestay accommodation and live as a member of the family to which each is billeted. Placed with an Indonesian family that has a child of the same gender and of similar age, each student will be given their own bedroom, furnished with a bed, table and fan.

Individual homestay is regarded as an essential element of the program’s language and cultural experience, giving participants the opportunity to get involved in the daily activities of the family. Owing to this close host-student relationship, participants are subject to the rules of the household (and school at which they are placed) and not allowed to leave the immediate neighbourhood without host family permission or on an approved group or school excursion with proper adult supervision.

An information manual detailing all travel, schooling and homestay issues will be supplied to program participants ahead of a cross-cultural information afternoon in November. This session, held in

Melbourne, is compulsory for Victorian participants. Alternative arrangements will be made to brief interstate exchangees and immersion students.

Indonesian Language

Due its size and geographic proximity, Indonesia is perhaps Australia's most important neighbour in the region. With a burgeoning economy set to eclipse Australia's by 2030, Indonesia is also a large part of Australia's future. Being able to speak Indonesian, therefore, will play an important part in the bilateral relationship going forward in this era of globalisation.

Uncomplicated by the tonal distinctions of other Asian languages, and written in the Roman alphabet, Indonesian is one of the most accessible languages in the region. With phonetic spelling and a polysyllabic structure like English, it's alsoa relatively uncomplicated language for Australian students to learn.

By taking up an extended in-country experience, Northbound participants are gaining a unique advantage in their language development and a valuable insight into an Asian culture at an influential stage of their scholastic and civic development. The program is also designed to serve as a huge incentive for participants to further their Indonesian language studies beyond high school.

'Australian students at high school and university, who get to spend some time living and studying in the countries of Asia, come home with invaluable experiences' – Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, 2008

About IndoAustay

The IndoAustay Northbound programs are the product of much preparation and thought by volunteer members of the Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria (AIAV) and a subcommittee set up for this purpose, many members of which are secondary school teachers of Indonesian. The programs have been running successfully for more than 10 years during the December-January Australian summer holiday period, helping both students and adult learners alike benefit from the in-country experience.

IndoAustay Ltd (ACN 134 369 129) is a public company limited by guarantee of the Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria Inc (A0028347E) and the Australia Indonesia Association of NSW Inc (Y2561228) for the express purpose of operating (a) exchanges between Australia and Indonesia, in close association with *Yayasan Mitra Aziziyah Sejahtera* of Bandung, and (b) immersion courses in Yogyakarta (secondary school students) and Bandung (adults), the latter at the Balai Bahasa of *Balai Bahasa - Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia*.

IndoAustay is approved by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) for operating a secondary school exchange program – the only organisation approved so far for Indonesia. The IndoAustay exchange organisers, including coordinating partners in Indonesia, adhere to the VRQA guidelines for the conduct of exchange programs.

The exchange principle is country-to-country, not family-to-family nor school-to-school, with a reciprocal Southbound program in which as many as 30 Indonesian students come to Australia to participate in a six-week placement at a local school and homestay in Melbourne from July to September. The Southbound program is always looking for more schools, together with local families

from the school community, to host one or two Indonesian students. Please contact IndoAustay if you would like more information about hosting.

Being a not-for-profit organisation, IndoAustay is always looking for private and business support to help provide merit-based scholarships for both Australian and Indonesian students whose families are unable to afford the exchange program. Any support in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please contact IndoAustay if you would like more information about sponsorship.

AIAV has operated language classes for adults for the past four decades, conducts monthly conversation evenings attended by native English and Indonesian speakers, and arranges talks on a wide variety of subjects connected with Indonesian culture and politics, all in furtherance of its aim, common to that of AIA NSW: *To foster and promote friendship, understanding and good relations between the peoples of Indonesia and Australia.*

*'For those contemplating participating in an exchange, I say JUST DO IT!
You'll make some awesome new friends, experience interesting new things,
and at the same time totally get ahead with your Indonesian skills –
I don't think there is a better way to spend the holidays!'*

Program Timeline

Late July	Closing date for applications
Mid August	Notification of acceptance
August / September	Program payments due
October	Visas processed in Melbourne for Exchange Program participants
November	Cross-cultural information session to brief participants
Early December	Exchange Program participants depart for Indonesia
Late December	Immersion Course participants depart
Mid January	Program participants return

Apply for Northbound Exchange

To begin the application process, you can make start on the online forms at: <https://goo.gl/Uoh34D>

Alternatively, you may also download and fill in the forms by hand. The forms can be accessed from the AIAV website at: <http://www.aiav.org.au/Forthcoming-Student-Exchange>

If you have questions or if any part of the application process is unclear, please contact the IndoAustay coordinator at: exchange@aiav.org.au