



Pure Bali.

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INDONESIA | 4DAYS / 3NIGHTS

Route: Round-trip from and to Denpasar


Type of tour: Culture and nature

TOUR OVERVIEW

Discover temples surrounded by the sea, lost in rainforests, on the shores of beautiful lakes and the slopes of volcanoes, and hidden in caves. Visit historic palaces and wander through bustling markets and travel through scenic coffee plantations. This is Bali in its purest form – where spirituality and nature combine to create Indonesia’s most distinctive island. Over four magical days you will criss-cross Bali, visiting all four corners of the island from the resorts of the south to Tanah Lot in the west and inland to Lovina in the north then Candidasa in the east and finally to the cultural capital, Ubud, before returning to the south. The friendly and generous Balinese people will ensure you enjoy an unforgettable experience in the spellbinding paradise that is their home.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DURATION: 5 days / 4 nights



Start & finish destination
South Bali

Destinations

1. Lovina
2. Candidasa
3. Ubud

Tanah Lot: This beautiful Hindu temple sits atop a tidal lava rock in the Indian Ocean

Alas Kedaton: The sacred temple in the middle of a rainforest packed with monkeys

Candi Kuning: Experience the sights, sounds and scents of Bali with a visit to the town’s bustling fruit market

Bedugul: Set your eyes upon the picturesque Ulun Danu temple on the shores of lovely Lake Beratan

Heavenly beauty: Behold the smouldering beauty of the Batur and Agung volcanos, with the latter lurking menacingly over the magnificent Mother Temple of Besakih

Animal caves: Explore the famous ‘Bat Cave’ and ‘Elephant Cave’ temples of eastern Bali

Ubud: Check out the many galleries in this artists’ colony and visit the nearby monkey forest

Arts and crafts: Admire the famous wood carvings of Mas and the dazzling silverware of Celuk

DON'T MISS

Lovina: Visit one of the cafés near the waterfront to savour the wet processed coffee grown in northern Bali, where the rich volcanic soil and the climate in the have are ideal for growing coffee

Candidasa: Just a short boat ride offshore is the islet of Gili Tepekong, which is one of Bali’s best dive sites with corals, rock pillars, caves and a large number of species of fish and turtles

Ubud: Drop by the amazing Agung Rai Museum of Art and admire the haunting paintings of Bali by Russian artists Walter Spies and the enigmatic works of Raden Saleh among others

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 | SOUTH BALI – TANAH LOT – CANDI KUNING – BEDUGUL – LOVINA (125km – 4 hrs)

Pick-up in the morning from hotels in the Sanur – Nusa Dua – Kuta triangle, driving inland towards the **Taman Ayun Temple**. Also known as the Royal Mengwi Temple, it is famed for its beautiful merus (Balinese pagodas) and surrounding moat. The temple was designed to represent Mount Meru, the mythological home of the gods. Continue to the nearby **Alas Kedaton** (‘Holy Forest’) where hundreds of monkeys roam freely in a delightful temple complex in the middle of the jungle. Bid farewell to the simians and head to Tanah Lot Temple, a sacred site that sits atop a lava rock, which depending on the tides is either surrounded by the ocean or reached by a causeway. Head inland, stopping at **Pacung**, which sits amid beautiful rice terraces, and **Candi Kuning** to visit the colourful fruit market. Break for lunch in a local restaurant. In

the afternoon, continue to the mountain resort of **Bedugul** on the southern shore of Lake Beratan. The lake is also home to one of Bali's most romantic shrines, the **Ulun Danu Temple**, which is dedicated to the Goddess of the Waters. This serene location exudes tranquillity and spirituality. Continue through a coffee plantation en route to Lovina beach on the north coast, with check-in at your accommodation on arrival.

- **Overnight at Lovina beach hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis.**

DAY 2 | LOVINA – KINTAMANI – PURA BESAKIH – CANDIDASA (155km – 4 hrs)

Rise early to head out into the Bali Sea aboard a traditional fishing outrigger for **dolphin watching** before returning to the hotel for breakfast. Check out and depart, heading to the centre of the island to **Kintamani** to enjoy the breathtaking views of the **Batur volcano** and the crater lake below. The unspoiled natural scenery is breathtaking and has a rather alpine appearance. Continue your journey in a southwesterly direction towards the slopes of the **Agung volcano**, where the **Pura Besakih temple**, the largest and holiest Hindu temple in Bali, is located. It is popularly known as the Mother Temple, and you will be able to appreciate just why when you stand in its shadow of this 800-year-old complex. There are 22 different temples on layered ridges, with each ascension offering ever-more magnificent views of the valley below. Continue to Candidasa, arriving in the late afternoon.

- **Overnight at Candidasa hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis.**



DAY 3 | CANDIDASA – SEMARAPURA – UBUD (55km – 2 hrs)

Bid farewell to Candidasa after breakfast at the hotel, heading along the south-eastern coast towards **Kusamba** to visit the eerie '**Bat Cave**' of **Goa Lawah temple**. The cave's walls are thick with thousands of free-tailed bats, who, according to legend, are devoured by the mythological serpent Basuki, which resides deep in the cave. The views over the Badung Strait and, weather permitting, the island of Nusa Penida are another attraction. Proceed to **Semarapura** to visit the ruins of **Klungkung Royal Palace**, of which the **Kerta Gosa pavilion**, where justice was dispensed, is the best preserved section. Its ceiling features illustrations portraying visions of heaven and hell. Continue to the '**Elephant Cave**' of **Goa Gajah temple**, which dates from the 11th century and is surrounded by lovely landscaped gardens. Break for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, drive through a sculpted landscape of ancient rice terraces en route to Ubud, the cultural and artistic capital of Bali. Rest of the day is at leisure.

- **Overnight at Ubud on a bed-and-breakfast basis.**

DAY 4 | UBUD – MAS – CELUK – south bali (50km – 1.5 hrs)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and check out before heading to the village of **Mas**, just a few kilometres to the south, to admire its most famous product, wood carvings. The 'Mas style' has been praised for encapsulating the synergy between humanism and naturalism. Continue the artistic trail at nearby **Celuk**, which is renowned for the quality of its gold and silverware in particular. These precious metals have brought prosperity and visitors to the town, and this can be seen in the tidy houses and exuberant showrooms. The tour ends with drop off at hotels in the Sanur – Nusa Dua – Kuta triangle or Denpasar Airport for your onward flight.

- **Breakfast included**

END OF SERVICES

INCLUDED

TOUR GUIDE:

- Operated with local English-speaking guide throughout the tour.

ACCOMMODATION:

- Three nights' accommodation as indicated in programme on twin sharing basis

MEALS:

- Daily breakfast at hotel and three lunches on D1, D2 and D3

TRANSPORT:

- Air conditioned vehicles

ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- All entrance fees during the tour including parking fees

NOT INCLUDED

- Expenditures of a personal nature, drinks and meals if not stated explicitly in the programme
- Gratuity for driver and guide
- Optional tours
- Compulsory festival/high/peak season surcharges if stated separately
- International or domestic flight tickets and airport taxes or visa fees

RECOMMENDATIONS

Comfortable and light clothing is the most suitable for travelling in Indonesia. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting places of worship, religious or official buildings. Shoes should be removed before entering a temple or private house. Sun protection, sun glasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay.