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Exciting Banten Festival (Seba Badui)

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The citizens of Baduy, also known as the people of Kanekes, are a tribe in Banten who follows a strict set of moral codes and rules. Since the establishment of the Sultanate of Banten, the people of Kanekes live under the rule of the Sultanate. As a token of obedience and recognition to the ruler, the people of Baduy routinely held a Seba Ritual to the Sultanate of Banten. The Seba Ritual is held after the harvesting season, followed by a Kawalu Ritual for three whole months. At the ritual of Kawalu, tourists are forbidden to access three Baduy regions: Cibeo, Cikartawana, and Cikeusik. Every year for hundreds of years, the people keeps holding the Seba Ritual, consisting of delivering yields to the sultanate (paddies, other crops, fruits, and palm sugar). The ritual symbolically convey a political message for the sultanate, so that they will always protect the environment, the forests, and the entire Mother Nature.



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