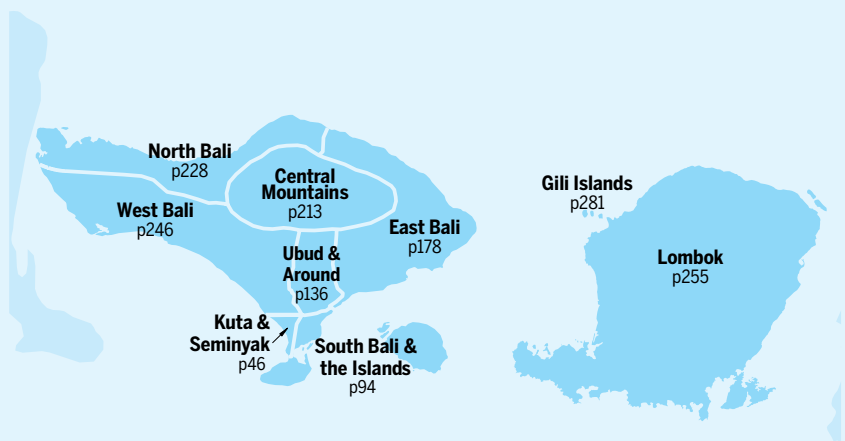


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Why Go?

Crowded and frenetic, the swathe of south Bali hugging the amazing wide ribbon of beach that runs north almost from the airport is the place many travellers begin and end their visit to the island.

In Seminyak and Kerobokan there is a bounty of cafes, restaurants, designer boutiques, spas and the like that rivals anywhere in the world, while Kuta and Legian are the choice for rollicking all-night clubbing, cheap singlets and hair-plaiting and carefree family holidays. North around Canggu are wild beaches and the new frontier of tourism.

Renowned shopping, all-night clubs, fabulous dining, cheap beer, sunsets that dazzle and relentless hustle and bustle are all part of the experience. But just when you wonder what any of this has to do with Bali – the island supposedly all about spirituality and serenity – a religious procession appears and shuts everything down. And then you know the answer.

When to Go

- ➔ Bali's ever-increasing popularity means that the best time to visit Kuta, Seminyak and their neighbours is outside the high season (July, August and the weeks around Christmas and New Year). Holidays during high season mean that visitor numbers spike and it can require actual effort to organise tables in the best restaurants, navigate trendy shops and get a room with a view.
- ➔ Many prefer April to June and September, when the weather is drier and slightly cooler, and the crowds manageable.