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By Laurent De Quartz

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easy as one two three. Actually, bahasa Indonesia is the most easy language to learn. A tourist/visitor who stays a week in Bali , Indonesia can talk basic bahasa Indonesia fluently than someone who learns Chinese language in a month.

Although the Republic of Indonesia has many local languages like Javanese, Sundanese, Balinese; this bahasa Indonesia is used as national language. Therefore, you can talk bahasa Indonesia to other Indonesian people anywhere.

However, foreigners who learn bahasa Indonesia will notice that at different place it will be a different dialect. Sometimes this different dialect makes misunderstanding. So as foreigners, what should you do to master bahasa Indonesia?

1. Go to Republic of Indonesia country. Indonesia has many great Islands; you can visit one of these Islands. Open

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to know Indonesia Islands. Bali is most favorite tourist

destinations. So go to Indonesia!

2. Before you go to Indonesia , buy an Indonesian dictionary for travelers or other Indonesian language practices book. Read and master it.

3. At Indonesia , try to speak in Indonesian. Talk to taxi driver, people at street, and people at hotel in Indonesian. They will reply in Indonesian. Open your dictionary if you do not understand. If you still not understand what they talk, they will translate into English, many of Indonesian can talk Basic English. Keep try to reply in Indonesian. Do not worry to make mistake. Almost Indonesian people still understand what you talking about, although you talk with wrong pronunciation or wrong grammar.

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4. If you go to Indonesia , with family or friends, try to talk in Indonesian with them. If they reply in your mother language, keep talk in Indonesian. Ask them to reply in Indonesian too. It is better to learn Indonesian language together than learning alone.

5. Learn Indonesian from your local travel guide or office boy at hotel. They will teach you with pleasure.

6. To master vocabulary, read newspaper, Indonesian magazine, Indonesian internet news. If you do not understand, open your dictionary or open

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at internet.

7. Listen to people speaking, watch local TV station, listen to radio broadcasts to master Indonesian pronunciation.

8. Keep try and try. Do not worry about mistake.

Those are eight steps to master bahasa Indonesia. The most important think is your effort to learn. More efforts to learn, faster you understand bahasa Indonesia.

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**Indonesia**

**By Josiah William**

Indonesia is derived from "indos nesos", meaning islands near India. It is the world's largest

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archipelago with exactly 17, islands spread between the Asian continent and Australia, and between the Pacific and the Indian oceans.

Air transport is the easiest and most comfortable means of travel in Indonesia. Domestic air service, including the remote areas are provided by Garuda Indonesia, Merpati Nusantara, Sempati Air, Bouraq and Mandala Airlines.

Garuda Indonesia, operates both international and domestic routes and the only airline with an all-jet fleet for domestic Indonesia operations. Garuda serves Honolulu, Los Angeles, London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Paris, Zurich, Rome, Vienna, Cairo, Abu Dhabi, Jeddah, Riyadh, Ho Chi Minh City, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, Manila, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Nagoya, Seoul, Singapore, Brunei, New Zealand, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Darwin, Port Hedland and Auckland. The country's second national carrier, Merpati Nusantara Airlines, flies to 110 local destinations and to Australia (Darwin), Brunei Darussalam and East Malaysia (Kuching).

The country's three main gateways are Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, Polonia Airport and Ngurah Rai Airport.

International airlines that serve Indonesia are Singapore Airlines, Malaysian Airlines System (MAS), Qantas, Cathay Pacific, and JAL.

**ENTRY REGULATIONS** Citizens of most countries can stay 60 days without a visa.

**CLIMATE** Indonesia's climate is tropical, hot, and humid but moderate in highlands.

**LANGUAGE** The national language is Bahasa Indonesia (a modified form of Malay), English, English, Dutch, almost 600 local dialects, the most widely spoken of which is Javanese.

#### **CURRENCY**

The official currency, Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) is valued at IDR 9,704.7 per US Dollar.

**DOMESTIC TRANSPORT** Domestic rail service is available throughout Java, parts of Sumatra, Jakarta, Bandung and Surabaya. There are comfortable sleeper trains that serve Yogyakarta, Solo, and Semarang.

Bus services are also available and ply the Bali - Banda Aceh route; many are air-conditioned with reclining seats as well as TV with video programs. Cars can also be hired, for longer out of town trips, from taxi or car rental companies.

Inter-island ships are comfortable and offer an alternative to flying. There are regular sailing schedules and routes at the main port of Jakarta.

**COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES** International Direct Dial Country Code = 62 Fixed Lines = 10,000,000 Mobile Cellular = 30,000,000

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Indonesia's telecommunications service is generally good, provided by an inter-island microwave system, HF radio police net, a domestic satellite communications system and satellite earth stations.

Indonesia's GSM cellular service providers are Telkomsel, PTT Saleti Palapa, Excelcom and PT Indosat.

Several prepaid calling card and phone card companies are available to call both to and from Indonesia.

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