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Dec 09, RICHARD LLOYD PARRY,
 I was delighted to see my book about Indonesia mentioned on p.49 of the latest edition of Lonely Planet Indonesia. Unfortunately the title is incorrect- it should be 'In the Time of Madness' not 'Madness Descending'.

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Mar 10, Roxanne Cole,
 Vegetarian's - write the word "VEGETARIAN" onto a piece of paper and show this to restaurant staff. Found it impossible to pronounce vegetarian so that locals could understand. If Indonesian's see the word written down then they understand straight away.

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Apr 10, Hans Gerber,
 The location of the central immigration office is indicated incorrectly on the Jakarta map (point "4"). The CENTRAL immigration office is somewhere else anyway, near the Malaysian embassy, but it doesn't do visa extensions. The full address of the RELEVANT immigration office for visa stuff is: Kantor Imigrasi Klas I Jakarta Pusat, Jl. Merpati Blok-B12 No.3, Kemayoran, Jakarta Pusat 10720. Note that this address looks similar to the one mentioned in the book. But it is located in the Kemayoran district, north-east of Merdeka Square, not south. It took me a whole day of taxi odyssey to find that out...

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Nov 10, Martha A. Crunkleton,
 Jakarta: The information provided about the free tours the Indonesian Heritage Society gives at the Museum Nasional is incorrect. Here is the correct information:
 The IHS gives free tours in English on:
 Tuesday @ 1030
 Thursday @1030 and 1330
 2nd Sunday of every month @ 1030
 last Saturday of every month @ 1030

Free tours in French:
 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 0930
 No tours in French in July & August

Free tours in Japanese:
 Tuesday @ 1030
 1st Sunday of the month @ 1030

Free tours in Korean:
 1st Tuesday of the month @ 0930
 3rd Saturday of the month @ 0930
 Tours in other languages are available on request to the Indonesian Heritage Society at (Jakarta telephone) 572-5870 or by email to museumtours@heritagejkt.org



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Jul 10, Stephan Kehry,
 Admission Fee for the waterfalls has increased to 50'500 Rp for foreigners. But there is a great shuffle service by motorscooters from Dago (25'000 Rp single - 50'000 Rp return). It's fun too!

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Nov 10, Alexandra Griesmeier,
 Borobudur; the best connection to yogyakarta's busterminal in jombor from malioboro road is to take bus 3A and then change to 2 B. the person in the bus tells you where to change. bus nr. 5 to jombor is not reliable and turns up all 2 hours or so. tourist information in yogya recommended the lines 3a and 2b. it worked perfectly. we waited for bus 5 nearly an hour and gave up. The best bus back from jombor to malioboro road is 2A. Concerning fares from Jombor to Borobudur we didn't work out, how much it cost. we paid 10.000 Rp on the way to borobudur. on the way back we paid 20.000 Rp. no way to find out the tariffs...

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May 10, Kay Turner,
 Just a small note that I wanted to let you know, the bird market in Yogya has moved to somewhere just outside of the city (somewhere between 5 and 12 kilometers away- depending on which of the touts you speak to). Apparently the government was concerned about bird flu and wanted it outside of the central area. Cheers!

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Jun 10, Peter Groenberg,
 Yogyakarta: The Pasar Ngasem (bird market) has been moved by the government. It is not located at the JL Polowijan anymore. According to some becak divers the government has done this to make the entrance to the Taman Sari more visible for tourists. And to make the place more open. The Bird market is now located just off the map (page 177) at A6 if you follow the JL Wahid Hasym to the south. It is located at the east side of the road. Though I can not compare it to the old bird market it was still worth a visit.

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Jul 10, Joe Le Merou,
 Yogyakarta: Bird Market has moved. It is now located more down south and is a lot less photogenic now.

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Aug 10, Lariesa,
 Yogyakarta: Warung Opera; The owner passed away 3 months ago and it has closed

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Jul 10, Joe Le Merou,
 Forest park; The entry is now 20 000 r for foreigners (2 000 for locals). You might also warn that the trek is a bit hard to take for people suffering from heigh of fear. The trail is a bit small and the way indonesians walk and down doesnt help to calm our fear ;)

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May 10, steven engelsman,
 On Solo map, item 27 (hotel Roemahkoe) is in the wrong position, should be A3 or B3.

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| 204 | May 10, steven engelsman, AA Trans telephone is incorrect. The correct number is: 632811. |
| 204 | Jun 10, Michael Luethi, Solo: AA Trans has got a wrong telephone number in the book. The correct number is 632 811. |
| 209 | Jul 10, Joe Le Merou, Semarang: Gedung Batu; Admission is not free anymore. It's 10 000 r for the outside and 30 000 r to get inside. |
| 211 | Jul 10, Joe Le Merou, Semarang: Metro Hotel; Name of the hotel has changed. It's now called "New Metro Hotel" |
| 214 | Jul 10, Joe Le Merou, Hotel rawa pening eltricia is now called "Azaya". If you ask for Hotel rawa pening, the bus will drop you at another place, 100 m from the right one. |
| 214 | Jul 10, Joe Le Merou, Gedung Songo; Price is now 25 000 for foreigners. 5 000 for locals. |
| 227 | Jul 10, Joe Le Merou, Surabaya: The business class Malang Ekspres doesnt exist anymore (again ;) |
| 235 | Jun 10, Michael Luethi, Melang tourism Ambassadors do not exist anymore. The telephone number is out of order and at the address given there is now a guesthouse. We asked sunrise holidays about the whereabouts of them and they told us that at the moment there is no trace of them. |
| 247 | Nov 10, Wiebe Vijn, Probolinggo approach: 3rd paragraph (starts with: "If you want to just hike to Bromo"): There are no white stone markers for the walk to the crater. In fact there are rows of white stones or square pillars but they serve to keep out the jeeps and other 4 wheel cars of the direct environment of Bromo. Those rows of white pillars are in fact a fence and when you follow these pillars you come close to Gunung Batok at one side and going to the other side it leads you to probably Gunung Kursi. If I could send you a photo I made you would understand it immediately. |
| 300 | Aug 10, Gerald van der Wijngaart and Deirdre Veen, We took the bus from Yogyakarta to Denpasar. On the way over we stopped at a bus station for dinner and our camera got stolen in about 5 minutes that we left the bag alone in the bus. This is already in the book, but thought it would be a good idea to confirm that this is still happening :-) |



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Aug 10, Gerald van der Wijngaart and Deirdre Veen,
 Nusa Indah Bungalows; prices have gone up. For a room with fan we paid 300.000 rupiah per night no matter how we bargained. We showed the book with the price of 150.000 per night. The reaction was that the visit of Lonely planet was three years ago and that prices have gone up because everything has to be imported from the main island these days.

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Aug 10, Gerald van der Wijngaart and Deirdre Veen,
 We visited quite a few temples in and around Ubud. The prices to enter the temples has gone up from 6.000 rupiah per person to 15.000 rupiah per person.

369

Nov 10, Magdalena Janowski,
 The ferry is no longer running between Penang and Medan as it was too expensive to run. On November 23rd, 2010 I tried to buy the ferry tickets and was informed of this new development.

379

Aug 10, Carolien van Zuilekom,
 I was in Bukit Lawang in July 2010 and, unlike as is written in the guidebook, it is no longer possible to buy a permit for the feeding session at the entrance of the park. I almost missed the feeding session because of this, so please change this for the sake of other tourists. The only place to buy a permit to enter the park for a feeding session is the Bukit Lawang Visitors Centre. You already mention this centre in the guide. Because of the change in the permit policy, the PKHA Permit Office as you describe it on page 378 does no longer exist. They only check your permit, but they don't sell them.

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Aug 10, Carolien van Zuilekom,
 In the guidebook it is written that to get from Danau Toba to Berastagi, you have to take a bus to Pangururan and then to Berastagi. That is correct, but the trip from Pangururan to Berastagi does not take 3 hrs, but at least 5hrs, mainly due to really bad road conditions. After 3 hrs we were only in Sidikalang, about halfway the journey.

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Jun 10
 Visas on arrival (VOA) are now available at Banda Aceh airport according to this Thorn tree thread:
<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/thorntree/thread.jspa?threadID=1920790>



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Feb 10, Els Mellink,
 We have been traveling across Sumatra and eventually came to Padang. We wanted to go to the Mentawai Islands from there, but had a hard time finding a place to buy the boat tickets. We couldn't find the place that was suggested by the Lonely Planet to buy the tickets (Bevys Sumatra in the Batang Arau Hotel) even though we spend the entire morning looking for it. The next day we spent another morning looking for another ticketing agency and finally found a place at the harbour. We took the boat to the Mentawai on tuesday morning instead of monday night because of bad weather, and expected to take the boat back on friday, since everyone said that there would be a boat going back by then. But it turned out that the boat wasn't coming and there was no way of getting of the island and going back to Padang until tuesday, when the next ship came. Because of that we nearly missed our flight out of Indonesia. I think that it would be a good idea to tell travellers that the scheduled ships from and to Pedang often don't go and to be prepared to have to stay on the island several more days and to bring enough mon

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Feb 10, MICHEL TINTIN DESLANES,
 I noticed in Mattaram, Lombok... that all the banks don't change money...hahaha... you have to go to money changers, some banks would exchange US dollar only but at a very bad rate... the employee of the bank actually gave me the address and direction to go to the money changer... hahaha

493

Nov 09
 Gili Air: 7seas Dive Centre: this name will not be used since it is already used for another company. Our new name is Oceans 5.

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Jan 10
 Got scammed at Bangsal Pier to take a horse and carriage to the bus station 1km away 50 000 rupiah (well it was going to happen at some point). Private car that we shared with two Canadians to Kuta 150 000 for us both.

536

Aug 10, Guido Faes,
 Labuanbajo: Puri Sari Hotel; The price in the high season is now 600,000Rp per night per room.

568

Jan 10
 I've just been staying with Lavalon in Kupang, West Timor. Both the phone number for the hostel and the website for the bar are wrong. They should be: 832256 and www.lavalontouristinfo.com

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Feb 10, LAURENT GALICE,
 Lavalon Bar in Kupang. West Timor: new website address (www.lavalontouristinfo.com)

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May 10, carly,
 Kupang: Lavalon: Note that the website is listed wrongly in the lonely planet. Correct one is <http://www.lavalontouristinfo.com>. Also the hostel telephone number should be: +628123770533

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| 569 | Aug 10, Guido Faes, A long-distance bus to Kefamenanu costs only 35000Rp. Also the other buses listed in this chapter will be cheaper. The price list can be found on a window in the terminal. |
| 570 | Aug 10, Guido Faes, Admission to the Oenesu waterfall is only 2000Rp (one person with one bike). |
| 585 | Aug 10, Guido Faes, Waikabubak: Sumba Adventure; They moved to Jl. Cakrawala. Also the telephone numbers changed. |
| 626 | Aug 10, Nam Misuk, Sleeping - Hotel Perdana: Telephone number is incorrect. I could not make reservation through phone call. Hotel perdana correct telephone number: 436-8029 |
| 661 | Aug 10, Lisa Godden, The immigration office moved in 2005. It's now far from the centre and you need to get a taxi or pete-pete. However the process to extend my visa on arrival was reasonably efficient and was ready the day after I dropped it off. You can try and get a pete-pete to 'Sudiang' from Makassar Mall to get there, about 30 minutes. Otherwise about rp50k in a taxi. address: JL. PERINTIS KEMERDEKAAN KM 13 KEC; Eastern Makassar |
| 662 | Nov 10, Mandy MacJames, Makassar (Ujung Padang): Taman Anggrek Clara Bundt: We tried to visit this place but it was closed and didn't look like it had been open for a while. |
| 665 | Nov 10, Mandy MacJames, Litha, Bintang Prima; Although these buses can be caught from Terminal Daya they have their own bus terminals which are located on the main rd towards town. It is easier to pick up the buses from here as you don't have to deal with the touts telling you they do not exist, have already gone, don't leave til the evening, while trying to get you onto their own bus. |
| 676 | Dec 09, ASTRID VAN WIJK, Rantepao: The riverside Indra Hotel is under construction and closed for a couple of years already. Only the Indra Hotel near the market is open. |
| 677 | Dec 09, ASTRID VAN WIJK, A guide to Toraja by AT Marampa is also available in Dutch! |
| 688 | Feb 10 Tentena: the Hotel Pamona Inddah Permai is closed. |
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Nov 10, Mandy MacJames,
 You have a subheading that says Pulau Tomken and Pulau Bolilangga, yet you then go onto call one of them by the name Pulau Pangempa. The island is not Tonken, but it is Pangempa. It has been referred to as TomKen after the names of 2 guys who once owned the island but it is not the name and comes across as quite confusing.

700

Nov 10, Mandy MacJames,
 Bolilangga Cottages; In your write up you state that the cottages only open on demand, but this is not the case. The owner's son, Alan, manages the cottages, along with a number of his cousins, and the place is always open for business. The price in low season starts from 100,000Rp per person per night including meals.

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709

Nov 09, LUUK HELING,
 Manado: tried to find the offices of Lion Air but they are no longer in the Mega Mall as stated in the LP.

716

Jul 10, luc anthonis,
 The mides are actually mites, which enter the skin and stay there (without laying eggs) for a few days, hence the 'scratching'. Having your trousers tucked into thick socks doesn't work (our experience), because the animals climb onto your socks and 'enter' afterwards. Spraying your socks/trousers/shoes with insect repellent is absolutely nessecary.

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Feb 10, BRIAN AARDVAARK,
 Ambon: Maluku Divers is now located near Pattimura Airport on the way into Kota Ambon and is no longer a 15 minute walk from Blue Rose Divers.

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Feb 10, BRIAN AARDVAARK,
 Maluku: The phone number for Blue Rose Divers is wrong. It is currently 081343466106 and the contact is Hendrik. The accomodations are Rp250 000 and 225 000 respectively for aircon/fan rooms. The place is a dump but the dive shop gear and the boats are first class.



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Apr 10
 Papua/irian Jaya Adventure; Justinus Daby, the guide who runs the service lost his mobile phone and now has a new number which he desperately wanted me to pass on to you:
 (0)81344 863958

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Apr 10
 Putri Dani Inn; I stayed here and the owner Cecilia da Lopez, asked me to contact you to say the telephone number should be 31223. her mobile number is (0)813 440404028.

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Nov 09, LUUK HELING,
 From a cash point of view it was very hard to find ATM's where we could get more than 1mln RP (the absolute best is BCA where you can get 2 mln per transaction)

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Feb 10, GEOFF DE BURCA,
 Here's some up to date info on how to get an Indonesian visa in Dili, East Timor, for those planning a visa run (I did this in December 2009). Step 1: Be Prepared: Before you head down to the embassy, you'll need a passport photo taken with a RED background (no, I don't know why either), a photocopy of your passport and a letter explaining how long you want the visa for (30 or 60 days) and a rough outline of what you plan to do. Apparently this can be handwritten, but it's probably safer to type one up. All of these can easily be sorted in Dili if you don't have them before you arrive in the country. Step 2: Get up early: The embassy may open its doors at 8.30am, but that doesn't mean that's when you should turn up. They only process about fifty a day, and considering there are lots of East Timorese people applying as well, this means you should really get into the queue at the front gate at around 6am (which is what I did, and I was 14th in the queue). Step 3: Fill in your forms: While you wait for the doors to open a security guard will pass you the forms through the gate, which you need to fill in with a BLACK pen (again, don't kn



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Sep 10, Mike Steuri,

Merpati Airlines: Be careful about schedules. They often change times from one month to another without announcement. Best is to reconfirm one day before, for all flights! I personally booked a flight end of July for 1st August and on the day of travel, the flight was actually 3 hours earlier than on the e-ticket

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May 10, Laszlo,

The official website of Pelni, the national shipping company, has always been www.pelni.co.id, not www.pelni.com which is in the book. www.pelni.co.id is kept up to date though somewhat erratically, schedules are usually only uploaded up to a month in advance so if one has no luck checking for a far-away date, searching for within the next month may still bring results.