

Dear friends, dear fellow travelers,

The interest in the various events on offer is so great that many would have liked to have more time. Unfortunately, it is not possible to participate in all excursions. Some trips appear to be much more attractive than others. One could almost think of the use of coaches. But we want to allow individuality and spontaneity and will therefore afford the luxury of mainly using smaller vehicles. I could imagine that some of you would prefer to take pictures or have a coffee more often; others would prefer to drive through. In one case, a "hopp-off hopp-on" is already being planned, i.e. a continuation with another car. In a way this will be an experiment. Fortunately, with our current means of communication, this can at least be arranged in such a way, that nobody has to worry about getting lost.

Now that the planning is essentially in place, I have taken a closer look at the costs. From our local partner, Pak Emwady, I received some information and suggestions. Among other things, Tina also lent her support with tips and hints.

In the meantime we have obtained more concrete offers for transport. Besides renting the vehicles, we are responsible for all other costs. In particular there are the fuel costs and the costs for the drivers, food, overnight stay, and tip. The latter we want to regulate centrally, because it can happen that you drive on one day with two or three different vehicles. The calculation for the transport of about 40 to 45 people for more than six days, from Friday evening, the 15th to Thursday the 21st of February, shows that a contribution of 125,00 Euro is due for each person. This is negligibly above the previous estimate. The reason for this is that we do not want to burden some fellow travelers from the local organizing committee with costs. The pensions of former civil servants are not generous.

Further costs, which will be paid by the organizing committee, concern the invitations for former counterparts and employees in Padang, in Sukamenanti and in Simpang IV / III. It is expected that we will have more than 20 guests in Padang, in Sukamenanti and in Simpang Empat 30 to 40 guests each and probably some fence guests. In the latter two places the rooms still have to be prepared, chairs will be rented, just the small program with Nasi Kotak and snack. Of course we will also eat! And it should be fun for everyone.

We also want to take over the expenses for the documentation, i.e. the travel and accommodation for Pak Masri from Jakarta, who already shot and edited the film about West Pasaman in 2016 and advised us well in many things so that we don't put our foot in too many bones. After all, he sacrifices his time for it. The local organizing committee (Pak Emwady, Pak Azmal Zubir) will accompany us on the trip to Pasaman and Bukittinggi. They will stay in the same hotels where we stay overnight.

The local organizing committee has been to Pasaman several times. Next week we will visit and discuss the situation on site again, also with the hotels (equipment, services and security from our side). Finally, the engagement of Pak Emwady and Pak Azmal Zubir led us to receive three evening invitations: from the Governor, Bupati in West Pasaman, and Bank Nagari. Unfortunately the Bupati Pariaman cancelled his invitation with regret. Of course we want to reimburse the expenses incurred by the local organizing committee.

We want to divide these costs by the number of paying participants (including the German organizing committee). We have calculated the amount of 65,00 Euro.

Thus the total amount is 125,00 Euro for transport and 65,00 Euro for overheads = 190,00 Euro.

This money should be transferred to the bank account of Wolfram Hiemann in advance.

Account holder: **Wolfram Hiemann**

Amount: **190,00 Euro**

IBAN, account number: **DE17 1008 0000 0161 8696 00 (Commerzbank)**

BIC: **DRESDEFF100**

Reason for payment: **"Alumni" (---Name of the participant(s) ---)**

The organizing committee doesn't want to run after anyone. It also does not want to accept cash for the expenses mentioned above, especially not in Indonesia. If the money is transferred in another currency, we ask for a small compensation for bank charges.

It should also be added that a surplus will be donated locally. We will inform you about this. You may support us in collecting ideas about the beneficiary.

Here once again an important clarification:

The above amount does not include the cost of accommodation (with breakfast of roughly just over 30 euros per room and night except in the Novotel Bukittinggi, about 50 euros), which must be paid individually. Once again, please note that for the hotel in West Pasaman, the equivalent of 90,00 Euro, almost 1,500,000 Rp in cash has to be taken into account separately. The money can also be withdrawn by credit card from one of the ATMs in Simpang Empat, which are within walking distance. That was at least the case three years ago.

The costs for the activities after Thursday evening, the extra tours, be it the trip to Abai Siat, the trip to the mountains and the "twin lakes", climbing the Gunung Talang, the boat tour to an island in the Indian Ocean, whatever, are not included in this amount. But we organize them for you. Maybe one or the other price will seem high in the meantime. There are the following approaches: 1. Every amount is negotiable. 2. Just relax and be able to treat somebody. Everybody deserves some "Rezeki"!

Hopefully you are all full of joyful anticipation!

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For the Organizing Committee

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