



Our Musical Resources Include:

- Two complete Javanese gamelan.
- Full set of keroncong instruments.
- Rehearsal pendopo (with air conditioning).
- Recording studio.
- Individual practice areas.
- Sentana Art Musical Instrument Shop (and custom orders).

Activities Include:

- Weekly community gamelan and keroncong rehearsals.
- Group gamelan and keroncong instruction.
- Individual lessons
- Cultural excursions throughout Central Java to see performances, and cultural sites.
- English speaking support team for research projects.

Live and learn alongside a Javanese family. Renowned Javanese singer, composer, and educator Dr. Peni Candra Rini and her family of musicians, puppeteers, and instrument makers will be your host for an immersive, authentic experience of Javanese culture.

Our arts compound is nestled in a working-class neighborhood along the Bengawan river and includes:

- 9 individual bedrooms with air conditioning.
- Shared dining and kitchen spaces.
- Western bathrooms.
- Complimentary homemade traditional Javanese breakfast.
- Car service.



Jagad Culture House

Surakarta, Java, Indonesia

Your home in Central Java for individual and group cultural experiences and music study.

Testimonials

Kaylee, University of Richmond
2025

"I am extremely grateful for this opportunity, and Peni's help has been invaluable in my research journey."

Farah, University of Richmond
2025

"This was a transformational experience, allowing me direct cultural and religious immersion, alongside the acquisition of many musical skills!"

Emily Bradford Gamelan Raga
Kusuma 2025

"American gamelan student "Staying and studying at Sentana art was my best experience in Indonesia yet. A total musical and cultural immersion experience, made even better by the warmth of Peni Candra Rini and her team!"



Affordable Pricing:

- Individual rooms for short term stays = \$30 USD / day.
- Contact us for group and long-term discounts.
- Individual lessons are \$18 for ninety-minute lessons with our team of expert musicians.
- Group musical lessons are \$100 for a three-hour session, guided by three expert instructors.
- Surakarta is one of the least expensive cities in Indonesia. A typical traditional meal costs \$3 or less, and a car service ride across the city around about the same.

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Local Amenities Include:

- The Park Mall Solo and Pakuwon Malls.
- Ngarsopuro night market every Friday and Saturday with live music, fresh food, and hand-made goods.
- Several highly rated hospitals nearby.
- Grand Mercure Solo Baru hotel, with a gym and pool.
- Many locally owned small businesses that provide you everyday necessities, including local cuisine, drink, and simple groceries. Fruit and vegetables are delivered directly to your door through various delivery services, such as Gojek and Grab and local merchants.

