

BALI: EXPERIENCE THE UNKNOWN

WHEN TO GO: Bali's tropical monsoon climate has two distinct seasons: dry (between May to September) and wet (between October to April). Monsoon refers to the wind, not the rain. However even in the wet monsoon, in this tropical paradise it is still likely it will be sunny for a good part of the day.

May, June and July are generally considered to be the best time to travel to Bali in terms of the weather.

This island not only offers holidays in a hinterland spread by rice fields on the volcanic slopes that are likely to be still active. There are vacation resorts on the most beautiful white sand beaches of the South as well as 5 star hotels in Bali. At the same time, the island offers water sports and sea activities such as snorkeling, surfing, diving, swimming, fishing among others.

However, the essential interest of a holiday in Bali remains within the scope and pace of life that has nothing to do with our lives going at a fast pace giving us no time to enjoy the small wonders of life. Thus, with its vast beaches of the Indian Ocean, Bali remains a major destination for those wishing to explore new horizons.

However, we must remember that despite all the opportunities available when spending holidays on the island of Bali, the fact remains that what every single person live on this island may differ depending on their aspirations and desires.

Sights

The island of Bali is a really popular holiday destination. A few years ago, it was elected the world's best island by the international. It is part of the Republic of Indonesia that is made of 13,700 islands, thus making it the world's largest archipelago. Be it admiring the temples, strolling across the white sandy beaches, exploring the dense jungles, adventure sports or trekking on Mount Batur, a stay in Bali is worth a lifetime of memories.

On the north coast, Lovina Beach is the main resort. The north-west and north-east coasts (Amed) have the best diving or snorkeling spots. The north-south route takes about three hours by car or motorcycle. Ubud is the main tourist center of the inland.

Most tourists go to Bali for its beaches and its sun, its traditional cultural life and its beautiful interior landscapes, including temples and rice terraces. Athletes also find get their share of distractions with scuba diving, windsurfing, trekking as well as white water rafting. Hikers can climb the slopes of Mount Agung, the highest point of the island or those of Mount Batur, the only active volcano of Bali.

The South of Bali

The south is the region's most popular tourist area in Bali as it offers contrasting faces. Its beaches originally attracted low-budget travelers and surfers, who soon joined by the customers of newly built luxury resorts. Despite the changes brought by modernity and the influx of visitors, village communities preserved their rituals and their cultural and artistic traditions. Foreign visitors arriving by air mostly

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land at the international airport of Denpasar where the main resorts are easily accessible. The islands of Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida sites contain splendid walking and swimming spots.

Kuta beach

Description: Kuta is the center of entertainments and has become the favorite destination of multinational visitors. It has everything a tourist looks for i.e. white-sandy beach, rows of excellent bars and restaurants, discotheques, and entertainment spots for an enjoyable nightlife. Rows of kiosks selling souvenirs and everything a tourist need such as garments or latest CDs and cassettes are available along the main road with reasonable prices.

Location: 11 km south of Denpasar. Kuta can be easily reached by public transport from Tegal bemo station in 30 minutes.

Suluban beach

Description: Suluban Beach is one of the places of interest belonging to Badung regency. It is known for its beautiful beach along with amazing wave; best for surfing. The natural beauty of the southern tip of Bali's highland with its hollowing waves and peaceful surroundings has attracted more and more visitors to enjoy its serenity and peacefulness.

Location: Suluban beach is one of several frivolous beaches located at Pecatu village on the southern tip of Badung District, about three km from Uluwatu temple. The beach is about 32km south of Denpasar, and can be reached through Kuta, Ngurah Rai International Airport, and Jimbaran. The sloping and bending road around the hill offers a panoramic view.

Nusa Dua beach

Description: Nusa Dua endave has the most complete tourist facilities in Bali, including luxurious hotels, sporting facilities, shopping center and international convention hall, to mention a few. The empty, arid land of Nusa Dua started to develop in 1974 and the government trusted the management to Bali Tourism Development Corporation (BTDC).

Location: The distance between Nusa Dua and Denpasar is 30 km, through Kuta to the south, 12 km from the Ngurah Rai International Airport.