

**SABS Conference, Malang, Indonesia
16-20 July 2018**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. INDONESIA

The Republic of Indonesia is an archipelago of 17,508 islands. Since independence from Holland (1945, recognised 1959) it has grown to be a modern democratic nation of some 265 million people, the 4th most populous nation in the world. It is the world's largest Muslim majority country with 88% of the population professing Islam. However the Christian community, at around 10%, is larger than the total population of Australia. The National Ideology of Indonesia is set out in the "Pancasila" (Five Principles) which guarantee people the freedom to profess and practice their faiths. The Five Principles are:

- Believe in the one Supreme God
- Just and civilized humanity.
- The unity of Indonesia.
- Democracy led by the wisdom of deliberations among representatives.
- Social justice for the whole of the people of Indonesian

2. MALANG

Malang is the second largest city in the Province of East Java. It has an ancient history dating back to the Mataram Kingdom. The Dinoyo inscription of 760 AD supports the birth date of the regency of Malang. During the period of Dutch colonization, it was a popular destination for European residents. The total population is now close to 1 million. Malang is well known for its industries, tourism and educational centers. There are currently some 60 universities, colleges and trade schools, plus a dozen of theological colleges and seminaries. The city is famous for its relatively cool air and the surrounding country regions.

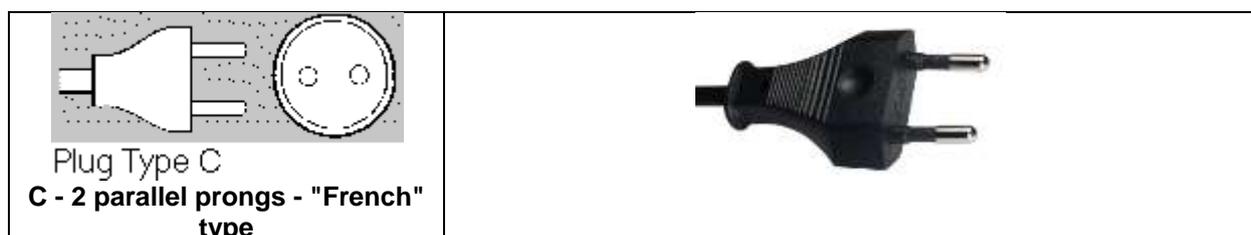
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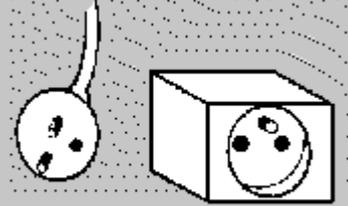
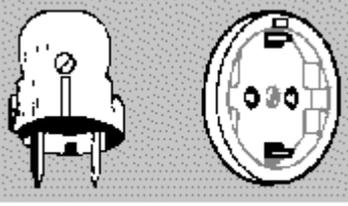
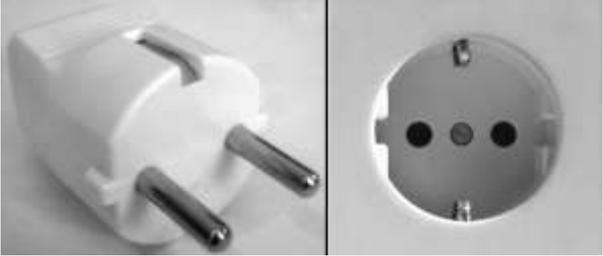
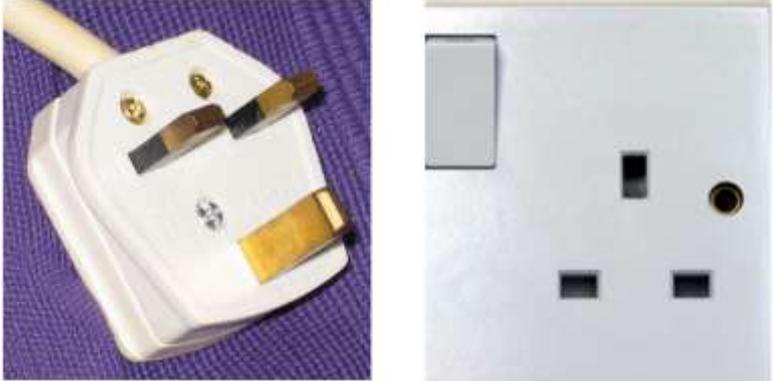
In July Malang is typically cool (thanks to the Australian winter) to hot and steamy, with temperatures varying from 17°C at night to over 30°C during daytime. As in many places in the region during this year the weather is unstable and changeable.

- Tap water is not drinkable in Malang.

4. VOLTAGE & ELECTRIC PLUG CONFIGURATIONS

- Voltage: 220-240 Volts
- Primary Socket Types: Euro, Schuko,



 <p>Plug Type E E - 2 parallel prongs with a female earth connector</p>	
 <p>Plug Type F F - "Schuko" type with two earth connectors on the sides</p>	
 <p>Plug Type G G - 3 large flat prongs - "British" type - BS 1363 system (Type G socket/plug – usually for Air Conditioning)</p>	

Be sure that your own fits with one of the types!

5. MONEY EXCHANGE

The Indonesian currency is the Rupiah (Rp). The current exchange rate is USD 1 to about Rp 13.890. There are bank exchange bureau after immigration and customs clearance and before exiting the airport building. No commission fee is charged in these bureau and the exchange rates are not much worse than at the roadside exchange bureau in downtown Malang tourist areas.

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