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Apa Khabar?

Bonjour

Hello

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Hallo

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# Surabaya Hiking Trip (August 21-24 2025)

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From August 22nd to 24th, my family and I embarked on a breathtaking adventure across Surabaya, East Java, exploring some of Indonesia's most iconic natural wonders.

*Day 1 - August 22: Thousand Waterfalls, Mount Ijen & Mount Bromo*

We began our journey early at 5:00 AM, heading to a scenic rice paddy area to witness the smoke rising from Mount Semeru, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes. The morning mist and volcanic smoke created a surreal atmosphere, perfect for photography.

Next, we visited the stunning Tumpak Sewu, also known as the Thousand Waterfalls. The highlight was capturing the heart-shaped sky view from the base of the falls—a truly magical sight.

Afterwards, we embarked on a four-hour drive to Mount Bromo, preparing for the next leg of our adventure.



## Day 2 – August 23: Blue Flames of Mount Ijen

Our day started at 2:00 AM with a climb to the Ijen Crater to witness the famous blue flames—a rare natural phenomenon caused by ignited sulfuric gas. The temperature was a chilly 10°C, and our guide equipped us with goggles, gas masks, and headlamps.

The trail was packed with 500–600 climbers, and the descent into the crater was a narrow 800-meter path flanked by cliffs. Despite the challenging terrain and thick sulfur smoke that caused tears and breathing difficulty, the sight of the glowing blue flames was unforgettable.



On our way back, we stopped at local fruit stalls to sample tropical delights like nangka (jackfruit), jambu air (water apple), durian, and salak (snake fruit). A box of assorted fruits cost just IDR 20,000 (RM5.40).

***Day 3 – August 24: Sunrise Over Three Volcanoes***

**Our final day began with a sunrise viewing from a high mountain vantage point. After switching to jeeps at the base, we ascended to a panoramic spot where we watched the sun rise at 5:20 AM.**

**The view was spectacular—Mount Semeru in the distance, the bowl-shaped Mount Bromo in the center, and the extinct Mount Batok in the foreground, all recommended by Lonely Planet. We also took memorable photos with the iconic jeep saloon in front of Mount Batok.**

**Our last stop was the Bromo Crater. The walk across the black sand desert was long, so some of us opted for horseback rides. Before ascending the crater steps, we passed a Hindu temple with Balinese architecture. The crater itself was vast and awe-inspiring. After descending, we headed straight to the airport for our flight back to Malaysia, bringing home unforgettable memories of East Java’s natural beauty and cultural charm.**



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