

JOGJA EXPEDITION



MOUNT PRAU

AT 2565 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL, MOUNT PRAU IS THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN DIENG PLATEAU

TELAGA PEWARNA

THE RAINBOW COLOR PHENOMENON OCCURS BECAUSE OF THE HIGH SULFUR CONTENT

PANTAI TIMANG

TRYING GONDOLA CAN LIFT UP YOUR ADRENALINE AND BE BEST EXPERIENCE IN WHOLE YOUR LIFE

MOUNT MERAPI

IT IS THE MOST ACTIVE VOLCANO IN ALL INDONESIA — NO MEAN FEAT — AND IT HAS ERUPTED AT LEAST 68 TIMES SINCE 1548




Departure
+
Arrival
KUL - JOGJA




Mount Prau
DIENG
WONOSOBO




Telaga Warna
DIENG
+
Tubing
TELAGARUM TUBING




Pantai Timang
COMMUNITY SERVICE
+
GONDOLA RIDE

CONTENT



Pantai Parangtritis
SANDBOARDING



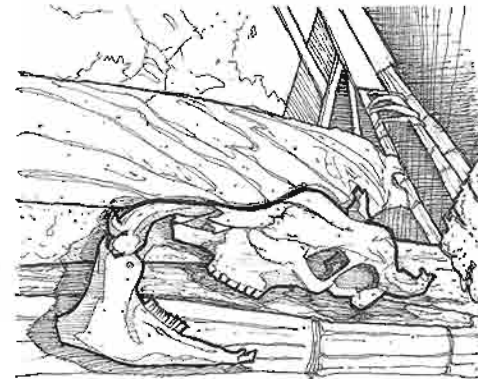
Mount Merapi
OFFROAD RIDE
+
MERAPI SANCTUARY



Malioboro Street
URBAN TRAIL



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OBJECTIVE

This programme is the spine between balancing architecture and nature. It encourages loving nature into architecture. For architecture is everything, and everything is architecture.

By contributing into nature, one of the main activity in the trip is community service, which is cleaning the beach at Pantai Timang.



THE JOURNEY STARTS



An amazing and explorative adventure is going to happen.



We depart from UTM Skudai on 1st of April, 10.15pm and arrive at KLIA 2 at 2.15am. The departure flight to Jogjakarta is at 9.45am and we are expected to overnight at KLIA2. So, we have 7 hours 30 minutes to spend in the airport.

We decided to sleep at the seats opposite to the Capsule Hostel together with the airport sleepers congregate at night. We barely can nap for few moments and decided to walk around the terminal to find a proper seat. We bump into our friends in the airport which believed hardly to get a proper sleep as well. We can see any of the food court or restaurant is definitely the place for sleepers to go at night. Everybody just passes out with their heads on the tables.

Finally the sunrise bring up the sunlight and warm us up after the long night. Without further hesitation, we proceed to the check in counter for luggage check in.

ARRIVAL

Arrival at Adisucipto International Airport which is the principal airport serving the Yogyakarta area on the island of Java, Indonesia. Our first response is the attempt of finding free WiFi connection in the airport since we lost our data connection. The weather in Jogjakarta remained hot and sunny like no different in Malaysia. We meet up with our tour guide, Agung at the airport.



THE SCENERY

3rd April, 2016

PUSPA INDAH HOMESTAY

DIENG - JOGJAKARTA



Sunlight shines under the door like a ghoul's grin, yet gives the shutters a halo of golden rays. That's the new morning, sinner and saint, just like me. Waking is a hammer swung with gusto, a painted 'x' on my skull. Sleep drags me backward until a new thought can penetrate - I have the chance to achieve more than yesterday if I move now. The bed is warm, the draughts are cold, yet my feet swing outward into the chill...





A surprising scene bring us back to the dream. A blue sky, which is rare to see in the city, full piece of plantation hill, which is rare to in anywhere else. 8am has yet come and breakfast is ready. Without hesitation, everyone is gathering in the living room, having a Jogja "porridge". Eating a sweet taste and hot porridge under the 16 degree Celsius of cold weather, give us a warm and satisfaction

A group photo before going up to the basecamp, whereby everyone is full of exciting. At the beginning of the journey, Energetic moment lead us to walk faster and curious to know what is going on top. Finally, we have just reached... basecamp of the Prau Mountain.



After the breakfast, we have around 2 hours of free time to walk around. This is so called 'Dieng Plateau - Volcanic terrain with ancient temple'

AN EXPERIENCE

3rd April, 2016

THE HIKING JOURNEY





It is just the beginning of the hiking, but everyone's face seem to have climb for whole afternoon. Briefing is given in term of safety and regulation should be taking note during the journey. After the briefing. Everyone started to feel hungry and we will start our long journey after lunch, at 12.15pm.



PICK STOP PRAU



Our adventurous hiking session kick off around 1pm local time after we done our lunch at base camp. We were all filled with excitement and really looking forward to reach the peak as soon as possible as most of us never been to here before. There is no big or grand entrance at the starting point, instead, we get to walk through village houses along the hill slope before entering the main gate.

It took us approximately an hour before we reached the first stop. We get to feel the changes in term of weather, it is slowly getting colder, and some comrades began to put on their masks and winter gloves. At the first check point, we managed to get the local tour guide to give us a rough briefing about the whole journey, checkpoints and expected time reaching the peak. After some rest, the big team continues the long journey.





Along the journey, apart from the cold weather, we get to experience a new extend of teamwork and bonding. At some point, there is very steep and slippery slope, some experienced guy will slow down on purpose to help and escort those who has difficulties. We also get to see different types of crops by the local farmers along the way.

The weather is getting colder at 430pm local time, we can see the team is slowly splitter into a few small groups. Experienced one will be ahead of most of us, whereas for first timer we will be slightly slower than the rest. Even it is tiring, but it is a fun experience, we get to take a lot of scenery and selfy photos along the way, until we reach the peak finally at around 6pm.



6.00PM - 5.30AM

CAMPSITE DINNER FREE ACTIVITY



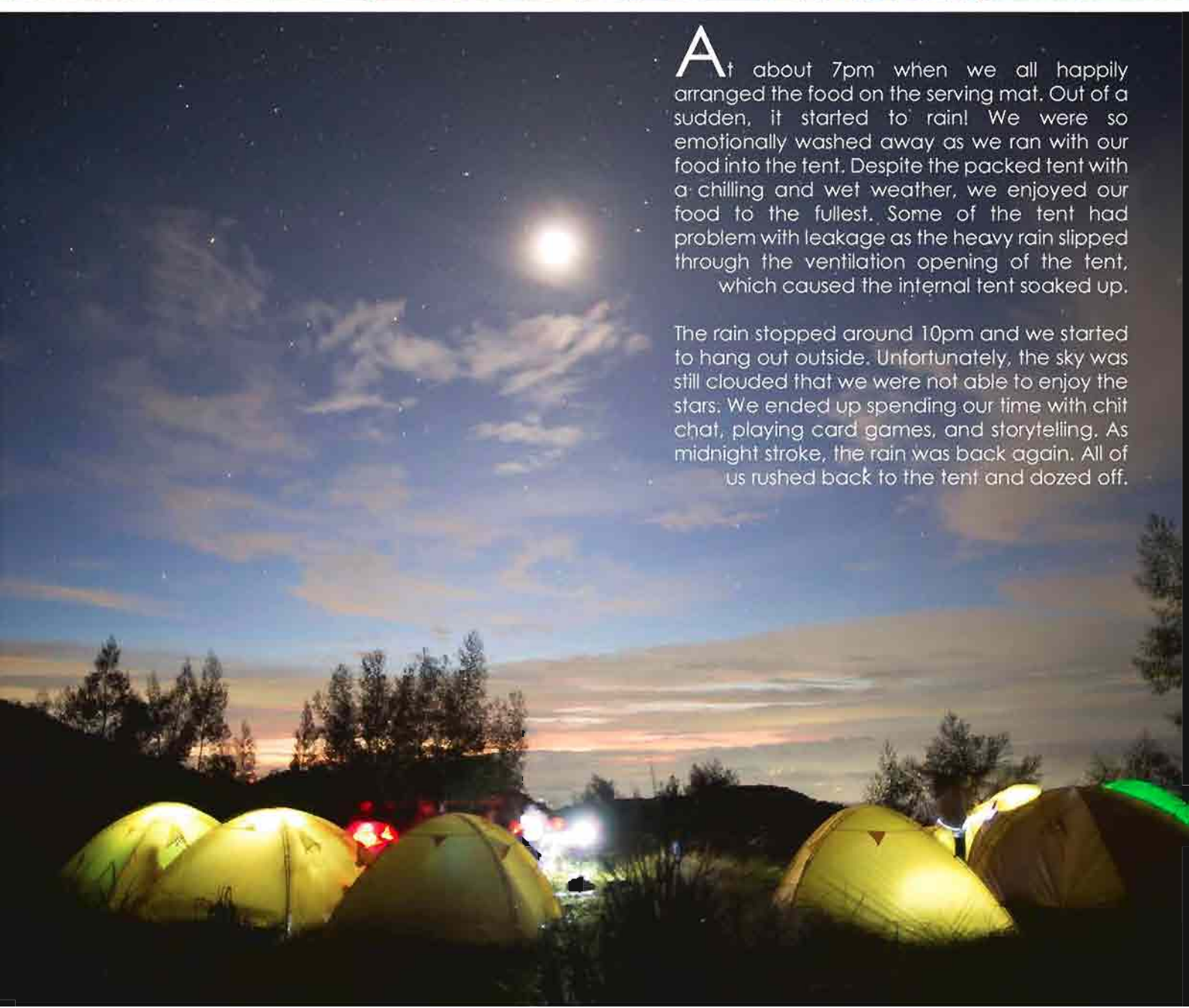
After a long 5 hours toiling hiking journey, we finally made it, to the base camp! We were so grateful to see the tents were all set up for us by the local porters. We rushed to the camp and settled down our luggage. Right at that moment, all of us were totally amazed by the surrounding on the base camp; we were literally in a fairytale kind of misty surreal setting.

While we were enjoying looking around, the porters and guides started to cook for us. They brought up cooked rice and chicken (ayam penyet) which then they used portable stoves to cook. Not forgetting to mention, right after we arrived, they had started to boil water and offered us with warm, welcoming drinks of local coffee! That was so awesome and refreshing. We waited patiently for the food to be served and finally it was served.



At about 7pm when we all happily arranged the food on the serving mat. Out of a sudden, it started to rain! We were so emotionally washed away as we ran with our food into the tent. Despite the packed tent with a chilling and wet weather, we enjoyed our food to the fullest. Some of the tent had problem with leakage as the heavy rain slipped through the ventilation opening of the tent, which caused the internal tent soaked up.

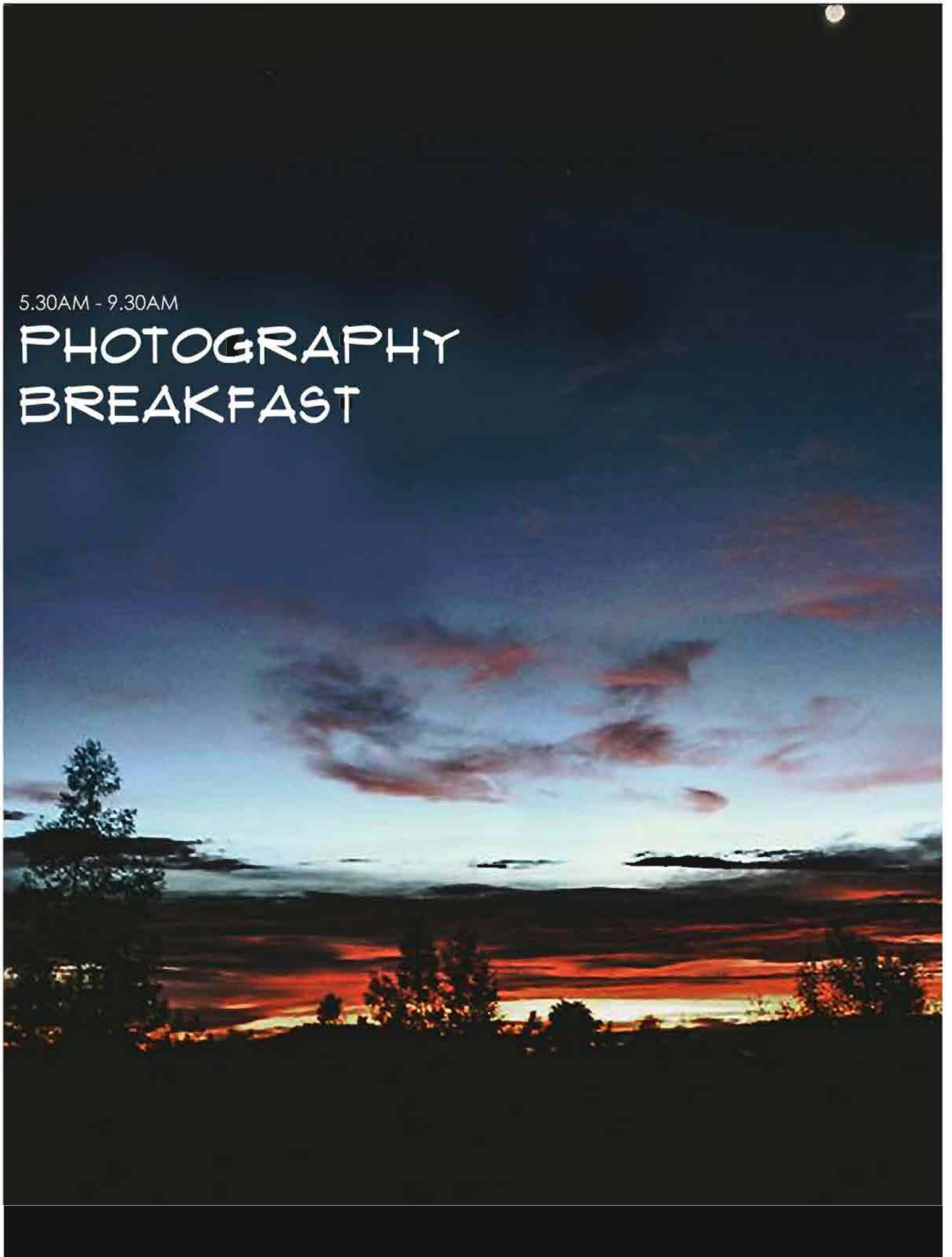
The rain stopped around 10pm and we started to hang out outside. Unfortunately, the sky was still clouded that we were not able to enjoy the stars. We ended up spending our time with chit chat, playing card games, and storytelling. As midnight stroke, the rain was back again. All of us rushed back to the tent and dozed off.



MORNING IN PRAU

5.30AM - 9.30AM

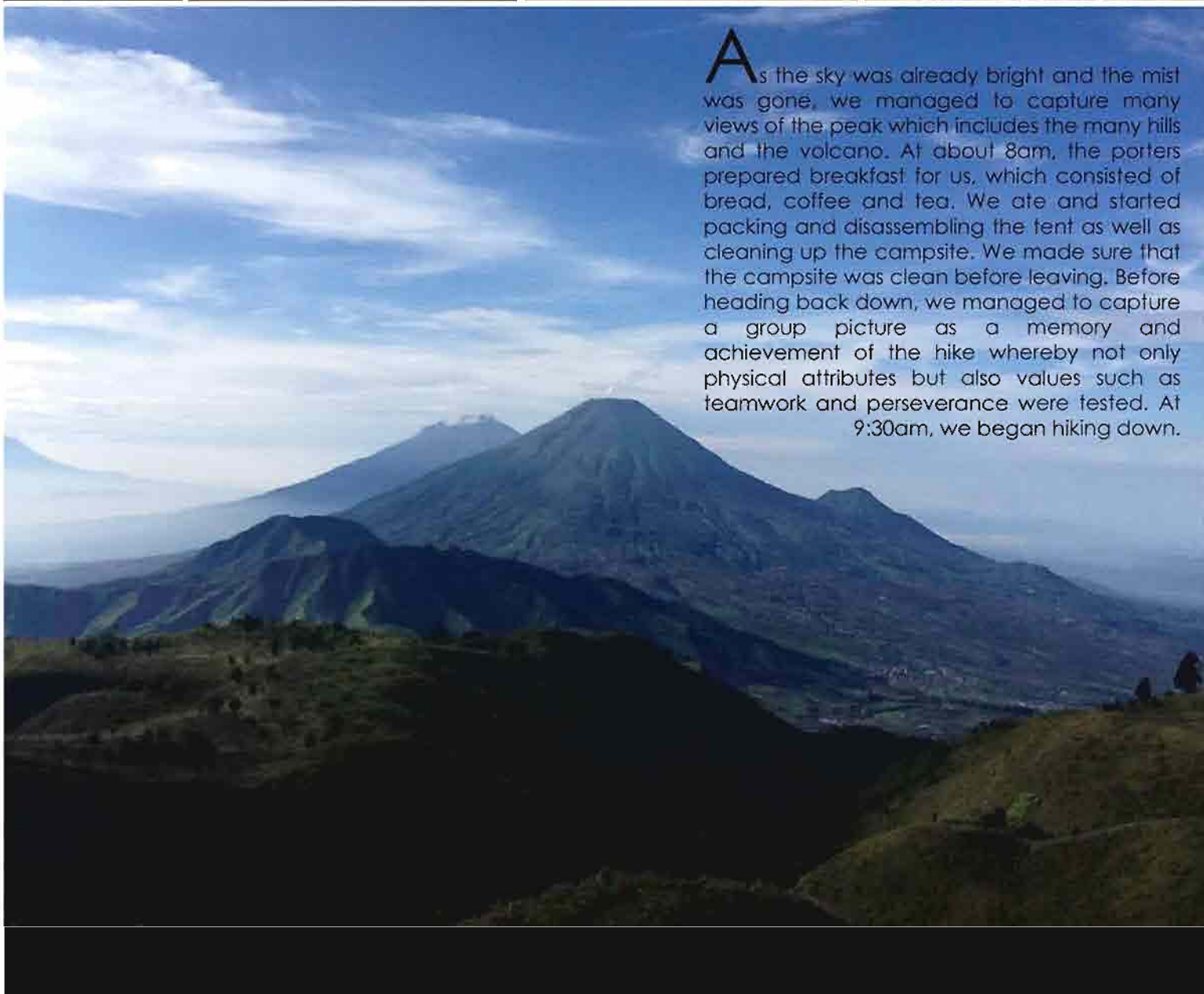
PHOTOGRAPHY BREAKFAST



After getting well-rested from a good night's sleep, we were getting ready to capture the view of the sun rise. The photography team started setting up the tripods, cameras and other gadgets in a few selected positions around the campsite. As the sun rises, the light illuminating the dark sky over the hills, mountain and volcano, everyone was mesmerized by the breathtaking view. However, it only lasted a few minutes before the mist came back and clouded our vision. It became very cold and some went back into the tent to keep warm while the others went to explore the other hills on the peak.



As the sky was already bright and the mist was gone, we managed to capture many views of the peak which includes the many hills and the volcano. At about 8am, the porters prepared breakfast for us, which consisted of bread, coffee and tea. We ate and started packing and disassembling the tent as well as cleaning up the campsite. We made sure that the campsite was clean before leaving. Before heading back down, we managed to capture a group picture as a memory and achievement of the hike whereby not only physical attributes but also values such as teamwork and perseverance were tested. At 9:30am, we began hiking down.





On the Monday morning, after having packed and cleared the campsites, our team has now prepared to descend from Gunung Prau. Before that, our guide gave us a short briefing about the route conditions and estimated arrival time. According to him, there are 2 hiking routes down to base, that is a shorter route which consumes 1.5 to 2 hours while the other longer route will take 3 to 4 hours. The shorter route was chosen for less time consumption but our team was again reminded of the difficulty caused by slippery condition as a result of heavy rain.

As for the earlier part of the journey, the journey was a smooth one as the route is more leveled with turfing. However, after about half an hour journey, we were getting slower while going down the route due to muddy and slippery condition.

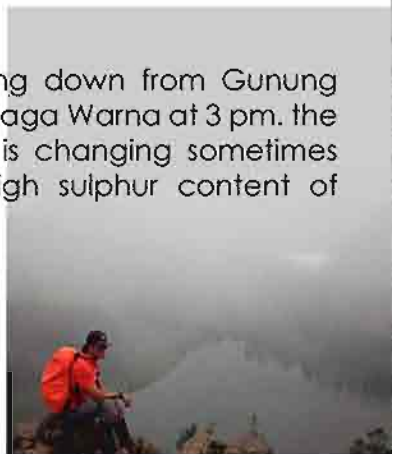
The journey down the hill is challenging, especially to some who suffered leg muscle or injuries and need others' help. Despite that, our team could still to take a break in the midst of the route at 10.30am. As for the second half of our journey, we got into the forestry area when roots form 'natural staircase'. In this area, the route condition is less slippery. Nevertheless, these large steps also took us an half and a half to reach the 2nd post, which is a cafeteria where we enjoy a tea break at about 12pm. From the post, we could enjoy scenic views which encompasses a mixture of farming and housing areas that perfectly blended with the nature. The journey lasted for another one hour and 15 minutes until all the team members reached the base camp safely at 1.15pm before heading to a nearby restaurant for lunch at 1.30pm.



4th APRIL, 2016

TELAGA WARNA

On the way going down from Gunung Prau, we went to Telaga Warna at 3 pm. the colour of the lake is changing sometimes because of the high sulphur content of these water.



5th APRIL, 2016

TUBING AT TEGALARUM

On the 5th April, we departed from homestay at 8.20 a.m. and reached Tegalarum for tubing at 10.22 a.m. We switch our transport from bus to small lorry on the way going to river tubing.





Each of us was given life jacket and float. We grab each others float on the way moving into the cave to make sure we were moving in a line. We amazed by the nature phenomena inside the cave. A lot of bats there and the middle part of the water can deep unfill 9 meters.

5th APRIL 2016

PANTAI TIMANG

The journey continue to timang beach, one of most attraction at Gunungkidul region in Yogyakarta. Timang Beach is one of famous white sand beach and quite private compare to others. It exhibits a fulfilling sight of white waves crashing into coral stones and cliffs.



Our memories at Timang beach will linger on long after our footprints in the sand are gone.



5th APRIL 2016

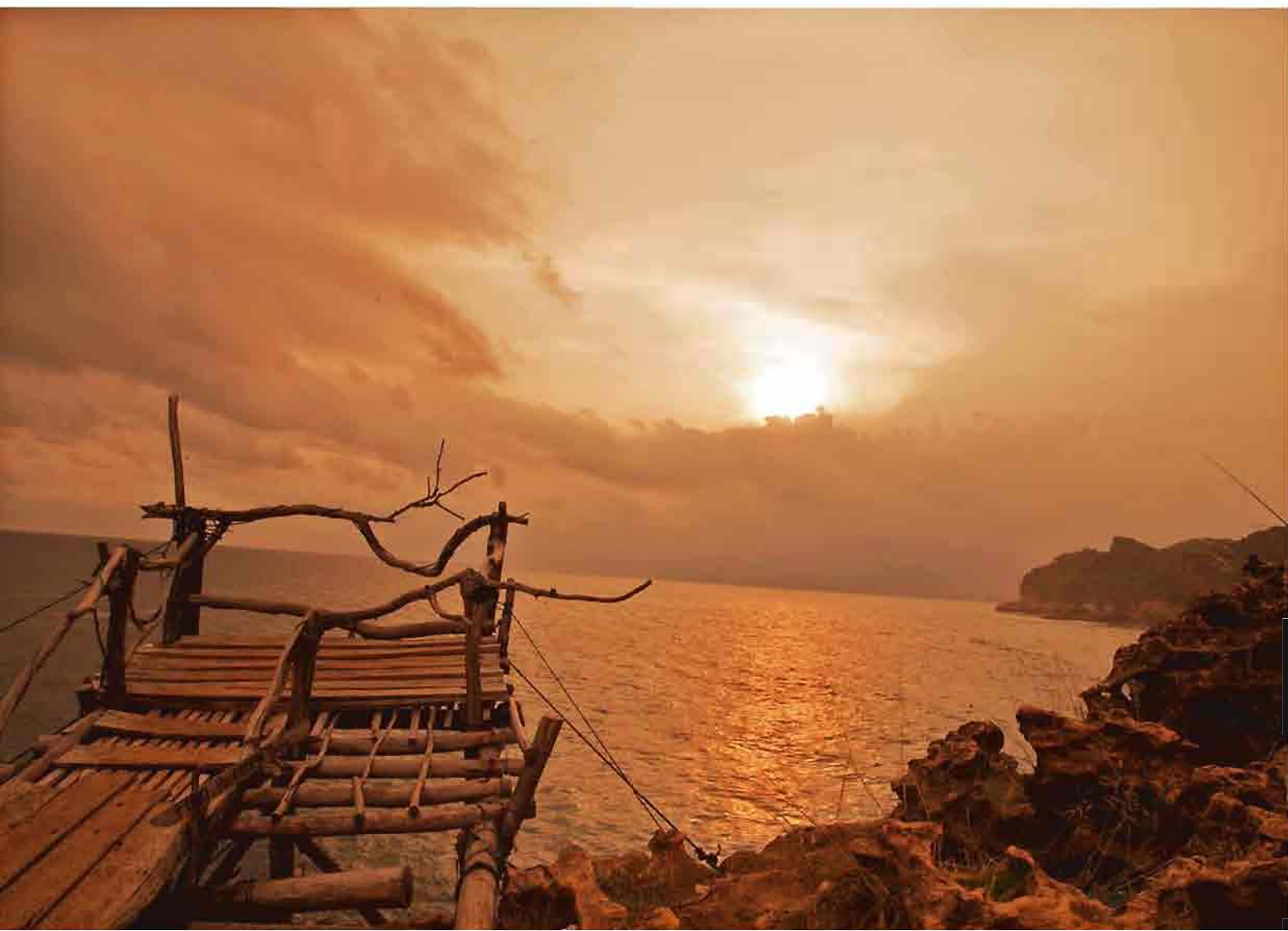
THE RAINING NIGHT

The day ends with delightful seafood fiesta as our dinner. The seafood is grill by local people and serve with rice and spicy soy sauce. After the dinner we enjoying our free time relaxing at the beach. Some of us already back to the tent and others prefer sleeping under billion stars.



You can never cross the ocean unless you have
the courage to lose sight of the shores.

- Christopher Columbus





6th APRIL 2016

COMMUNITY SERVICE AT PANTAI TIMANG

Community service is one of the main objective of the trip. Pantai Timang is a very beautiful beach ; a dramatic view with magnificent natural rocks.

Beautiful view - sounds of the waves and birds ; just what a peace mind needed.

However, ungrateful human who came here before this has left their rubbish along the sea side. The magnificent view was polluted with the rubbish which will not only affect us, the visiting human, but also will probably harm the sea creatures.

The team woke up early that morning - 6 am
After breakfast and showering, we started cleaning the beach - picking the rubbish and debris on our sight.







BEFORE



AFTER



COMMUNITY SERVICE AT PANTAI TIMANG 06TH APRIL 2016

In every outthrust headland,
In every curving beach,
in every grain of sand,
there is the story of the earth.

- Rachel Carson



4.30 AM - 7.30 AM - 8.30 AM

BREAKFAST SUNRISE GONDOLA

TIMANG

Gondola

Breathtaking view of open sea with beautiful sunset and sunrise. Do try the "gondola" ride. Its a life risky ride but worth taking. That was extraordinary experience accross with manual "cable car" pull and drag with human's hands, the scenery was amazing with great wave and spark. We start aour gondola ride activity at 8.30 AM having tour and photo session at the "rock island".



Sunrised

As early as 4 am we were up and ready before doing other activities. There some us took the opportunity to see the sunrise, even if the weather conditions are not very good. But the scenary still picturesque.



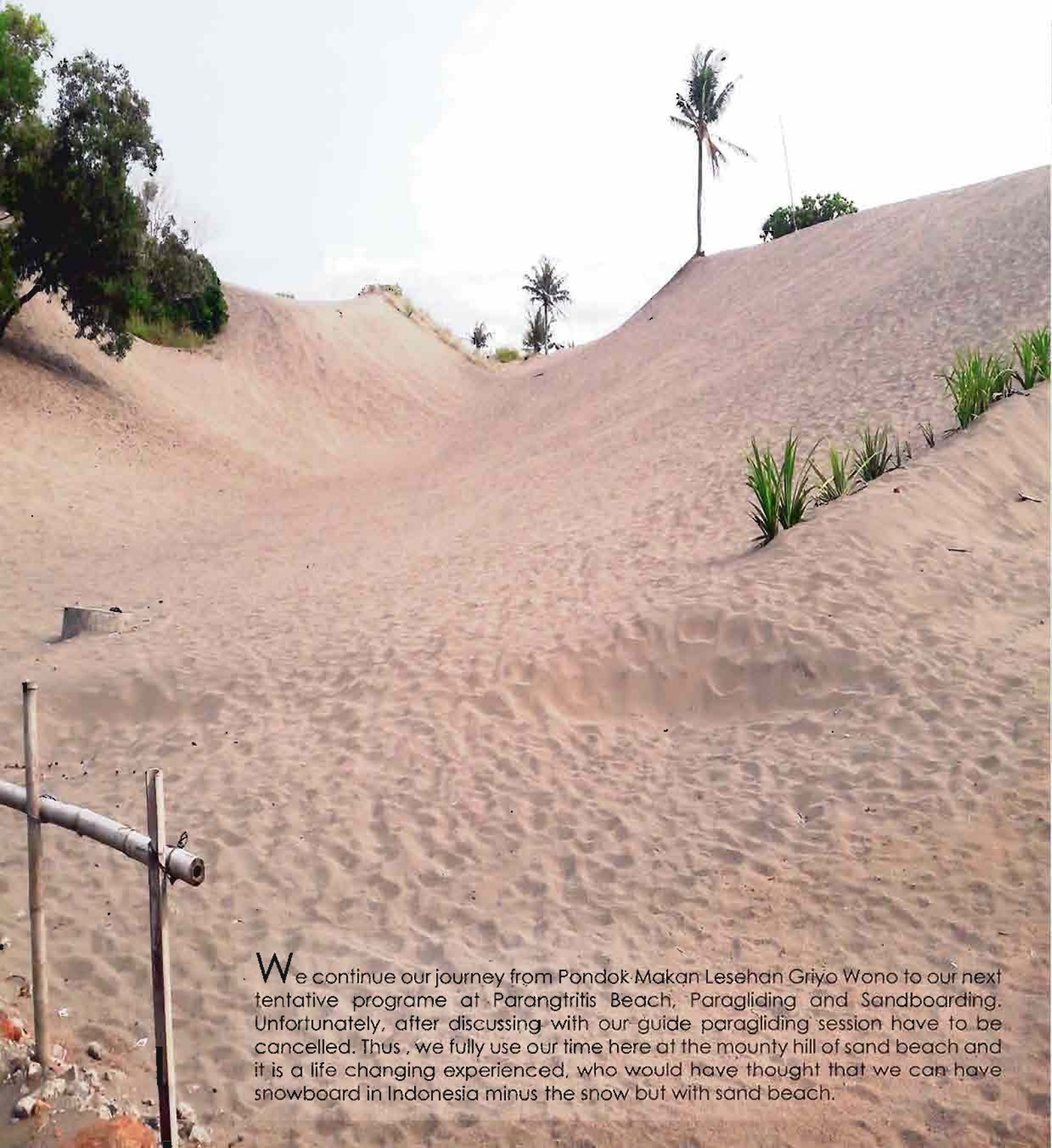
Breakfast

We having breakfast at 7.30 am. Breakfast while enjoying the beautiful scenery is an experience not to be forgotten, though normal food provided. All seemed happy during breakfast. After breakfast we took the opportunity to take photos around the Pantai Timang.



6th April 2016

SANDBOARDING



We continue our journey from Pondok Makan Lesehan Griyo Wono to our next tentative programme at Parangtritis Beach, Paragliding and Sandboarding. Unfortunately, after discussing with our guide paragliding session have to be cancelled. Thus, we fully use our time here at the mounity hill of sand beach and it is a life changing experienced, who would have thought that we can have snowboard in Indonesia minus the snow but with sand beach.



Sandboarding are a sport that derived from snowboarding. For us that is new to this, found this hard at first. It is all about balancing the body. The fee are at reasonable price at 20,000 rupiah per board for two hours.



7th April 2016

MOUNT MERAPI

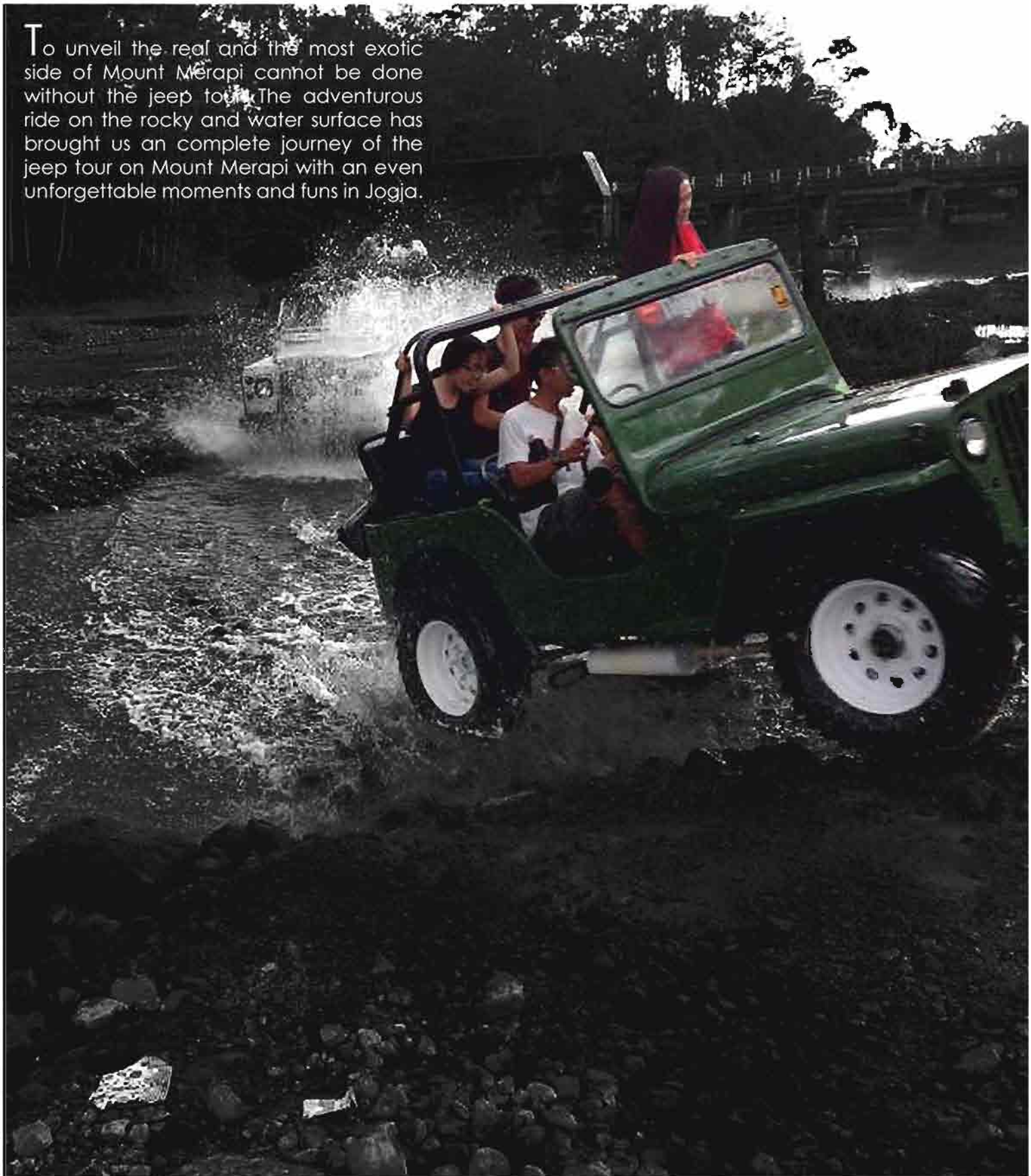
Mount Merapi, the most active volcano in Indonesia sits in Central Java on the border of Yogyakarta. It last erupted in late March 10, 2014. This is a good opportunity for those who never been on the back of a 4x4 on a rocky road. Wear a hat, mouth mask and enjoy the bumpy ride.

The journey begins at a dusty road, which is full of rocks alongside ravines. You will feel a rush of adrenaline when the driver drives the Jeep through various slopes on the road.





To unveil the real and the most exotic side of Mount Merapi cannot be done without the jeep tour. The adventurous ride on the rocky and water surface has brought us an complete journey of the jeep tour on Mount Merapi with an even unforgettable moments and funs in Jogja.



Elevation 2,930 metres (9,610 ft)
Prominence 1,356 m (4,449 ft)



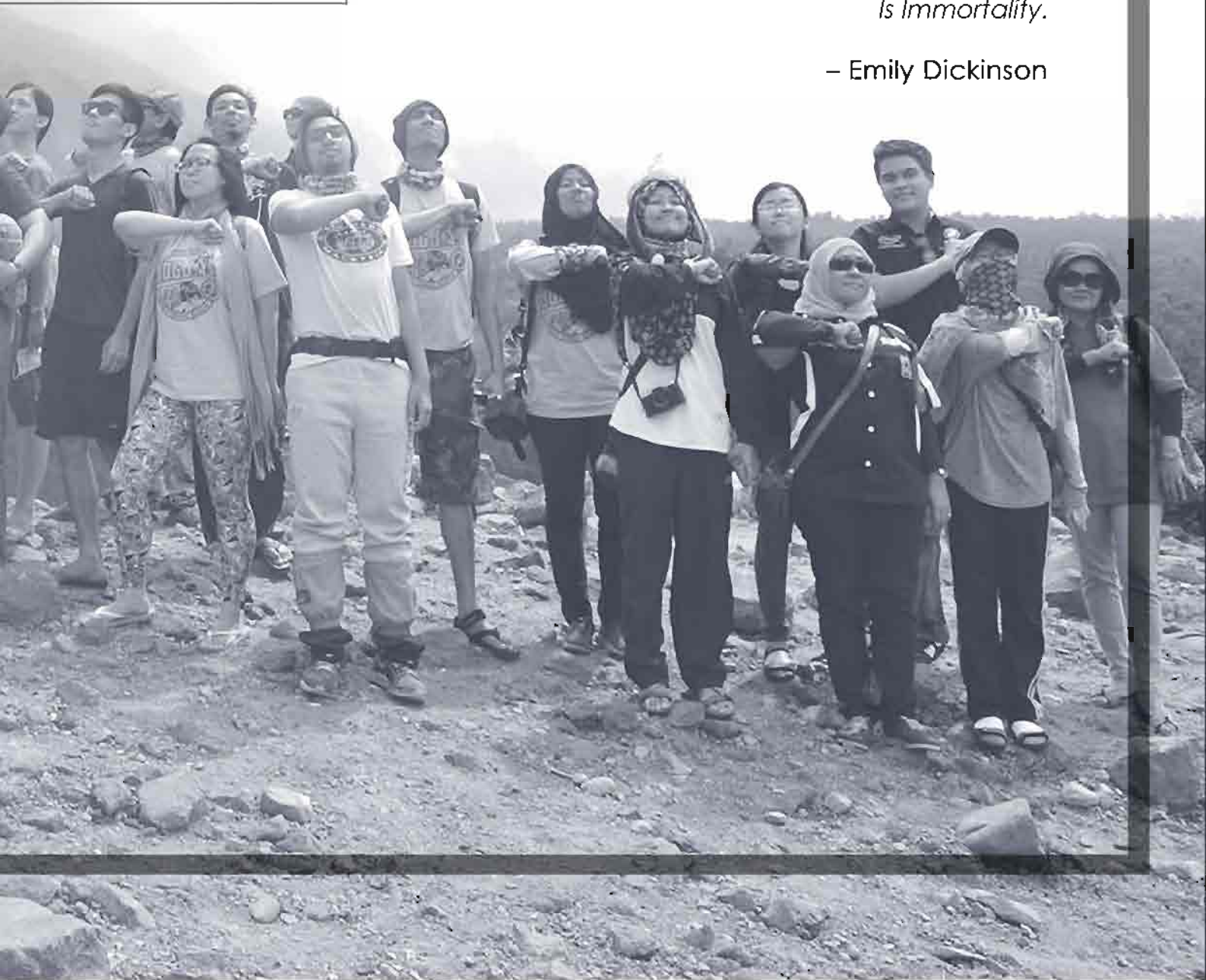
MOUNT MERAPI

*The reticent volcano keeps
His never slumbering plan
Confided are his projects pink
To no precarious man.*

*If nature will not tell the tale
Jehovah told to her
Can human nature not survive
Without a listener?*

*Admonished by her buckled lips
Let every babblers be
The only secret people keep
Is Immortality.*

– Emily Dickinson



7th April 2016

ALIEN STONE



Big stone that is called Alien stone (Batu Alien) that was hurled out of the volcano during the eruption. It is the first destination we reached after about 25mins ride. The surroundings here are picturesque. During the Merapi Lava Tour we were came to the edge of a cliff where you can see one of the massive rivers around Merapi.

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THE BUNKER



Bunker was the second destination we visited. It was now in a state of ruin. During its heyday before the destructive eruption, many photographers and adventurers would make this place their base to take beautiful photos or climb the holy mountain. Our tour guide showed us an underground bunker which was meant for people to hide during any eruption. But it failed its purpose when two people died of suffocation by the fumes after using it during the last eruption.

It's actually located 3 metres underground, layered with 25 cm thick iron. However, the 1000 degrees Celsius hot volcanic materials, such as dry lava, buried the bunker during the last eruption.

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MUSEUM SISA HARTAKU

Third stop was at a village that was destroyed by the recent Merapi's eruption. It resembled some kind of museum which displayed the things that were over-ran by the destructive lava. We could see potteries that were melted and became out of shape, a set of cattle's skeleton (obviously killed by the eruption) and the photos taken during and after the eruption.



4x4 JEEP TOUR

The designated roads for the jeep was littered with rocks and we were bumping up and down on our seats. We were "clinging for dear life" at times on the uneven roads however the unforgettable moments are what we get!

mouth mask

preventing from inhaling dust

camera

say cheese

4x4 Jeep



7TH APRIL 2016, 5.00 PM

MALIOBORO STREET

Malioboro Street happens to be the centre of shopping paradise in the heart of Yogyakarta. Bargaining is a norm at the shops on the main streets which has almost everything; from Batik to t-shirt, hand bags to shoes, souvenirs and lots of places to eat! There are also malls in the area which is fully air conditioned.



Shopping is affordable at Jalan Malioboro and Pasar Berinharjo as you're able to bargain the price for the goods. Atmosphere is of local experience but its worth while with many choices and varieties. The go-to place for shopping in Jogja. Since it was our last night in Jogja, most of us spend our money to buy some souvenir for our familys and friends.

Lots of food available at Malioboro Street from traditional food up to and modern A shopping mall that provide fass food such Mcdonald. Rather than eating fast food, all of us decided to eat local cuisine. it was good and cheap.

Lots of batik shop available at Malioboro Street. Yogyakarta is well known with it batik craft and cloth. You can find everything related to batik such as.Clothes, bags, souvenirs, etc. It's really cheap if you can bargain with the seller. A suitable place for the batik lover.



PREPARATION OF
EQUIPMENT
BEFORE THE
OUTREACH
PROGRAM.



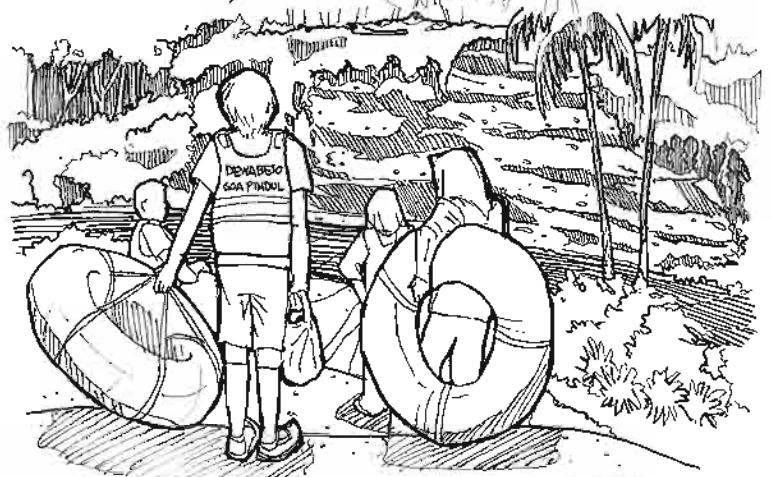
HIKING TO GUNUNG
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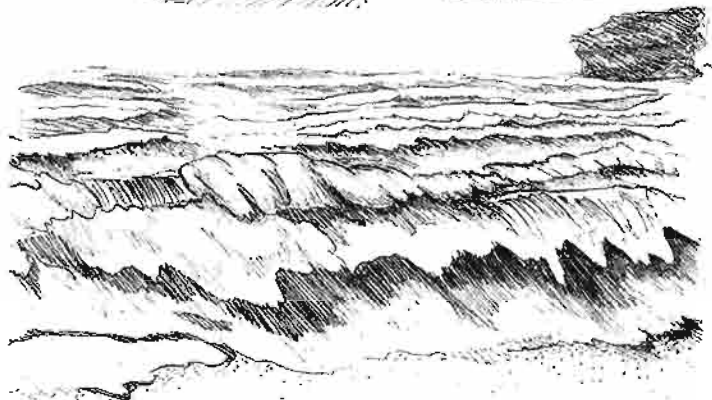
HOT COFFEE ON
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TUBING ACTIVITY
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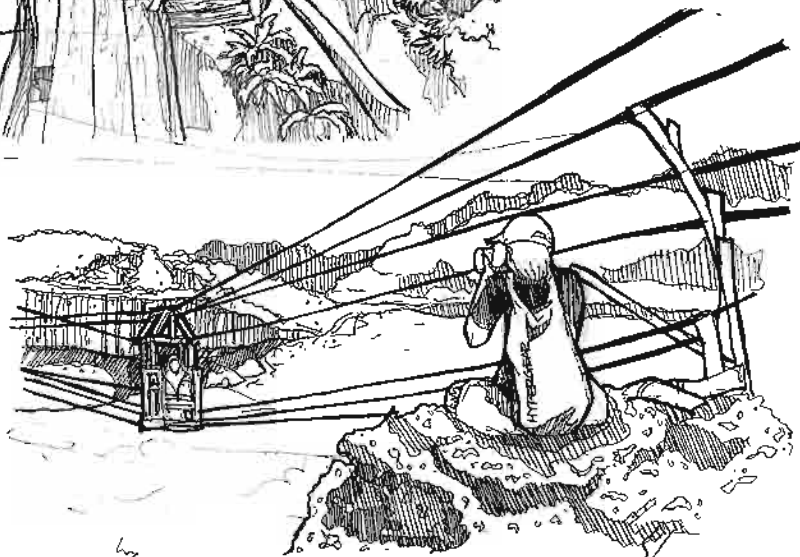


THE VERY FIRST
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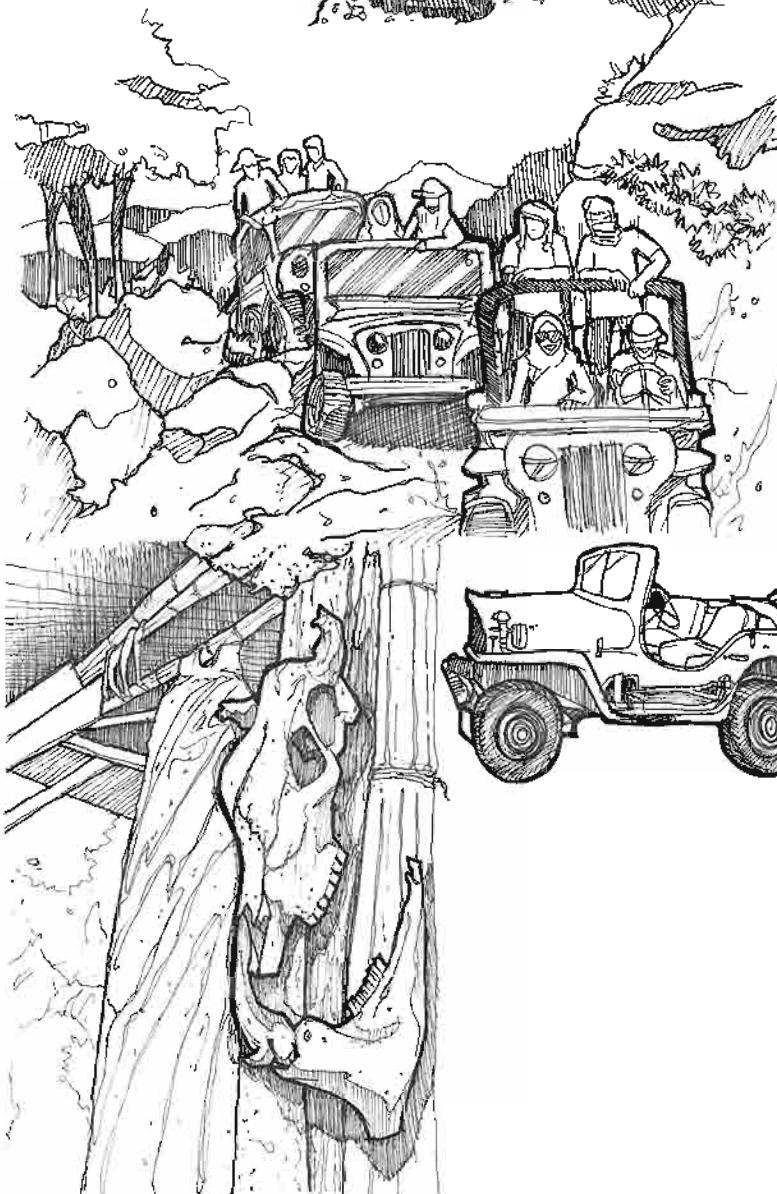




SUNSET VIEW AT PANTAI TIMANG.



THE MUST TRY GONDOLA ABOVE THE SEAWATER!



4 BY 4 EXPERIENCE AT GUNUNG MERAPI.



UNDERSTANDING THE PAST, THE IMPACT OF GUNUNG MERAPI EXPLOSION.





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