

# Pulau Weh: 7 Things to Do in This Beach Paradise

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When you're planning a tropical vacation, the options might overwhelm you. The most common destinations might be great, but what if you're craving something more authentic than the usual tourist trap?

Those who have visited Pulau Weh will tell you that it's the place to be for untouched beaches, diving, snorkeling, and everything else you long for on a tropical island. This island is also called Sabang and is still one of the lesser crowded and authentic spots to visit in Indonesia.

Weh Island is located off the Aceh province, right off its northern coast. It's easy to reach but the adventures and treasures available will give you the vacation of a lifetime!

Here are just a few things you can do on your trip to Pulau Weh:

## 1. See an underwater volcano

There are several snorkeling spots in Pulau Weh, but seeing an underwater volcano is a life-changing experience. Be on the lookout for Pantai Pria Laot, which is located in the middle of Sabang (the main town) and Iboih.

You can see signs of the volcano on the surface as well. There will be bubbles forming in coral cracks as well as the unmistakable smell of sulfur. Even the water will be noticeably warmer. You can join a diving tour or bring your own gear for an unforgettable snorkeling adventure.

## 2. Go on an expedition

Pulau Weh is very near the northmost side of Indonesia. Kilometer Nol is usually known as the 'beginning' of this country. If you manage to trek on over there, you've earned an impressive selfie for your Instagram or Facebook account.

There's a monument at the destination, along with a few souvenir shops as well. However, it's still a pretty tame place, not your usual crowded tourist area.

## 3. Explore an actual volcano

If snorkeling near an underwater volcano is not your cup of tea, or if you're craving more, go and experience an active volcano above ground as well. In fact, you can even have this experience without the strenuous effort of climbing any mountains. At Jaboi Geothermal Spot, there are boiling streams, steaming vents, and burned trees for that eerie volcanic feel.

This place is around the southwest of Weh Island. Don't worry about seeing only depressing landscapes though; the journey to this place gives you a beautiful forest experience!

## 4. Shower under waterfalls

The Air Terjun Pria Laot is one of the most famous waterfalls on Air Terjun Pria Laot, even though Sumatra has several more to offer. Since this is among the more well-known destinations, you'll hopefully find a lot of signage to guide you along the way.

You'll have to trek the last 20 minutes on foot to get to this waterfall, but the lush-green forest there is a sight to behold in itself. Keep in mind that this stroll will require crossing over the water in some parts. Once you're there, you can bathe in the free-falling water and click away to your heart's content.

## 5. Experience the beach

Staying in Pulau Weh will enable you to have the perfect beachfront experience. You can wake up to the sound of crashing waves, have meals while looking out over the sea, and generally seclude yourself in a beachy paradise.

There are several beach huts and chalets available in Iboih and Gapang. Make sure to book yours in advance; this way, you'll be assured of having that awesome beach vacation without needing to travel any further.

## **6. Go to a village or town**

Pulau Weh isn't too big, so it's perfect for exploring even when you're short on time. It's pretty easy to visit a few towns and villages in one go, as they're not far from each other.

Sabang is the largest town, boasting some colonial buildings, a harbor, shops, restaurants, and lodges. Gapang and Iboih are beach towns, each with their own personality. Take a moment and enjoy the simple life of the locals while you're at it.

## **7. A boat ride at sunset means awaits added pleasure**

Seeing the sunset on an open sea is something you never get tired of, especially when one views it from a boat. Imagine the waves gently rocking your vessel, with everything calm and peaceful all around. The magnificent colors of the setting sun will only add to the memory. You'll want to put your camera and phones away, as nothing could quite capture the beauty of such moments!

## **The takeaway**

With so much to do in Pulau Weh, it should definitely be on your priority list for future travels. There's a lot to do at this destination no matter what your preferences are.

So, are you ready to have some awesome experience without the hassle of a crowd, or just lie back and relax in your tropical haven? Don't wait around; book those tickets and pack your bags before the place gets too crowded!