

Semarang, Java, Indonesia

The gateway to Central Java — ships dock at Tanjung Emas and the rewards are big: the world's largest Buddhist temple at Borobudur, soaring Hindu spires at Prambanan, and a colonial old town full of Dutch and Chinese heritage.

 Docked (Tanjung Emas port)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)  Indonesian / Javanese

📅 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tanjung Emas Port

Walk to center: ~20 min by taxi/ojek

Best For: Borobudur · Colonial Old Town

Don't Miss: Borobudur at sunrise

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$3–5 USD ·  Rideshare  Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Borobudur Temple** — The world's largest Buddhist temple, a UNESCO World Heritage 9th-century stupa-pyramid rising from the Kedu Plain.
- **Prambanan Hindu Temple Complex** — A stunning UNESCO compound of towering 9th-century Hindu temples dedicated to the Trimurti — Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.
- **Kota Lama (Old Town) & Lawang Sewu** — Semarang's well-preserved Dutch colonial district — ornate facades, canal bridges, and the iconic Lawang Sewu ('Thousand Doors'), a grand 1907...
- **Sam Poo Kong Temple** — A large and vivid Chinese-Javanese temple complex built to honor Admiral Zheng He, the Ming dynasty explorer who stopped here in the 15th century.
- **Gedong Songo Temples** — Nine small Hindu temples scattered across the slopes of Mount Ungaran, surrounded by volcanic scenery and cool highland air.

BEST WALKS

- **Kota Lama Colonial District Loop** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy (flat) — A stroll through Semarang's Dutch colonial heart — past the Blenduk Church, colonial warehouses, canal bridges, and café-lined streets.
- **Sam Poo Kong to Little Chinatown** ~1.5 km · 1 hr · easy — After visiting Sam Poo Kong temple, explore the surrounding Simongan neighborhood and nearby Pecinan (Chinatown) streets with street food vendors and temple life.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

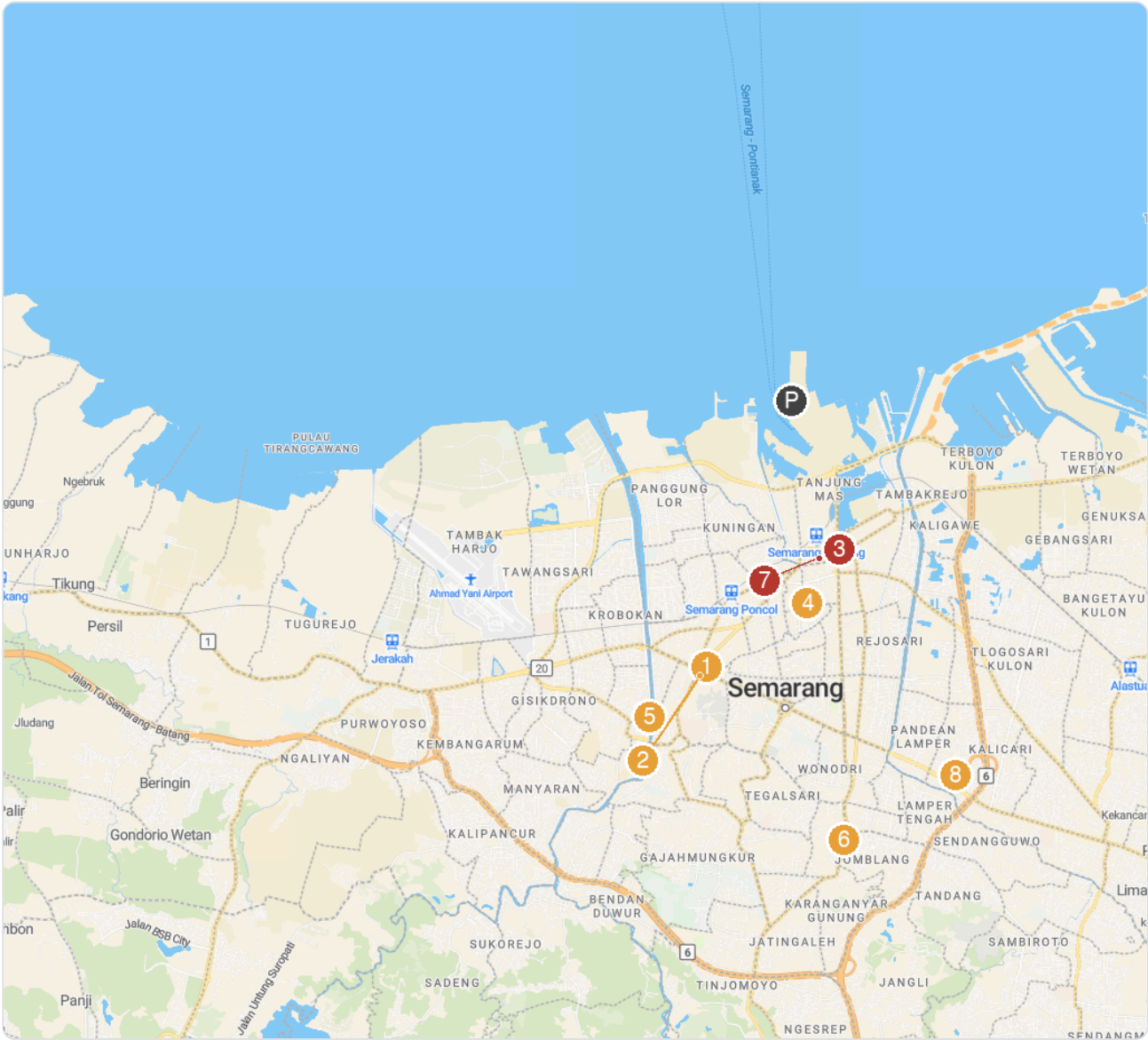
🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:40AM–5:36PM · Jun 5:47AM–5:30PM · Aug 5:46AM–5:39PM · Sep 5:31AM–5:35PM · Oct 5:16AM–5:31PM	
Apr	86°	76°	24d		
Jun	89°	75°	14d		
Aug	91°	75°	5d		
Sep	92°	75°	8d		
Oct	91°	76°	14d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Borobudur is a full-day commitment. The round trip is roughly 5–6 hours of driving. Only attempt it if your ship call is 9+ hours — confirm your all-aboard time and leave a buffer.
- Bring Indonesian Rupiah. ATMs are available in the city, but less common near the pier. Withdraw or exchange before heading out. Cards are rarely accepted at temples and markets.
- It's hot and humid. Semarang sits at sea level near the equator. Light, breathable clothing, sunscreen, and a refillable water bottle are essential.
- Dress respectfully at temples. Shoulders and knees should be covered at Borobudur, Prambanan, and Sam Poo Kong — sarongs are often provided or available for hire at the entrance.
- Negotiate taxi fares upfront. Metered taxis exist but aren't always at the pier. Agree on a price before departing — for a city half-day with multiple stops, expect to hire a driver for 300,000–500,000 IDR.
- Try the local food. Semarang is known for lumpia (spring rolls), wingko babat (coconut rice cake), and tahu petis (tofu with shrimp paste dip). The Pasar Johar market area is good for street food.

Semarang, Java, Indonesia — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Lawang Sewu | Historic Dutch colonial railway office, famous for its 'thousand doors'. | 2 | Cathedral of the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary | Semarang's main Catholic cathedral, a beautiful place of worship. |
| 3 | Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Gedangan | Historic Catholic church with beautiful architecture in Gedangan. | 4 | Waroeng Semawis | Vibrant night market and food street in Semarang's Chinatown. |
| 5 | Kanal Banjir Barat | West Flood Canal, a major river and urban landmark. | 6 | STI Vihara Tanah Putih | Large, ornate Buddhist temple with impressive statues and gardens. |
| 7 | Semarang Contemporary Art Gallery | Showcases modern and contemporary Indonesian art in a historic building. | 8 | Taman Bermain Kel. Gayamsari | Local community park and playground for families in Gayamsari. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |