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1. Geographical location

Bali is known as an Island province of Indonesia. It is 8 degrees south of equator and lies on 3.2 km or 2 miles east of Java. Some of the islands in this province are Bali, Nusa Penida, Nusa Lembongan, and Nusa Ceningan. It is located on the southernmost tip of the Lesser Sunda Islands on the east and Java on the west. Denpasar, the capital of Bali lies in the south.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

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3. Significance

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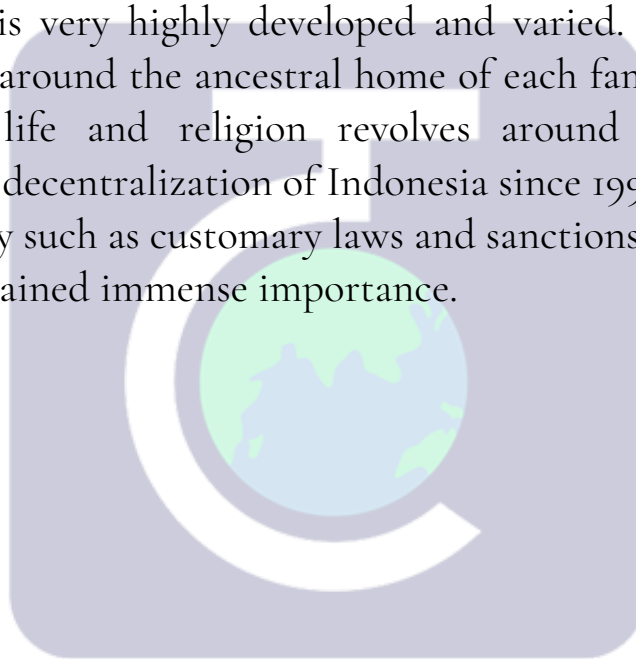


4. History

Around 2000 B.C Austronesian people, who had originally migrated from South East Asia and Oceania through maritime South East Asia, inhabited Bali. Linguistically and culturally, the Balinese people closely resemble the Archipelago of Indonesia, The Philippines and Oceania. Bali had its first European encounter in 1512 when the Portuguese expedition led by Antonio Abreu and Francisco Serrao arrived, but it was the Dutch who actually stayed in and controlled Bali. In 1597 Dutch explorer Cornes De Houtman at Bali and in 1604 the Dutch East India Company was set up. The Dutch took over Bali's political and economic control over in the 1840s and the struggle between the Balinese and Dutch began in 1890s when the Dutch started to force their rule. In 1946 after the end of second world war Bali gained its independence from the Dutch but they constituted it as one of the thirteen constituencies of the newly proclaimed State of East Indonesia and it was only on December 29, 1949 that Bali became an integral part of the "Republic of United States Indonesia".

5. Cultural identity

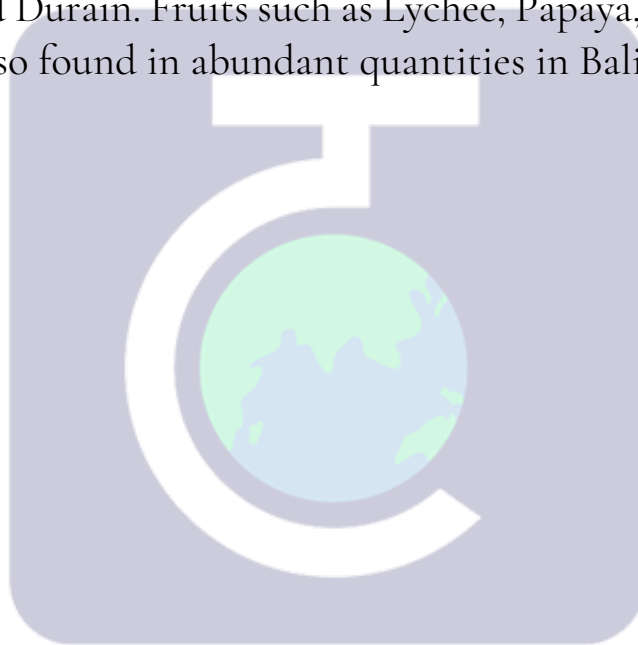
Bali is a melting pot of many cultures. It has a Chinese influence that dates way back to the 10th and 11th century. Along with that Bali also has some influence of the 350 years of Dutch presence but it is the Indian culture which is most prominent in Bali. The performing arts of Bali many a times portray epics from the Hindu folklore but with a Balinese touch. Balinese percussion music which is known as Gamelan is very highly developed and varied. The Balinese society continues to revolve around the ancestral home of each family and it is believed that the cycle of life and religion revolves around it. As a result of democratization and decentralization of Indonesia since 1998, coercive aspects of the traditional society such as customary laws and sanctions which as imposed by village council have gained immense importance.



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6. Natural resources

Bali is a home to abundant natural resources. It has many metal deposits which includes deposits of Tin, Nickel and Copper and has deposits of precious metals such as Gold and Silver. Along with this, natural gas and coal are also found in Bali. Along with all this, Bali also has access to Bamboo out of which most of its handicraft jewelry is made. Bali is home to some of the tropical favorites such as Mango, Jack fruit and Durain. Fruits such as Lychee, Papaya, Mangosteen and star fruit bumblng are also found in abundant quantities in Bali.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Tanah Lot Temple

Situated along the south-west coast of Bali, a chain of temples was established to protect the country from oceanic uncertainties. A place of worship for the fishermen folk, the Pura Tanah Lot is the most important of these temples, making it a prime tourist attraction. The temple looks spectacular at sunset and has a number of souvenir shops and restaurants in its vicinity.

Address : Tanah Lot Temple, Tabanan, Bali 82171

Zipcode : 82171

Location : -8.621171299999999, 115.08686399999999

Contact : +62 361 880361

Website : <http://www.tanahlot.net>

Entry Fee : Local: Adult: IDR 20000 Child: IDR 15000 Tourist: Adult: IDR 60000
Child: IDR 30000

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Uluwatu Temple

Situated on a 70-meter-high cliff, the Uluwatu temple is known for its unique architecture. This archaic Hindu temple is referred to as one of the 'Sad Kahyangan' and is located on the south-west front of Bali, which is about an hour from Kuta. Every day during sunset, this place gets crowded by visitors who enjoy the traditional Kenak dance. Note: Beware of the notorious monkeys who reside here as they are known for stealing tourist belongings. Also, note that the traditional Kenak dance performance is not included in the entry fees and attracts charges.

Address : Ululate temple (puraLahur), Pikatu Village, South Kuta.

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.829143199999999, 115.08490689999996

Entry Fee : Adult IDR 30000 Child IDR 20000

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Pura Tirta Empul

Situated in central Bali is a national heritage site of Pura Tirta Empul, a temple complex which reserves a legendary setting of a tale of good over evil. Tirta Empul originally means “holy water spring” and it is named after a spring right in the temple. This is one of the most renowned attractions in Bali and is visited by a large number of locals who perform bathing rituals to purify themselves.

Address : Manukaya village, district of Tampaksiring, Gianyar, central Bali.

Zipcode : 80552

Location : -8.415682000000002, 115.3153701

Entry Fee : Adult IDR 15,000 Child IDR 7500

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Agung Rai Museum of Art

ARMA (Agung Rai Museum of Art) is home to an internationally recognized and appreciated collection of traditional Balinese, modern Indonesian and foreign paintings. The museum itself is a reflection of the soul of its founder, Agung Rai and his deep love for the Balinese culture. This place is a host to a number of other events, like special temporary exhibitions, theatre performances, dance, music and painting classes, cultural workshops, conferences, seminars and training programs.

Address : Jalan Raya Pengosekan Ubud, Gianyar P.O Box 9696, 80571

Zipcode : 80571

Location : -8.522839099999999, 115.26383499999997

Contact : +62 3 61976659

Website : <http://www.armabali.com/museum/>

Entry Fee : Adult IDR 60,000 Child Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. NEKA Art Museum

Named after Suteja Neka, the Neka Art Museum was established in 1982 exhibiting some of the choicest art collections in all of Indonesia. It displays its collections in various buildings designed in the Balinese form of architecture, defining the true culture of Bali.

Address : Jalan Raya Sanggingan Campuhan, Kedewatan, Ubud, Kabupaten Gianyar, Bali 80571, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80571

Location : -8.4891358, 115.24266969999996

Contact : +62 361 975074

Entry Fee : Adult IDR 50000 Child free

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. The Blanco Renaissance Museum

Blanco was the most famous artist to live in Bali, who was known for his expressionist art and illustrated poetry. He built his studio on a hill which was later converted into a museum after his death. Belonging to the classic Balinese style of architecture, this museum houses some of the finest work of Blanco and is a must-visit for the art lovers.

Address : Jl. Raya Penestanan, Sayan, Ubud, Kabupaten Gianyar, Bali 80571, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80571

Location : -8.505592799999999, 115.25425610000002

Contact : +62 361 975502

Website : <http://www.blancomuseum.com/>

Entry Fee : International visitor: IDR 80000 Domestic visitor: IDR 30000

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Raman Ujung Water Palace

Built in 1909, Raman Ujung Water Palace is also known as Ujung Park or Sukasada Park. This magnificent palace in the Karangasem Regency of Bali was built by the King of Karangasem and is now a popular tourist attraction. This place gives an unmatched window into the Balinese architecture and culture.

Address : Ujung Desa Ujung Kec., Jl. Raya Taman, Tumbu, Kec. Karangasem, Kabupaten Karangasem, Bali 80811, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80811

Location : -8.4644751, 115.63105689999998

Contact : +62 822-1419-9222

Entry Fee : Adult IDR 10000 Child IDR 5000

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Monkey Forest

Mandala Suci Wenara Wana or the Sacred Monkey Forest is a sanctuary started and run on the Hindu concept of “Tri Hita Karna” where “Tri” means three, “Hita” means happiness and “Karna” means the cause or manner. It is based on three paramount relationships, which are human - human, human - God, and Human - environment. This temple is also famous for performing traditional ritual activities related to the animal, called Tumpek Kandang.

Address : Jl. Monkey Forest, Ubud, Kabupaten Gianyar, Bali 80571, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80571

Location : -8.512846399999999, 115.26090829999998

Contact : +62 361 971304

Website : <http://www.monkeyforestubud.com>

Entry Fee : Adult: IDR 40000 Child: IDR 30000

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Waterbom Bali

Waterbom Bali is situated in the middle of the famous Kuta stretch, which is known to magnetize a large number of tourists. Covering an area of 3.8 hectares, this theme park has many rides and attractions which promise an overall entertainment.

Address : Jl. Kartika Plaza Tuban Kuta - Bali 80361 Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.7282298, 115.1693914

Contact : +62 361 755 676

Website : <http://waterbom-bali.com/>

Entry Fee : Adult IDR 520000 Child IDR 370000 2Adults+2Children IDR1630000

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.10. Upside Down World Bali

If you are traveling to Bali with children, Upside Down World should definitely be on your itinerary. This intriguing place features a master bedroom, kitchen and dining room, laundry, and the 90-degrees 'Balinese room' with an antique wooden style decor placed in such a way which gives you a feel that you are standing upside down. Visit this place to take amazing gravity defying pictures of you and your family.

Address : Jl. By Pass Ngurah Rai No.762, Pemogan, Denpasar, Bali, 80221, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80221

Location : -8.7167859999999, 115.205371

Contact : +62 361 8473053

Entry Fee : IDR 100,000 for adults IDR 50,000 for kids with a maximum height of 1.2m.

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. 3D Dream Museum Zone Bali (DMZ)

3D art museums are the new fascination for tourists all over the world. The 3D Dream Museum Zone Bali is one such museum which showcases close to 120 three-dimensional art pieces created by renowned artists from Korea. Visit this place with your family and click some amazing pictures with the 3D art exhibits.

Address : Jl. Nakula No.33X, Legian, Kuta, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.699593, 115.1767305

Contact : +62 361 8496220

Website : <http://www.dmzbali.com/eng/index.php>

Entry Fee : Domestic IDR 100.000 Tourist IDR 150.000

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs 22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Nusa Dua Beach

Imagine a clear blue ocean, golden sand, tall palm trees coupled with wild mangroves, fragrant trees and orchids. Giving heaven its own twist, this beach is the perfect place for swimming and snorkeling as the water is absolutely clear and the tide is always low. You can also binge on some delicious food at the local restaurants.

Address : Nusa Dua, Badung, Bali

Zipcode : 80363

Location : -8.802993299999999, 115.23960929999998

Nearest Public Transport : Nusa dua Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Kuta Beach

A little away from the city of Kuta, this beach has a vibe like none of its coastal counterparts. With amazing clubs and restaurants, this beach is always abuzz with locals and tourists. You can also try some thrilling adventure sports like surfing or scuba diving here.

Address : Kuta, Bali

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.7184926, 115.16863220000005

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Sanur beach

Located in the south of Bali, this beach is on the coast of Sanur village. It stretches for miles with golden sand and small corals and has mild waves making it perfect for swimming and surfing. Along with this, the crystalline water makes it easy to witness many underwater creatures.

Address : Jl. Segara Ayu, Sanur, Denpasar Sel., Kota Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80228

Location : -8.7071782, 115.26262359999998

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Balangan Beach

Labeled as one of the top beaches in Bali, Balangan is on the greens of Uluwatu. Hidden away in nature's alcove, this beach is perfect for those who are looking for a romantic getaway. Since tides are high, swimming is not allowed. But it is perfect for peaceful strolls on the beach while the water tickles your feet.

Address : Jl. Pantai Balangan No.54, Jimbaran, Kuta Sel., Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.7920478, 115.12341719999995

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Geger Beach

Skirting the highway leading to Nusa Dua is the Geger Beach, comprising of shimmering ivory sand and dotted with little cafés ideal for lunch or just a drink. The sea over here is much calmer as compared to the other beaches, but may become a bit choppy towards the evening. The local seaweed farmers earn their livelihood here and the view is a pleasure to watch.

Address : Desa Adat Pemingge, Sawangan, Nusa Dua, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.8124373, 115.2303058

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Bias Tugel Beach

Known as Pantai Kecil (little beach) by the locals, this white-sand coastline is one

of Bali's best-kept secrets. Tucked away between the west of the harbor and Padang Bai, reaching the beach is an expedition of sorts. After having completed a trek of about half a kilometer, the beach rewards you with its sparkling sand, clear blue waters and dancing palm trees that are perfect for swimming and sunbathing.

Address : Padangbai, Manggis, Karangasem Regency, Bali 80871, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80871

Location : -8.5361602, 115.50889940000002

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Padang Padang Beach

Located close to the Ululate temple, this little-known paradise needs you to get past a narrow passage and steep steps to reach the beach; but the breathtaking view makes up for all the effort. It is covered with huge rocks and caves and is perfect for swimming. Though its fame from the film - Eat, Pray, Love has populated the beach, it has managed to keep its beauty and charm intact.

Address : Jl. Labuansait No.73, Pecatu, Kuta Sel., Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.8111869, 115.10365179999997

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Lovina Beach

Lovina is a quiet coastal town of Bali, famous for its black-sand beaches and dolphin-watching trips. Spreading over 8 kilometers, this beach was built by Anak Agung Panji Tisna, descendent of the Buleleng dynasty in the 1950s. He wanted to make this region as a tourist hotspot in Bali and thus named it "Lovina". This beach is known for diving, snorkeling and fishing activities.

Address : Jl. Seririt- Singaraja, Kaliasem, Banjar, Kabupaten Buleleng, Bali 81152, Indonesia

Zipcode : 81152

Location : -8.160609, 115.02991509999993

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Nyangnyang Beach Uluwatu Bali

A hidden gem of Bali, this beach calls for effort before it grants you access to its crystal-clear water and white-sand shores. You have to go uphill and downhill a winding road and then pass through a small forest before you can get to this paradise. You will be able to spot local fishermen harvesting seaweed over here. Since this beach is not frequented by a lot of people, it makes for an ideal getaway to rejuvenate your mind and body.

Address : Pecatu, South Kuta, Badung Regency, Bali, Indonesia

Location : -8.8386701, 115.09438210000008

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Dream Beach

Situated on the island of Lembongan which is 7 kilometers away from Bali, this beach is known for its breathtaking views and is generally visited by tourists who want to enjoy the calm and the cozy environment this beach offers, unlike anywhere else in Bali. Dream Beach lives up to its name with a lyrical shoreline of big rocks and sandy bays.

Address : Nusa Lembongan, Jungutbatu, Nusapenida, Kabupaten Klungkung, Bali 80771, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80771

Location : -8.691014500000001, 115.43341199999998

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Beachwalk Mall

One of the best malls in Bali, Beachwalk spreads over 2.5 hectares of land. Its retail options coupled with a concierge service, valet parking and an amphitheater that opens on the beachside make it a brilliant shopping destination.

Address : Jl. Pantai Kuta, Kuta, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.716510999999999, 115.16953899999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Discovery Shopping Mall

An ultimate destination on every shopaholic's map in Bali is the Discovery Shopping Mall. It is home to some of the choicest brands when it comes to luxury products and accessories, along with lavish restaurants.

Address : Jl. Kartika, Kuta, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.7282212, 115.1678339

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Park 23 XXI

Park 23 is yet another gigantic mall in Bali, which houses countless international clothing and accessory brands. But what sets it apart is its cineplex chain, with 4 screens making it the biggest theatre and a massive crowd-puller in all of Bali.

Address : Park23 Entertainment Center, Mall Park 23 Lt. 3, Jl. Kediri Circus Water Park, Kuta, Tuban, Kuta, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.736840299999999, 115.17594610000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Seminyak Beach

Seminyak Beach is a quiet white-sand beach which spreads over 3 kilometers and is speckled with resorts, restaurants, cafés, shopping stalls and spas. This place is a

scenic extravaganza during sunset and a lot of tourist visit this beach to experience the beauty of nature. After sunset, this place transforms into a pulsating accommodating some of the best nightclubs of Bali.

Address : Jl. Kayu Aya, Seminyak Bali 80361 - Indonesia

Zipcode : 80361

Location : -8.6911929999999, 115.157141

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Tegalalang Rice Terrace

Captivating nature-lovers and shutterbugs with its beautiful terraced landscapes and placid atmosphere, the Tegalalang Rice Terrace is renowned as an ideal picnic spot. Marvel at the sight of rice paddies and unwind in the tranquility of nature at this place. Set amidst the scenic valley, the rice terrace is a must-visit destination in Bali.

Address : Jalan Raya Ceking, Tegallalang, Kedisan, Gianyar, Kabupaten Gianyar, Bali 80561, Indonesia

Zipcode : 80561

Location : -8.4341884999999, 115.2788388

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

8. Key sites sports & adventure

Despite the small size of the island, Bali offers a range of adventure sports. From volcano hiking white water rafting to scuba diving and monkey surfing.

- **Scuba Diving -**

Address : JL. Mertanadi | Gang Paloma 10, Seminyak, Bali 80361

Location : -8.681975,115.171272999999

Contact No : +62 877-6010-2000

Website : <http://www.adventure-scuba-diving.com/>

Entry Fees : Entry level: IDR 3412760 Next level: IDR 5893574

Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday 9:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

- **Surfing -**

Address : Jungutbatu, Klungkung Regency, Bali, Indonesia

Location : -8.6756879999999,115.447097999999

Contact No : +62 821-4614-7683

Entry Fees : Ranges from IDR 35,30,894 to IDR 85,18,774

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 8:00hrs to 19:00hrs

Time Required : 3

- **Paintball -**

Address : Jalan Alas Arum No.37, Kutuh, Kuta Selatan, Kutuh, Badung, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Location : -8.8355909999999,115.173857

Contact No : +62-877 6045 4222

Website : <http://www.balipaintballarena.com>

Entry Fees : IDR 4,50,000

Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Fly Boarding -**

Address : Jl. Pratama No. 70, Tanjung Benoa, Benoa, Nusa Dua, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Location : -8.769496,115.223335

Contact No : +62 812-3800-147

Website : <http://baliapollo.com/>

Entry Fees : IDR 7,59,000- IDR 1,380,000

Open / Close Time : Daiy 8:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Bali is famous for its breath taking beaches and ancient temples but it also has a lot to offer for the sports enthusiasts. The most important stadium in Bali is the Kaptan or WayanDipta Stadium in Bali which is situated in Giyanyar, the NugrahRai Stadium is situated in the capital city of Dispenser and is another multipurpose stadium in Bali which is mainly used for football.



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10. Spas and relaxation

The best place in unwind in Bali are the many luxurious spas it has. With special Balinese techniques and fragrant massage oils, these spas complete the Bali experience.

- **AYANA Resort and Spa Bali:**

Address : Jl. Karang Mas Sejahtera, Jimbaran, Kuta Selatan, Jimbaran, Kuta Sel., Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80364, Indonesia

Location : -8.7857721,115.13891220000005

Contact No : +62 (0)361 702 222

Website : <http://www.ayanaresort.com/en/>

- **River View Spa & Lounge:**

Address : Jalan Kresna No.04, Kompleks Pertokoan SRI Kresna 2, Legian, Kuta, Legian, Badung, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Location : -8.69897,115.17257799999993

Contact No : +62 (0)361 977 888

Website : <http://riverviewspabali.com/>

- **Five Elements:**

Address : Jl. Raya Mambal, Banjar Barturning, Desa Mambal, Abiansemal, Mambal, Abiansemal, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80352, Indonesia

Location : -8.542644899999999,115.21664340000007

Website : <http://www.fivelements.org/en/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Ubud food festival

This is a very famous culinary event which showcase Indonesian cuisine.

Bali Art festival

This is a month long event where classical art, dance and music is displayed with various contest and fairs.

Bali Kites festival

Traditional kites are flown to mark start of windy season
Sanur Village festival

Community event to ensure spirit of togetherness and belonging. This event is characterized by various competitions and activities.

Penamphan Gulangan

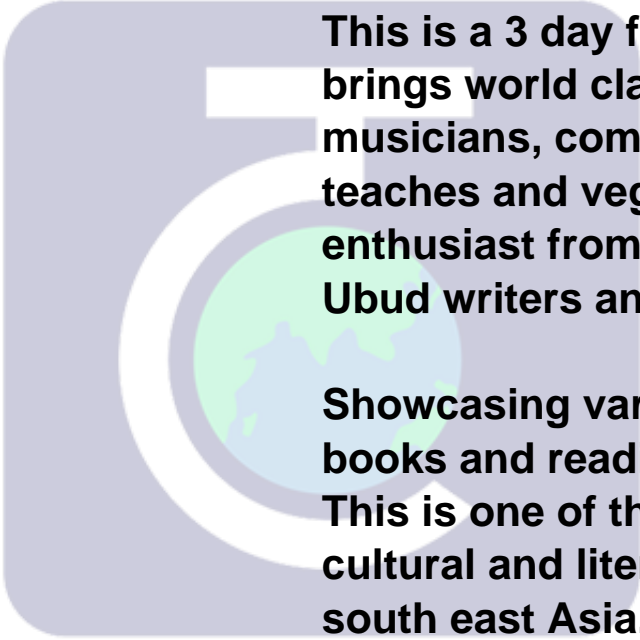
Animals are sacrificed as offerings and colorful preparations are made.

Hari raya Guangan

Celebrating victory of dharma

over adharma. On this day a penjor(a tall bamboo pole decorated coconut leaves, flowers, cakes and fruits) is fitted on the right hand side of the house entrance.

The 2nd Annual Bali Vegan Festival



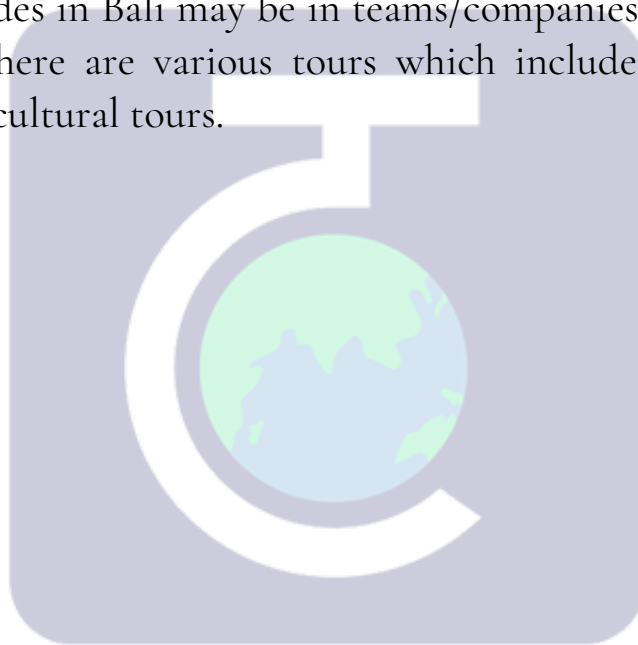
This is a 3 day festival which brings world class vegan chefs, musicians, comedians, yoga teaches and vegan lifestyle enthusiast from all walks of life. Ubud writers and readers festival

Showcasing various genres of books and reading materials. This is one of the most popular cultural and literary event in south east Asia.

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12. Key local guides and tours

Bali as a province has a lot to offer and can be explored without a tourist or guide, though many tend to wander on their own as long as they have a map with them. But, it would certainly be better to have a guide and companion with you as the city is bustling with tourists and residents. Most of the travels here are in temples; to beaches or for sightseeing and tours begin at a reasonable Rp 500,000 per person. Tour guides in Bali may be in teams/companies, but they can also be individual guides. There are various tours which include walking tours, boat tours, historical and cultural tours.



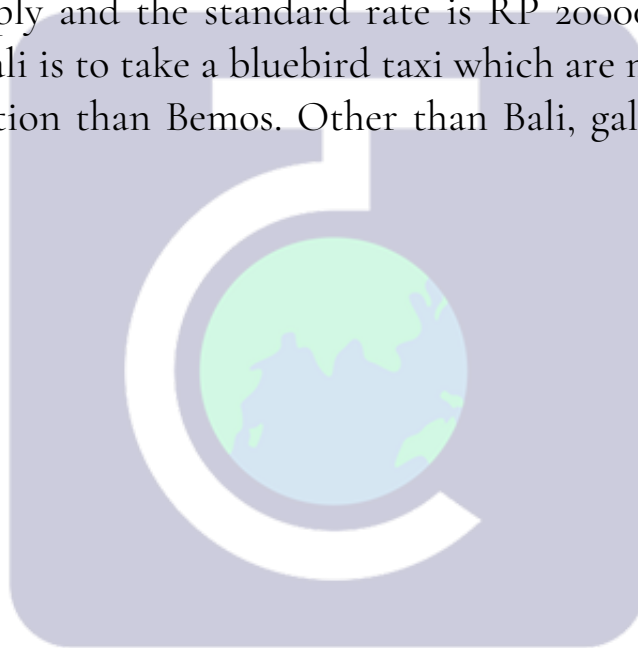
Index**13. Transportation hubs**

Bali can be travelled through various routes, roads and airways. The main airport is the Ngurah Rai International Airport which is fifteen kilometers away and takes around forty five minutes to reach from Denpasar the capital. The major bus station in Bali is Ubung in Denpasar. Most buses to and from Java come here. Other than Java, buses to Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Bandung and Semarang also leave from here.



14. Transportation cost

In Bali, the major form of local transport is the taxi also locally known as Bemos. These are minivans and minibuses which house up to 12 people but in a cramped situation. Memos move on a set route on a quasi set fee. The minimum fare is Rp 5000. Other than Bemos, Ojek are the main form of public transport. Ojeks are basically bike riders who give you a ride. Though formal Ojeks have reduced in numbers many still ply and the standard rate is RP 20000 for five kilometers. Another option in Bali is to take a bluebird taxi which are more easily found and have a better reputation than Bemos. Other than Bali, galore taxi's can also be used.



15. Baggage allowance

There are usually no additional fees charged for visitors bringing extra bags when traveling around Bali. For convenience and comfort while travelling, take a taxi if you have a lot of luggage with you. The taxi driver would not charge any additional fees for the bags that you're carrying, giving all the more reason to just get a taxi. Since travelling in Bali is mostly in taxis, there is no problem with extra luggage.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Arwana Restaurant:**

Address : The Laguna Bali, Kawasan Pariwisata Nusa Dua Lot N2, Nusa Dua, Benoa, Kuta Sel., Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Location : -8.796557,115.232445999999

Contact No : +62 (0)361 771 327

Website : <http://www.arwanarestaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 11:45hrs to 14:15hrs; 18:30hrs to 22:00hrs

- **Crystal Blue Ocean Grill:**

Address : Jl. Pura Barong - Barong Sawangan, Nusa Dua, Benoa, Kuta Sel., Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80363, Indonesia

Location : -8.834126999999,115.211982000000

Contact No : +62 (0)361 846 863 3

Website : <http://www.samabe.com/en/restaurant/crystal-blue-ocean-grill.php>

Open / Close Time : Daily - 11:00hrs -23:00hrs

- **Merah Putih Restaurant:**

Address : Jl. Petitenget No.100, Kerobokan Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Location : -8.6769269999999,115.154491000000

Contact No : +62 361 8465950

Website : <https://www.merahputihbali.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs -18:00hrs

- **Kori Restaurant & Bar:**

Address : JalanLegian, Poppies Lane II, Legian

Location : -8.7172764000000,115.1726711

Contact No : +62 (0)361 758 605

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/kori.kutabali>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs -00:00hrs

- **Mozaic:**

Address : Jl. Raya Sanggingan, Ubud, Gianyar – Bali 80571 Indonesia

Location : -8.4948500000000,115.253345999999

Contact No : +62 361 975768

Website : <http://www.mozaic-bali.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Sky Garden Bali:**

Address : 61 Legian Entertainment Complex, JalanLegian 61, Legian

Location : -8.7177050000000,115.174602899999

Contact No : +62 361 755423

Website : <http://www.skygardenbali.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs - 05:00hrs

- **Bounty Discotheque:**

Address : Jl. Legian, Kuta, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Location : -8.71841,115.174821000000

Contact No : +62 (0)361 752 529

Website : <http://www.bountydiscotheque.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 20:00hrs - 04:00hrs

- **Jenja:**

Address : Townsquare Suites, Jl. Nakula Barat No. 18, Banjar Legian Kaja, Kuta, Seminyak, Kuta, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Location : -8.697287,115.171071999999

Contact No : +62 (0)361 882 771

Website : <http://www.clubjenja.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday: 18:00hrs - 11:00hrs

- **Mint Bali:**

Address : Jalan Petitenget No.919, Kuta Utara, Kerobokan Kelod, Kuta Utara, Kabupaten Badung, Bali 80361, Indonesia

Location : -8.6780183,115.153584200000

Contact No : +62(0)361 4732 884

Website : <http://www.mintbali.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday - Saturday 23:00hrs - 04:00hrs, Sunday 22:00hrs - 04:00hrs

Index**17. Average meal cost**

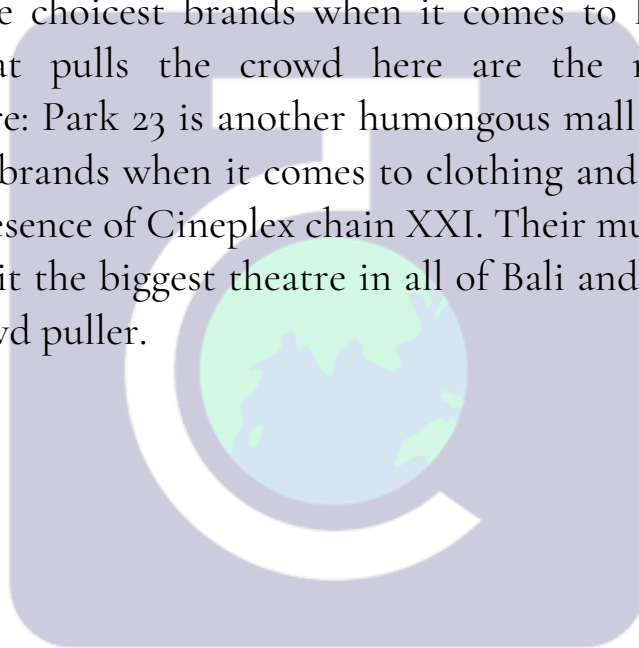
Travelling on a budget in Bali can still get you some pretty awesome food for throw away prices. Meals in Bali start at as low as Rp 20000 and a mid ranged meal costs around Rp 40,000. A 0.33 liter bottle of beer costs something between Rp 25,000 to Rp 50,000 and bottle of 0.33 soft drink costs approximately Rp 7000 and a bottle of water costs something between Rp 3000 toRp 5000.



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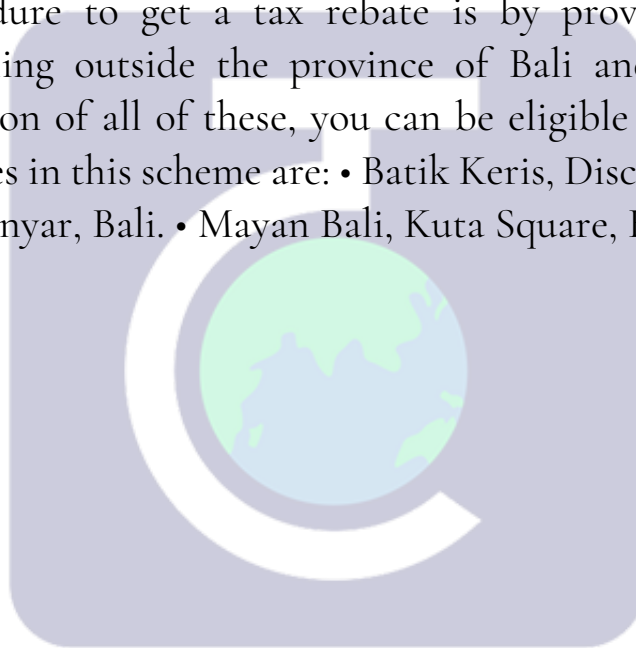
18. Shopping

Bali has a lot of shopping malls and gallerias which you can go to. One of the best malls in Bali is the KutaBeachwalk : Spreading over 2.5 hectares of land this mall is the ultimate shopping destination. It has a concierge service, a valet parking, and an amphitheatre that opens on the beach side. Discovery Shopping Mall : Another ultimate destination on the shopaholic's map in Bali is Discovery. It is home to some of the choicest brands when it comes to luxury bags or men's accessories but what pulls the crowd here are the restaurants. Park 23 Entertainment Centre: Park 23 is another humongous mall in Bali which houses all the international brands when it comes to clothing and accessories but what sets it apart is the presence of Cineplex chain XXI. Their multiplex in Park 23 has four screens making it the biggest theatre in all of Bali and thus entitles it to its status of being a crowd puller.



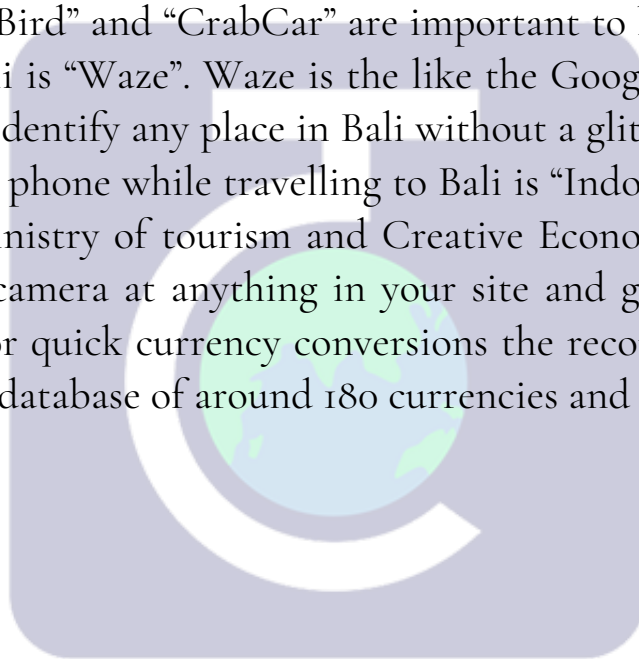
19. Tourist benefits

The taxes in Bali are applicable at the same rate as for the locals. This means that the tourists have to pay service charges and Value Added Tax (VAT). The government has launched a scheme where tourists can get a refund on VAT levied while shopping. To avail this benefit, tourists need to shop at one of the participating merchant's store and make purchases for a minimum amount of Rp 500,000. The procedure to get a tax rebate is by providing your passport, boarding pass traveling outside the province of Bali and tax invoice of the purchase. On provision of all of these, you can be eligible for a tax rebate. The participant companies in this scheme are: • Batik Keris, Discovery Mall, Bali. • UC Silver, Batuban, Giyanyar, Bali. • Mayan Bali, Kuta Square, Block A, Number 12 – Bali



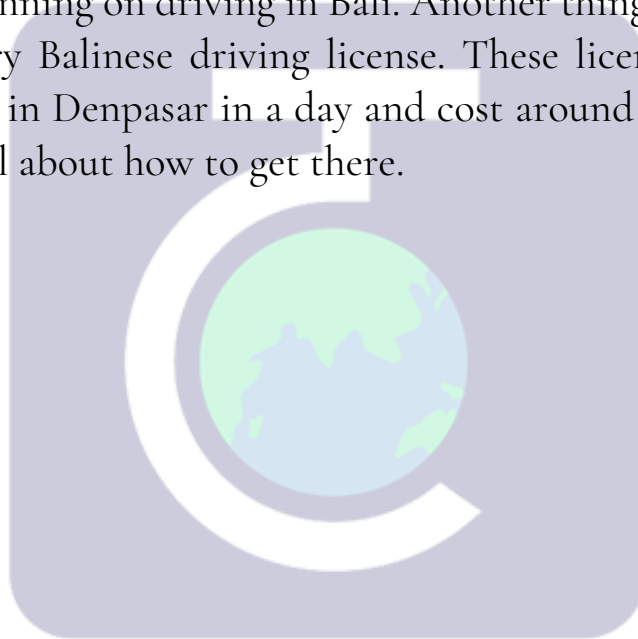
20. Essential local apps

Although Bali is not a tech savvy place, it has some of its own apps which every traveler shall keep on their phones while in Bali. Many of these apps are for travelling as the public transport network in Bali is really weak. One of these apps is “Gojek”: Gojek is to Ojeks (the little motorbike taxis) what Uber is to taxis which makes it an essential in Bali. Other than Ojek, online cab booking apps such as “Uber”, “BlueBird” and “CrabCar” are important to have in Bali. Another must have app in Bali is “Waze”. Waze is the like the Google maps of Bali just a little better and can identify any place in Bali without a glitch. One app that one must carry in his/her phone while travelling to Bali is “Indonesia in Your hands”. Developed by the ministry of tourism and Creative Economy, this futurist app lets you point your camera at anything in your site and gives you information about that object. For quick currency conversions the recommended app is “XE Currency” as it has a database of around 180 currencies and gives live updates.



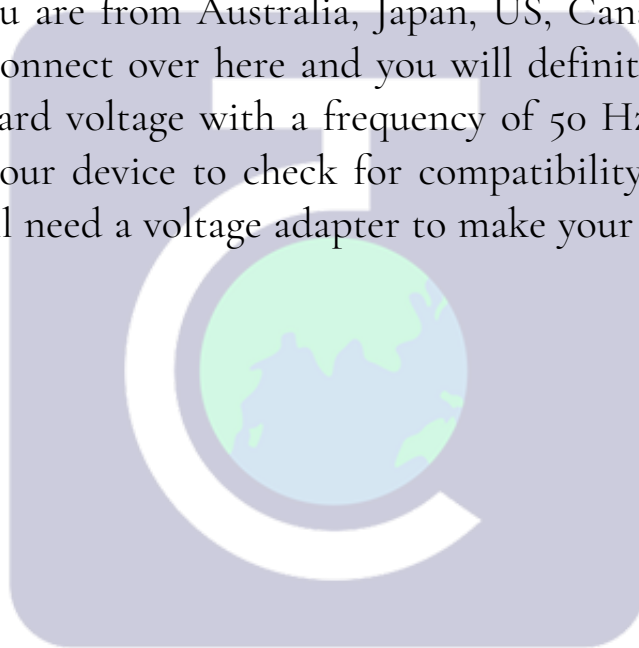
21. Driving

Indonesia does not allow a tourist to drive on their domestic driving license which means your domestic license just won't do but rather you will have to obtain an international driving license before arriving at Bali to be able to drive around over here. But the international driving license alone isn't accepted many times and it is advisable to carry both domestic as well as international driving licenses if you are planning on driving in Bali. Another thing that a tourist can do is obtain a temporary Balinese driving license. These licenses can be obtained from a police station in Denpasar in a day and cost around Rp 400,000. You can check with your hotel about how to get there.



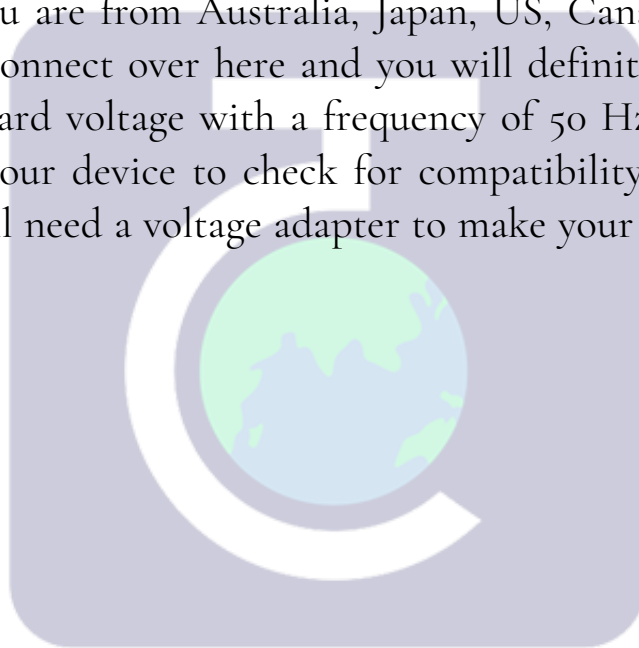
22. Travel essentials

Always make a checklist of your travel necessities before you travel to avoid any late panicking. When you're in Bali, you should book the hotels you're staying in and all your local tickets at least a month prior to travelling. And of course, always carry around your passport, visa, license, and handy wallet with you. For all the gadgets, you need to have a round two pin charger for it to connect to the sockets in Bali. If you are from Australia, Japan, US, Canada, Malaysia or Bali your charger won't connect over here and you will definitely need a connector pin. Bali has a standard voltage with a frequency of 50 Hz and 230 V. You can check the label on your device to check for compatibility and if the device is incompatible you will need a voltage adapter to make your device compatible to charge in Bali.



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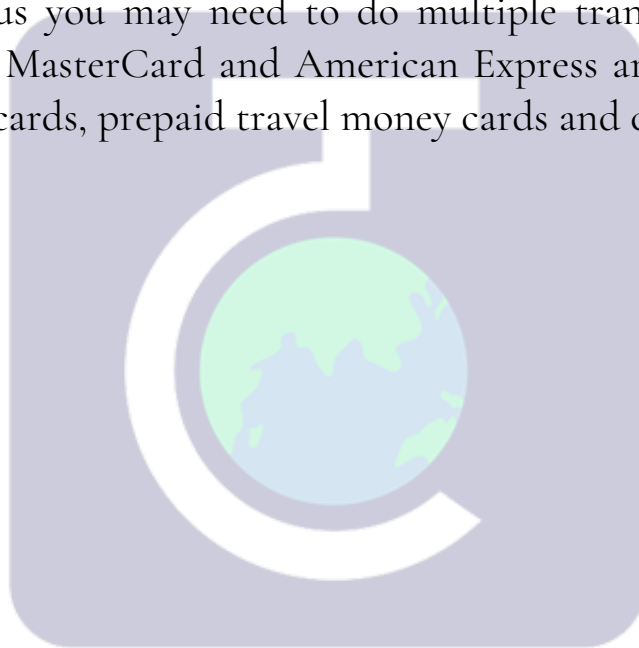
24. Local currency

The local currency of Bali is Indonesian Rupiah which is written as IDR or Rp. 1 IDR or Rp = 0.000076 USD.



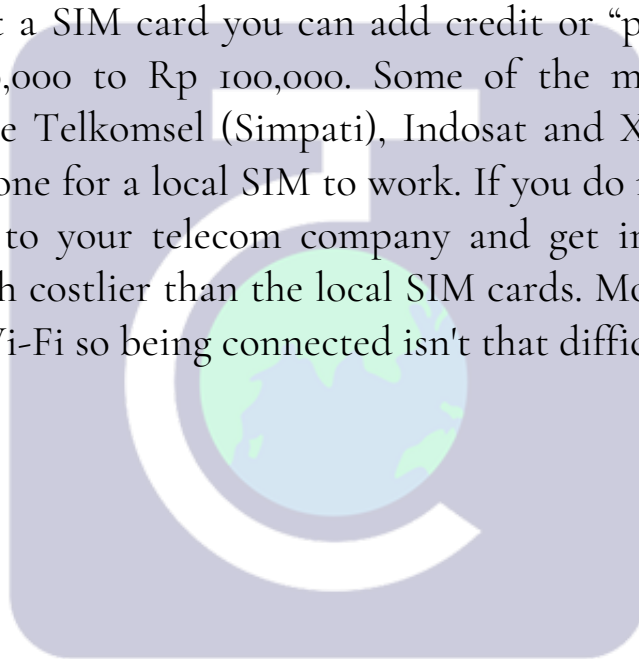
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

It would be efficient for tourists and visitors to withdraw the necessary amount of money before travelling as the rates in different banks (especially foreign ones) aren't the same. Traveler's checks can be very useful, so try to get one from HSBC or American Express. The rates for ATM withdrawals vary from bank to bank. One problem in Bali is that withdrawal limit per transaction is mostly pegged at Rp 2500,000 and thus you may need to do multiple transactions. Major card brands such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted in Bali, as well as debit cards, prepaid travel money cards and credit cards.



26. Staying connected

International roaming is another burden added to travelers going abroad; therefore, using prepaid SIM card offered in Bali is beneficial. It will allow you to send and receive texts, make calls and use mobile data to connect to the internet with their card plans. The recommended thing to do while in Bali is to get a local prepaid SIM card. It does not require any documents and costs as less as Rp 10,000. Once you get a SIM card you can add credit or “pulsar” as to your card ranging from Rp 10,000 to Rp 100,000. Some of the most popular telecom companies in Bali are Telkomsel (Simpati), Indosat and XL. Note: You should have an unlocked phone for a local SIM to work. If you do not have an unlocked phone you can talk to your telecom company and get international roaming which would be much costlier than the local SIM cards. Most of the good hotels and places provide Wi-Fi so being connected isn't that difficult after all.



27. Time Zone

The province of Bali follows Indonesian Time Zone with UTC + 08:00.



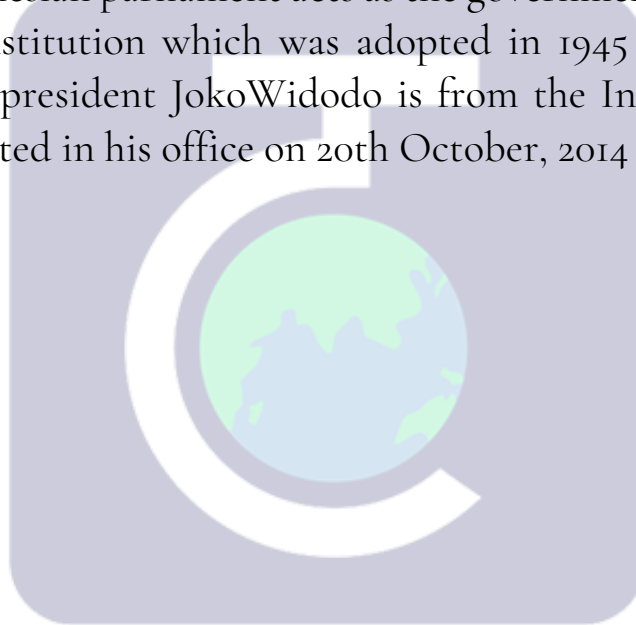
28. Languages

English, Balinese and Indonesian are the most commonly spoken languages in Bali.



29. Political Scenario

Bali is an island province in Indonesia. Indonesia is a constitutional republic and has democratic government. This means that Indonesia has a solid constitution and the head of the state is elected by the people themselves. It follows the presidential system of government where the president is the head of the state. Indonesia is a unitary state which implies that the centre has all the legislative powers and the Indonesian parliament acts as the government's legislative branch. The Indonesian Constitution which was adopted in 1945 grants a multi party system. The current president JokoWidodo is from the Indonesian Democratic Party and was instituted in his office on 20th October, 2014 and has a term of five years.



30. Economic Scenario

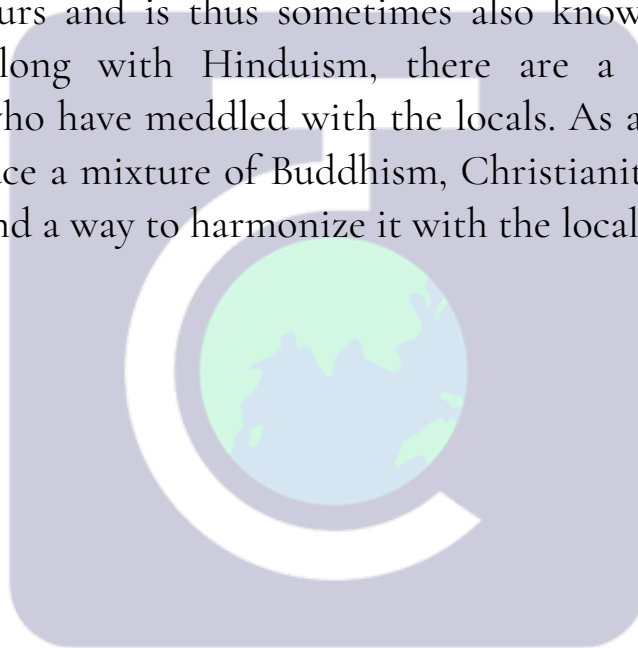
Bali or rather Indonesia as a whole is an economically backward country. Bali's economy is based on two basic sectors: Agriculture and Tourism. Though Tourism contributes most to the GDP, agriculture is the biggest employer in Bali. The most notable crop is the Rice cultivation, but other than that Coffee Arabia is also a major contributor to the agricultural sector. In the tourism sector, Kuta, Seminyak, Sanud, Ubud, Jimbaran, Nusa Dua and Pecatu are the most visited regions on the island. The industry took a hit after 2002 and 2005 bombings but is growing again and as many as 2.5 million travelers visited Bali in 2013. The high exchange rate (1USD= 13,120 IDR) is also a reason for the growing number of tourists in Bali. Another industry that has started to flourish and contribute to the Balinese economy is the real estate sector especially after the lifting of warnings by US and Australia as the tourism industry is seeing a boom.



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31. Religious belief

Unlike Indonesia which is a Muslim dominated country, Bali is dominated by a Balinese form of Hinduism. Islam (13.3 %), Christianity (1.7%) and Buddhism (0.5%) form the minority in Bali. Hinduism in Bali is based on Gods and Demigods and has roots in Hinduism from India and Buddhism. Though caste is observed in Bali, it isn't as stringently followed as it is in India. Bali has over 20,000 temples or purs and is thus sometimes also known as the Island of a Thousand Puras. Along with Hinduism, there are a number of Chinese immigrants in Bali who have meddled with the locals. As a result, there is these Sino- Balinese embrace a mixture of Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism and Taoism but have found a way to harmonize it with the local traditions.



32. Visa requirements

Traveling to Indonesia requires a person to have a visa before entry. For foreigners, a myriad of things are mandatory before they are granted with access. The very first requirement passport is a travelling document that is valid with up to six months validity. For tourists, a return ticket has to be provided and any documents necessary for the next destination availed. For the immigration office in Bali, a visitor has to provide evidence of funds that will maintain their stay. Citizens from most of the countries do not need a visa for and are allowed free entry for the first thirty days, but if you are planning on staying in Indonesia for more than 30 days you need to get a visa before hand or you can get a visa on arrival by paying a fee of \$35 USD.



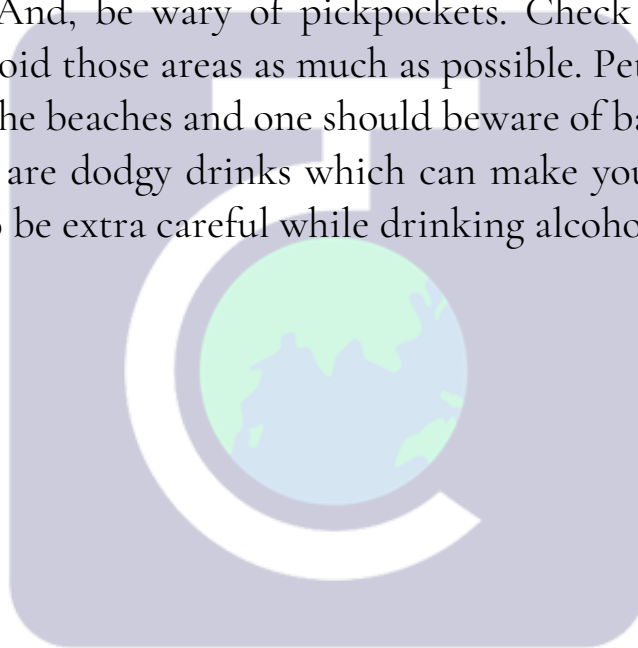
33. Essential vaccination

The health status of visitors has to be ascertained and as a result keen attention is accorded to the yellow fever vaccination. It is advisable to vaccinate yourself from Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis and Yellow Fever before arriving in Bali.



34. Theft and Safety

Bali is abundant in tourist attractions and hotspots, entailing an eager and bustling crowd each day. Crowds are usually at their maximum on weekends or holidays, especially in summer, so try to book your beach trips or other adventures for weekdays. Although Bali has a safe, clean and friendly environment, opt for the safe side and don't wander alone at night without a companion or two. And, be wary of pickpockets. Check for red flags on the beaches and try to avoid those areas as much as possible. Petty theft is on the rise in Bali especially on the beaches and one should beware of bag snatchers. Another safety hazard in Bali are dodgy drinks which can make you blind or even cause death so one needs to be extra careful while drinking alcohol.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

The province of Bali has a number of foreign embassies which makes it easier for the tourists to contact their homes in a situation of crisis. Most of these consulates are located either in Denpasar or Kuta both of which are close to the international airport. You can find the address of your embassy at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/indonesia>



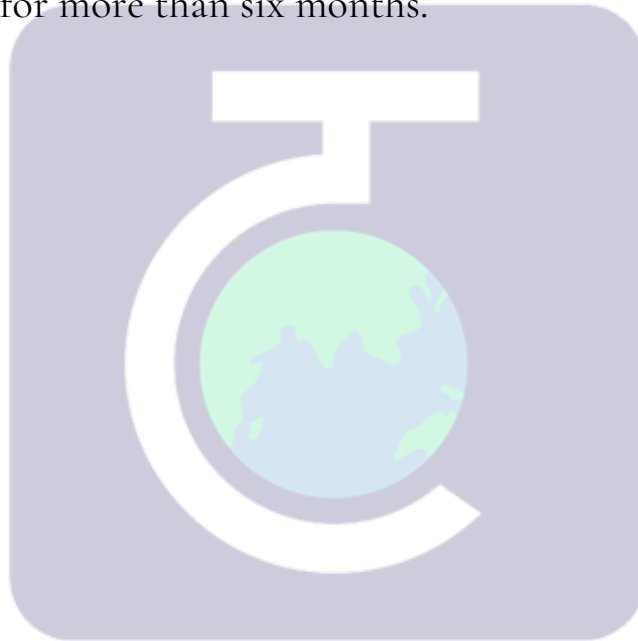
36. Accessibility

Bali is a world class holiday destination in every way. Not a single public utility building is inaccessible by people with physical challenges. People using wheelchairs have access to all the areas housing public facilities such as hospitals, hotels and museums. Along with that there are special tours and tour operators for disabled people who help them have the same kind of experience as any other tourist.



Index**37. Emergencies**

The main hospital in Bali is the Sanglah Public Hospital . This hospital has all the essential facilities and is very well equipped. Other than this there are two more hospitals called International SOS Clinic and BIMC Hospital both of which are posh English speaking hospitals. You will need a medical insurance that is accepted on an international level in Bali. Insurance in Bali covers citizens of Bali and foreigners living for more than six months.



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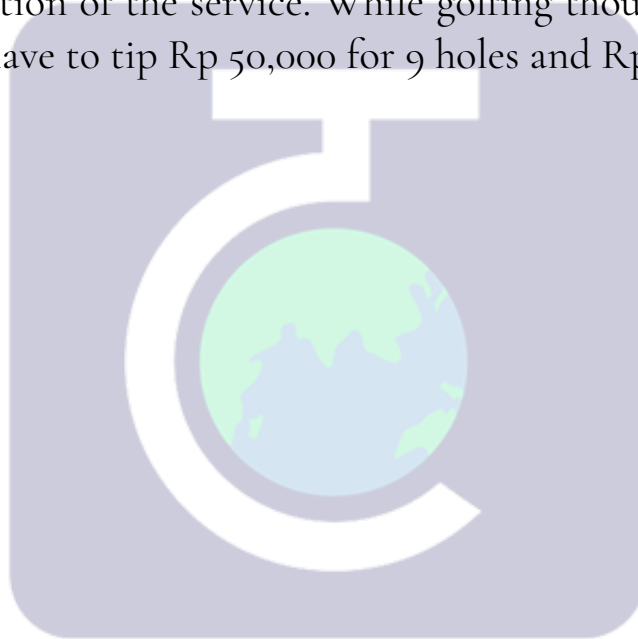
38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • It is important to always carry bottled water as the weather is very humid and can cause dehydration if you do not drink adequate water. • Haggle while shopping in the night markets or while dealing with taxi drivers, but remember to keep smiling and add a little bit of humor. • Always remember to wear a helmet, while riding a two wheeler, ensuring your safety and saving you time by avoiding the unnecessary stopping by the police. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Wear a sarong; a long clothing while entering a Balinese temple, as the local people are very sentimental about their temples and traditions. • Use both your hands while giving as well as receiving as it is considered to be a compliment.

Don'ts: • Do not drink the tap water, it may taste good but will definitely give you stomach problems. • It is advisable to not carry unsealed/unbranded food products as the same may be banned for import. • Touching a person's head is to be avoided at all costs, since the head is considered to be sacred. • Do not enter a temple if you are menstruating. • Do not empty your plate; leave a morsel of food as an offering to the Gods and to let your host know you've eaten enough. • Do not consume drugs while in Indonesia, the laws here are very stringent. • Do not hand over anything with your left hand as it is considered impolite. • Do not repeatedly blow horns; impatience, while stuck in traffic, is frowned upon in Bali.

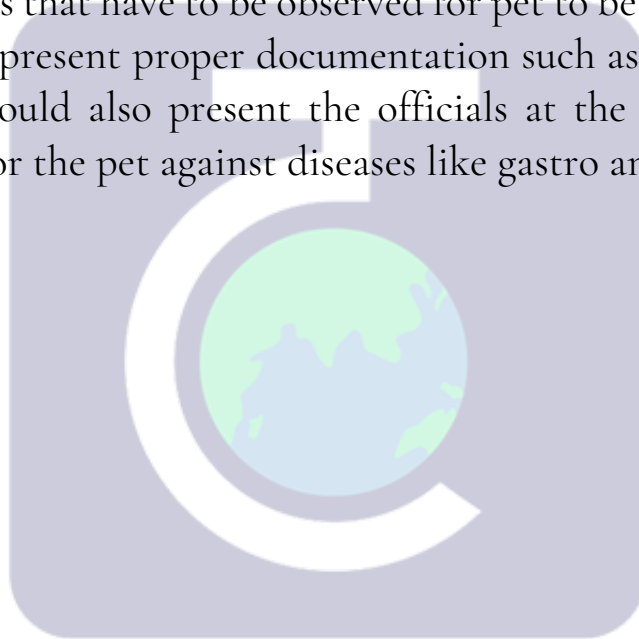
39.Tipping basics

People in Bali are open to various gestures of gratuity and appreciation. Tipping, therefore, may be conducted by tourists based on the evaluation of the quality of service that they have received. The Balinese accept tipping in whatever form it comes. There is a no-tipping policy in Bali in restaurants and to taxi drivers. However, you can tip anywhere between Rp 5000 to 10% charge on the service based on your evaluation of the service. While golfing though, there is a set rule which says that you have to tip Rp 50,000 for 9 holes and Rp 100,000 for 18 holes.



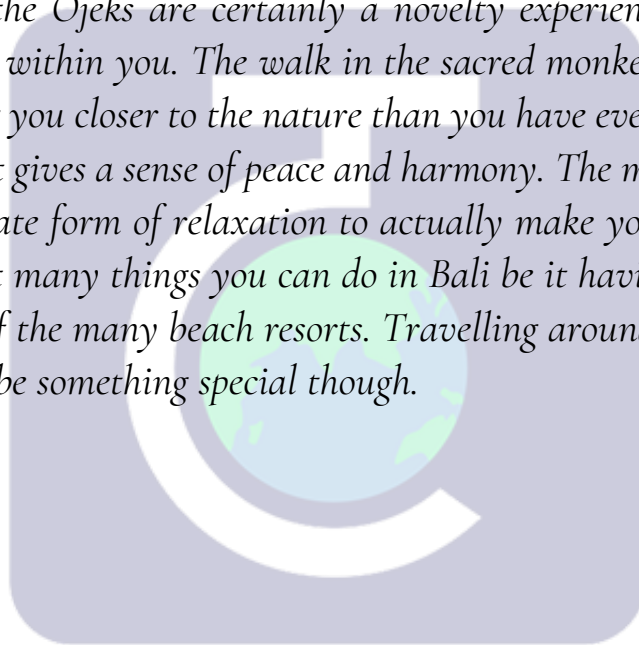
Index**40.Pet info**

Bali does not have a policy against the ownership or traveling of pets into the island but you need to get a special permit to bring a pet. To obtain this permit you need to submit a copy of your passport, a health certificate from a veterinarian and the pet's vaccination book. The certificate cannot be older than 5days before departure from the home country. Instead, it has developed a number of regulations that have to be observed for pet to be allowed into the city. The pet owner must present proper documentation such as a training certificate for the pet. They should also present the officials at the check point with an inoculation history for the pet against diseases like gastro and rabies.



Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Why choose Bali ? Bali is home to a lot of tourist attractions that are sure to awaken the adventurous side of you. Be it river rafting or canoeing a waterfall, Bali is sure to give you an adrenaline rush. But along with the adrenaline, Bali also offers some the best views any place can offer on the face of the Earth. Be it the serenity of Panah Lot temple or the seclusion of the Bias Tugel beach, Bali has something for everyone. Though only a medium of transport, the Ojeks are certainly a novelty experience and also manage to awaken the inner child within you. The walk in the sacred monkey forest or the elephant safari at Gianyar bring you closer to the nature than you have ever been before and strike a chord within you that gives a sense of peace and harmony. The many spa's in Bali which provide the most ultimate form of relaxation to actually make you feel relieved and at a holiday. There are a lot many things you can do in Bali be it having a walk in the paddy fields or party on one of the many beach resorts. Travelling around on and getting lost on an Ojek would always be something special though.



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