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# The Ultimate 2-Week Bali Itinerary

So, you have two weeks to explore the Island of Gods? You probably want to know what to add to your itinerary to make the most of every second you have in paradise. I can guarantee that you'll be booking your next flight before you've even left.

There are a million travel influencers out there telling you what hidden gems and Instagram-worthy locations you can't miss on your Bali trip. I've taken the best recommendations and constructed the perfect 2 weeks in Bali holiday guide, combining all the must-see attractions, top restaurants and all the Bali travel tips you'll ever need.

Forget about those overpriced tour companies. I've done all the work for you already, all you need to do is book that flight and follow this two-week Bali itinerary.

### **Must See Attractions In Bali**

## Canggu - South Bali

- Sunsets on beautiful beaches
- Batu Bolong Beach
- Tanah Lot Temple

#### Uluwatu - South Bali

- Uluwatu Temple
- Padang Padang Beach
- Jaran Hill
- Uluwatu Lighthouse
- Bingin Beach
- Sultan Beach

#### **Nusa Islands**

- Blue Lagoon Beach
- Jungubatu Beach
- The Yellow Bridge
- Secret Point Beach

- Broken Beach
- Penguyangan waterfall
- Kelingking Beach

#### **Ubud - Central Bali**

- The Sacred Monkey Forest Sanctuary
- Ubud Art Market
- Ubud Night Market
- Ubud Yoga House
- Pura Dalem Gede Temple
- Nungnung Waterfall
- Tegallalang Rice terraces
- Kintamani Volcano (Mount Batur)

## **About The 2 Week Bali Itinerary?**

First things first, Bali is a hotspot for tourists from all around the world. While almost everyone speaks English, there are actually two other languages spoken on the island: Balinese and Indonesian. Why not <u>learn a few expressions in Bahasa Indonesia</u> and fully immerse yourself in the Indonesian culture? It'll help pass the time on the flight.

In this Bali itinerary, we'll not only guide you through the perfect two-week adventure. It's the only guide you need to make the most out of your time in paradise.

Even if you don't have the luxury of exploring this tropical paradise for a full 14 days, it's possible to have an equally enchanting experience on a 10-day or even 7-day trip!

Your adventure begins in South Bali...

## Day 1 - Welcome to Canggu

### Morning & afternoon: Settle into Canggu

- Once you've arrived at Denpasar airport, Canggu is usually about a 40-minute drive away. You can easily get a taxi from the airport. Be prepared though, the traffic in Canggu can get crazy! And that's not an exaggeration...you'll soon see what I mean.
- Take your time settling into your accommodation (Bali is in the time zone UTC+8, so you
  might be a little jet-lagged).

### **Evening: Sunset at the beach**

- You can't miss your first Balinese sunset! So hop on your rental scooter or use the Grab app to book a ride, and make your way to Batu Bolong Beach.
- I'd recommend trying out <u>The Lawn</u> for a great view of the beach while enjoying one (or 5) delicious cocktails. <u>Times Beach Warung</u> also offers drinks right on the beach with super tasty Indonesian-style food.

# Day 2 - Canggu Life

### Morning: Relaxing breakfast

- Start your morning with a picture-perfect smoothie bowl at <u>Crate Cafe</u> or an ice-cold coconut at <u>The Shady Shack</u>.
- Head back to your accommodation and get ready for an afternoon of exploring or relaxation.

### Afternoon: Biking, surfing and eating

- The crowds in Canggu can be quite overwhelming, but you can escape the hustle and bustle by renting a bicycle and exploring the surrounding rice terraces and lush greenery.
- Cycling not your thing? No problem! Head down to one of the black sand beaches and relax with a book.
- There are also surf lessons available for beginners. However, if you have experience surfing you can just rent a board and go catch some waves!
- Time to try out another trendy Canggu cafe: <u>The Honey Kitchen</u> uses ultra-fresh organic ingredients, and the <u>Zin Cafe</u> has the best variety of salad bowls and veggie wraps. All from locally sourced ingredients.

## **Evening: Tanah Lot and Canggu nightlife**

- Take a 20-30 minute drive to Tanah Lot Temple for another beautiful sunset. This Hindu Shrine has the perfect backdrop of the sun setting over the Indian Ocean.
- Go back to Canggu for dinner and experience the vibey-nightlife. <u>Ulekan</u> is one of the best restaurants to try more traditional Indonesian food!
- End off your day by star gazing from the beach or enjoying a few more drinks at one of the many beach clubs. Finns Beach Club is definitely one of my favorites!

# Day 3 - Time To Escape To Uluwatu

### Morning: Traveling, breakfasts and beaches

 Beat the heat and the crazy Canggu traffic and get in a car to Uluwatu, it's time to immerse yourself in Indonesian culture. Try grabbing a coffee from <u>Mustache</u> (they open at 6 a.m.) for the 1.5 - 2 hour drive.

- First things first, breakfast. You must be starving by now so get dropped off at <a href="The-Bakery">The Bakery</a> in Uluwatu and get a famous cinnamon bun to-go.
- You can walk down the road to Padang Padang beach and head down the (many) stairs to enjoy your breakfast on a sandy beach. Just beware of the monkeys! I had a horrid time trying to shoo them away from my toastie.

### Afternoon: Uluwatu temple

- Check into your Uluwatu accommodation and unwind by the pool.
- You'll want to dress appropriately by covering up with a Balinese sarong before you
  make your way to the famous Uluwatu temple. You can use your rental scooter or a
  private driver.
- The entrance fee is \$7.
- The Uluwatu temple is a must-see, but it can get quite touristy, especially for sunset.
- I recommend going off the beaten track and venturing further to Jaran Hill. It's located on the western tip of the Bukit Penisula. From here you will have sweeping sea views and amazing photo ops! It does get a little bit busy at sunset though.

### **Evening: Uluwatu lighthouse**

- Make your way to Uluwatu lighthouse. Once you've arrived, you can start venturing further by foot, following the trail to the cliff. It's a far less touristy spot to enjoy the sunset.
- You can even climb to the top of the lighthouse and experience the sunset from there (you might need to sneak through a hole in the fence to get in though).
- Dinner time! Warung Local has 2 locations on the island and is a great place to enjoy traditional cuisine.

## Day 4 & 5 - Enjoy The Tranquility

### Morning: Yoga and beaches

- You can't come to Bali and not do at least one yoga class. It's the best way to start your day in paradise. Uluwatu has loads of great yoga studios to choose from. The Morning Light Yoga studio has a beautiful view and a 07:30 yoga class you can join!
- Check out <u>The Loft</u> or <u>Cashew Tree</u> for a photo-worthy and nourishing breakfast.
- Uluwatu is a laid-back surfer's paradise. Make the most of your time here by exploring
  the stunning beaches. Most of these beaches are only accessible by going down a
  bunch of stairs, so be prepared for a bit of a workout.
- The best beaches are Padang Padang, Bingin, and Suluban Beach.

### Afternoon: Beach, surfing, and exploring

- The perfect place to work on your surfing career, or to just be a beach bum (I can't blame you if you want to spend an entire day on the beach soaking up the Balinese sun).
- Get a beach massage or treat yourself and visit one of Uluwatus's beautiful spas.
- You can also go back towards the Uluwatu temple as there are some hidden caves for you to explore.
- Pantai Tegan Wangi Beach has two sea caves that are free to explore. There are also rock pools to relax in during low tide.

#### **Evening: Kekak fire dance**

- If you haven't witnessed a traditional Balinese dance yet, you can watch the Kecak fire
  dance inside the Uluwatu temple for only \$10. This isn't an experience you won't want to
  miss out on!
- Enjoy an amazing dinner at one of the cliffside restaurants. <u>Abracadabra at Mu Boutique</u>
   <u>Resort</u> is highly rated! As is <u>El Kabron</u>, which boasts a beautiful infinity pool and views of
   the sunset.

# Day 6 - Traveling To Nusa Islands

### **Morning: Getting ready**

- Start your day with a quick surf of morning yoga session, as you'll be spending quite some time traveling to get to your next destination!
- Squeeze in one last breakfast and coffee at Lands End Cafe before you check out of your accommodation and hit the road.

## Afternoon: Traveling and arrival at Nusa Lembongan

- Time for a little scenic road trip around the Southwestern coast of Bali to Sanur (this takes about 30 45 minutes), where you'll catch a speedboat to Nusa Lembongan, which can take anything from 30 minutes up to 1 hour.
- Welcome to the holiday from your holiday! The Nusa islands should be on everyone's bucket list (even if it's just a day trip) when visiting Bali. They have the most beautiful white sandy beaches and sea life.
- Check into your hotel and get ready to hit the beach, or just relax by your outdoor swimming pool.
- Don't forget to eat though, Ginger & Jamu is a great little restaurant on the waterfront.
- After lunch, relax at Jungubato Beach, it's within walking distance from your lunch spot!

#### **Evening: Exploring**

 The Devil's Tears viewpoint is worth stopping at. You can get a taxi to here or take your scooter. There are also a few great spots to have drinks or dinner. • The <u>Sandy Bay Beach Club</u> is known for its gorgeous sunset views and a great selection of food. There's also 25% off of all cocktails during Happy Hour!

# Day 7 - Nusa Lembongan & Ceningan Island

### Morning: Go to the island

- Start your day early and go to Ceningan Island, you can walk over the famous Yellow Bridge to get there. Ceningan is a pretty small island so you'll either need to rent a scooter or walk. There are no cars on the island (which I think is pretty cool).
- I suggest having your breakfast on your way to the Blue Lagoon (the walk takes about 30 minutes from the Yellow Bridge). The Sand Ceningan is a great spot to fuel up.

### Afternoon: Snorkeling

• Spend the day snorkeling in the turquoise water at Blue Lagoon and get a tan at the not-so-secret Secret Point Beach that's right around the corner.

### **Evening: Relax for the evening**

- Walk back to your accommodation in Nusa Lembongan for the night.
- You'll probably be exhausted after a long day in the sun. Enjoy a peaceful night at your accommodation getting some food to go or trying out a nearby restaurant.
- However, if you're full of energy and always ready for an adventure like me, get a taxi to Dream Beach and enjoy another beautiful sunset.
- Dream Beach Bay is owned by a hotel with an infinity pool, so you can go for a dip, enjoy a drink, and even have dinner here.

## Day 8 - Nusa Penida

### Morning: Travel and arrival

- Get a coffee and a quick breakfast close to your accommodation before you check out. You'll be getting a boat to Nusa Penida from Lembongan. These boat rides can take around 15 minutes and there's no set schedule. The boat basically leaves for Nusa Penida as soon as it's full.
- Nusa Penida is a pretty big island so you'll want to get a taxi or scooter and go to your new accommodation to drop off your bags before you start exploring.
- The best approach would be to explore the North of Nusa Penida on your first day here, and the South on your second. That way you won't miss anything!

## Afternoon: Beach day

- It's pretty hot in the afternoon already, so you should pack some lunch and water if you plan on spending the day at the beach.
- Get a car or scooter to Diamond Beach. It's right next to Atuh Beach, so you can either
  visit both or pick the one you like best. They're both pretty amazing, surrounded by lush
  greenery and tall cliffs.
- Just a warning though, you have to hike down (and up) a pretty long stairway. Wear comfy shoes!

#### **Evening: Filling your Instagram feed**

- The Rumah Pohon Treehouse is a stone's throw away from Atuh Beach, and worth checking out.
- This spot has become a very popular photo destination and is overflowing with tourists during the day. Going in the evening after most of the day trip people have left would be your best bet!
- Getting to the tree house takes about 10 minutes, just be sure to plan accordingly so you don't end up having to walk back in complete darkness!
- After climbing all those stairs, you must be hungry. Nusa Penida doesn't have as many options as Bali, so why not try out a local Warung? Warung Tu Pande and Warung J. Pudak are both excellent for traditional Balinese food.

## Day 9 - Full Day In Paradise

### Morning: Exploring Nusa Penida

- In the South of the island, you'll find Peguyangan Waterfall, also known as 'Blue Stairs Waterfall'. You need to climb about 700 stairs to get to the bottom, so be sure to go early before it gets too hot! Unless you enjoy doing cardio in extremely humid conditions.
- Take lots of water and some breakfast with you, but in case you forget, there's also a small restaurant by the entrance where you can buy some snacks.
- This walk can take about 30 minutes, or more if you stop to snap photos (which I hope you do).
- This might come as a surprise, but there's no actual waterfall at the bottom of these steps. Only a small ancient temple with a few sprouts where the locals perform water blessings.
- Luckily, Instagram hasn't really discovered this spot yet (or maybe the steps are a bit too daunting). You can take a dip in the small rockpool, or perform a ritual under the sacred temple yourself!

Afternoon: Into the ocean

- Once you've made it back up those 700 stairs and soaked up all the views, you must be
  pretty hungry. You can get some food at the restaurant again or from local vendors as
  you have a bit of a drive ahead of you before you'll have another chance to buy anything.
- From here you have two options: Angels Billabong and Broken Beach are super close together and definitely worth a visit, or...
- You can even go to Manta Bay if snorkeling with manta rays is on your bucket list. It just depends on how much energy you have left.

### **Evening: Sunset views**

- Next up, Kelingking beach. I'm sure you'll recognize this backdrop from every single travel account on Instagram, but it's popular for a reason.
- To avoid crowds going early in the morning would be ideal, but later in the evening is a
  lot less busy as well. The marshmallow colors in the sky at sunset are healing to watch
  from this incredible viewpoint.
- Unfortunately, there aren't many restaurants on this side of the island. So, you'll need to embark on a 40-minute drive to the Northern side of the island.
- <u>Penida Colada Beach Bar</u> is a vibey place with delicious food. The perfect place to spend your final night on the Nusa islands.

## Day 10 - Back To The Mainland Bali

### **Morning: Travel to Ubud**

- Enjoy your final breakfast Nusa Penida before you start your journey to central Bali. You can sit down at a cafe or get a quick coffee and pastry at the port from <a href="Orion Bakery">Orion Bakery</a>.
- Get a ferry or speedboat back to Sanur from the same harbor that you arrived at.
- Once you've arrived in Sanur you can easily find a taxi to take you to the heart of Bali,
   Ubud. The drive should take around 40 minutes to 1 hour depending on the traffic.

### Afternoon: Soaking in Ubud's atmosphere

- It's time to experience the true magic of Bali. After arriving in Ubud and checking into your accommodation, you'll probably want to stretch your legs after traveling for so long.
- There is a beautiful local market in the center of Ubud, the perfect place to practice your bargaining skills and pick up a few handmade souvenirs to take home.
- The Sacred Monkey Sanctuary is within walking distance (about 15 minutes) away from the markets.
- Anytime after 2 p.m. is the best time to visit the Ubud monkey forest as the monkeys will have been fed already. So they won't harass you too much for more food!
- Enjoy a late lunch at the sanctuary's on-site restaurant.

#### **Evening: Night Market**

• Ubud has a vibrant Night Market that is open until 11 p.m. and sells local food. Be adventurous and go try some street food from the vendors there for dinner.

# Day 11 & 12 - Ubud

### Morning: Yoga and relaxation

- Start your morning the right way by moving your body at the Ubud Yoga House, or just experiencing the rice fields in the golden morning light by going for an early walk.
- Ubud is the perfect place to either fully immerse yourself in the Balinese culture or just unwind in a spa. Radha Spa at the Sankara comes highly recommended. Whatever you choose, I can't think of a better place to end your 2 weeks in Bali.
- There are so many beautiful breakfast spots to choose from here. <u>Tis Cafe</u> is an excellent breakfast spot to try out, you can even get a floating breakfast in their pool!
- You'll want to get an early start with most activities to avoid being uncomfortably hot. The
  Tegallalang rice terraces are about 20 minutes away from the center. Rent a bicycle and
  explore nature solo or join a group tour.

### Afternoon: Pura Tirta Empul and waterfalls

- After exploring the rice terraces, pay a visit to Bali's sacred water temple: Pura Tirta
  Empul. This is one of the most sacred Hindu water temples in Bali. And yes, there is a
  dress code.
- No Bali itinerary would be complete without a visit to a magical waterfall.
- Nungnung waterfall is an hour from Ubud in the middle of the jungle, but so worth the drive.
- Tibumana waterfall is only 30 minutes from the center and equally worth chasing.
- Ubud has amazing cafes with a variety of cuisines on offer: Anomali Cafe, Baba Bistro Ubud, and Watercress Cafe are worth visiting!

### **Evening: Kecak dance**

- The Kecak dance is an amazing Balinese tradition to experience, especially in Ubud. It's
  far less crowded than in Uluwatu and an amazing way to spend your evening. The
  performance takes place right in central Ubud, at the Pura Dalem Gede temple, you can
  easily get there by scooter or take a taxi.
- You can enjoy sunset drinks at a pool bar and afterward try one of Ubud's top-rated restaurants for dinner; <u>Tablespoon Ubud</u> and <u>Dapur Usada</u> won't disappoint.

# Day 13 - Sunrise Trek Up Mount Batur

**Morning: Early start** 

- Hiking up Mount Batur (Kintamani Volcano) is an experience you'll never forget.
- You can join a guided group for this, usually, the guide will pick you up in Ubud pretty early to make sure you start hiking up the mountain by 4 a.m. There aren't words to describe the sunrise you'll watch from the top, this is something everyone has to experience for themselves.

### Afternoon: Relaxing after the hike

- Set some time aside in your Bali itinerary to relax, especially after such an early morning hike. Ubud has many fantastic pool clubs for you to spend an entire day at.
- Kelapa Muda is surrounded by rice paddies and palm trees, the perfect place to put your feet up, and enjoy the tropical paradise. It even has a swim-up bar. You can enjoy a healthy lunch here as well.

### **Evening: Try traditional flavors**

 Enjoy a traditional Indonesian supper at <u>Wayan's Wurang</u> and savor every last bite of what could be your last bit of Indonesian food for a while!

## Day 14 - All Good Things Come To An End

### **Morning: Depart**

- Take some time to reflect on your 2 weeks in Bali, while you enjoy an ice-cold coconut and fresh tropical fruit for breakfast one last time.
- Check out of your accommodation and get a taxi back to Denpasar airport.

## **FAQs**

### Is it worth going to Bali for only 2 weeks?

Two weeks in Bali allows you to have enough time to explore what it has to offer. From breathtaking beaches, waterfalls, rice paddies, trendy cafes, temples, and vibrant culture, this tropical paradise really has it all. How you spend these 2 weeks depends on your interests and budget. But overall 2 weeks in Bali should be enough time to explore what this island has to offer.

#### Should I visit Bali or the Maldives?

It depends on what kind of vacation you're looking for. Both these islands are incredible in their own ways. And of course, it also depends on what your budget is.

Bali definitely offers a variety of experiences and accommodations to suit anyone's price range, while the Maldives can be a bit more expensive as it's a luxurious beach getaway. If you want to immerse yourself in a new culture, Bali is for you. However, if you're looking for a relaxing and tranguil holiday, the Maldives are an excellent choice.

### Is 14 days too long for Bali?

It all depends on your travel style. For some people, 14 days aren't enough! But in 2 weeks in Bali, you can see most of what this beach paradise has to offer and immerse yourself in the local culture, while still leaving enough time for yourself to relax.

From scuba diving to exploring ancient temples, Bali has enough to keep anyone busy for weeks. You can find the perfect Bali itinerary to suit your interests, there are even amazing day trips you can do to nearby islands.

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