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COMPLETE TRAVEL GUIDE

Bali — 14 Days

Ubud → North Bali → Canggu → Nusa Penida → Gili Trawangan → Uluwatu — temples, rice terraces, jungle and paradise beaches on the island of the gods.

DURATION	ESTIMATED BUDGET	STYLE
14 days	€1,300–€3,000 (excluding international flights, depending on travel style)	Cultural · Nature · Adventure

ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

Bali — 14 Days

Temples, rice fields, jungle, paradise-like beaches and some of the best experiences in Indonesia.

Over 14 days you'll travel through Ubud, north Bali, Canggu, Nusa Penida, Gili Trawangan and Uluwatu.

Estimated budget: €1,300 – €3,000 (excluding international flights, depending on travel style).

Who this trip is for

Ideal if it's your first trip to Bali, you want to combine culture and nature with the beach, you feel like getting to know Bali's most traditional side but also its more modern areas, or you want to snorkel, surf, raft, spa, take excursions and have cultural experiences.

Perfect if you're looking for:

- Temples, rice fields, waterfalls, jungle and volcanoes
- Turquoise-water islands — Nusa Penida and Gili Trawangan
- Beach clubs, surf and nightlife in Canggu
- A trip that combines several faces of the same destination, not just one

Bali looks small on the map, but the transfers, boat schedules and decisions (Ubud or Canggu? Is Nusa Penida worth it? Private driver or Grab?) can turn planning into hours of research. This itinerary brings it all together in one document so all you have to do is enjoy it.

Includes:

> **This trip is for you if...**
> - First time in Bali
> - Travelers who want to combine culture and nature with beach time
> - Anyone looking for temples, rice terraces and jungle as well as turquoise-water islands
> - Surf, rafting, spas, excursions and cultural experiences

WHAT THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES

- ✓ Day-by-day itinerary, optimized
- ✓ Hotel recommendations
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Practical travel information
- ✓ Travel checklist
- ✓ Visa and entry information
- ✓ Interactive maps
- ✓ Restaurant recommendations
- ✓ Transport information
- ✓ Budget breakdown
- ✓ Useful apps & eSIM info

01 DAY

Welcome to Bali

Recommended area to stay: Ubud.

After a long flight, this first day shouldn't try to show you "all of Bali." The idea is much nicer: arrive, settle in and start understanding where you are.

ARRIVAL AT DENPASAR AIRPORT

You'll most likely arrive at Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS). If your flight lands in the morning or early afternoon, you can make decent use of the day; if you arrive at night, go straight to the hotel, have dinner nearby and rest. Ubud is quite a bit farther from the airport than the southern coastal areas, and traffic can turn a relatively short trip into a long hour.

💡 Personal tip: for this first transfer, prioritize booking a private driver. You'll arrive tired, probably with luggage and not yet familiar with Bali's traffic.

🌤️ AFTERNOON — FIRST CONTACT WITH UBUD

Drop your bags at the hotel and go out to explore the center without too much planning. Here the scenery starts to change: tropical vegetation, small streets, temples, art galleries, cafés, craft shops and rice fields hidden behind buildings. The name Ubud itself comes from "ubad," related to the Balinese word for medicine — the area has historically been linked to medicinal plants, spirituality and wellbeing.

Start with **Ubud Palace**, right in the center — no need to spend hours there, just calmly wander its courtyards and take in the Balinese architecture (carved stone, ornate doors, sculptures and gardens). From there walk to **Pura Taman Saraswati**, a small temple dedicated to the goddess of knowledge, recognizable by its lotus flower pond.

Then continue to the **Ubud Art Market**, with stalls of crafts, textiles, bags, decor and jewelry. Don't rush to buy on the first day — over the next two weeks you'll find many more shops and markets.

If you still have energy at sunset, a short walk along **Campuhan Ridge Walk** is a good way to see how the landscape changes right outside the center: suddenly the buildings disappear and vegetation, palm trees and fields appear.

🌙 EVENING — FIRST BALINESE DINNER

No need to look for Ubud's most famous restaurant. Take the chance to try typical dishes: nasi goreng (fried rice), mie goreng (the noodle version), nasi campur (rice with small portions of several dishes), bebek or ayam betutu (duck or chicken with Balinese spices), satay (skewers with peanut sauce) — and if you like spicy food, sambal (careful, it can look innocent and it's not).

Recommended restaurants (Ubud center):

- Warung Biah Biah: simple Indonesian food, perfect for an easy first night
- Sweet Orange Warung: dinner literally surrounded by rice fields
- Hujan Locale: modern Indonesian cooking, a bit more refined, a good option if you want the dinner itself to be part of the experience

Among the area's high-end options, Locavore NXT, Mozaic, Apéritif or Room4Dessert stand out — but we wouldn't book a fine-dining restaurant on the first night. Better to save that special experience for later, once you know Balinese food a bit better.

🚄 TRANSPORT FOR THE DAY

Airport → Ubud: private transfer / taxi / ride-hailing (approx. 1-2h depending on traffic). Within Ubud: much of the center is done on foot; for longer distances, Grab/Gojek, taxi or a private driver.

DAY WRAP-UP

Don't try to do more. This trip is going to have much more intense days ahead — the first one is designed for you to start settling into Bali's rhythm without feeling like you landed six hours ago and are already running from temple to temple.



Ubud Palace



Ubud Rice Terraces

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This is just the beginning.

You've seen Day 1 of the 14 days of Bali — 14 Days. All of this is waiting for you in the full version:

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

- The route, city by city
- Visas and documentation
- Health declaration — All Indonesia
- Vaccines
- Money and cards
- Travel insurance
- Internet and eSIM

ALSO INCLUDES

- Where to stay
- Activities & experiences
- Iconic restaurants
- Realistic budget
- Mistakes to avoid
- Conclusion

REMAINING DAYS

- Day 2 — Bali's Greenest Side
- Day 3 — A Bit of Adventure
- Day 4 — Bali's Spiritual Heart
- Day 5 — Ubud Your Way
- Day 6 — Ubud → Tanah Lot → Coast → Uluwatu → Canggu
- Day 7 — Canggu
- + 7 more days

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