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Why Go?

The land on the other side, that's north Bali. Although one-sixth of the island's population lives here, the vast region is overlooked by many visitors who stay trapped in the south Bali–Ubud axis.

The two big draws are Lovina, the sleepy beach town with cheap hotels and even cheaper sunset beer specials; and Pemuteran. The latter is everything a mellow beach resort should be, with appealing hotels arrayed around a small bay. The major draw is diving and snorkelling at nearby Pulau Menjangan in west Bali.

Getting to north Bali for once lives up to the cliché: it's half the fun. Routes follow the thinly populated coastlines east and west, or you can go up and over the mountains by any number of routes, marvelling at crater lakes and maybe stopping for a misty trek on the way.

Once north, sacred temples, waterfalls and many other seldom-visited treasures await. Pick a back road for a ride or a drive, wave to the villagers and discover a new, more relaxed side of Bali.

When to Go

Most of north Bali doesn't have a high season in terms of visitors. The exception is Pemuteran, which is busy July, August and the weeks around Christmas and New Year. Weather-wise it's always drier in the north as opposed to south Bali. Days of perpetual sun are the norm year-round (most visitors like air-con for sleeping). The only real variation will be found when you venture back into the hills for waterfalls or hikes; mornings will be cool.



North Bali Highlights

- 1** Exploring underwater marvels while staying at **Pemuteran** (p238), an idyllic beach town
- 2** Wandering the beach in front of **Pemuteran's resorts** (p238), trying to choose where to have dinner
- 3** Losing track of time at **Lovina** (p230), but not of your budget

- 4** Going for a hike in the lush hills that line north Bali, especially to **hidden waterfalls** (p231) for a swim
- 5** Getting dirty in the healthy mud of **Air Panas Banjar** (p237)

- 6** Savouring Buleleng's rich culture at the museums of **Singaraja** (p226), which has a long royal history
- 7** Marvelling at the carving all around the artful temple **Pura Maduwe Karang** (p230)