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CENTRAL JAVA PROVINCE



Built under the reign of the Kingdom of Ancient Mataram in the 9th century as a symbol and place of worship for Buddhists around the world, Borobudur Temple has long illustrated the portrayal of socio-cultural and environmental landscapes at the time of its construction through the reliefs carved on its wall. Borobudur Trail of Civilization trail is inspired from the interpretation of the Borobudur Temple relief panels. The trail is actualized through various activities that supports sustainable and inclusive tourism, preserving the surrounding environment in the Borobudur area.

**WALUKU CULTIVATING CIVILIZATION**

Originated from the Javanese language, waluku means a traditional rice plow used to loosen the soil before seeding. The relief of a farmer, a cow, and a waluku were found in Jataka Panel and inspired the creation of Waluku: Cultivating Civilization trail that narrates the agricultural tradition under the reign of the Ancient Mataram Kingdom. The trail also tells the story of the Javanese ancestors who mark the changing of seasons through stars constellations in the sky.

Dressed in traditional Javanese farmer clothes, complete your Waluku: Cultivating Civilization journey through a series of rice nurturing activities in the fields, including operating waluku, sowing seeds, and planting rice while enjoying the breathtaking beauty of Karangrejo village.



**SUDHANA MANOHARA: THE ETERNAL LOVE STORY**

Sudhana Manohara: The Eternal Love Story is a trail inspired by the love struggle of Prince Sudhana for a Kinnari Princess named Manohara. This love story consists of four chapters depicting the romance journey of Prince Sudhana and Princess Manohara since the first sight, followed by the painful separation, the struggle, and the heart warming reconvene.

In tune with the epic story, the trail is designed to expose togetherness and build closeness with each other. Experience Prince Sudhana and Princess Manohara's eternal love journey by watching Sudhana Manohara dance performance, learning the traditional dance and musical instruments, and experiencing romantic dinners. Then, continue your meaningful trip with your loved ones by cycling around the Borobudur Temple.

**BODY & SOUL**

Borobudur people have long believed that the true values of life only occur when the balance of body and soul exists. This has been written in the Lalitavistara relief panels in Borobudur Temple illustrating the balance of human being's body and soul as a vital element to complete life milestones in the world. Moreover, thrived with the abundance of spice varieties growing in the Borobudur area, the local culture also actualizes a healthy lifestyle with various traditional herbal drinks.

In the Body and Soul trail, you will experience a series of activities that enhance your physical fitness and relax your soul by watching the sunrise, exercising yoga in the morning, learning the local medicinal knowledge through spices and herbs workshops, and enjoying traditional massage from local therapists. Then, dressed in traditional Javanese costumes, you can also enrich your exceptional journey by trying jemparingan, an Ancient Mataram Kingdom's sport considered to be able to train one's character and soul.

**TROPICAL FLORA'S WONDERLAND**

As the oldest historical monument in the archipelago, Borobudur Temple record not only the uniqueness of the culture but also the environmental landscape and biodiversity around the temple, in the form of flora sculptures. The stories interpreted from the relief of the Temple is a reminder to appreciate the harmonious relationship between humans with the universe towards a balanced and loving life.

Inspired by the relief, Tropical Flora's Wonderland trail invites you for adventurous hiking activities around the hills of Menoreh in a series of challenges to identify the flora engraved in the reliefs of Borobudur Temple. During the trip, you will be offered Borobudur's delicacy from various creative agricultural products.



**JOURNEY OF THE STONES**

Not only inspired by the construction of Borobudur Temple from the Progo River's rocks, Journey of the Stones trail also exposes the influence of ancient tradition of the surrounding village communities who made a living by catching fish in rivers and conducted barter transactions to fulfill their needs.

In this trail, you will enjoy a river trip on a bamboo gethek while listening to stories about the journey of andesite rocks constructing Borobudur Temple. Moreover, you can experience gethek fishing while enjoying Javanese songs by the local singer during your voyage.

**JATAKA FABLE STORIES**

On the first floor of Borobudur Temple, we can see a series of reliefs illustrating the activities of Buddha appearing as an animal before he was born as Prince Siddhartha. This series of panels contain dozens of stories which are then referred to as the Jataka reliefs, depicting Indonesia's original biodiversity, especially animals, from the past.

Jataka Fable Stories feature moral and benevolent teachings through fables, which are suitable for inclusive travel and tourism activities involving children and families. These stories are told through fairy tale performances, pottery workshops, as well as printing and coloring iconic animals pottery.



**SKILLED HANDS**

Borobudur has a long history as a village where pottery craftsmen lived for centuries and this has long been engraved on the walls of the Borobudur Temple. The pottery products were also utilized for daily activities presented by the reliefs illustrating household utensils, religious ritual equipment, and other daily tools from pottery. Until now, there are still many Borobudur people who continue to work as craftsmen.

Get ready for the appealing of pottery making in the midst of the local community by exploring the Skilled Hands trail. Complete the journey by attending the handmade batik, bamboo weaving, and other creative DIY workshops.



**WALKING WITH THE STARS**

Holding a fortune of culture, Borobudur Temple was also thoughtfully designed based on the science of astronomy. The construction of Borobudur Temple was a sign of time, a change of seasons, which determined the cardinal points. This becomes an essential proof of the initial progress of civilization in the archipelago.

Walking with the Stars offers you an exceptional experience through adventurous camping activities with charming panoramic star views. In addition, an interesting divination game through Javanese calendar calculations is also a delightful remembrance you can find in this trail.

**MUSIC AND RHYME**

The story of the art of music as one of the elements of Javanese culture was also found carved in the Borobudur Temple relief. Several relief panels were identified illustrating four types of musical instruments, namely idiophone (kentongan and rattles), membranophones (gendang, kentingan), cardophones (stringed instruments), and aerophone musical instruments.

Through the Music and Rhyme trail, you will relish enchanting exposure on the musical instruments and other arts and cultural performances. For a maximum experience, enjoy these activities with other trails, such as Sudhana Manohara ballet performance, Kinnara Kinnari dance workshops, Jataka's Fable Stories fairy tale performances, or other cultural performances.

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