Indonesia’s sprawling capital is one of the fastest-growing, most chaotic and most exciting places in South-East Asia. It is the gateway to a vast, vibrant and varied island nation that’s home to dozens of fascinating cultures.

Formerly the colonial capital of the Dutch East Indies – when it was known as Batavia – Jakarta has grown from its original seaport district into a huge modern conurbation of high-rise hotels and apartments, thronged shopping malls and wide, crowded avenues.

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Jakarta is a continuously growing and expanding metropolis, with new suburbs springing up on its outskirts and new high-rises reaching for the sky in the downtown area. The hub of the modern city is Taman Merdeka (Independence Square), which is dominated by the showy, 132 m tall National Monument, crowned by a glittering, stylized metal frame. Taman Fatahillah is the epicentre of Kota, the original heart of Dutch Batavia, and still has a sprinkling of picturesque old buildings.

The nearby Glodok district is the heart of Jakarta’s substantial Chinese community, and in recent years has also seen gentrification. Sunda Kelapa, the old port, is lined with warehouses dating back to the colonial era and filled with old-fashioned schooners that still carry cargo between Jakarta and the outlying islands. South of the centre, Jalan Jaksa is a colourful thoroughfare, lined with antique and souvenir shops, budget restaurants, guesthouses and tour agencies.

Jakarta blends harmoniously newly-restored areas with its ancient parts, creating a metropolis provided with both entertaining and culturally interesting options.

The city is equipped with several museums such as the Art Museum or the History Museum, in which the traveler can be given an understanding of the country’s Dutch colonial era or traditional artifacts.

Having developed into a modern metropolis in recent years, Jakarta is filled with a comprehensive offering of dining options, food hawkers and lively gathering hubs, as well as endless shopping destinations.

**Jakarta Old Town**

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Photo: Aleksandar Todorovic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Kali Besar Timur, Jakarta
Jakarta History Museum

This museum is dedicated to the Dutch colonial era and is located in a 17th century building that was originally the town hall of Dutch Batavia. Due attention is paid to the independence struggle that terminated almost four centuries of Dutch rule.

Photo: Aleksandar Todorovic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Taman Fatahillah No. 1, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 692 9101

Museum Bahari

This maritime museum on the docks at Sunda Kelapa is housed in a 17th century Dutch warehouse. It has a fascinating collection of traditional sailing vessels from all over the Indonesian archipelago along with maps, prints and photos of sailing vessels and veteran steamships.

Photo: Danumurti Mahendra / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Jl. Taman Wijaya Kusuma, Jakarta
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-3pm
Phone: +62 21 669 3406

Taman Ismail Marzuki (TIM)

TIM is the country’s main venue for traditional and contemporary cultural events, including dance, drama, music and film. There are frequent appearances by troupes of dancers from Bali and elsewhere and by gamelan musicians. You can find the monthly calendar of events at hotels and tourist offices, or check the Jakarta Post for listings.

Photo: Gunawan Kartapranata / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)
Address: Jln. Cikini Raya no 37, Jakarta
Phone: +62 622 13154087

Masjid Istiqlal (National Mosque)

This huge modern mosque stands on the northeast side of Taman Merdeka, with its graceful dome and soaring minaret reflected in a mirror-like pool. Completed in 1978, it was designed by the Indonesian architect Frederic Silaban (himself a Christian), and it’s the largest mosque in Southeast Asia, with room for more than 10,000 worshipers.

Photo: ailtrisno/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Taman Wijaya Kusuma, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 34830375
Internet: www.istiqlalmosque.com

Museum Wayang

This museum is dedicated to keeping the ancient Indonesian art of shadow-puppetry alive, with a collection of colourful silhouette-puppets from all over Java and Indonesia. There are live performances of this vanishing art every Sunday morning, accompanied by gamelan music.

Photo: Gunawan Kartapranata / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)
Address: Jl. Pintu Besar Utara 27, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 6929560
Museum Sejarah Jakarta

Built in 1710 and located in the Old Town, this museum houses a remarkable collection of 19th and 20th century paintings, sculptures and ceramics by artists and craftsmen from Europe, Indonesia and elsewhere in Asia.

Photo: BxHxTxCx / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: 1 Jalan Taman Fatahillah, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Tues-Sun 9am-3pm Phone: +62 21 6929101

Museum Bank Indonesia

In a beautiful old building, once the first bank of Indonesia, you now find this interesting museum. Visitors here can learn about the financial history of Indonesia and watch notes and coins from all over the world. Do not miss the gold safe where the country’s gold was stored without the population knowing about it.

Photo: Danumurthi Mahendra / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Jalan Pintu Besar Utara No.4, Jakarta
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 7.30am-3.30pm, Sat-Sun 8am-4pm, Monday & Holidays Closed
Phone: +62 21 2600 158
Email: museum@bi.go.id

Jakarta Cathedral

This stunning cathedral lies just opposite the main mosque. It is built in Gothic European style and its interior is breathtaking. You can come here to attend the mass or just to take some nice photos to bring back home.

Photo: Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Katedral No.7B Pasar Baru Sawah Besar, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 3519 186
Internet: www.katedraljakarta.or.id
Email: email@katedraljakarta.or.id

Kidzania

Kidzania is a fun place for all kids between 2 to 16 years old. Different stations allow the children to try different occupations, such as pizza baker, pilot, doctor etc. and they earn their own play money. The attractions are of high security, so parents can sit back and relax.

Photo: Aila Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Pacific Place Mall L6-601 Jl. Jend Sudirman Kav. 52-53, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 5154888
Internet: www.kidzania.co.id
Email: info@kidzania.co.id

Thousand Islands (Pulau Seribu)

Just one to three hours by boat from Jakarta you can enjoy crystal clear water and beautiful beaches. Get away from the bustling city, either for just a day or over a few nights, and escape to one of the 128 small islands located in the Jakarta Bay.

Photo: Ziye/Shutterstock.com
www.thousandisland.co.id
**Art:1 New Museum**

This art museum consists of two sections with different collections and exhibitions. Inside this modern building you will works by both Indonesian and international artists, and the museum also arrange painting classes and workshops.

Photo: zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Rajawali Selatan Raya No. 3, Jakarta
Opening hours: Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm, Closed on: Monday & Public Holidays
Phone: +62 21 647 00168
Internet: www.mondecor.com

**Waterbom Jakarta**

Bring out your childlike mind and enjoy the adrenaline of high water slides and splashing water. There are swimming pools and attractions for both kids and adults, making Waterbom Jakarta a pleasant destination for the whole family.

Photo: Poznyakov / Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Pantai Indah Barat 1, Pantai Indah Kapuk, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 5596 6666
Internet: www.waterbom-jakarta.com

**Royale Jakarta Golf Club**

Royale Jakarta Golf Club is a must visit for golf enthusiasts. The 18 holes golf course is of highest quality and standards. The restaurant and bar with views over the course is also worth a visit.

Photo: bikeriderlondon/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Raya Halim Tiga, Halim Perdanakusuma-Jakarta Timur, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 80888 999
Internet: www.royalejakarta.com

**National Monument (Monas)**

This tall monument, built to honour the independence of the country, is seen from the whole western part of the city. The huge area where it stands includes a big market, food stalls and a park popular for picnics.

Photo: Khoroshunova Olga/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Silang Monas, Jakarta
The lure of Jakarta's bright lights has attracted Indonesian migrants from all over this huge country. As a result, the capital's menu is stupendously varied.

Staples such as noodles and nasi goreng (mixed fried rice) are on the menu everywhere, but there's much more to try. Meat dishes are predominantly composed of chicken or beef, as Indonesia is mostly Muslim and pork is a rarity.

Fine dining destinations can be found at most of the hotels that litter the city in great numbers, but what truly shows Jakarta's culinary traditions is its vast assortment of street food, a delicious, yet wallet-friendly, option.

**Street Food Jakarta**

Street food in Jakarta is a must-try, giving a deep insight into Indonesian culinary traditions and featuring a comprehensive and diverse selection of scrumptious bites to choose from. It is what most locals opt to go for when dining out, due to food hawkers' convenient fares and appetizing delicacies. The offering includes a blend of flavors from all over Asia, as well as local specialties such as "pisang goreng sambal roa" (fried banana with chili) or "gorengan" (a mixture of fried fruit or vegetables).

Photo: LWYang / Flickr (image cropped) Address: Jakarta

**Seafood Terrace**

The Grand Hyatt’s seafood restaurant is probably the best place in town for fresh fish, lobster and other seafood dishes prepared in a variety of Asian and European styles.

The menu includes also lighter snacks like sandwiches, pizzas and ice-cream.

Photo: Maren Winter/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan M. H. Thamrin Kav. 28-30, Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 9am-10.30pm
Phone: +62 21 2992 1234
Internet: www.jakarta.grand.hyatt.com
More Info: Next to Plaza Indonesia shopping centre.

**Chopstix**

This Indonesian franchise features branches across the capital, all of them offering cheap, tasty noodle dishes in clean and bright surroundings. These are excellent options for budget eaters in a hurry.

Photo: jreika/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. M. H. Thamrin No. 28-30, Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 10am-9.30pm
Phone: +62 21 235 80166
Internet: www.chopstix.co.id
More Info: Plaza Indonesia Basement Floor Unit 39-40
Dapur Baba

This is one of the best Indonesian restaurants in town, serving Javan, colonial Dutch and Peranakan (Straits Chinese) dishes in picturesque dining rooms decorated with Indonesian and colonial antiques. It also boasts the excellent Tao Bar.

Photo: Mo Riza / Flickr (image cropped) Address: 1 Jl. DR. Ide Anak Agung Gde Agung Kav.E, Mega Kuningan, Jakarta Phone: +62 21 2551 8888 Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com

Plan B

At Plan B, guests can revel in Spanish delights in a warm and cozy ambiance. The menu offers a wide array of different tapas, pintxos and paella. The chef, Oskar Urzelai, is from Spain and gladly talks to guests, welcoming them with his friendly manners.

Photo: Wisiel/Shutterstock.com Address: Rukan Permata Senayan Blok D No. 21, Jalan Tentara Pelajar, Kebayoran Lama, South Jakarta Opening hours: Mon-Thu: 8am-12am Phone: +62 21 5794 0821 Internet: www.planbjakarta.com Email: planb.spanishresto@gmail.com

Dapur Anggrek Food Court

Dapur Anggrek Food Court is the biggest and most salubrious of Jakarta’s many food courts. It offers lots of different vendors selling regional specialties from every corner of the archipelago, at rock bottom prices.

Photo: selinofoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Tanjung Duren Timur 2, Jakarta Internet: www.taman-anggrek-mall.com More Info: Taman Anggrek Mall

Asia Restaurant - The Ritz-Carlton

This Asian restaurant is located at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and serves international food, prepared in an open kitchen, offering everything from generous breakfast spreads to scrumptious bowls of noodles. The restaurant also has one of Jakarta's largest buffets. Do not miss the appetizing Sunday Brunch between 12 am and 3 pm.

Photo: Matthew Ennis/Shutterstock.com Address: 1 Jl. Asia Afrika Senayan Gelora Tanah Abang, Jakarta Phone: +62 21 5747777 Internet: www.themulia.com

Il Mare

Il Mare, located in Hotel Mulia, is an elegant restaurant with a pronounced focus on Italian specialties. Pizzas, pastas and steaks are cooked to perfection and the wine selection is extensive so you will definitely find something to accompany your dish.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com Address: Jl. Asia Afrika Senayan Gelora Tanah Abang, Jakarta Phone: +62 21 5747777 Internet: www.themulia.com
Pondok Laguna

Right in the city centre you find this popular seafood restaurant. The interior is basic and it tends to get crowded but they serve delicious traditional Indonesian dishes - their tahu kipas is said to be the best in town.

Photo: Natthawon Chaosakun/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Batu Tulis Raya No.45, Gambir, Central Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 345 9991

The Duck King

The first Duck King restaurant opened in 2003, developing into the biggest chain of Chinese cuisine in Indonesia. They have several outlets across the city and despite it being a chain, their food is well-recommended and said to be one of the best places for authentic Chinese food in town.

Photo: miss_yasmina / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: 1 Jl. MH Thamrin, Menteng, Grand Indonesia Shopping Town, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 23580845
Internet: www.theduckking.com

The Steak House

The Steak House at the Four Seasons hotel offers juicy steaks grilled to perfection on wood-burning grill. The different dishes do not only please the sense of taste but are also visually pleasing. The wine list comprehends wines from all over the world, carefully selected.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: Four Season Hotel, Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Phone: +62 21 2523 456
Internet: www.fourseasons.com
More Info: Located at Four Seasons hotel

AMUZ Gourmet Restaurant

If you are looking for fine dining, head to Amuz Gourmet restaurant. French food of highest quality is served in an elegant setting, pleasing all senses. The restaurant is located at the quiet Sudirman Central Business District.

Photo: siska maria eviline / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Jl. Jendral Sudirman Kav 52-53, South Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 2505064
Internet: www.amuzgourmet.com
More Info: Located at the energy Building, 2nd Floor.
If you are longing for authentic Indian cuisine, Ganesha Ek Sanskriti is the where to be headed to. The dining room is nicely decorated with typical Indian decor items and the dishes served make you feel like you really are dining in India.

Photo: Seika / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Jl. Jend Sudirman Kav 44-46 Bendungan Hilir Tanah Abang, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 5719 415
Internet: www.ganeshaeksanskriti.com
Email: mktg@ganeshaeksanskriti.com

This restaurant, located at the Sari Pan Pacific Hotel, serves Japanese cuisine of high quality. Sushi, sashimi, teppanyaki and much more is included on the menu, offering an outstanding service.

Photo: Lenka_X/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Mh Thamrin No.6, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 299 32752
Internet: www.panpacific.com/jakarta
More Info: Located at Sari Pan Pacific Hotel

Café culture is something that the Indonesian capital has developed in the past 30 years, though hawker stalls and street food still remain the most popular option among locals and tourists alike.

As the coffee culture took over, street vendors started selling instant brews, and international brands of cafeterias began popping up at a fast pace, making the coffee routine an unmissable tradition throughout the diverse Jakarta.

This is an excellent café-restaurant serving light meals, snacks and drinks all day. Featuring a pronounced Western accent, it offers several European and American specialties and lots of different breakfast options from 8am.

Photo: Seika / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: 15, Jln. Johar, Gondangdia, Menteng, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 3140343
Internet: www.yaudahbistro.com
La Moda
Located at Plaza Indonesia shopping mall, this smart café is attached to the neighboring Grand Hyatt hotel and hosts regular fashion shows. After exploring all the exclusive shops, this is a perfect spot for people watching and a good cup of coffee.

Photo: TrendUp / Pixabay.com (image cropped)
Address: The Plaza, 10th Floor Jl. M.H. Thamrin Kav, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 390 1234
Internet: www.lamodajakarta.com

Starbuck's
This Jakarta's cafeteria is a worldwide chain of coffee houses that serves drip brew, iced and hot coffee, teas and bakery items. The café is popular with locals and visitors alike. You can purchase a bag of coffee to take home with you.

Photo: JESHOOTS / Pixabay.com (image cropped)
Address: 138A, Rasuna Epicentrum Jalan, H.R Rasuna Said, Kuningan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 2994 1018
Internet: www.starbucks.co.id

Bakoel Koffie
Bakoel Koffie is a great place to chill out. The coffee is great, the portions are generous and if you get hungry there are plenty of tasty snacks to choose from. This small chain has 4 stores at different locations throughout Jakarta.

Photo: fotogiunta/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Cikini Raya 25, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 3193 6608
Internet: www.bakoelkoffie.com
Email: tokokopi@gmail.com

Miitem
You might be surprised at first if you order noodles or fried rice, because the colour is midnight black. Don’t be put off - give it a shot! Their menu also offers pizza if you do not feel adventurous enough.

Photo: msaandy033/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mall Kota Kasablanka, Menteng Dalam, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 3983 8787

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Jakarta is a fast-growing city of entertainment where the traveler can be truly spoilt for choice, ranging from down-to-earth bars, to happening discos and karaoke.

When the sun starts setting, folks pour merrily down the city’s intricate maze of streets, filling the upmarket clubs and lounge bars that tend to be located at most of Jakarta’s iconic five-stars hotels.

Night-owls can opt for bar-hopping throughout the vast city-centre, or decide to spend the night dancing until the early hours in one of the hectic nightclubs.
Eastern Promise

This bar is a popular expatriate haunt, and has been around since 1989, making it one of the longest existing bars in Jakarta. Here you will experience a British atmosphere with draught beer, meat pies, dart corner and British newspapers.

Photo: Ryan Albrey / Flickr (image cropped) Address: Jl. Kemang Raya No. 5 Jakarta Phone: +62 21 7179 0151 Internet: www.epjakarta.com Email: lensterwee@gmail.com

Churchill

The lobby lounge of Borobudur Hotel boasts a private-club atmosphere, equipped with big armchairs, a billiard table and a fine selection of wines and cigars. It is a good place for a sophisticated and relaxing evening.

Photo: Jakob Montrasio / Flickr (image cropped) Address: Jalan Lapangan Banteng Selatan, Jakarta Opening hours: Daily: 2pm-12am Phone: +62 21 380 5555 Internet: www.hotelborobudur.com More Info: Located at Borobudur Hotel

Burgundy

Burgundy is a cosmopolitan, and equally pricey, bar in one of Jakarta's upscale hotels, attracting a sophisticated crowd and serving some of the best cocktails in town.

Photo: Jag_cz.jpg/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan M. H. Thamrin Kav. 28-30, Jakarta Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-1am Phone: +62 21 29921425 Internet: www.jakarta.grand.hyatt.com More Info: Located at Grand Hyatt Hotel

Golden Crown

Golden Crown is a happening hangout spread over 15,000 square feet with endless entertaining options. A dance-floor with capacity to entertain 3,000 visitors, Karaoke, international music.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com Address: Glodok Plaza Lt. 3-9 Jl. Pinangsia Raya No.1, Jakarta Phone: +62 21 62302888 Internet: www.goldencrown.co.id

B.A.T.S.

This bar in the Shangri-La is highly rated by residents and frequent visitors, hosting international bands and DJ's spinning upbeat tunes. It tends to be incredibly crowded at weekends and it features a small dance floor and a restaurant.
**Immigrant**

Immigrant is a fashionable bar that has gained popularity among expats and tourists. Home to a restaurant, a lounge bar and a club, this trendy venue is a great way to spend a night in town.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan MH Thamrin 28–30, Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 29924126
Internet: www.immigrant-jakarta.com
More Info: Sixth Floor, Plaza Indonesia

**Dragonfly**

Southern Jakarta houses a nightclub that is equally happening and pricey. Hip tunes are spun by the frequently hosted international DJs, though the music tends to vary incredibly according to the event.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Jend. Gatot Subroto No.Kav 23, Karet Semanggi, South Jakarta City
Phone: +62 21 5206789
More Info: Located at Graha Bip Ground Floor Lobby.

**Empirica**

A Friday and Saturday night must-do in Jakarta, Empirica is where the young and hip crowd is headed. This cutting-edge night destination is among the most-loved clubs in Jakarta, making it a city's exclusive hotspot.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kawasan Niaga Terpadu Sudirman, Jl.Jenderal

**Sudirman Kav. 52-53, Jakarta**
Opening hours: Fri-Sat: 10pm till late
Phone: +62 81290 080841
Internet: www.empiricajakarta.com
Email: mailto@empiricajakarta.com

**SHOPPING**

Over the last decade, Jakarta has become a major shopping destination, with numerous brand-new, air-conditioned shopping malls springing up all over the city, competing for popularity with long-established malls such as Blok M. International department store chains such as Sogo, Mark’s and Spencer’s and Metro, have also made an appearance, enriching Jakarta’s shopping scene.

A perfect souvenir might include traditional items, such as ikat and batik textiles, wood carvings from Bali and other islands, antique pottery and Dutch colonial antiques (though these are very often faked).

Many international sports and leisure wear brands have factories in Jakarta, and sports footwear, sports clothing and designer wear are available at convenient prices.
Blok M

Blok M is the city’s longest established mall and it is a popular, local rendezvous, provided with cafés, bars and restaurants along with an extensive array of designer boutiques, souvenir stores.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Bulungan No. 76, Kramat Pela, Kby. Baru, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +62 21 7209288
Internet: jakartablokm.com

Taman Anggrek

Taman Anggrek is the city’s largest shopping and leisure mall and it is part of a huge residential tower complex on the airport toll road, making it convenient for last-minute shopping before leaving Jakarta.

Seven floors of shops sell designer fashions, sportswear, electronic goods, souvenirs, gifts and authentic antiques, featuring also an extensive food court. It is a favourite weekend destination for Indonesian families, with an average of 100,000 visitors each weekend.

Photo: Jonathan McIntosh / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)
Address: Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Internet: www.taman-anggrek-mall.com

Jalan Thamrin

There are gift boutiques and arts and craft stores in the lobbies of most of the large international hotels along Jalan Thamrin, as well as international newsstands. Jalan Thamrin houses also the flagship branch of Sarinah, the Indonesian department store chain, selling batik clothing, designer wear, sports equipment and leisure good - it is the perfect place to pick up bargain priced tropical clothing, swimwear and camping equipment.

Photo: BxHxTxCx / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Jalan Thamrin, Jakarta

Jalan Jaksa

Jalan Jaksa is the the old-fashioned shopping street where Jakarta’s budget accommodation options are located and where you will need to make good use of your haggling skills. It is lined with antique and craft stores, selling Chinese and Indonesian antique pottery, wood carving, textiles, colonial-style furniture and brassware.

Photo: Seika / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Jalan Jaksa, Jakarta

Plaza Senayan

Plaza Senayan has a good choice of Indonesian designer boutiques, including Sebastian’s, Ghea and Biyan, all of which offer stylish and modern evening apparel, as well as colourful traditional dresses, suits, jackets, shirts and
blouses. The Sogo Seni handicraft centre, with Plaza Senayan’s branch of Sogo, has one of the best selections of Indonesian handicrafts.

Photo: Seika / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Jalan Asia Afrika No. 8, Jakarta Pusat, DKI
Jakarta Opening hours: Daily: 10am-10pm
Phone: +62 21 5725555
Internet: www.plaza-senayan.com

**Plaza Indonesia**

Spread over seven floors, Plaza Indonesia includes an ample assortment of upmarket shops to choose from, comprehending luxury brands such as Chanel, Louis Vuitton or Marc Jacob as well as many eateries.

Photo: BxHtCx / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: 28, 30 Jalan M.H. Thamrin Kav., Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily: 10am-10pm
Phone: +62 21 29920000
Internet: www.plazaindonesia.com

**Grand Indonesia Shopping Town**

Grand Indonesia Shopping Town is an enormous shopping complex located in the heart of Jakarta. Combining national and international shops and restaurants, the complex is one of the city’s favourite shopping destination. Adidas, Banana Republic, Birkenstock, Camper, Clarks, Converse, GAP, Guess, H&M, Lacoste, Levi’s, Massimo Dutti and Swatch are just some of the stores located here.

Photo: BxHtCx / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: 1 M.H. Thamrin, Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily: 10am-10pm

**Ancol Art Market**

Ancol Art Market is one of Jakarta’s most iconic shopping experience, gathering handicrafts, paintings and traditional art in an open-air market. Meet local artists or watch one of the weekly performances - Ancol Art Market displays the authentic facet of Indonesia.

Photo: Denis Kuvaev/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jl. Pantai Indah Taman Impian Jaya Ancol, North Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily: 9am-6pm

**Pondok Indah Mall**

Pondok Indah Mall includes three different shopping centres in which you will have no shortage of options among the endless shopping opportunities. Shop clothing, footwear, furniture or stop by for a coffee.

Photo: Ayden161 / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)
Address: Jl. Metro Pondok Indah, Indonesia
Opening hours: Daily: 10am-10pm
Phone: +62 21 7506750
Internet: www.pondokindahmall.co.id
Email: cs@pondokindahmall.co.id
Public transport

Jakarta has a wide range of transportation options. Buses are operated by a good number of private operators and by the state-owned PPD bus company. Mayasari and Patas AC buses are air conditioned and flat fares are charged and are posted by the entrance door.

Three-wheeled, two-seats scooter taxis (bajaj) and Bemo minibuses also operate on fixed routes throughout Jakarta, as do Mikrolet or Angkot minibuses.

Taxi

For visitors, taxis are the most sensible option as public transports tend to be extremely crowded, slow and petty theft is common. The most reliable taxi companies include Silver Bird and Blue Bird.

Drivers should carry a rate sheet showing the current fare to most destinations – check the fare before getting into the taxi. More sensibly, ask your hotel or restaurant to call a cab for you.

Blue Bird also offers a premium Golden Bird limousine service, which can be booked through your hotel or on the company’s website.

Address: Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 794 1234; Internet: www.bluebirdgroup.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Soeharto-Hatta International Airport

Soeharto-Hatta International Airport is located 20 km from the city centre. Taxis take around 30-45 minutes. Fixed price Silver Bird

Taxis should be arranged at the taxi desk in the arrivals hall, immediately after passing through Customs and Immigration.

DAMRI Bus Service operates between the airport and Jakarta’s downtown every 40 minutes. Journey time is around one hour to Blok M or Gambir Railway Station in the central business district.

Facilities at the airport include currency exchange, post office, business centre, a tourist information desk, car rental desks and tax free shopping. All main hotels offer mini-bus shuttle transfers or chauffeur-driven meet-and-greet service.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Soeharto-Hatta International Airport
Phone: +62 21 5505179
Internet: www.jakartaairportonline.com

Address: Jakarta
Phone: +6221 8591 2547
Internet: www.perumppd.co.id
Email: info@perumppd.co.id

Taxi

Address: Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 794 1234; Internet: www.bluebirdgroup.com
**Post**

Stamps can be bought at most hotels' front desks or lobby shops. There are post offices located everywhere throughout the city, generally open 8 am - 4 pm or 9 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday, run by "Pos Indonesia".

The main post office is located at 2, Jl. Pos, in Central Jakarta.

**Pharmacy**

There are well stocked international pharmacies in all the main shopping malls and department stores. You can also find several local pharmacies across the city, called "Apotik".

One of them is Apotik Melawai, which has a 24/7 outlet located at 271, RS Fatmawati, in South Jakarta.

**Telephone**

Country code: +62
Area code: (0) 21

**Electricity**

110V and 220V 50Hz

**Population**

9.7 million

**Currency**

Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) IDR 10,000 ~ US$0.69

**Opening hours**

Banks, businesses and government offices generally open 8 am - 4 pm or 9 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday. Many shopping malls remain open until 10 pm or later. Many street markets do not open until around 7 pm and remain as late as midnight. Many smaller shops close at dusk on Friday until Saturday night.

**News**

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**Emergency numbers**

Police: 110
Fire: 113
Ambulance: 118

**Tourist information**

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