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## Geography:

Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world

Consists of 18,108 islands (per 2003 sat imaging, ASI)

Total area is slightly less than 3x the size of Texas

Only about 6,000 islands are inhabited

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## Population:

~ 263,991,379 people (*per Wikipedia- UN 2017 World Population Prospects*)

4<sup>th</sup> most populace nation in the world (China, India, USA)

~ 60% of the population lives on Java (only 7% of the land area)

“Transmigrasi” - government program to reduce population density in Java, etc.

# Country Demographics

Rank	Country	Population
1	China	1,409,517,397
2	India	1,339,180,127
3	USA	324,459,463
4	Indonesia	263,991,379
5	Brazil	209,288,278
6	Pakistan	197,015,955
7	Nigeria	190,886,311
8	Bangladesh	164,669,751
9	Russia	143,989,754
10	Mexico	129,163,276

*(per Wikipedia- UN 2017 World Population Prospects)*

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## Religion:

Muslim	87.2%	(world's largest population)
Protestant	7.0%	
Catholic	2.9%	
Hindu	1.7%	
Other (Buddist, etc.)	0.9%	
Other (unspecified)	0.3%	

*a 2010 estimate from [index mundi.com](http://index.mundi.com) 2014 Profile*

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## Ethnic Groups:

Javanese	40.1%	Banjarese	1.7%
Sundanese	15.5%	Balinese	1.7%
Malay	3.7%	Acehnese	1.4%
Batak	3.6%	Dayak	1.4%
Madurese	3.0%	Sasak	1.3%
Betawi	2.9%	Chinese	1.2%
Minangkabau	2.7%	Other /Unspecified	15.0%
Buginese	2.7%		
Bantenese	2.0%		

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## Language:

Bahasa Indonesia (official, modified form of Malay),

Many many many local languages:

Javanese, Sundanese, Balinese, etc., etc. , etc....

Estimates: more than 700 languages are used in Indonesia

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**Javanese:** (central Java)

The heart of traditional Indonesian culture

Harmony, balance, politeness is the norm



Wayang Kulit  
(shadow puppet)





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## Sundanese: (West Java & Banten)



Wayang Golek  
(wooden puppet)



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Sundanese: (West Java & Banten)



Badui



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**Sundanese:** (West Java & Banten)



**Black Magic/Voodoo & Super Natural**



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## Miscellaneous Topics of Interest & Customs:

- Getting directions
- Money
- Bargaining
- Use your right (Rt) hand
- Shaking hands
- Pointing
- Beckoning

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## Miscellaneous Topics of Interest & Customs:

- “Jam Karet” (rubber time)
- Pets
- Taboo foods (muslim, hindu, christian)
- Shoes off
- “Mau mandi”
- Eating (spoon and fork or hand)

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## Miscellaneous Topics of Interest & Customs:

- Asian toilet



**DON'T STAND !**

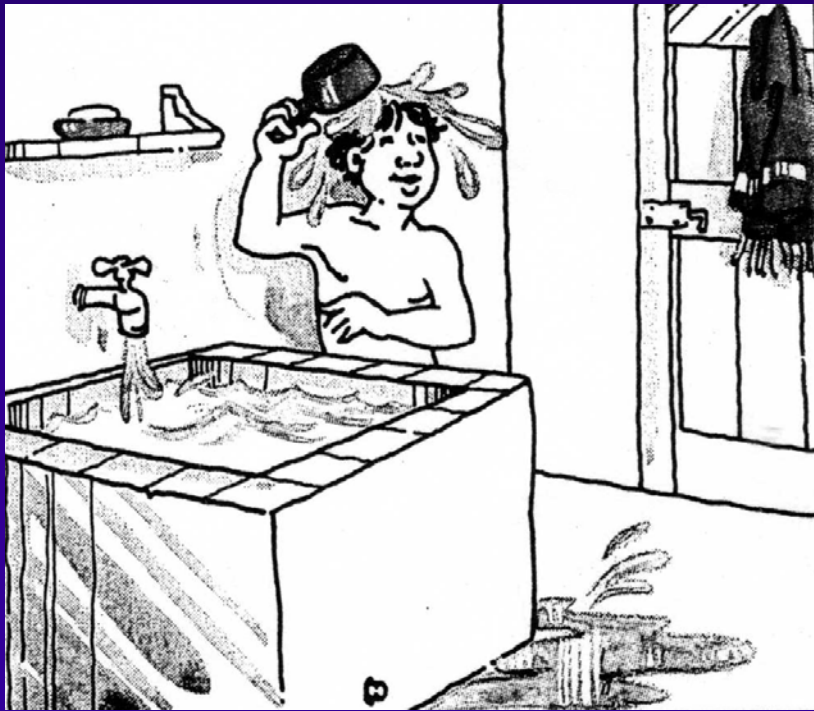


**DON'T SIT DOWN !**

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## Miscellaneous Topics of Interest & Customs:

- Bathing (mandi)



**DON'T GET IN !**

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**ENJOY !**