

This list of FAQs has been put together in March 2023. Please note that up-dates will be made as certain considerations may change and questions added.

What are the dates of the congress?

January 4 – 15, 2024

Should I book my flight now?

If you book a long-haul flight now, please ensure you get a ticket that can be **changed, if necessary**, in case of unforeseen circumstances – after all, we have just lived through an unpredictable pandemic. Consider also, that **your arrival time may oblige you to spend a night in Jakarta**. For flights within Indonesia, please wait, as we will be giving more information about these, closer to the date; and prices tend to drop as dates approach.

What kind of visa do I need to enter Indonesia?

People from 86 countries can get an **e-visa** or a **Visa on Arrival**. The latter costs 500,000 rupiah, or the equivalent in pounds, dollars or euros. If using foreign currency, please bring fairly new bills. This visa can be extended for one month. **Your passport must be valid for at least six months after your arrival in Indonesia, and you must be able to show a departure flight within the correct time frame of your visa**. The local security authority will require copies of passports and visas, which we will organise in a centralised manner. The **e-visa** process is being updated, so we suggest waiting till closer to the event before trying to apply for that. If you have issues, please contact the WSA secretary at: wsa.secretary@subud.org

Customs clearance

A customs form now needs to be filled out on line **no more than 2 days before departure**, as paper versions no longer apply. Please complete an **Electronic Customs Declaration** before departure to Indonesia and present the completed form with the **QR code** to the Customs Officer. <https://ecd.beacukai.go.id/?language=en-US>

What about Covid 19 vaccinations?

The requirements at this stage (March 2023) are:

A full dose of vaccinations, or medical proof why vaccinations are not possible, or proof of having had covid and recovered. You can then enter Indonesia,

- 2 weeks (14 days) or longer after your dose of accepted single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson)
- 2 weeks (14 days) or longer after your dose of an accepted 2-dose vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, Sinovac, AstraZeneca, and Sinopharm)

In both cases **you must be free of any fever when entering Indonesia**.

There is currently no time limit as to how long ago you had the vaccinations.

International travellers can show proof of vaccination in English, both in digital

or hard copy.

For international travellers under the age of 18 years and/or requiring exceptional protection, the requirements for vaccination and quarantine period follow the provisions of the parents/legal guardians/travel companions.

The **PeduliLindungi** app, or **Satusehat** app as it is now called, has been set up by the Indonesian government to record vaccination information and so on. As it is currently being processed, we will give the appropriate information closer to the date. Downloading this app may well be a requirement before World Congress.

Do I need to be quarantined on arrival?

NO, IF you have been fully vaccinated 14 days or longer before departure, and are free of any fever when entering Indonesia.

YES, IF you have not received the vaccine or incomplete dose 14 days before departure. Then you need to undergo quarantine for 5x24 hours. The hotel cost for the quarantine period is covered by the traveller.

What is the best way to get to Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan?

Palangka Raya is the provincial capital of Central Kalimantan, where the World Congress will be held. It's about a 90-minute flight from Jakarta. The Subud community, Rungan Sari is about a 50 minute drive from Palangka Raya.

The main international airports to arrive in Indonesia that connect directly to Palangka Raya are **Jakarta** and **Surabaya**.

What happens when I get to Palangka Raya?

We will inform about the arrival process once you land in Palangka Raya, closer to the congress, as well as the various local transport possibilities.

What about health in general?

We are putting together a **comprehensive document pertaining to health**, which will be shared shortly. In the meantime, rest assured that there will be First Aid centres at the site, we plan to have ambulance services on hand, there is a small clinic very close to Rungan Sari, and a number of major hospitals in Palangka Raya. It is required, of course, that visitors travel with adequate insurance.

What about Indonesian money?

You will probably get a better exchange rate if you simply draw money locally from an ATM rather than acquiring Indonesian rupiah outside the country. Not all the ATM machines deal with foreign cards, but certainly those at the international arrival airports will. The most dependable banks in this regard are Mandiri and BNI. **Make sure to inform your home bank when you travel, to ensure your card doesn't get blocked.**



Changing cash from a foreign currency to rupiah can be complicated in Kalimantan, so we do not recommend it. However, it is possible to change at the international airports when you arrive. We hope to arrange a banking service on site.

Can I get a local SIM card for my phone?

This is proving more complicated than in the past, and the laws are changing, requiring registration if you want to use a **Telkomsel** card. An **XL** card (a different company) is currently easier to get. When arriving at one of Indonesia's international airports, you should be able to find a stand selling both XL and Telkomsel cards. However, please ensure your phone has been **unblocked** by your home phone company. We recommend checking with your home phone company to see about a roaming package for Indonesia, **mentioning Borneo (Kalimantan) very specifically**.

What is the weather like in Kalimantan in January?

January is the rainy season in Kalimantan, with temperatures reaching the low 30s (Celsius) at the peak of the day, and a pleasant 22 or 23 degrees (Celsius) at night and in the early morning. It is very humid at this time of year. You need to adjust your wardrobe accordingly, though a light jacket or shawl is good for air-conditioned rooms. An umbrella is also useful for sun or rain. Bring one if you can. Alternatively, they can be purchased here quite cheaply.

What tourist activities are there to do in Kalimantan?

Closer to the date, we will offer some suggestions of tourist activities to do while in Kalimantan. In the meantime, there are all kinds of Subud undertakings worth visiting or partaking in while you're here. The various **Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM)** projects; the **Borneo Football Centre**; the **Permakultur Kalimantan** project, with its very popular **Kedai Itah** café; **Borneo Escape's Kahui** café and their river-related activities, such as paddle boarding; the **Borneo Productions International** (film company) headquarters; **WOW Borneo's** luxury river cruises; the **Pasah Tana Glamping** project, and more, without forgetting the **Rungan Sari Resort** and the **Bina Cita Utama** school, which will be hosting some congress events.