

BALI LUXURY COLLECTION 10 days



Itinerary:

Day 1 : Arrive Bali

Upon arrival at Bali's Denpasar airport transfer to the hotel and time to relax from the flight.

Lodging: Ayana Hotel

Day 2 : Balinese Spa experience and Uluwatu Temple (B)

After breakfast enjoy a two hours SPA package to refresh and rejuvenate. In the late afternoon visit Uluwatu Temple, an architectural marvel situated on the edge of a steep 300 foot rock facing the ocean. Marvel at the sunset while watching the performance of a Kechak Dance presenting the Mahayana story with actor-dancers, beautiful costumes and Kechak dance-singers.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Ayana Hotel

Day 3 : Tranquillity at the enchanted Puri Taman Sari (B)

Today after breakfast transfer to Puri Taman Sari, where you find yourself in the midst of village life. Puri Taman Sari is situated in a tranquil corner of Umabian Village in Tabanan and is surrounded by beautiful, lush rice paddies. This property is owned by one of the Mengwi Royal family and some family members still live here so there may be a chance to interact during your stay.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Puri Tamansari Hotel

Day 4 : Traditional cooking class (B / L / D)

Today is filled with a wonderful introduction to Balinese culture. After breakfast enjoy a cooking workshop led by the Puri Taman Sari chef. Start by biking for about one hour to the nearby local market to witness the daily commerce of the village and experience the shopping for ingredients. If time allows, the outing may also include a visit to a village elementary school before heading back to Taman Sari to roll up your sleeves in the kitchen. The workshop will be hands-on, and you will enjoy all of the recipes you prepare as your lunch menu. After lunch, then learn how to make traditional canang sari, or offerings, small baskets of rice and flowers offered as gifts to the spirits.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Lodging:** Puri Tamansari Hotel

Day 5 : The Temples of Bali (B / L)

Today leave for Belimbing village at the Western end of the island. On the way visit the Royal family Temple Taman Ayun at Mengwi and the famous Tanah Lot, one of the most splendid temples in Bali. Perched atop an enormous rock, it is completely surrounded by the Indian

Ocean during high tide. On the way to Belimbings the cultural experience continues with your introduction to the Gamelan, an Indonesian musical ensemble. Try your hand at one or more of the traditional instruments. Later enjoy the amazing views of terraced rice fields, lush clove and coffee plantations and the tranquility of the surrounding relaxing your mind and body.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch **Lodging:** Cempaka Belimbings Villas

Day 6 : Natural Wonders (B / L / D)

In the early morning refresh your spirits at the powerful area of Belimbings before you start after breakfast to explore the picturesque rice-fields and the reason why the Dewi Sri Gods of prosperity is ever present here. See the variety of tropical plants like Mangosteen, Clove, Nutmeg, Salak, Durian, Cacao and many more. Back at the villas enjoy the pool and jacuzzi. Then later drive to Pemuteran's Tamansari. If time permits you may spend the afternoon snorkeling just off the hotels beach which is among the best snorkeling sites in Pemuteran.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Lodging:** Tamansari Hotel

Day 7 : Snorkeling, Waterfalls and Ubud (B / L)

In the morning after breakfast be ready for your snorkeling tour to Menjangan Island, a part of the Bali Barat National Park and well known for its magnificent underwater world. It offers deep coral reef walls and is one of Bali's best diving and snorkeling sites. A lunch box is served during the trip. After the snorkeling drive to Ubud. En route if time permits, visit a pearl farm for a unique opportunity to witness the creation of one of natures most wondrous gems. Next stop on your way to Ubud is Munduk where you have an interesting light hike through the jungle toward the beautiful Munduk waterfall. Along the way are majestic ferns, coffee, cacao and clove plants. Your walk runs along a small, crystal-clear river leading to the 131-foot stunning waterfall. Later continue your journey to Ubud, the island center of arts. Drive via Asah Panji, which offers a wonderful view of the Buyan and Tamblingan Lakes (Twin Lakes). On the way visit the magnificent floating Ulun Danu Temple on Lake Beratan and if time allows enjoy a short visit to Candi Kuning Market, which sells fresh fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Finally arrive in Ubud in time to venture out for the evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch **Lodging:** Komaneka Bisma Hotel

Day 8 : Elephants and Spiritual Balinese Traditions (B)

Revive with optional morning yoga at the hotel. Later drive to Taro Village to the Elephant Safari Park where you can see the only Mammoth Skeleton in South East Asia. Get up close and personal with the Elephants in a beautiful tropical park setting. See them take their bath in the lake, riding or even painting! Hand feed them, touch them, take photos with them and learn all about the elephants ancestry and diversity. Of course the visit would not be complete without an Elephant safari ride. Afterwards return to your hotel to get ready for another highlight of your stay. Dress in your Balinese traditional costume and bring a towel and extra clothes as this afternoon you have a authentic purification ceremony at the Holy Spring Temple Tampaksiring. The temple priest chants the most sacred mantras related to the purification before you enter into the sacred pool with its holy water to believe heals mind and body alike.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Komaneka Bisma Hotel

Day 9 : Barong & Kris Dance and Crafts (B)

Part take again in an optional morning yoga practice at the hotel before you leave for Batubulan Village to see the famous Barong & Kris Dance. Then continue with a visit to the mask maker, learn how wood-masks are made and get to know the characters and spirit of the masks used for ritual dances in Bali. You have a little sample performance by the mask maker himself. Visit as well the art & hand craft centre of wood carving and art paintings before making your way to Seminyak on a beautiful scenic drive.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** W Hotel

Day 10 : Departure (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for international return flight.

Meals: Breakfast.

