

Banten

The area of Banten, formerly an integral part of West Java, achieved greater autonomy with the declaration of the new province of Banten. The creation of this province has been accompanied by a tourism promotion campaign.

The so-called seven wonders of the Banten area are the Ujung Kulon National Park, Krakatau (see above), the Sunda Straits, Sanghyang Island, Sebesi Island, the Badui tribe who have preserved their own ancient way of life and traditions, and the old palace of Banten. Other attractions include Panaitan Island, a surfing destination, Pemerayan Reservoir in East Serang, an ideal place for sailing and fishing, Cigumawang Waterfall in Padarincang-South Serang the Cikotok-Lebak gold mines and many others.

Krakatau coast

The Krakatau Coast is a region of fabulous scenery, fascinating culture and teeming wildlife. The legendary volcano lies just off the coast in the Sunda Strait - one of the world's busiest shipping lanes - which separates Java and Sumatra. The Krakatau Coast beach resorts are a popular weekend (or longer) getaway from Jakarta and are convenient starting points for journeys to the stunning Ujung Kulon nature reserve, home of the elusive one-horned Java rhino. The full range of watersports can be enjoyed on the Krakatau Coast, along with big game fishing, trekking, cultural performances, historical tours and visits to traditional villages. The Krakatau Coast can be reached from Jakarta via the Merak tollroad in about two hours.

