



Taman Mini Park in Jakarta.

حديقة تامان ميني في جاكرتا.

An amazing archipelago

Jakarta - Islamic Tourism

Indonesia is made up of 13,677 islands gathered in the world's largest archipelago that stretches for 5120 km.. Most of these islands are mountainous, with some reaching a height of 5200 m. There are active volcanoes on some of the islands.

The equator runs through most of the islands bringing hot and rainy weather for most of the year. Because of their location at the meeting point of the Indian and Pacific oceans, the islands are surrounded by coral reefs. They are ideal for diving, fishing, water sports and other activities on the longest beaches in the world.

You can reach Indonesia by air or sea through local and international air and shipping lines. The country has a complex network of roads and railways, especially on the larger islands: Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Bali and others.

The capital Jakarta is situated on Java Island whose population is around 100 million - half the entire population of Indonesia. Many of the international hotel chains have branches in this city and there are three star hotels and flats as well modern shopping malls with local and foreign goods.

One of the main attractions in Jakarta is Taman Mini Park which displays traditional life size Indonesian houses with the different styles characteristic of each island. The park gives an overview of the archipelago.

Bali was nicknamed "The Morning Island". It is the island that attracts most visitors with



The Minister of Tourism, Mr. I. Gede Ardeka, with our representative, Mr. El Fishawy.

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its beauty and hotel and tourist facilities. There are also facilities in the neighbouring city of Lumbouk. Visitors coming by sea or air will be met by the inhabitants - mostly Muslims from the Sasaq tribe. They never tire of saying: "You can see Bali from Lumbouk but you can't see Lumbouk from Bali". Since Indonesia is a big country and stretches for about 5200 km, there is always

more for the tourist to see and do. The Indonesian islands are the islands of dreams come true. The tourist industry is guided by an active minister, Mr. I. Gede Ardeka, who is the constant driving force behind the tourism vehicle. Politics and changes of government aside, Indonesia is a beautiful land with beautiful people who have a rich culture and traditions they can be proud of. ■