

Bogor

West Java · Indonesia

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Bogor is a city of about one million people in West Java, roughly 50 km south of Jakarta. It sits at the foot of Mount Salak and is cooler and much wetter than the capital. Locals call it the Rain City. Many Jakarta residents come here for a weekend.

The city is best known for its huge botanical garden and the presidential palace beside it. Both date from the Dutch colonial period. Bogor suits a relaxed one- or two-night stay, or a long day trip from Jakarta. Most sights are in the center, and the hills and tea country of Puncak are close by.

When to visit

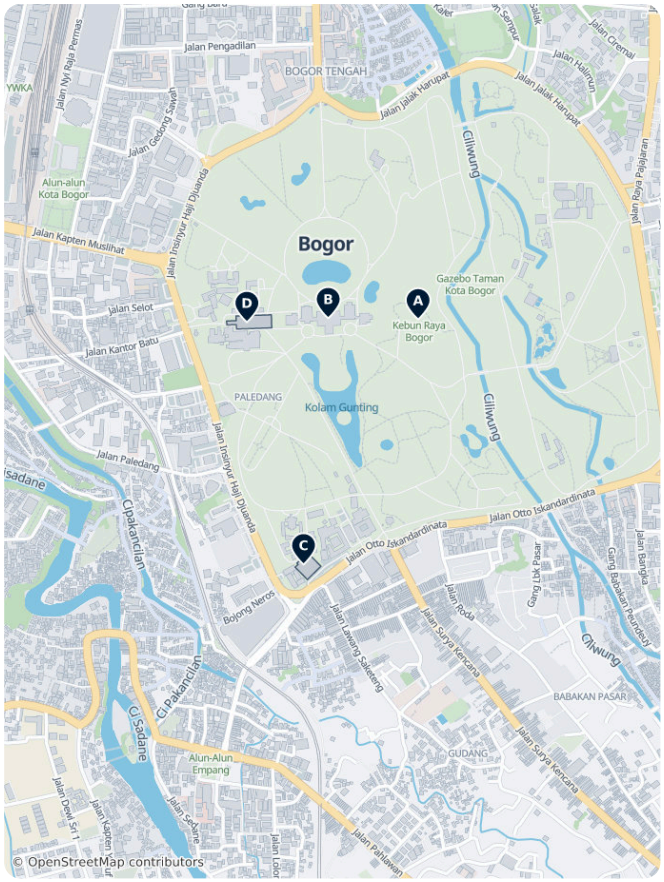
Bogor is warm and humid all year, with rain in every month. The wettest months run from November to April. June to September is the driest and most comfortable time for the garden and for day trips into the hills. Even then, plan for an afternoon shower.

The biggest annual event is the Cap Go Meh Bogor Street Festival on Jalan Suryakencana. It marks the 15th day after Lunar New Year, usually in February or March, and features parades and street food.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 32° Feels like 32°	23° / 21°	29 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
February	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	28° / 30° Feels like 32°	23° / 22°	26 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
March	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 33°	23° / 22°	28 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
April	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 33°	23° / 22°	26 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
May	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	30° / 31° Feels like 34°	23° / 21°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
June	Good Good for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 33°	22° / 20°	16 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds
July	Good Good for wildlife watching	29° / 30° Feels like 33°	21° / 19°	12 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds
August	Great Great for wildlife watching	30° / 31° Feels like 33°	21° / 19°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
September	Good Good for wildlife watching	31° / 33° Feels like 34°	22° / 19°	13 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
October	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	31° / 34° Feels like 35°	23° / 21°	20 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
November	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	30° / 33° Feels like 34°	23° / 22°	26 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
December	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 32° Feels like 33°	23° / 22°	27 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Kebun Raya Bogor is the main reason to come. Founded in 1817, it covers about 87 hectares of lawns, ponds, rivers and old trees in the middle of the city. Allow at least half a day and start early, before the afternoon rain.
- B Istana Bogor borders the garden. It was a Dutch governor-general's residence and is now a presidential palace. Spotted deer roam the lawns. The palace is a working government site, so access is limited and visits are usually arranged in advance.
- C Bogor Zoology Museum stands next to the main garden entrance. Founded in 1894, it is known for its large blue whale skeleton and its natural history collections.
- D Museum Kepresidenan Balai Kirti is near the palace. It tells the story of Indonesia's presidents through gifts and historic objects.
- Jalan Suryakencana is the old Chinatown street, with temples, shops and food stalls. It is a good stop in the late afternoon.

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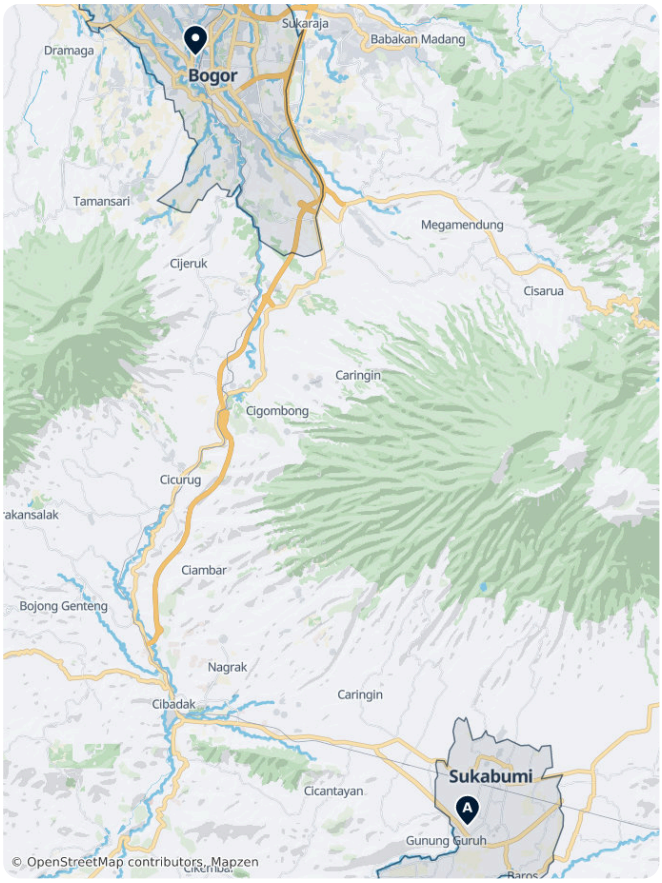
What to experience

- Cap Go Meh street festival: join the parade and food stalls on Jalan Suryakencana around the 15th day of the Lunar New Year.
- Ride the Pangrango train: take the short, slow line from Bogor toward Sukabumi for a look at the countryside south of the city.

Day trips

Bogor is a base for the hills to the south and east. These places are outside the city, in the surrounding regency or beyond. A car with a driver is the easiest way to combine them.

- Puncak Pass: tea plantations and cool mountain views along the old road to Bandung. It is in Bogor Regency, roughly an hour or more by car one way. Weekends and holidays bring heavy traffic.
- Taman Safari Indonesia: a wildlife park in Cisarua, Bogor Regency, along the Puncak road. Visitors can drive through the animal areas. Go on a weekday to avoid the worst jams.
- Gunung Gede Pangrango National Park: forest trails and volcano hikes, with its busiest entrance at Cibodas. It lies in the regencies south of Bogor. Climbing needs a booked permit, so reserve ahead.
- Cibodas Botanical Garden: a cooler mountain branch of the Bogor garden, just south of Puncak Pass.
- Ⓐ Sukabumi: a regional city to the southwest. The Pangrango train links Bogor and Sukabumi.



Where to explore

- Around Bogor: Bogor Regency surrounds the city and includes Puncak, Cisarua and Taman Safari.
- Heading south: Sukabumi, reached by the Pangrango train or by road.
- Heading north: Jakarta, the capital and the main gateway for most travelers.

Getting there

- By air: Soekarno-Hatta International Airport (CGK) near Jakarta is the main gateway. Bogor has no commercial airport. From the airport, take a taxi on the toll roads or go by train via Jakarta. Allow a long transfer, especially in rush hour.
- By train: the KRL Commuter Line runs from Jakarta to Bogor station. Trains leave from Jakarta Kota and pass Manggarai, Pasar Minggu and Depok. The ride takes about 1 to 2 hours depending on the starting station. Pay with a bank e-money card or the KAI Commuter Multi Trip card. Tap in and tap out. Avoid weekday rush hours (roughly 6-9 am and 4-7 pm).
- By train from Sukabumi: the Pangrango train connects Sukabumi and Bogor.
- By road: the Jagorawi toll road links Jakarta and Bogor. Traffic is heavy on weekends and holidays. Tolls are paid with an electronic card.

Getting around

- City buses: the Biskita Trans Pakuan bus network serves several routes in the city at a low flat fare. It resumed service in April 2025.
- Angkot: shared minibuses in many colors run fixed routes. Check the route with the driver before you board, and carry small bills.
- Taxi and motorbike taxi: use a ride-hailing app for cars and motorbike taxis. Motorbike taxis are the fastest way through traffic.
- On foot: the garden, palace, museums and station area are within about 2 km. Sidewalks are narrow and uneven, and rain is common. Use a taxi or angkot between distant areas.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The garden, palace, museums and station are close together, but sidewalks are narrow and rain is frequent.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Heavy traffic and narrow roads make cycling impractical for visitors.

Driving

- Is a car worth it? Not for the city itself. Traffic is heavy and parking is tight. A car with a driver is useful for Puncak and the hills, since public transport is limited there.
- Driving side: traffic keeps to the left in Indonesia.
- Parking: paid lots are near the garden and the main shopping areas. They fill up on weekends.
- Tolls: the Jagorawi toll road from Jakarta needs an electronic toll card.

Food & drink

Bogor has its own street food. Look for soto mie, a spicy beef noodle soup, and asinan, a pickled vegetable or fruit salad. Toge goreng, fried bean sprouts, and rujak are also local favorites. Lapis talas, a taro layer cake, is a popular snack to take home.

The best area for eating is Jalan Suryakencana, the old Chinatown street. It has food stalls and old shops, especially in the evening. Pasar Anyar market is another place for snacks and fresh fruit.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Gado-Gado · gado-gado
A vegetable salad with tofu and tempeh, dressed in peanut sauce.

Padang rice · nasi padang
A dozen or more small dishes brought to the table at once; you pay only for what you eat.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Krupuk · kerupuk
Deep-fried prawn or fish crackers, a common side at nearly every meal.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Martabak · martabak manis
A thick, folded pancake filled with chocolate, cheese, or nuts, sold from street carts in the evening.

DRINKS

Kopi Tubruk · kopi tubruk
Coarsely ground coffee steeped directly in the cup, Indonesia's everyday way of drinking coffee.

SIGNATURE DISHES

Nasi Goreng · nasi goreng
Indonesia's everyday fried rice, usually with egg, chicken, and a fried cracker on the side.

Satay · sate
Skewered, grilled meat served with a peanut or sweet soy sauce.

Rendang · rendang
Slow-cooked beef in coconut milk and spices, originally from West Sumatra.

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Safety & health

Bogor is generally safe for visitors. Petty crime is the main concern.

- Pickpockets work crowded trains, markets and busy angkot. Keep phones and wallets in front pockets.
- On the KRL, the end cars are reserved for women. Use them if you prefer less crowding.
- Tap water is not safe to drink. Use bottled or filtered water.
- Rain and thunderstorms are frequent. Carry a rain jacket, and wear shoes with grip on garden paths.
- Weekend traffic on the Puncak road can last for hours. Leave early.

History

The area was the center of the Sunda Kingdom, whose capital was Pakuan Pajajaran. The Dutch later built a country retreat here. In 1746 Governor-General *Van Imhoff* named it Buitenzorg, which means "without worries".

Istana Bogor grew out of this retreat. *Stamford Raffles* lived there during the British period from 1811 and laid out an English-style garden. His garden inspired the next-door Kebun Raya Bogor, founded in 1817 by *Caspar Reinwardt*. The garden became a center for tropical botany, and Bogor Zoology Museum followed in 1894.

Sukarno made the palace his main residence, and about 90% of its art collection was gathered under him. In 2015 President *Joko Widodo* moved the presidential office there. The city took the name Bogor in 1950.

Country facts

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CURRENCY
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EMERGENCY
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ELECTRICITY

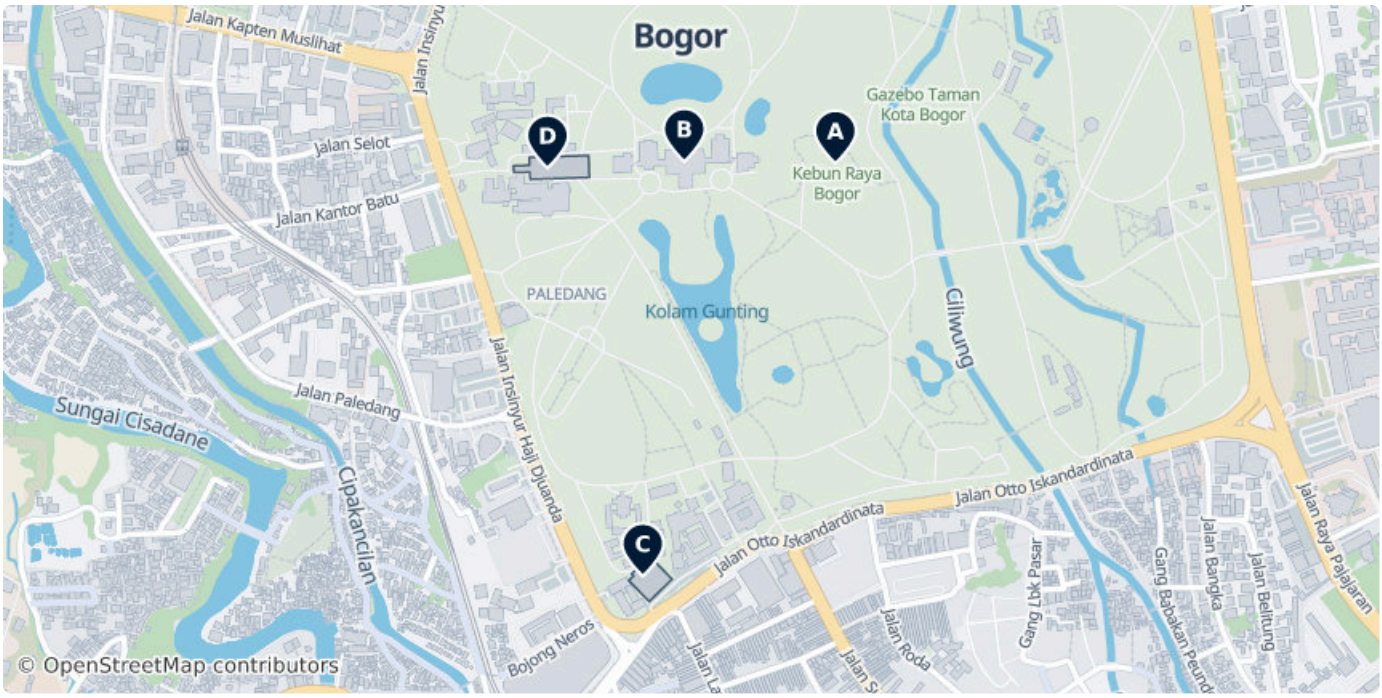


Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Indonesian

TAP WATER
Not safe to drink

Top sights





A Bogor Botanical Gardens

The Bogor Botanical Gardens is a botanical garden located in Bogor, Indonesia, 60 km south of central Jakarta.

Jalan Ir. Haji Juanda No.13, 16122, Indonesia
(-6.59803, 106.79940)

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B Bogor Palace

The Bogor Palace is one of six presidential palaces of Indonesia, it is located in the city of Bogor, West Java.

(Unnamed Road), Bogor Selatan 16136, Indonesia
(-6.59800, 106.79738)



C Bogor Zoology Museum

Natural history museum founded in 1894 beside the main entrance of the Bogor Botanical Gardens, holding one of Southeast Asia's largest collections of preserved fauna.

Jl. Ir. H. Juanda 9, Bogor (-6.60352, 106.79682)

Mo–Fr	08:00–16:00
Sa–Su	07:00–16:00



D Museum Kepresidenan Balai Kirti

Museum devoted to the ideas and works of Indonesia's presidents, with historic objects from their leadership.

Jalan Insinyur Haji Djuanda, Bogor Tengah, Bogor 16122, West Java, Indonesia (-6.59809, 106.79554)

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