

Bali 2018: Preliminary Daily Itinerary

- Mon 6/18: Culinary 9am-12pm. Orientation 12-2pm incl. lunch. Geology 2-5pm
- Tue 6/19 Culinary 9am-12pm. Geology 1-4pm
- Wed 6/20: Culinary 9am-12pm. Geology 1-4pm
- Thu 6/21: Culinary 9am-12pm. Geology 1-4pm
- Fri 6/22: Culinary 9-11am. Geology 12-2pm
- Sat 6/23: Check in at LAX 3 hours before your flight to Bali. Make sure to check your ticket so you don't miss your flight. Check your bags all the way to Denpasar, Bali (airport code DPS).
- Sun 6/24: Some flights depart LAX on Saturday afternoon, while others depart around 1am Sunday morning. Crossing the International Date Line means we lose most of this day in flight.
- Mon 6/25: Transfer to your Bali-bound flight. Check the departure display boards for your departure gate. Find your gate, then explore the airport. Allow plenty of time to catch your connecting flight. Arrive in Bali, obtain a free 30-day tourist visa at immigration and then collect your luggage. Look for others in our group and then proceed through customs. Exit the airport where our private driver/guides will greet you as you exit the building. We'll drive to Ubud (about 90 minutes). After check-in and a shower or swim we'll have a brief orientation and welcome dinner. **7 nights at Villa Agung Khalia.**
- Tue 6/26: Today we'll have an early morning field study class as we trek through the rice fields and get acquainted with Balinese culture. We'll return to the villa for breakfast followed by Culinary lecture, lunch at the villa, and Geology lecture. In the late afternoon we'll explore Ubud town, exchange money, have time for an early dinner, and stop by the supermarket so you can buy supplies.
- Wed 6/27: Today we'll do a Balinese cooking class at **PAON**, including lunch. We'll get back around 3pm and after a little relaxing there'll be time for classes. The evening is free to explore Ubud's many restaurants and sites.
- Thu 6/28: Geology students and others who wish for adventure will wake at 2:30am drive to Kintamani to hike Mt. Batur, an active stratovolcano. You'll be rewarded by a wonderful view of a volcanic island arc being lit up by the rising sun (as you sip coffee or hot chocolate). There's a troop of monkeys at the top, so expect a little monkey business. The hike down is as much a challenge as the way up, so we take it slow and steady, but we get you back in time for a late breakfast. We'll enjoy the remainder of the afternoon taking in Bali's slow pace by the pool, completing journal entries and studying.

- Fri 6/29: A morning for Geology lecture followed by lunch. We'll head into town in the afternoon for a lecture at Seniman Coffee. You'll have time to grab dinner before we meet up for a Kecak & Fire Dance performance at 7pm (we'll first review some basic Ramayana themes).
- Sat 6/30: We'll depart in the morning for a Balinese spice & coffee farm where the brave can try out the famous 'kopi luwak'. We'll then start our **downhill bike ride**, stopping along the way to learn about Balinese religion, agriculture and village structure. We'll end with a delicious, locally prepared lunch. We'll have brief classes in the late afternoon to discuss our observations and we'll check out your snorkel gear in the pool to make sure it works.
- Sun 7/1: After breakfast we'll visit Goa Gajah (Elephant Cave), an ancient religious site offering a glimpse into Bali's past as well as great photo opportunities. Sarongs, sashes and covered shoulders are a must. We'll have lunch upon our return to the villa, followed by class time. You'll have a free evening to explore Ubud and pack up for tomorrow's departure (take a sweatshirt, sarong, sunscreen, snorkel gear and clothing for 4 nights).
- Mon 7/2: We'll have an early 7am breakfast and then depart by 8am for Bedugul and the Tree-tops adventure for some team building. Make sure to pack up all your belongings and store them in Villa 3. Bring only enough clothing and gear for our 4-day adventure in North Bali. For the initial drive bring gloves, a long-sleeve shirt and be sure to wear sport shoes instead of sandals. Those who opt out of the zipline will visit Pura Ulun Danau water temple. We'll then continue to Puri Bagus' organic farm at Pelaga where we'll grab lunch and dinner, do an agricultural hike, and stay for **1 night**.
- Tue 7/3: We'll do a morning trek before checking out and visiting the local fruit market in Bedugul followed by a waterfall trek before we continue to Taman Sari hotel in **Pemuteran for 3 nights**. We may have time to visit the turtle hatchery to learn about local ecological efforts before our group dinner. Make sure to try out your snorkel gear one more time.
- Wed 7/4: Grab your snorkel gear, sunscreen and towel because after a very early breakfast we head to Labuan Lalang to catch our boat for a fun morning at Menjangan Island, arguably Bali's best snorkel spot. We'll return to the hotel for lunch, leaving the remainder of the day free to relax and enjoy the Fourth of July.
- Thu 7/5: A day for classes, relaxing and studying by the pool. Coastal geology excursion possible.
- Fri 7/6: An early morning opportunity to snorkel the reef in front of the hotel. After breakfast we say goodbye to Pemuteran and make our way back into Bali's central highlands for another waterfall trek before continuing on to **Ubud for another 6 nights at VAK**.
- Sat 7/7: A day for classes with lunch at either Ibu Oka for Babi Guling or Sari Organik for very healthy Balinese food. We'll visit the Monkey Forest followed by a free evening in Ubud.
- Sun 7/8: A day for optional activities such as river rafting, elephant safari, and/or shopping at the Sukawati arts market. Alternatively, you can study and/or relax by the pool.

- Mon 7/9: After breakfast we'll do a cooking class at Café Wayan which includes lunch. We'll have Geology lecture in the afternoon. Free evening.
- Tue 7/10: Geology field trip in the morning. Possible visit to stone quarry?
- Wed 7/11: Pack all your bags because this is our last night at the villa. Farewell to Ubud dinner at Café Wayan.
- Thu 7/12: We'll check out from the villa then continue to the lovely seaside town of Candidasa, our home for the next week. We'll arrive early so grab lunch by the pool until our rooms are ready. You'll have a free afternoon and evening to relax and explore town. **Hotel Puri Bagus Candidasa, 6 nights**
- Fri 7/13: We'll have an early breakfast and then drive to the protected cove of Amed, about 75 minutes north of Candidasa. Leaving early, before the winds pick up, means we should have good conditions for our snorkel site at the "sunken temples" followed by time for lunch. On the way back we'll stop at Tirtagangga water palace for a dip in the cold, fresh water. Upon our return we'll have an evening group **dinner**.
- Sat 7/14: A day for an East Bali cooking class, Geology lecture and relaxing by the pool.
- Sun 7/15: Morning for an optional activity like rafting, snorkeling, fishing or take a morning to relax and sleep in. An afternoon for lectures.
- Mon 7/ 16: Culinary class will do a chocolate-making session. Geology class will do a local field trip. As the sun sets we'll all visit the famous Bat Cave to see thousands of bats exit the cave in droves. Return for free evening to study.
- Tue 7/17: Final exams and projects. Farewell group dinner at Vincent's Restaurant.
- Wed 7/18: Pack up and head to the airport for our departure back to LAX*. You'll cross the International Date Line again so you'll arrive home the same day.

Note:

While in BALI, expect changes and go with the flow. The itinerary WILL change based on weather and availability of cultural activities (cremation, temple ceremonies, etc.). When we see an opportunity to attend a cremation or temple ceremony, we will jump on that opportunity.

*Airfare prices are different for each day of the week. Although we cannot change the departure date from LAX it may be possible for you to extend your stay in Bali by one or two nights if the return airfare is significantly cheaper on the 19th or 20th. You would be responsible for both the additional cost to stay in Bali for the additional nights(s) and for your personal wellbeing as these days would not be part of the official program. You should allow approx. \$60 for each additional night in Bali.