

## **Bali 2017: Final Proposed Itinerary**

- May 13: (Saturday) Orientation 1
- June 19: Anthro 9-11am. Orientation 11:15am-1:45pm incl. lunch. Music 2-4pm
- June 20: Anthro 9am-12pm. Music 12:30-3:30pm
- June 21: Music 9am-12pm. Anthropology 12:30-3:30pm
- June 22: Music 9am-12pm. Anthropology 12:30-3:30pm
- June 23: No Classes: Prepare for departure
- June 24: 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 Bali.
- June 25: Crossing the International Date Line means we lose a day. Transfer in Taipei 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 (waiting area might be out of sight)
- June 26: Arrive DPS (Bali) between 2:40 and 3:15pm. Clear 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 that time of day) and after check-in we'll have a brief orientation and welcome dinner. 6 nights at Villa Agung Khalia.
- June 27: 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 Anthropology lecture, lunch at the villa, and Music 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.
- June 28: 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.
- June 29: A shorter morning hike for those who wish. After breakfast we'll have an introduction to the Balinese gamelan followed by lunch. We'll have lectures in the afternoon with a free early evening in town followed by a Kecak dance performance (review Ramayana themes).

- June 30: After breakfast we'll visit Goa Gajah, the "Elephant Cave" and Gunung Kawi, the "Mountain of Poetry". These ancient religious sites offer a glimpse into Bali's past as well as great photo opportunities. Sarongs, sashes and covered shoulders are a must. We'll have a late villa lunch upon our return, followed by class time. This will likely include an opportunity to learn about Balinese offerings by actually making some.
- July 1: After an early breakfast we'll head off to a Balinese spice & coffee farm where the brave can try out the famous 'kopi luwak'. We'll continue to the Kintamani overlook to see Mount Batur, 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 before a free evening to explore Ubud and pack up for tomorrow's departure (take snorkel gear and clothing for 2 nights).
- July 2: We'll have an early breakfast and then depart by 8am for Bedugul and the Tree-tops adventure for some team building. We'll have lunch, explore the local fruit market, visit Pura Ulun Danau water temple, hike to Gitgit Waterfall and continue to Puri Bagus hotel in **Lovina for 2 nights**. In the evening we'll have a group dinner with music performance.
- July 3: Grab your snorkel gear, sunscreen and towel because after a very early breakfast we head to Labuan Lalang to catch our boat to Menjangan Island, arguably Bali's best snorkel spot. We'll make a brief stop for lunch and may have time to visit a turtle hatchery to learn about local ecological efforts. Free evening in town.
- July 4: For those in the mood you can book an optional, early morning excursion to view dolphins (others can sleep in). After breakfast we say goodbye to Lovina and we'll visit north Bali's Buddhist monastery in Bajar Village, then make our way back to **Ubud for another 5 nights at VAK**.
- July 5: A day for classes, gamelan practice, relaxing and studying by the pool.
- July 6: You can take this day off to relax and study, or you can get up at an ungodly 3am to hike 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 and a nap. We'll enjoy the afternoon taking in Bali's slow pace by the pool.

- July 7: A day for classes. In the evening we'll see a Shadow Puppet show in town. This art form was the 'movie theater' in ancient times but survives into modernity during important ceremonies and for tourists. The stories most often portrayed are scenes from the Hindu epic the Mahabharata.
- July 8: Morning for an optional activity such as river rafting. Afternoon classes, study, and/or relax by the pool. Free evening to pack your bags because this is our last night at the villa. Dinner will be at the villa.
- July 9: After breakfast and goodbyes to the staff we'll head to east Bali. On the way we'll make our first stop to see traditional gong maker shop. If we have time, our next stop will be a small-scale sea salt production. We'll then continue to the lovely seaside town of Candidasa, our home for the next week. Before we arrive we'll make a brief stop at Goa Lawah (Bat Cave) to see this important Balinese temple and its throngs of resident long-nose fruit bats. You'll have a free evening to explore town. **Hotel Puri Bagus Candidasa, 6 nights**
- July 10: Today we'll explore the traditional music of east Bali and the ancient Bali Aga village of Tengannan. There'll be a little time for lecture discussions before a free evening to explore town.
- July 11: 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. After lunch we'll drive into the nearby hills to explore Pura Lempuyang known as the "cloud temple". 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 dinner with a traditional music and dance performance.
- July 12: A day for lectures, studying and relaxing by the pool.
- July 13: Morning optional activity like more snorkeling, or take a morning to relax and sleep in. Afternoon lectures, with a free evening.
- July 14: A day for intense lectures, study time and relaxing by the pool. Those who wish can volunteer an afternoon at the elementary school in Bugbug village, helping children learn English. We might also be able to interview Jero Mas, the local 'Balian' or traditional healer.
- July 15: After breakfast it's time to pack up and transfer back to Ubud. We will visit a traditional mask-maker on the way. This time we're staying in the center of town. Evening spent preparing for exams. **Sri Bungalows, 2 nights**

July 16: Morning optional elephant safari, returning by mid-day. Afternoon exams. Our farewell dinner will be at 7pm, so don't wander too far!

July 17: After breakfast we all check out of Sri Bungalows. At 11:45am some will depart for the airport in time to catch the 3:40pm flight home. The rest of us will return to the villa and then head to the airport at 6:30pm for our 10:45pm flight to Sydney.

## **Sydney Extension**

### **Tuesday July 18: Arrive Sydney, Australia**

- Transfer to Meriton Apartments, Bondi Junction (3 nights)
- 3-day Sydney transit pass
- Tour to the Blue Mountains including Scenic World (weather permitting), Featherdale Wildlife Park, & Sydney Harbor.

**Fri July 21:** Morning transfer back to Sydney's airport to catch the 11:50am flight back to LAX. The flight goes through Auckland, New Zealand, so a few of you have opted to stay and explore NZ at own expense and liability.

### **Notes:**

1. 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.
2. For Sydney and New Zealand, remember it will be their winter. You will need to pack some warm clothing such as pants, sweater/sweatshirt, and a rain/wind shell. You will need to apply for an ETA visa and have an AUS/NZ plug converter for your electrical devices.