

ONE DAY BIRDWATCHING TOUR IN SORONG REGENCY

We will meet you at your hotel and start our trip. Our destination is Sorong's ridge forest located outside of the city. We will go by a car for around 30 minutes and then do birdwatching along the forest area to watch such birds as Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Eclectus Parrot, Palm Cockatoo, Black Lory, Black-capped Lory, Yellow-faced Myna, Golden Myna, Wompoo Fruit Dove, Golden Monarch, and etc.



Yellow-faced Myna (*Mino dumontii*)

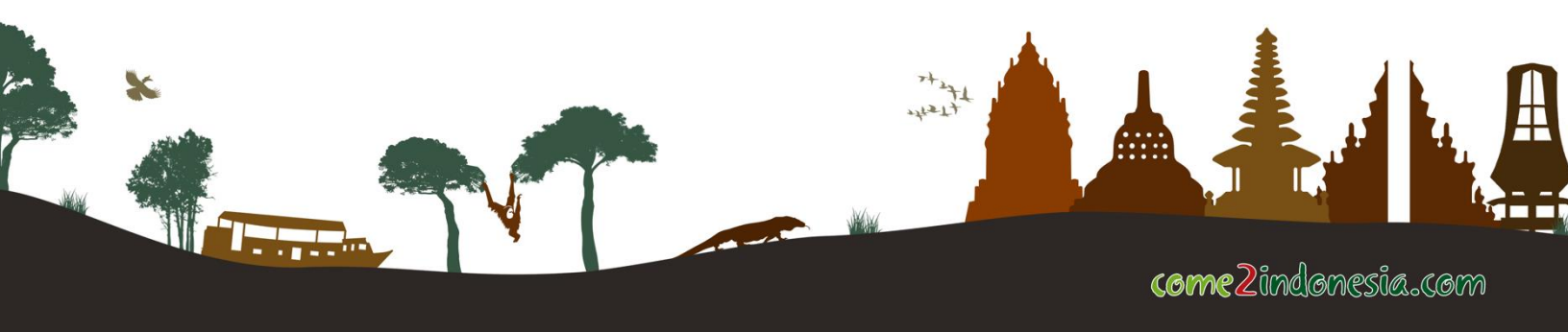
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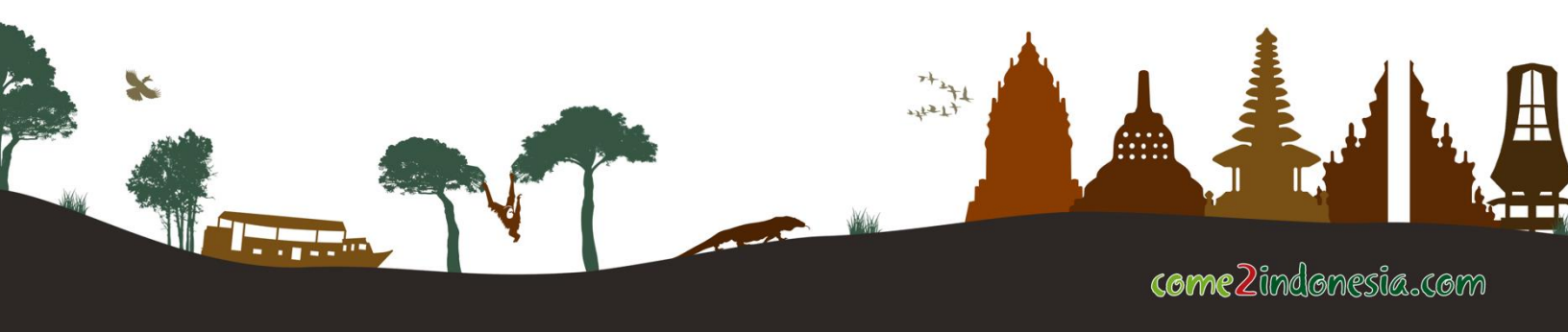




There is an interesting bird named Pinon's Imperial Pigeon (*Ducula pinon*). It is named after Rose Marie Pinon (1794 -1832) - a French lady who at the age of 19 y.o. married a French naval officer: Louis de Freycinet. She had to disguise as a man and joined her husband on a scientific expedition of French navy aboard the corvette *Uranie*. They circumnavigated the world. She was not recognized as a member of the team and was not mentioned in the official reports of the expedition. However, she wrote journals of her trips which would later become important anthropological information of the peoples and places that she visited.



Blue Black Kingfisher (*Todiramphus nigrocyaneus*)



09:00

We will watch birds until around 09:00. After that we will continue our trip to Taman Wisata Alam (meaning: Nature Park for Tourism) Sorong where we will visit a rehabilitation center of protected birds that are confiscated from local people and traders who keep them as pets. Workers from conservation office are rehabilitating and giving health treatment to the animals before releasing them back to their habitat. We will walk around the forest to visit the orchid park and also do climbing up an observation tower to see the canopy of the forest. We may see Blyth's Hornbill, Olive-backed Sunbird or Cuckooshrike.



Golden Myna (Mino anais)

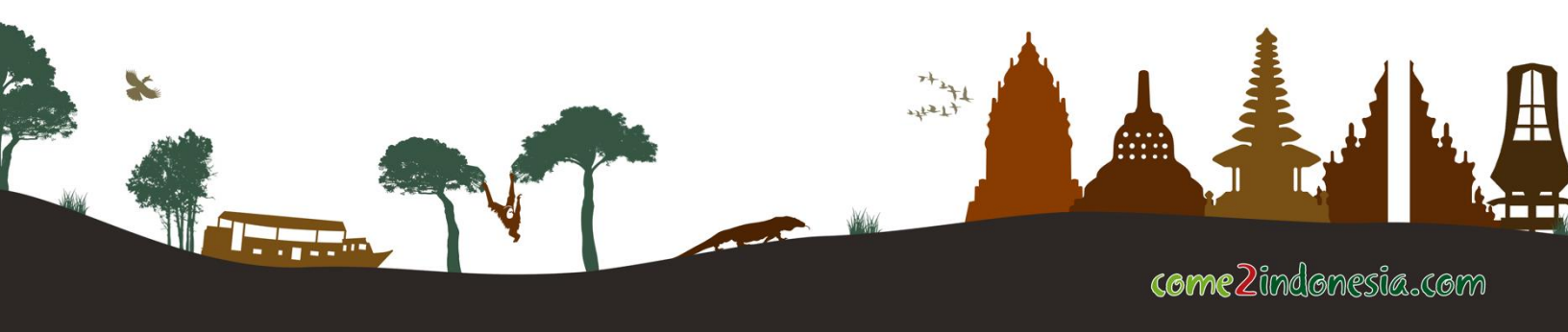
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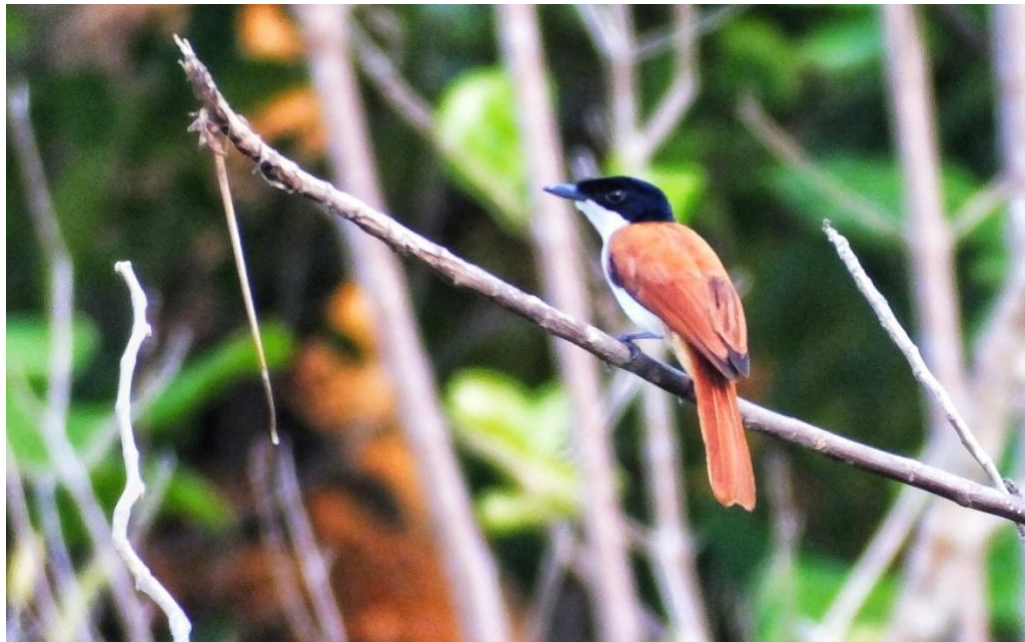
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11:30

We will be there until around 11:30. After that we will go out of the forest, and have lunch. Because the activity of birds is low during mid-day, we will bring you back to your hotel to take a rest. If you are interested in other activity instead of taking a rest at the hotel, we could bring you to traditional market of Sorong city to see what goods local people buy and sell.



Shining Flycatcher (*Myagra alecto*)

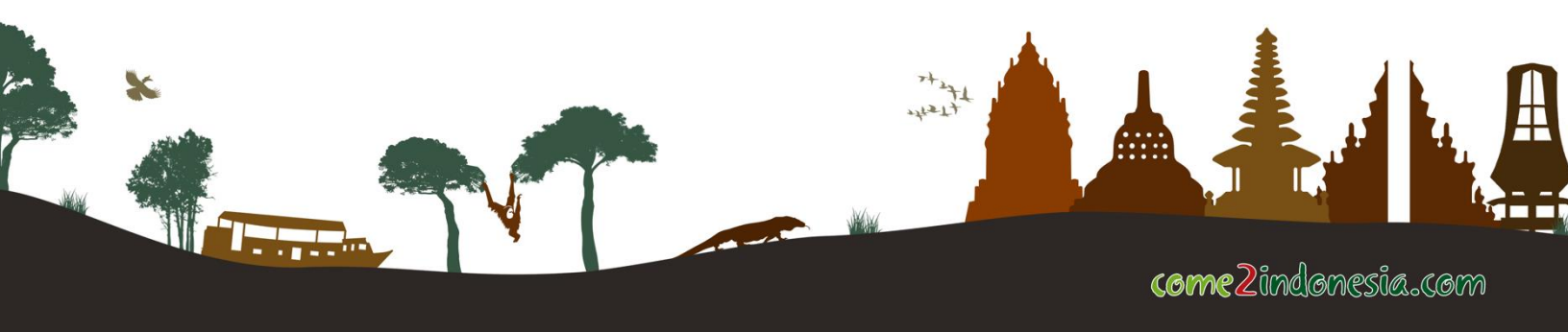
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15:30

At around 15:30, we shall continue our birding activity again. This time to Mangrove forest of Sorong to look for Orange-fronted Fruit Dove, Sacred Kingfisher, Common Sandpiper, Shining Flycatcher, Olive-backed Sunbird, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, and etc.



White-bellied Cuckooshrike (Coracina papuensis)

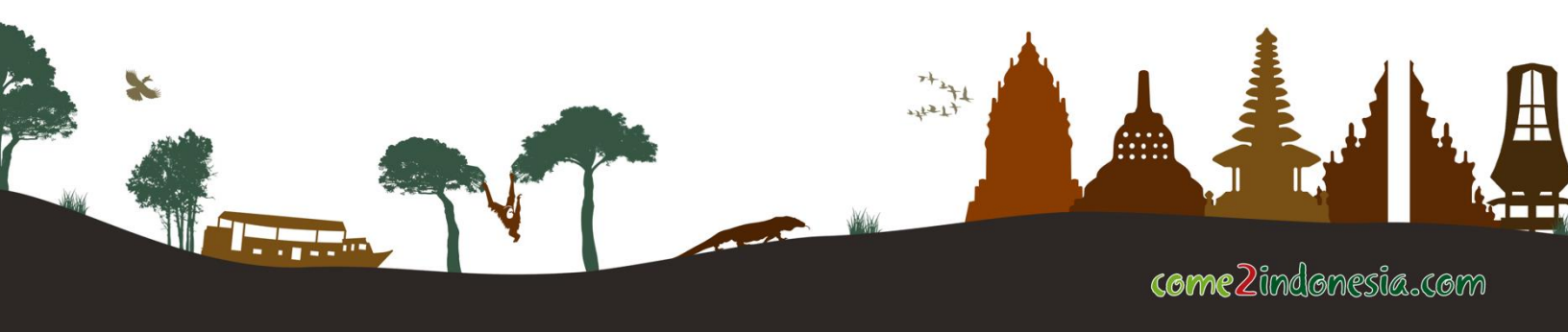
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If we are lucky, we could see an interesting bird at this mangrove forest. Its name is Blue-fronted Fig Parrot (*Cyclopsitta gulelmitertii*). In Greek mythology Cyclop is one-eyed giant, -psitta refers to parrot. Gulelmi is the word in Latin for William whereas tertii or tertius means the third. This is the name for William III (William Alexander Paul Frederik Lodewijk) who was the King of the Netherlands (1817-1890) and Grand Duke of Luxemburg (1849-1866).

17:30

At around 17:30, we will bring you back to your hotel.



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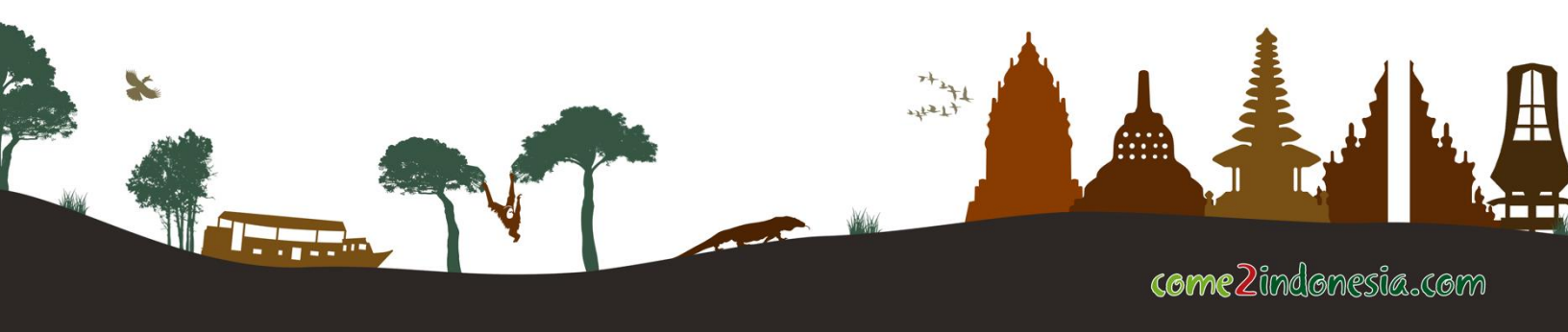
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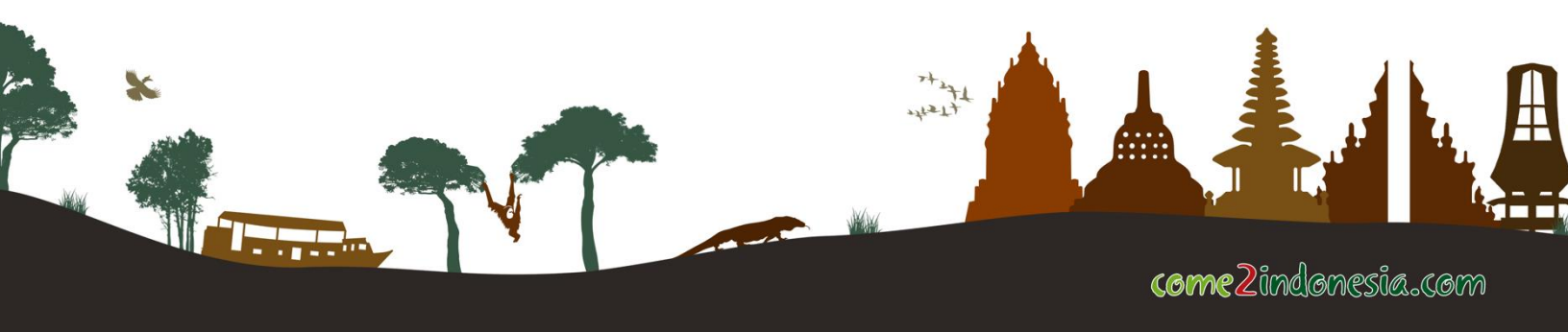


King William III (1817-1890) of the Netherlands



Pinon's Imperial Pigeon (Ducula pinon)






Rose Marie Pinon (1794-1832)

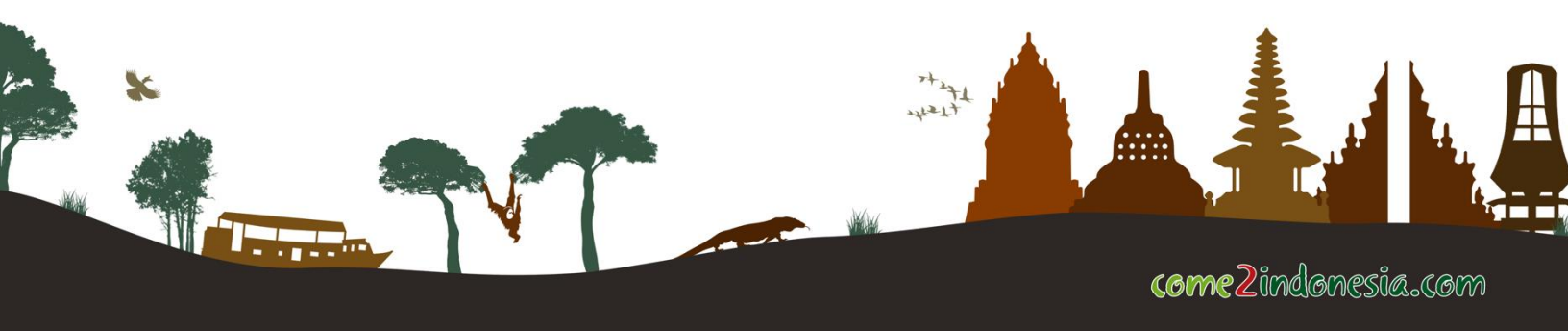
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INCLUDED:

- Transportation between hotel to forest sites
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Mineral water
- Snacks

NOT INCLUDED:

- International/Domestic flights
- Hotel in Sorong
- Visa
- Soft drinks, juices and alcoholic
- Personal expenses such as: tip the guide and/or driver, laundry, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages.
- Travel insurances
- Extra cost due to causes greater our control e.g delays or flight cancellations, etc.
- Anything not mentioned in "Included".

Note: The hours should be considered as reference only, the tour can be adjusted according to weather and situation at the places that we will visit.

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