

The aim of the tour was to give the participants an overview of the architecture and town-planning of the colonial period in the Dutch East-Indies, nowadays Indonesia. The emphasis was on the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The sheer amount of buildings and sites within this range is astounding. Thanks to a carefully planned route visiting major and minor cities on Java the whole range of colonial architecture could be studied: administrative and commercial buildings, schools, railway stations, churches, hospitals, houses etc. Many buildings could be seen on the inside as well.

Works by all the more important colonial architects were visited and discussed, while roundtrips were made to give an idea of the town-planning in cities like Jakarta, Bandung and Surabaya. From Bandung, the Lamajan power plant and the important Malabar tea plantation were visited, adding new aspects to the diversity of the tour. Meetings with local people involved in preserving the architectural heritage was fruitful in variable degrees. Apart from all this the travelling by private bus and sometimes train gave ample opportunity to see the landscapes and everyday life on Java.

Outside the scope of the tour but highly interesting were visits to the Borobudur temple and to several Chinese temples in Semarang.

There was little time left for things like shopping and swimming, but ample time was given to lunch and dinner, mostly on beautiful or even spectacular locations. These were often restored or converted heritage sites, like most of the hotels where the group was staying, all adding up to the interest and success of the tour.

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