



Project Sungai Geringging Volunteer Information

HODR CONTACTS

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PRE-DEPARTURE

- Send your arrival/departure dates to Tom at info@hodr.org. (Please include "Project Sungai Geringging" as the subject line.) Include your flight information.
- Agree to our [Volunteer Waiver](#). Upon arrival, you will be asked to sign the document and allow us to make a copy of your identification document before starting work.
- Confirm with Henri if you would like to book the car to take you from PDG to the HODR base. (See below.)
- Review your government's travel/health advisories for travel to Indonesia, research, and plan accordingly.

PACKING LIST:

Must Bring:

- Sleeping pad/air mattress & sheets (we DO NOT provide bedding)
- Mosquito net
- Insect repellent
- Mask/gloves/hat (multiple pairs gloves recommended)
- Trail/work shoes (a durable pair)
- Shots (minimum – tetanus)
- Water bottle
- Personal first aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Passport & copies

Highly Recommended:

- Headlamp
- Personal items/toiletries
- Cash/ATM card
- Sunglasses
- Rain gear
- 3 shirts (recommend 1 with collar)
- modest shorts/tank tops (ok around house)
- 3 pairs work pants (at least 1 long/zip-off)
- 1 nicer outfit
- 1 jacket (midweight)
- laptop/camera
- USB memory
- umbrella/poncho
- travel insurance policy

The electric power here is rated at 220V, so your appliances must be 110-220 capable. The electrical outlets accept the two round pin style plugs so if you have flat pin plugs please bring an adapter. Power service in our village is in and out. Please seriously consider your needs prior to packing anything requiring electricity.

PHONE/INTERNET INFORMATION

Phone: An unlocked mobile phone (available here) can be fitted with a locally purchased SIM card (Rp. 12,000/~US\$1.30) for pay-as-you-go service. Local and international calling and text messaging both work with this kind of prepaid service and top-up cards are widely available. We are using Telkomsel Simpati SIM cards.

Local wartels, or calling kiosks, offer international calling as well.

Internet: There is an internet café in town which offers a decent connection for Rp. 4000/hour (~US\$.45).

We are working on getting a wireless connection at our base.

You can purchase your own internet connection through Indosat (IM2) or Telkomsel (Flash), mobile phone service providers. They are 3G enabled SIM cards that can work in a 3G phone or in a USB modem (~US\$100).

JAKARTA TRANSIT INFORMATION

If you plan to spend a night in Jakarta, here is baseline taxi/hotel information. Please consult a guidebook or online resources for more options.

Taxi

Blue Bird is the most reputable taxi company in Jakarta. We've been advised to avoid Kotas, Steady Safe, Prestasi, Dian, Royal City, Queen, and Golden Taxi. Expect to pay around Rp. 150,000 to get well into the city.

Alternatively the Damri (local bus service) runs from outside each airport terminal for Rp. 20,000 (~US\$2.15). If you're headed to Jalan Jaksa (see accommodation options below), take the Damri marked 'Gambir' (which is a train station). From there it is either a 15-minute walk or Rp. 15,000 (~US\$1.60) tuktuk ride to Jalan Jaksa.

JAKARTA ACCOMMODATION

There are a range of options ranging from budget hostels to mid-range hotels in and around Jalan Jaksa, just over an hour from the airport. It's not an atmospheric place, but it works for a night or two. Alternately, there are plenty of

Hotel & Address

BLOEM STEEN HOMESTAY

Gang1 173, Jalan Jaksa

KRESNA HOMESTAY

Next door to the Bloem Steen, Jalan Jaksa

HOTEL TATOR

Jl Jaksa 37, tel: 31923940

CEMARA HOTEL

Jl Cemara 1, Jalan Jaksa

Email: cemara@centrin.net.id

HOTEL BANDARA JAKARTA

2.5km from Airport, Tel: 6191964

MENARA PENINSULA HOTEL

Jalan Let. Jend. S. Parman 78, Silpi, Jakarta 11410

Tel: +62 21 535 0888

www.menarapeninsula.com

Room Type

Basic

Basic

Midrange

Superior

Midrange

Superior

Single

Rp. 30,000 – 140,000/

~US\$3.22 – US\$15.05

Rp. 60,000 – 140,000/

~US\$6.44 – US\$15.05

Rp. 70,000 – 100,000/

~US\$7.50 – US\$10.75

Rp. 350,000 – 550,000/

~US\$37.60 – US\$59.14

Rp. 180,000 – 220,000/

~US\$19.35 – US\$23.70

Rp. 695,000/~US\$75.00

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS FROM JAKARTA TO PADANG

Please note, if you want to book the car service to the HODR base (see page 3), then we must have your flight information into Padang 24 hours in advance.

There is a free shuttle service that will take you from the international terminal (Terminal 1) to Terminal 2 in about ten minutes. You can buy tickets at the domestic terminal (Terminal 2) from the English speaking staff at the main ticket desk outside the terminal entrance. Indonesian carriers do not have highly regarded safety records, so select your airline based on the price and reputation you're comfortable with.

PADANG ACCOMMODATION

If you plan to spend a night in Padang before continuing on, here are a few options:

Hotel & Address

INA MUARA

Jl. Gereja No. 34., Tel: 0751-35600-33741, Fax: 0751-31163-38266

BUNDA HOTEL

Jln. Bundo Kandang No. 19, Tel: 0751-81224, Fax: 0751-25909

THE SRIWIJAYA HOTEL

Jln. Veteran No. 20, Tel: 0751-21942/ 8901901, Fax: 0751-890190

Room Type

Deluxe

Suite

Standard

Superior

Standard

Superior

Deluxe

Single

Rp. 390,000/~US\$42.00

Rp. 470,000/~US\$50.50

Rp. 242,000/~US\$26.00

Rp. 272,000/~US\$29.25

Rp. 240,000/~US\$25.80

Rp. 265,000/~US\$28.50

Rp. 315,000/~US\$33.87

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PADANG HOTEL
Jln. Bagindo Aziz Chan No. 28, Tel: 0751-37402, Fax: 0751-35962 / 31383

Standard	Rp. 273,000/~US\$29.35
Superior	Rp. 315,000/~US\$33.90
Family Room	Rp. 333,000/~US\$35.80
Deluxe	Rp. 363,000/~US\$39.00
Super Deluxe	Rp. 450,000/~US\$48.40

All hotels are confirmed open since the earthquake, and all include breakfast. We do not have complete amenity information. You can take a taxi and find a room, or book in advance through Pantara Tours, an agency in Padang that does not charge commission and who provided the information above. Send an email to pantarapdg@yahoo.com and their English-speaking staff will help you out.

HODR BASE ADDRESS

We live in a very rural area. So, brace yourself for our address:

Rumah Asmeda
Jalan Raya Tanjung Alai
Kantor Korong Tanjung Alai
Lapau Camin

Translation:

"Asmeda's house" (name of homeowner)

"Tanjung Alai Street" (street – *jalan*)

"Around the office of Tanjung Alai" (office – *kantor*)

"near the small restaurant Camin" (small restaurant – *lapau*)

MOVING ON FROM PADANG TO HODR BASE IN SUNGAI GERINGGING

There are two options for traveling from the Padang Airport (PDG) to our base in Sungai Geringging.

1. Car for hire – **This is the method that we recommend:** For Rp. 175,000 (~US\$19.00), you can book a car to pick you up from PDG and take you right to our doorstep. Our landlady's husband, Bapak Kanti, runs this service, and he or his drivers will greet you with a HODR sign. The cost is per trip, so if multiple volunteers arrive at the same time they can split the Rp. 175,000 fee.

If the driver is not there, please go to The Transit Café, a shop outside the airport arrivals area. This is our designated meeting point. If you borrow a phone, you can call Marc, Stef, or Henri with the numbers on page 1. Relax and breathe, it will be ok! The ride from PDG to our base is approximately 1.5-2 hours. Road conditions, combined with rainy season weather, can make for a bumpy trip. We recommend arriving before 4PM if you plan to take the car.

In order to arrange a ride, you must contact Henri (henri@hodr.org) with your flight information (so Bapak Kanti or his drivers know when to greet you) or your pickup location and time. **If you do not show for your ride, you are still accountable for the cost of the trip.**

2. Public bus. Tranex Mandiri (Padang tel: 07517832333, Sungai Geringging tel: 081374206644) operates a bus that runs from their terminal in Padang to the center (market) of Sungai Geringging. You will need to take a taxi from PDG to the bus terminal (Rp. 60,000 to Rp.90,000/~US\$6.50-\$9.70). Buses leave approximately every hour (or when full) from 6AM to 5PM. If you are coming from the airport, you should land by 3PM if you expect to be able to catch the bus on the same day. Bus tickets cost Rp. 70,000(~US\$7.50) for 1 passenger, Rp. 86,000(~US\$9.25) for 2, or Rp. 102,000(~US\$10.75) for 3. The bus trip should take approximately 2-2.5 hours. From the Sungai Geringging town center, you will need to take an *ojek* (motorbike taxi) to the house or walk, asking people for directions along the way using our address (.

Please note: The airport is north of Padang, and so you'd actually be backtracking a bit to go to the bus terminal. Also, there is not a significant cost savings over the van, hence why we recommend option 1!