

BALI ITINERARY: APRIL 3-12, 2025

OVERVIEW

This 10-day itinerary covers three main areas of Bali:

- **Ubud** (April 3-6): Cultural heart of Bali
- **Seminyak** (April 6-9): Trendy beach area with shopping and dining
- **Nusa Dua** (April 9-12): Upscale beach resort area

ACCOMMODATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UBUD (APRIL 3-6)

Mid-Range Options with Pool/Swim-up Bar (AUD \$150-225/night)

1. Komaneka at Bisma

- Beautiful infinity pool overlooking the jungle
- Spacious rooms with balconies
- Excellent service and on-site restaurant
- ~AUD \$225/night

2. Padma Resort Ubud

- Stunning 89-meter infinity pool with swim-up bar
- Valley views and lush gardens
- Luxury amenities at mid-range price point
- ~AUD \$210-225/night

3. The Udaya Resort & Spa

- Beautiful pool with swim-up bar
- Excellent spa facilities
- Traditional Balinese design with modern amenities
- ~AUD \$180-210/night

4. Aksari Resort Ubud

- Infinity pool with jungle views
- Swim-up pool bar
- Modern rooms with traditional touches
- ~AUD \$165-195/night

5. Tejaprana Resort & Spa

- Infinity pool with valley views
- Private villas with excellent amenities
- Peaceful location slightly outside central Ubud
- ~AUD \$210-225/night

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1: APRIL 3 (THURSDAY) - ARRIVAL IN UBUD

- **Morning/Afternoon:** Arrive in Bali, transfer to Ubud accommodation (approximately 1-1.5 hours from Ngurah Rai International Airport)
- **Evening:**
 - Check-in and relax at your resort
 - Dinner at Locavore (reserve in advance) or casual dinner at Warung Biah Biah for authentic Balinese food

DAY 2: APRIL 4 (FRIDAY) - UBUD CULTURAL IMMERSION

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your resort
- **Midday/Afternoon:**
 - Lunch at Cafe Lotus overlooking the water temple (12:00-1:30 PM)
 - Visit Ubud Palace (Puri Saren) (2:00-3:00 PM)
 - Browse Ubud Art Market for souvenirs and crafts (3:00-4:30 PM)
 - Traditional Balinese massage at Karsa Spa (book in advance) (5:00-6:30 PM)
- **Evening:**
 - Dinner at Hujan Locale
 - Attend a traditional Balinese dance performance at Ubud Palace (usually starts at 7:30 PM)

Top 3 Tourist Attractions in Ubud Cultural Zone:

1. **Ubud Palace (Puri Saren)** - Historical royal residence with beautiful Balinese architecture
2. **Ubud Art Market (Pasar Seni Ubud)** - Vibrant market selling handcrafted items, textiles, and souvenirs
3. **Saraswati Temple** - Beautiful water temple with lotus pond, near Cafe Lotus

DAY 3: APRIL 5 (SATURDAY) - UBUD NATURE AND ADVENTURE

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your resort
- **Midday/Afternoon:**
 - Lunch at Pomegranate Cafe overlooking the rice fields (12:00-1:30 PM)
 - Visit Tegalalang Rice Terraces (2:00-3:30 PM)
 - Visit Tirta Empul Temple (holy water temple) (4:00-5:30 PM) - bring sarong and change of clothes if you want to participate in the purification ritual
- **Evening:**
 - Dinner at Bridges Bali or Kepitu at The Kayon Resort
 - Relax at your resort's pool or spa

Top 3 Nature Attractions near Ubud:

1. **Tegalalang Rice Terraces** - Stunning terraced rice fields with swings and photo opportunities
2. **Tirta Empul Temple** - Sacred water temple with purification pools and traditional architecture
3. **Campuhan Ridge Walk** - Easy walking trail with beautiful valley views (best visited in late afternoon)

DAY 4: APRIL 6 (SUNDAY) - UBUD TO SEMINYAK

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your resort
- **Midday:**
 - Last-minute shopping in Ubud center (12:00-1:30 PM)
 - Lunch at Clear Cafe or Tukies Coconut Shop (1:30-2:30 PM)
- **Afternoon:**
 - Check out and transfer to Seminyak (approximately 1-1.5 hours)
 - Check in to your pre-booked Seminyak accommodation
- **Evening:**
 - Sunset drinks at Ku De Ta or La Plancha beach bar
 - Dinner at Merah Putih or Bambu Restaurant

Top 3 Attractions on the Ubud-Seminyak Route:

1. **Tegenungan Waterfall** - Accessible waterfall with swimming area
2. **Goa Gajah (Elephant Cave)** - Ancient cave temple with historical significance
3. **Bali Pulina Coffee Plantation** - Coffee tasting and scenic views

DAY 5: APRIL 7 (MONDAY) - SEMINYAK BEACH AND SHOPPING

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel
- **Midday/Afternoon:**
 - Lunch at La Lucciola or Sea Circus (12:00-1:30 PM)
 - Beach time at Seminyak Beach (1:30-3:30 PM)
 - Shopping along Jalan Kayu Aya (Eat Street) and Jalan Seminyak (3:30-5:30 PM)
- **Evening:**
 - Sunset at Double Six Beach (6:00 PM)
 - Dinner at Sarong or Mama San
 - Drinks at Potato Head Beach Club or Old Man's

Top 3 Attractions in Seminyak:

1. **Seminyak Beach** - Wide sandy beach with beach clubs and sunset views
2. **Jalan Kayu Aya (Eat Street)** - Upscale shopping street with boutiques and restaurants
3. **Petitenget Temple** - Beachside temple with traditional ceremonies

DAY 6: APRIL 8 (TUESDAY) - CANGGU DAY TRIP

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel
- **Midday/Afternoon:**
 - Depart for Canggu (12:00 PM)
 - Lunch at The Lawn Canggu or La Brisa (12:30-2:00 PM)
 - Visit Tanah Lot Temple (2:30-4:00 PM)
 - Explore Canggu's beaches (Echo Beach, Berawa Beach) (4:30-6:00 PM)
- **Evening:**

- Return to Seminyak
- Dinner at Barbacoa or Settimo Cielo
- Optional: Check out Seminyak's nightlife at Motel Mexicola or La Favela

Top 3 Attractions in Canggu Area:

1. **Tanah Lot Temple** - Iconic sea temple built on a rock formation
2. **Echo Beach** - Popular surfing beach with beach clubs and restaurants
3. **Batu Bolong Beach** - Relaxed beach area with cafes and sunset views

DAY 7: APRIL 9 (WEDNESDAY) - SEMINYAK TO NUSA DUA

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel
- **Midday:**
 - Last-minute shopping or beach time in Seminyak (12:00-1:00 PM)
 - Lunch at Sisterfields or Revolver Espresso (1:00-2:30 PM)
- **Afternoon:**
 - Check out and transfer to Nusa Dua (approximately 30-45 minutes)
 - Check in to your pre-booked Nusa Dua accommodation
- **Evening:**
 - Relax at your resort
 - Dinner at your resort or nearby restaurant

Top 3 Attractions on Seminyak-Nusa Dua Route:

1. **Garuda Wisnu Kencana Cultural Park** - Massive cultural park with the iconic Garuda Wisnu statue
2. **Dreamland Beach** - Beautiful white sand beach with dramatic cliffs
3. **Jimbaran Bay** - Famous for seafood restaurants and sunset views

DAY 8: APRIL 10 (THURSDAY) - NUSA DUA RELAXATION

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your resort
- **Midday/Afternoon:**
 - Lunch at Nusa Dua Beach Grill or your resort restaurant (12:00-1:30 PM)
 - Beach time at Nusa Dua Beach (1:30-3:30 PM)
 - Water sports: parasailing, jet ski, or banana boat (3:30-5:00 PM)
 - Spa treatment at your resort (5:00-6:30 PM)
- **Evening:**
 - Dinner at Bumbu Bali for authentic Balinese cuisine
 - Evening walk along the beachfront promenade

Top 3 Attractions in Nusa Dua:

1. **Nusa Dua Beach** - Pristine white sand beach with clear waters
2. **Water Blow** - Natural rock formation creating dramatic water sprays
3. **Bali Collection** - Upscale shopping and dining complex

DAY 9: APRIL 11 (FRIDAY) - ULUWATU EXCURSION

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your resort
- **Midday:**
 - Visit Water Blow in Nusa Dua (12:00-1:00 PM)
 - Lunch at your resort or Bali Collection (1:00-2:30 PM)
 - Shopping at Bali Collection (2:30-4:00 PM)
- **Late Afternoon/Evening:**
 - Trip to Uluwatu Temple (depart around 4:30 PM, about 30 minutes from Nusa Dua)
 - Watch the spectacular Kecak Fire Dance at Uluwatu at sunset (starts around 6 PM)
 - Seafood dinner at Jimbaran Bay on the way back (try Menega Cafe or Lia Cafe)
 - Return to Nusa Dua

Top 3 Attractions in Uluwatu Area:

1. **Uluwatu Temple** - Clifftop temple with stunning ocean views
2. **Kecak Fire Dance** - Traditional Balinese performance telling the Ramayana story
3. **Padang Padang Beach** - Beautiful small beach with unique rock formations

DAY 10: APRIL 12 (SATURDAY) - DEPARTURE

- **Morning:**
 - Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your resort
- **Midday/Afternoon:**
 - Last-minute relaxation at the beach or pool (until check-out time)
 - Lunch at your resort
 - Check out
 - Depending on your flight time, possible visit to Garuda Wisnu Kencana Cultural Park
 - Transfer to Ngurah Rai International Airport (approximately 20-30 minutes from Nusa Dua)

Top 3 Last-Day Activities (Depending on Flight Time):

1. **Garuda Wisnu Kencana Cultural Park** - Impressive cultural park with giant statue
2. **Tanjung Benoa Beach** - Final beach relaxation and water sports
3. **Krisna Oleh-Oleh** - Last-minute souvenir shopping

TRANSPORTATION TIPS

1. **Airport Transfers:** Arrange with your hotel or book a private driver in advance.
2. **Getting Around:**
 - **Private Driver:** Most convenient option, approximately AUD \$60-75 for a full day (8-10 hours)
 - **Scooter Rental:** Around AUD \$8-11 per day (international driver's license required)
 - **Ride-Hailing Apps:** Grab and Gojek work well in most tourist areas
 - **Taxis:** Blue Bird Group is the most reliable metered taxi company
3. **Between Areas:** For transfers between Ubud, Seminyak, and Nusa Dua, a private driver is recommended due to luggage.

MUST-TRY BALINESE DISHES

1. **Babi Guling** (suckling pig)
2. **Bebek Betutu** (slow-cooked duck)
3. **Nasi Campur** (mixed rice dish)
4. **Lawar** (mixed vegetables with minced meat)
5. **Sate Lilit** (Balinese satay)
6. **Pepes Ikan** (fish in banana leaf)
7. **Jimbaran-style grilled seafood**

PRACTICAL TIPS

1. **Weather:** April is generally good weather in Bali, with occasional rain showers. Temperatures around 27-30°C (80-86°F).
2. **Currency:** Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). ATMs widely available in tourist areas.
3. **Dress Code:**
 - Casual beachwear is fine in tourist areas
 - Bring sarongs for temple visits (sometimes provided at entrance)
 - Cover shoulders and knees when visiting temples
4. **Health & Safety:**
 - Drink bottled water only
 - Use mosquito repellent, especially in the evenings
 - Apply sunscreen regularly
5. **Cultural Respect:**
 - Remove shoes when entering temples or homes
 - Don't touch people's heads (considered sacred)
 - Use right hand for giving/receiving items
6. **Bargaining:** Expected at markets, but not in established shops or restaurants
7. **Tipping:** Not mandatory but appreciated for good service (10% is generous)

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- **Tourist Police:** 0361 754 599
- **Bali International Medical Centre (BIMC) Kuta:** 0361 761 263
- **BIMC Nusa Dua:** 0361 3000 911
- **International SOS:** 0361 710 505
- **Tourist Information Center:** 0361 251 419

Enjoy your Bali adventure!