



North Bali

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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 southern Bali–Ubud axis.

The big draw here is the incredible diving and snorkelling at nearby Pulau Menjangan. Arcing around a nearby bay, Pemuteran may be Bali's best beach town. To the east is Lovina, a sleepy beach strip with cheap hotels and even cheaper sunset beer specials. All along the north coast are interesting little boutique hotels, while inland you'll find quiet treks to waterfalls.

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.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Damai (p237)
- ➔ Jasmine Kitchen (p237)
- ➔ Buda Bakery (p237)
- ➔ Global Village Kafe (p236)

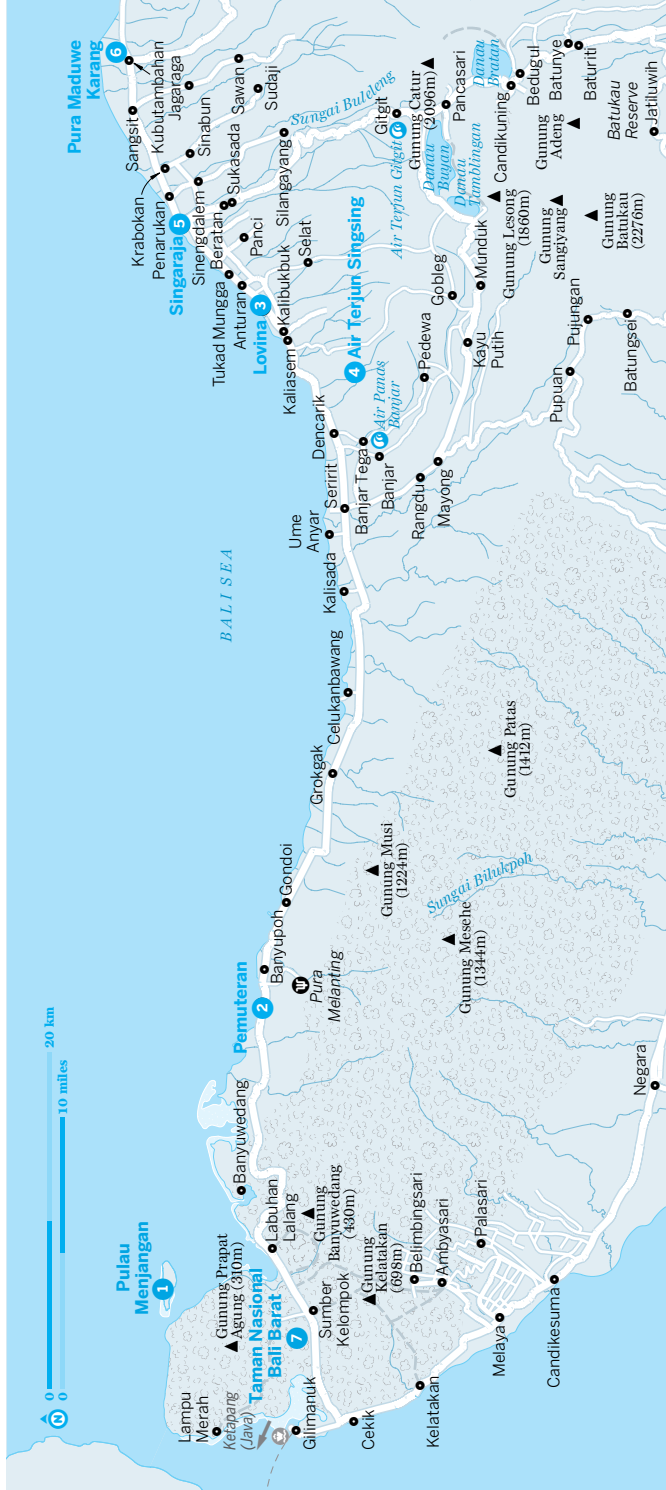
Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Taman Sari (p242)
- ➔ Matahari Beach Resort (p242)
- ➔ Damai (p236)
- ➔ Taman Selini Beach Bungalows (p242)

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 around Christmas and New Year.

➔ Weather-wise it's always drier in the north compared 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; mornings will be cool.



North Bali Highlights

- 1 Plunging into the depths at **Pulau Menjangan**, (p241) Bali's best dive spot, or enjoying the show while snorkelling.
- 2 Exploring underwater marvels while staying at **Pemuteran** (p239), an idyllic beach town.
- 3 Losing track of time, but not of your budget, at laid-back, beachside **Lovina** (p232).

- 4 Hiking in the verdant hills that line north Bali, especially to waterfalls like refreshing **Air Terjun Singing** (p238).
- 5 Savouring Buleleng's rich culture at the museums of **Singaraja** (p230), which has a long royal history.

- 6 Communing at temples with elaborate art such as **Pura Madau Karang** (p233).
- 7 Discovering, by foot or boat, Bali's national park, **Taman Nasional Bali Barat** (p244), and wildlife-spotting amidst mangroves, savannah and lush hillsides.