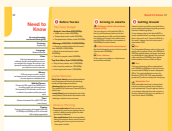


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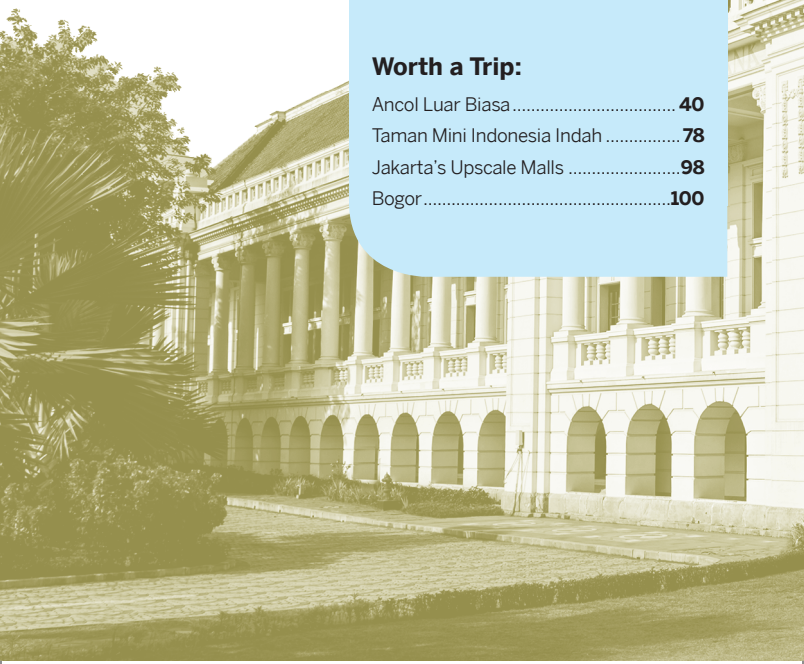
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Welcome to Jakarta

One of the world's greatest megalopolises, Jakarta is a dynamic city of daunting extremes with surreal juxtapositions on every street corner. Despite the maddening traffic, life here is lived at an all-out pace, driven by an industriousness and optimism that's palpable. It's a microcosm of Indonesia, where the rich, poor and everyone in between rub good-natured shoulders.



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Merdeka Square (p46)

Merdeka Square is the city's beating heart, where locals stroll and canoodle, ascend the huge monument, have an authentic meal, ponder a herd of deer or otherwise escape the teeming streets.





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Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (p78)

Explore the entire archipelago at this large park that recreates the nation's myriad cultures in miniature.



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Jakarta's Upscale Malls (p98)

For major brands, designer outlets and Indonesian boutiques, explore high-end complexes such as Plaza Indonesia, Grand Indonesia (pictured), Kota Kasablanka, Pacific Place and Plaza Senayan.



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Bogor (p100)

Once the chosen retreat of colonials fleeing the stifling, crowded Batavia, today Bogor is an ideal day trip from Jakarta. The highlight is Kebun Raya, a beautiful, world-class botanical garden.