

# **Program Overview**

#### **Duration 10 Days**

**Highlights:** Indulge in a touch of adventure, culture and luxury as you celebrate your marriage on our Honeymoon in Bali tour. With secluded resorts, golden beaches and lush, rolling hills creating a magnificent backdrop you'll discover why Bali has earned its reputation as the ultimate romantic holiday destination.

Denpasar - Candidasa - Tenganan - Trek - Besakih Temple - Kintamani - Lovina - Banjar Hot Springs - Munduk - Lovina - Ulun Danu - Jatiluwih - Ubud - Seminyak

# Day 1

#### **Denpasar//Candidasa//Romantic Dinner**

Arrive this afternoon at Ngurah Rai International Airport in Denpasar where you will be greeted by your private driver.

A private transfer (approximately 2 hours) takes you to Candidasa in Karangasem, Bali's eastern province.

Check in to your seaside resort for afternoon tea.

Experience the very best of Balinese Massage with this 1 hour his and hers indulgence designed to dissolve tension and stress. Your choice of aromatics enhances your experience.

Dinner tonight of a set menu is at Sea Salt restaurant set in a traditional Balinese Bale and floating on a lotus pond.

### Overnight in Candidasa – Alila Manggis

NB: Please let us know about any dietary requirements so we can inform the chef in advance.

#### Day 2

#### Candidasa //Tenganan // Trek // Candidasa

After a leisurely breakfast depart for the Aga Village of Tenganan. The village is home to the Bali Aga people, Bali's original people before the arrival of those from the Majapahit kingdom of Java. This is an interesting north – south aligned village compound, very different to the Balinese. They are known for their weaving of traditional ikat and basket weaving. At the end of the village, continue through the large stone gates to meet one of the original family elders who can trace his family history for hundreds of years in the village. He will be more than happy to show the logs of wild bees and you can taste the many varieties of honey produced from these natural hives used for culinary and medicinal purposes.

Take a winding 2 hour light trek through rice fields, villages and plantations as you head towards Tirta Gangga. Your local guide is an original inhabitant of the Aga village with a wealth of knowledge in his local area. Tirta Gangga, which means 'water of the Gangges', is a sacred water palace that was built in the early twentieth century by the last king of Karangasem. It boasts many decorative ponds and fountains, lush plant life and natural bathing pools.

NB: there is an additional fee if you want to bathe in the pools. Please bring a change of clothes and a towel. Bathers are not permitted; wear shorts and a T shirt instead.

Take lunch of a delicious Megibung traditional feast in a bamboo restaurant with views across the rolling fields and rice terraces at various stages of harvest depending on the season.

Return to your resort.

Late this afternoon, transfer to nearby Padang Bai where you will board the "Paramitha", your private 15m cruise boat to enjoy a 1.5 hour sunset cruise with unrivalled views of Mt Agung and the colourful Candidasa coastline. You will take a romantic dinner on the upper deck of the boat with the island of Bali as your view.

Return to your hotel in Candidasa.

#### Overnight in Candidasa – Alila Manggis

#### Day 3

#### Candidasa - Besakih Temple - Kintamani - Lovina

Enjoy breakfast at leisure before travelling through small villages and picturesque landscapes, stopping for pictures and with your guide as you wish.

Start with to Besakih Temple, the 'Mother Temple' of Bali which is located on the western slopes of Mt Agung, Bali highest volcano (2 567 m), it is the largest and most important temple on the island. Stop enroute in the village of Sibetan to observe traditional weaving and visit a *salak*plantation where you can taste Bali's famed 'snakeskin' fruit.

Take lunch at Maha Giri restaurant; with stunning terracing rice field views against a backdrop of Mt Agung.

Arrive at Kintamani, offering spectacular views over Lake Batur and its volcano. Mt Batur standing at 1412 meters high is not the highest volcano in Bali, but it is the most active, having erupted more than twenty times during the last two centuries, and is surrounded by a spectacular caldera.

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Leaving Kintamani through along winding mountain roads before stopping at the temple of Pura Puncak Penulisan for amazing 360 degree cloud shrouded views across the valley – well worth the steep staircase. This temple also holds a vast collection of deified King and Queen Statues dating to the 10-14<sup>th</sup> Century.

Continue to the volcanic sand beaches on northern Bali, arriving late afternoon.

Diner at resort

#### **Overnight The Lovina**

#### Day 4

Lovina//Day at Leisure

Today is free to enjoy the many resort facilities or laze on the beach.

#### **Overnight The Lovina**

#### Day 5

Lovina // Organic Lunch // Banjar Hot Springs // Munduk

Take a leisurely breakfast or perhaps one last swim in the ocean before meeting your driver and guide around 1200. Take lunch in an organic restaurant nestled amongst rice paddies and organic gardens on the shores of the Bali Straits.

After lunch, recline in the healing waters of Banjar Hot Springs. These picturesque hot springs, set amidst lush tropical gardens, contain two main pools with warm sulphur water pouring from the mouths of dragons, or Naga's as they are locally known. Continue to the cool central highlands of Bali, Munduk.

Take afternoon tea with spectacular views across the northern coast valley to the Java Sea.

Dinner tonight will be a candlelit set menu in your private Bale surrounded by water with unhindered views of the skyline.

#### Overnight in Munduk – Munduk Moding

#### Day 6

Lovina // Ulun Danu // Jatiluwih // Ubud

Munduk is the ideal location for outdoor activities and this morning you'll have the chance to explore with a light 1 hour exploration of the Coffee & Clove Plantations – learning about the processes and growing.

Around 10.00 you will be met by your local guide and driver, travelling south to a vantage point overlooking two superb volcanic lakes: Buyan and Tamblingan. Stop for photos and to enjoy the scenery before descending to the thriving village of Bedugul. Enroute stop at the major water temple of Pura Ulun Danu, founded in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This is perhaps one of the most photographed temples in Bali and is dedicated to Dewi Danu, the goddess of water, featuring a beautiful thatched Hindu Meru which seems to float on the lake. This temple is also home to a Buddhist shrine and a small mosque.

Continue through the vegetable farms before lunch overlooking verdant rice terraces. After lunch, continue to the UNESCO shortlisted rice terraces of Jatiluwih – the oldest in Bali for a photo stop.

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Travel through the scenic area of Marga to your Resort in Ubud, arriving mid-afternoon.

Enjoy an in Villa 30 minute head and shoulder massage on arrival.

No visit to Bali would be complete without witnessing traditional dance and this evening, in Ubud, you will be treated to a performance in a nearby village.

Take a late dinner one of Bali's best tables, enjoying the freshest of local ingredients fused with western techniques in the Discovery Menu of the award winning Mosaic Restaurant.

#### Overnight in Kayumanis Ubud

#### Day 7

#### **Cooking Class - Rudana Museum**

This morning at 0700, you'll be transferred to central Ubud where you will meet your local chef and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while receiving a short briefing on the day's program.

With your local chef, visit the traditional food market to learn about the intricacies of Indonesian regional cuisines and observe the daily market trade and the exotic fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices that grace Indonesian plates.

Returning to a traditional Balinese Kitchen via a tour of the rice paddies, you have the opportunity to delve deeper into the techniques of Balinese cooking under the guidance of an expert local Chef. Here, you will learn how to prepare Balinese signature dishes, using time honored techniques and become familiar with the fresh herbs, spices, and other ingredients that make Balinese food delightfully tasty. Also experience the authentic coconut-oil processing and learn to make a simple offering.

At noon, sit down and enjoy a delicious lunch of your creations.

You will be met by your local guide and driver to visit the Rudana Art Museum where you will learn more about the symbolism and cosmology of this impressive building and the collection of fine arts within on a private walking tour by resident expert at the museum.

This afternoon there is time to wander the eclectic streets of Ubud at your leisure before transferring back to your Resort.

Enjoy a 1 hour spa treatment before a romantic candlelit 5 course dining experience at your Resort.

# Overnight in Kayumanis Ubud

#### Day 8

#### Jimbaran or Nusa Dua - Seminyak - Jimbaran or Nusa Dua

This morning take a leisurely bicycle ride through the quiet villages of the Bongkasa. This easy ride encompasses terracing rice fields, cacao plantations and small village roads.

Return to your hotel to freshen and check out before travelling to the southern beaches of Bali.

Arrive to your 200m2 Villa with private pool for an evening at leisure.

#### **Overnight The Villas**

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# DAY 9 Day at Leisure

Enjoy breakfast in the privacy of your Villa.

Today you are at leisure to do as little or as much as you like.

## **Overnight The Villas**

# Day 10 Jimbaran or Nusa Dua - Denpasar - Departure

This morning is free at leisure until transferring to Denpasar International Airport for your departure flight.

