



Bali

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Why Go?

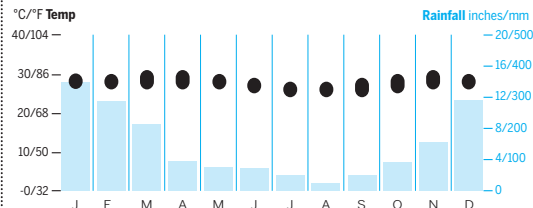
Impossibly green rice terraces, pulse-pounding surf, enchanting Hindu temple ceremonies, mesmerising dance performances, ribbons of beaches, a truly charming people: there are as many images of Bali as there are flowers on the ubiquitous frangipani trees.

This small island looms large for any visit to Indonesia. No place is more visitor-friendly. Hotels range from surfer dives to sybaritic retreats in the lush mountains. You can dine on local foods bursting with flavours fresh from the markets or let a world-class chef take you on a culinary journey around the globe. From a cold Bintang (beer) at sunset to an epic night clubbing, your social whirl is limited only by your fortitude.

And small obviously doesn't mean homogeneous. Manic Kuta segues into glitzy Seminyak. The artistic swirl of Ubud is a counterpoint to misty treks amid the volcanoes. Mellow beach towns such as Bingin, Amed and Pemuteran are found right round the coast.

When to Go

Denpasar



Jul & Aug High season is Bali's busiest and buzziest time. Book ahead for rooms.

May, Jun & Sep Often the best weather: slightly cooler and drier; less crowded.

Jan–Apr, Oct & Nov Low season makes spontaneous travel easy. Note the Nyepi holiday.



Bali Highlights

- 1 Shopping by day and hitting the hotspots by night in **Seminyak** (p218) and **Kerobokan** (p223)
- 2 Discovering the beautiful string of hidden beaches in

and around **Bingin** (p228), where the surfing is also fab

- 3 Revelling in Bali's elaborate cultural life in **Ubud** (p246), where you can enjoy your choice of the island's

iconic dance and gamelan performances nightly

- 4 Gazing in awe at the rice terraces leading to the mystical temple **Pura Luhur Batukau** (p286)