

THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION GUIDE

Bali

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 INSIDE

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The guide follows the order of a trip: when to go, how to enter, how to move, where to stay, what to do, how to eat, how to keep safe and how to plan the budget. Packing and health notes come near the end, ahead of sources.

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WELCOME

Bali, planned with room to breathe

A calm way into a complex island



Bali rewards travellers who leave some slack in the plan. Its rice terraces, temple courtyards and long coastlines sit alongside busy southern roads and a crowded festival calendar, so the best trips balance energy with rest. Start with [Explore Bali](#) for an overview, then use these pages to check the practical details that change from year to year.

Where a detail could not be confirmed, this guide says so. Treat every fee, date and rule as something to check on an official site before you pay or book.

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WHEN TO GO

Timing and seasons

Seasonal tendencies, not forecasts

Sources disagree on where the seasons begin and end, so read these months as tendencies. The wetter months run from roughly October to March, with a drier period from April to September. Peak demand falls in July and August and from mid-December to early January, when crowds and prices tend to rise. Check BMKG for live conditions.

Month by month



January

Rainy season tendency, with humidity

March

Rains may ease; check forecasts

May

Drier season tendency

July

Peak demand; book early

September

Drier season tendency

November

One source calls this dry; check timing

February

Rainy season tendency

April

Drier season tendency begins

June

Drier season tendency

August

Peak demand; book early

October

Sources disagree on the turn of the season

December

Peak from mid-December into early January

● Dry season ● Transition ● Wetter season

BEFORE YOU FLY

Entry rules to confirm

Entry rules change often. The points below come from secondary sources and are not yet confirmed against Indonesian government pages. Do not act on fee figures until they are checked on the Immigration Directorate site.

Entry at a glance

Visa route	Visa on Arrival reported as standard for Indian passport holders	Confirm with Indonesian Immigration before booking
Stay length	30 days, extendable once for 30 more, per a commercial guide	Check extension rules officially
e-VOA portal	Named in a commercial guide; domain not independently verified	Find the official domain yourself
VOA fee	Sources conflict; no figure published here	Check the Immigration fee page
Passport validity	Six months is the usual rule; not officially confirmed	Confirm before travel
Arrival and customs declaration	Expected but not confirmed	Check Immigration and Customs sites
Customs allowances	Alcohol and goods limits reported by one source	Check Indonesian Customs

 PAYMENTS

The Bali tourist levy

Use the official app

Love Bali is described as the Bali Provincial Government app for the foreign tourist fee. Some reviews mention payment-page problems.

Keep proof

Save the QR code or receipt until your trip is complete.

Watch for lookalikes

Third-party apps such as Vistumo describe themselves as private services, not government agencies.

Confirm the amount

The current amount could not be confirmed here. Check the provincial government site before you pay.

GETTING THERE

Flights from India

Direct options from India are limited to a few departure cities, and schedules differ between snapshots. Use the comparison below as a starting point, then confirm each flight with the airline. Fares are indicative, drawn from Google Flights snapshots for roughly October to November 2026 departures, and are not offers.

Delhi nonstop options

Criterion	Air India	IndiGo
Weekly direct flights	10, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday	7, listed as daily on one page
Typical fare	Not stated in the snapshot	₹32,500 to ₹71,000 typical range
Schedule note	Check the airline directly	Google Flights pages are inconsistent; confirm first

OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES

Routes from other cities

Some cities have no direct link in the snapshots. Connecting itineraries add hours, so allow for longer journeys and a comfortable connection before a day of transfers.

From India to Denpasar

Bengaluru	IndiGo, 7 a week, every day	Direct service listed
Mumbai	No direct service listed	Connecting IndiGo listed from ₹40,751; Singapore Airlines from ₹60,962
Chennai	No direct flights	Check connecting options
Bhubaneswar	No direct flights	Check connecting options
Kochi	No direct flights listed	AirAsia connecting flights, 47 a week

FIRST STEPS

Arriving at Denpasar



Most visitors land at Ngurah Rai Airport (DPS), near Denpasar. A commercial source advises pre-booking airport transfers to avoid unmetered taxi overcharges. Keep the booking confirmation, the driver details and the pickup point on your phone and on paper.

After a long flight, leave a little slack for the first afternoon. Arrival steps may include documents and declarations that should be confirmed before you leave home.

ON THE GROUND

Getting around southern Bali



I found no official data on taxis, ride-hailing, ferries or road conditions. Anecdotal reports describe intense traffic in the south, around Denpasar, Kuta and Seminyak. Build in buffers for transfers between regions, especially on days with a fixed departure or an evening booking.

Practical habits

✓ Book transfers ahead

Pre-booked transfers reduce uncertainty at busy times.

✓ Add buffers

Leave extra time between regions and before flights.

✓ Fewer bases

Staying in fewer places cuts transfer days.

✓ Check ferries locally

Ferry and boat times were not verified; confirm on arrival.

 WHERE TO GO

Regions at a glance

I found no official source on regional character, so treat these as editorial notes to verify. Choose a base by the kind of days you want, and check distances on a map before you commit to a stay.

Regional profiles

AREA	SUITED TO	EDITORIAL NOTE
Sanur	Families and older travellers	Calmer roads and a gentler beach, per a commercial guide. Check hospital distances yourself.
Kuta and Seminyak	Nightlife and shopping	Traffic can be heavy; allow buffers. Anecdotal.
Ubud	Culture, craft and central hills	Verify against an official tourism source.
Uluwatu and Nusa Dua	Cliffs, resorts and surf coast	Verify access times and distances.
Nusa islands	Boat-based day trips	Ferry schedules not sourced; confirm before planning.
North Bali	Quieter coastline and hills	Verify road times.

WHERE TO STAY

Choosing a licensed stay

Choose licensed properties and carry your passport. Recent news headlines mention rules for hotels, villas and guesthouses to report guests to immigration, and a crackdown on illegal vacation villas. I did not read those articles, so treat this as a reason to check licences rather than as settled law. The images below show illustrative settings, not specific properties.



Private garden villa

Pavilion-style rooms with a garden setting suit couples and slow travellers. Check the licence and inclusions with the property before booking.

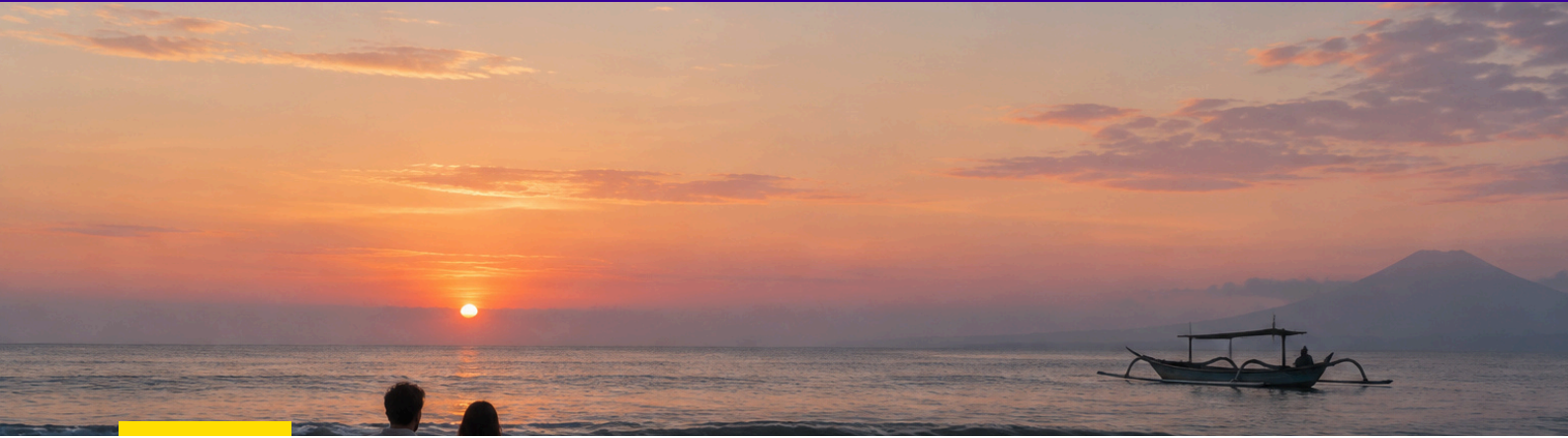


Calm family beachfront

A low-rise beach setting in Sanur suits families with older members, according to a commercial guide. Confirm lifts, access and distances.

ROMANCE

Slow evenings for two



Bali's quieter moments often come at the edges of the day: a late walk on the sand, a sunset drink, or a morning in the terraces before the heat builds. Choose places with privacy and keep one evening free for each part of the trip.

Couples should check current guidance on accommodation and marital status before booking. A 2022 report said the governor stated tourists would not face such checks, but enforcement of the new criminal code and any guidance for unmarried couples were not verified.

FAMILY TRAVEL

Easy days for mixed generations



Bali can suit multi-generational groups who prefer a steady pace. One commercial guide suggests Sanur for families with older members, citing calmer roads and a gentler beach. Verify the distance to hospital services before you choose a base.

Plan shorter transfers, keep afternoons free and choose one hands-on activity, such as a craft session, where everyone can sit as well as walk. Build in rest days so that the trip stays relaxed for all ages.

THINGS TO DO

Experiences worth slowing down for



Rice terraces

Walk the stepped paddies early, when light is softer. Stay on marked tracks and ask before entering private land.

Cliff coastline

The southern limestone cliffs offer long views. Keep to clifftop paths and heed warning signs near edges and surf.

Temple visits

Dress modestly, carry a sarong and sash, and follow posted rules at each site.

Craft sessions

Hands-on offering or batik workshops suit mixed groups and show daily ritual up close.

Markets and stalls

Local food stalls show everyday life. Ask about ingredients before you order.

Quiet days

Leave room for rest and rain. A lighter day often reads better than a full one.

CULTURE

Balinese Hinduism and daily life



A commercial source puts Balinese Hinduism at about 83% of the population. Many Indian travellers will recognise threads of ritual and sacred architecture, but daily practice is distinct and worth observing with care.

Small offerings called *canang sari* appear on pavements and steps. Step around them rather than over them. Temples require a sarong and sash for all visitors, and individual sites may set their own rules, so confirm at each one.

 PLAN AROUND

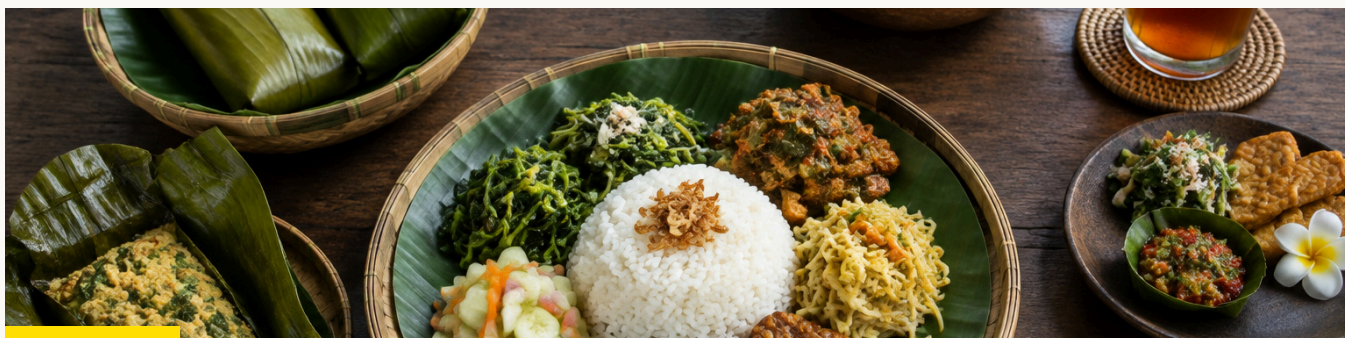
Nyepi, the day of silence

Nyepi, the Balinese New Year, is observed with 24 hours of silence and fasting. The date follows the Saka calendar and shifts each year, so it does not match Indian festival dates. A commercial source says the airport closes for about 24 hours.

I did not verify the 2027 date. Before booking flights or transfers, check it with the Bali government or the airport authority. Plan quiet days around it, and expect services and travel on the day to be limited.

FOOD

Eating across Bali



Balinese cooking draws on fresh herbs, sambal and simple grilled dishes. I found no verified source on halal, vegetarian or Jain availability, so this guide makes no claims about it. Ask at each table and check ingredients on menus.

Dishes and questions

DISHES TO EXPLORE

ASK BEFORE YOU ORDER

Nasi campur, a mixed rice plate with vegetables, sambal and tempeh

Which dishes use meat, fish or shrimp paste?

Sate lilit, minced meat or fish on lemongrass skewers

Is it cooked alongside other meat dishes?

FOOD

Eating across Bali continued

Dishes and questions

DISHES TO EXPLORE

ASK BEFORE YOU ORDER

Babi guling, roast suckling pig

Can pork be kept separate on request?

Dishes and questions

DISHES TO EXPLORE

ASK BEFORE YOU ORDER

Ayam betutu, slow-cooked spiced chicken

Is stock used in the preparation?

Tropical fruit and iced tea

Is the water filtered at this stall?

PACK WELL

Packing checklist

These are planning notes, not sourced advice. Adjust them for season, activities and your own needs.

Before you leave

☐ Light clothing

Breathable fabrics suit humid days.

☐ Rain protection

A light jacket or packable cover helps in wetter months.

☐ Sun care

Reef-safe sunscreen is a sensible choice for snorkelling.

☐ Insect repellent

Pack enough for the whole trip.

☐ Temple dress

Modest cover-ups, plus a sarong and sash for visits.

☐ Documents

Copies of your passport, insurance and levy receipt.

☐ Chargers

Plug adapters and a power bank for long transfer days.

 HEALTH AND INSURANCE

Insurance and health checks

Vaccination, mosquito-borne disease, water safety and rabies guidance could not be checked in this research. Read current official advice from the Indian Ministry of Health and WHO before you travel.

Adventure activities

A commercial source says standard Indian travel policies often exclude rafting and ATV riding unless a rider is added.

Medical evacuation

Check whether evacuation cover is included and how claims work.

Policy wording

Verify exclusions and limits with the insurer, in writing.

Carry records

Keep copies of your policy, passport and emergency contacts with you.

STAY SAFE

Money, scams and everyday safety

Official advisories are the baseline. Headlines suggest the Australian Government urges a high degree of caution while confirming Bali is safe for visitors. I did not retrieve the advice text or India's MEA advisory, so check both. Reported concerns include drownings, drink spiking and nightlife risks.

Principles

Do	Avoid
Check the currency and amount on every card terminal	Accepting a charge you did not agree
Use licensed money changers	Changing money with street changers
Book licensed properties and carry your passport	Booking villas that cannot show a licence
Pay the tourist fee only through official channels	Paying through lookalike sites or private apps
Keep your QR code or receipt	Discarding proof of payment
Heed beach warnings and stay in patrolled areas	Swimming alone in strong surf
Check BMKG for weather and earthquake alerts	Ignoring local volcanic or seismic notices

BUDGETS

Planning the numbers

Indicative air fares in INR, with a dated currency note

Build the budget from three parts: flights, stays and daily spending. Only the flight ranges below are sourced or labelled as planning estimates. Daily costs for stays, food, activities and transfers were not sourced, so build them from dated price checks. One commercial source suggests a 15% buffer for conversion and seasonal variation; treat it as a rule of thumb. When you are ready to compare options, review [Explore Bali stays and packages](#).

TRIP STYLE Planning estimate, major metros TOTAL · USD 35,000–70,000 Return flight 35,000 – 70,000 APPROXIMATE INR ₹33,37,950 to ₹66,75,900	TRIP STYLE IndiGo typical range from Delhi TOTAL · USD 32,500–71,000 Typical fare range 32,500 – 71,000 APPROXIMATE INR ₹30,99,525 to ₹67,71,270	TRIP STYLE IndiGo typical range from Mumbai TOTAL · USD 33,500–64,000 Typical fare range 33,500 – 64,000 APPROXIMATE INR ₹31,94,895 to ₹61,03,680
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 Return flight

Bars show the lower-estimate cost mix. USD 1 = INR 95.37 · reference 2026-10-14 · estimates, not quotes.

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 EXCHANGE

Currency and rates

Rates were checked on 14 October 2026, but the Google Finance snippets I found were undated by year and inconsistent. They showed IDR/INR at about 0.0053 and 0.0054, and USD/INR at 95.3745 on one page. Use these only as a planning guide: roughly ₹530 to ₹540 per IDR 100,000.

A Google Finance headline describes the rupiah as near historic lows despite a 5.75% Bank Indonesia rate. Rates move daily, so compare a dated reference rate from the Reserve Bank of India, Bank Indonesia or an authorised dealer before you set prices or exchange cash.

NEXT STEPS

A sensible order of work

Planning sequence

Confirm entry

Check visa, fee, validity and arrival requirements on official sites.

Check the levy

Confirm the amount and the official payment channel.

Choose dates

Weigh the seasons, peak periods and Nyepi.

Book flights

Compare schedules directly with airlines and allow for connections.

Pick a licensed stay

Confirm licence, access and distances with the property.

Arrange transfers and insurance

Pre-book transfers and confirm policy exclusions in writing.

Review health advice

Read current official guidance before departure.

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Sources and verification notes

This guide was compiled on 14 October 2026 from secondary and commercial pages. Primary sources from Indonesian Immigration, the Bali provincial government, BMKG, India's Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Health could not be retrieved during research, so every rule, fee and date below should be treated as provisional until you have checked it at the source.

Visa on Arrival fee and validity	Conflicting secondary figures; unverified	Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration
Arrival card and customs allowances	Unverified	Immigration and Customs authorities
Tourist levy amount and payment	Official app identified; amount unverified	Bali provincial government
Nyepi 2027 date and airport closure	Unverified	Bali government and airport notices
Health and vaccination advice	Not retrieved	Indian Ministry of Health, WHO
Exchange rates	Undated snapshots; indicative only	Reserve Bank of India, Bank Indonesia, authorised dealers
Flight schedules and fares	Dated snapshot; not offers	Airlines directly

Treat flight schedules, fares and exchange rates as a snapshot, since they change often. Several pages cited here are commercial blogs, app listings or news headlines rather than official guidance, and none were used as the sole basis for a rule. Before you book, check current requirements on the official websites above, and use [Explore Bali](#) and [Explore Bali stays and packages](#) for planning support once your dates are fixed.

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The Visa on Arrival (VOA) is the standard entry mechanism for Indian passport holders visiting Bali.
The Directorate General of Immigration, Indon...

S2 Love Bali - Apps on Google Play

The Love Bali application is the official application of the Bali Provincial Government which was created to support sustainable tourism management an...

S3 Vistumo: Tourist Tax Made Easy - Apps on Google Play

About Vistumo Vistumo is a private travel technology service, not a government agency.

S4 Find Cheap Flights to Bali - Google Flights

The tropical climate is hot and humid year-round, extremely humid during the rainy season (Oct–Mar) and less so in the dry season (Apr–Sep).

S5 Bali

According to various travel sources, the dry season tends to run from April to November, while the wetter (monsoon) season is roughly from November th...

S6 Info BMKG - Apps on Google Play

Weather, climate, air quality and earthquake information that occurred in Indonesia. This mobile application was officially released by the Meteorolog...

S7 Find Cheap Flights from New Delhi to Bali - Google Flights

There are 10 Air India direct flights from New Delhi to Bali per week. Flights are available on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Use the...

S8 Find Cheap Flights from New Delhi to Denpasar (DEL - DPS) - Google Flights

- There are 7 IndiGo direct flights from New Delhi to Denpasar per week. Flights are available every day.

S9 Find Cheap Flights from Bengaluru to Bali - Google Flights

There are 7 IndiGo direct flights from Bengaluru to Bali per week. Flights are available every day. Use the Stops filter while searching for flights, t...

S10 Find Cheap Flights from Mumbai to Denpasar (BOM - DPS) - Google Flights

The cheapest IndiGo flight from Mumbai to Denpasar is ₹40,751, ... # Cheap flights from Mumbai to Denpasar ## Popular airlines from Mumbai to Denpasa...

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S11 Find Cheap Flights from Chennai to Bali - Google Flights

No airline flies direct from Chennai to Bali.

S12 Find Cheap Flights from Bhubaneswar to Denpasar (BBI - DPS) - Google Flights

No airline flies direct from Bhubaneswar to Denpasar.

S13 Find Cheap Flights from Kochi to Denpasar (COK - DPS) - Google Flights

Other popular airlines flying from Kochi to Denpasar are: AirAsia offers 47 connecting flights per week.

S14 Google News - Search

News about business Australian Government Confirms Bali Is Safe Destination For Tourists Bali Hotels, Resorts, Guesthouses And Villas Must Report...

S15 Aussie Woman's Warning To Travellers After Insane \$10,600 Bar Bill In Bali

Australian traveler Hayley Davis thought a Bali New Year's Eve daybed cost \$1,650 but later discovered her card had been charged \$10,650.

S16 The Age: 'Bali as usual': Officials race to contain panic over new criminal code

Bali Governor Wayan Koster said tourists would not face checks of their marital status at hotels or other accommodation when the new penal code came i...

S17 IDR/INR Currency Exchange Rate & News - Google Finance

Finance ## Lists IDR / INR Indonesian Rupiah / Indian Rupee 0.0053 +0.34% (+0.000018) Today Jul 10, 4:29:00 PM UTC | | Symbol | Price | Chang...

S18 IDR/INR Currency Exchange Rate & News - Google Finance

Finance ## Lists IDR / INR Indonesian Rupiah / Indian Rupee 0.0054 *arrow_downward* -0.31% (-0.000017) Today Aug 25, 8:23:19 PM UTC No data ...

S19 IDR/USD Currency Exchange Rate & News - Google Finance

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your Bali journey starts here

Explore stays, packages and planning support

Bali rewards travellers who plan the practical details early and then leave the days themselves unhurried. Confirm entry rules, the tourist levy and your dates on official channels, then choose a base that suits the pace you want.

When you are ready to turn this guide into a trip, [explore Bali stays and packages](#) or read more about [the destination](#).

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