



West Bali

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Why Go?

Even as development from south Bali creeps ever further west (via hot spots like Canggu), Bali's true west, which is off the busy main road from Tabanan to Gilimanuk, remains mostly little visited. It's easy to find serenity amid its wild beaches, jungle and rice fields.

On the coast, surfers hit the breaks at Balian and Medewi. Some of Bali's most sacred sites are here, from the ever-thronged Pura Tanah Lot to the lily-pad-dappled beauty of Pura Taman Ayun and on to the wonderful isolation of Pura Rambut Siwi.

The tidy town of Tabanan is at the hub of Bali's Unesco-listed *subak*, the system of irrigation that ensures everybody gets a fair share of the water. On narrow back roads you can cruise beside rushing streams with bamboo arching overhead and fruit piling up below.

When to Go

- ➔ The best time to visit west Bali is during the dry season from April to September, although recent weather patterns have made the dry season wetter and the wet season drier. Hiking and trekking in Taman Nasional Bali Barat is much easier when it isn't muddy, and the waters of Pulau Menjangan are at their world-class best for diving on clear days.
- ➔ Along the coast, the west has yet to develop a peak season – although surfing is best in months without an 'r'. Yet even in busy months you'll still find the waves less crowded than you will further south.

West Bali Highlights

1 Balian Beach (p266)

Revelling in the cool beach vibe and pounding surf visuals in a place where surfer hang-outs and stylish digs rub shoulders.

2 Pantai Medewi (p267)

Nailing the long left break at this low-key haven.

3 Pura Tamam Ayun (p263)

Finding your own tranquil corner at one of Bali's most evocative temples.

4 Pura Tanah Lot (p263)

Enjoying the morning spirituality of this tourist-filled temple.

5 Pura Rambu Siwi (p269)

Feeling the serenity at this historic and important seaside temple.

6 Cemagi (p263)

Substituting the seaside temple of Pura Gede Luhur Batu Ngaus for the Tanah Lot crowds.

Pura Pulaki

Pemuatan

Banyuwedang

Taman Nasional Bali Barat

Gunung Banyakwedang (430m)

Gunung Metruk (1358m)

Gunung Gunung Meseche (1344m)

Gunung Musti (1224m)

Gunung Putas (1412m)

Gunung Manggissari

Bunut Bolong

Pulukan

Air Sanga

Yeh Embang

Pura Rambut Siwi

Pantai Medewi

Pura Gede Perancak

Pengambengan

Mendoyo

Loloan

Timur

Jembrana

Negara

Candikesuma

Melaya

Gili Manuk

Cekik

Belimbingsari

Pura Taman Ayun

Pucuk

Kerambitan

Lalang-Lingga

Antosari

Kutuh

Balian Beach

Pujungan

Sanda

Biyanan

Wangayagede

Blimbing

Jegu

Pucuk

Margarana

Sembung

Sangen

Wanasari

Muncar

Mengwi

Tabanan

Pejaten

Tribubiyu

Yeh Gangga

Beraban

Kerobokan

Seseh

Cemagi

Sungai Sitia

Sungai Dauya

Sungai Tel He

Sungai Balian

Sungai Pulukan

Sungai Suci

Selat Bali

BALI SEA

JAVA

BALI SEA

0 10 miles 20 km