

Lake Toba



Lake Toba or Danau Toba in North Sumatra, Indonesia

The largest volcanic lake in the world – **Lake Toba** is one of the best places for sightseeing in Sumatra, Indonesia. Created by the deposition of rainwater in a volcanic crater, Lake Toba is 100 kilometers long and 30 kilometers wide. The deepest point of the lake delves till 505 meters.

The lake is surrounded by a number of natural marvels like Toba ash, characterized by chemical "fingerprint". The climate around the lake is cool and dry. The steep and scenic landscape of the mountains offers spectacular vistas. Lake Toba is one of the best places in Indonesia that presents you with an ideal place for an escape from the urban jungles. More and more tourists throng towards the lake as it is a better place to rest than the mosquito-infested tropical jungles.

Lake Toba is one of the major facilitators of eco-tourism in Indonesia. The population that resides near the lake mostly belongs to the ethnic Bataks. The houses of these traditional Bataks feature roofs that curve upwards at each end, are similar to a boat's hull. The colorful décor of these houses near Lake Toba makes them all the more prominent.

Lake Toba is located in Samosir Island. The island has some interesting tourist places such as cemeteries for Batak people, Batak Museum, Tomok – a place to buy souvenirs, and Ambarita – stone chairs used for judgement and executions. You may also visit hot springs in the vicinity of Pangururan.

UPDATE: Rovicky Dwi Putrohari, the president of the Indonesia Geological Experts Association revealed about the perils Mount Toba poses. According to scientists, Lake Toba's volcano may erupt anytime. The researchers are endeavoring to find out the intensity of damage the volcano is likely to cause. It is known to have caused a massive destruction at the time of its last eruption.

Facts about Lake Toba

The Lake Toba is among the deepest crater lakes in the world.

It is located at an altitude of 900 meters.

According to the records, a huge supervolcanic eruption took place at the lake about 69,000 to 77,000 years ago.

Where is Lake Toba ?

Located in North Sumatra province, Lake Toba lies near a fault line which runs along the Sumatra Fracture Zone. Tourists prefer to fly to the Medan Kuala Namu International Airport and then reach the Lake Toba via train, bus, car, or ferry.

Best time to visit Lake Toba

The best time to visit Lake Toba in Sumatra is between May and September when the weather is dry.

More on Lake Toba

Nearby Attractions: Mount Sibayak, Tjong A Fie's Mansion, The Bohorok Orangutan Centre at Bukit Lawang, Marian Shrine of Annai Velangkanni, Taman Alam Lumbini, Bat Cave, and Two Colors Sibolangit Waterfall.

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