

SO YOUR COMING TO BALI

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THIS TROPICAL PARADISE, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU NEED TO CONSIDER...

CURRENCY:

The rupiah is the official currency of Indonesia. The currency code for the Indonesian rupiah is IDR and the symbol is Rp. We encourage you to only exchange a minimal amount (approx \$100 USD) at the airport in Bali, as the exchange rate will generally be much better outside of the airport. Once you're here, we can assist you in getting cash out with your standard ATM card or exchange your local currency into IDR, there are plenty of currency exchange shops on the main streets of Ubud, the bigger the better, smaller shops charge commission where the large shops don't. Alternatively, many restaurants also accept visa and Mastercard, but it's also important to have some cash for the places that don't. And don't forget to let your bank know that you are travelling overseas!

PHONE:

To use your phone here in Bali, we advise you to get roaming on your phone. We will set a group chat on Whatsapp " so make sure it's downloaded on your device. Having roaming will allow you to use google maps to meet up at certain restaurants or any other meet up locations. If you would like to get a local sim card you can do that in many places in town or even at the airport on arrival, this will cost you approx. \$8 USD for around 10GB.

AT THE AIRPORT:

When you arrive at the airport, follow the instructions to immigration etc. Don't be alarmed if you have to wait awhile - things can move at a slower pace here in Bali. If you have opted for the VIP or if that was included then you will have a VIP agent waiting for you outside your plane and they will direct you right through to your awaiting driver. With the VIP, your visa on arrival is also pre paid. If you haven't got the VIP you just pay for your own visa on arrival and go through immigration and customs etc, pick up your bags and head out to the waiting driver, your driver will have a sign with your name on it. Please note: if for any reason you are having trouble at the airport or are unable to find your driver, do not worry, you will be able to connect to the airport wifi or use your roaming and contact us on Whatsapp. Please add our number +62 81323901754 (Maree) You will know who your driver is and have their contact number.

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DON'T FORGET TO PACK:

- **LIGHT CLOTHING - IT IS HOT IN BALI!**
- **SUNSCREEN**
- **JACKET FOR COOLER EVENINGS**
- **SWIMSUIT**
- **TOILETRIES**
- **TAMPONS/PADS ETC**
- **T SHIRT COVERING SHOULDERS FOR TEMPLES**
- **A BACKPACK OR DAY BAG**

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OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- **TRAVEL INSURANCE**
- **TRAVEL VACCINATIONS (CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR) COVID 19 VACCINE IS REQUIRED CURRENTLY TO ENTER INDONESIA.**

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE AND LEAVE BALI?

Check in is at 2pm and on most retreats there will be a welcome ceremony and dinner, we suggest you have a flight that has you arriving in Bali in the morning or before 1pm, this gives you time to get through customs and make your way to Ubud ready for the dinner. For departure, we suggest an afternoon flight as you will check out at 12pm and need to get to the airport, so booking a departure flight anytime after 3pm is recommended. The airport is in Denpasar, Bali and the name is Ngurah Rai International Airport.

HOW FAR AWAY IS UBUD FROM THE AIRPORT?

Ubud is approximately 1 - 1.5hrs (depending on traffic) away from the international airport. You will be picked up by one of our drivers and taken to the retreat center, resort or villa.

CAN I ARRIVE AND LEAVE EARLIER?

Yes of course, please let your leader know and we can arrange that for you.

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IS THE WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

No, we recommend that you brush your teeth with bottled water, this is always provided. Ice however is safe and has been for many years now all the restaurant make ice from bottled water, so smoothies and juices are fine with ice, yummy.

DO I NEED TO TIP IN BALI?

Tipping in Bali is appreciated but not necessary. Most of the time the more up market restaurants would have already added between 15% and 20% to the bill to cover the 10% government tax and the service charge for staff. You will see it on the bill, if you don't then by all means you can tip something small. 20,000 IDR is around \$1.20 USD. This is a green note, 50,000 IDR is around \$3 USD and is a blue note :)

CAN I HAGGLE (BARGIN) IN BALI?

Besides boutiques, restaurants and convenience stores, the first price you're quoted is usually at least double what the seller will let the item go for, so don't be afraid to haggle. Some stall owners will even encourage you to do so by telling you the price they think you should come back with. Haha, it can actually be quite fun! Rule of thumb if you walk out and they don't chase you, the price you offered is too low. I like to look at it like, how much would I be happy to pay and feel it was a bargain, instead of trying to get them down to the lowest price possible.

WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN BALI?

Balinese, but most people speak Bahasa Indonesian. Whilst the vast majority of people in the main tourist areas in Bali will speak enough English to communicate with you, knowing a few phrases in Balinese or Indonesian will go a long way. The locals really appreciate the effort. Start with some easy phrases like selamat pagi – good morning, apa kabar? – how are you? suksma – thanks (Balinese) and terima kasih – thank you (Bahasa). And remember, Balinese is not the same as Bahasa Indonesia, the official language of Indonesia.

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. WE ARE HERE TO MAKE THIS JOURNEY AS STRESS FREE AS POSSIBLE FOR YOU.