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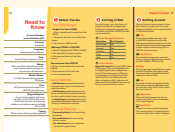
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Your keys to understanding the island – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



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The best things to see and do, area by area



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Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's island

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See the region on foot



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Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free island experience



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Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

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 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

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Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his Paris showpiece is a favorite hangout for Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritz Paris; 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Bali

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the region.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Bali.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Bali

Bali's rich culture plays out at all levels of life, from the exquisite flower-petal offerings placed everywhere to the processions of joyfully garbed locals to the traditional music and dance. Add in great beaches, world-class surfing, superb dining, stunning sunsets, beautiful walks and fabulous shopping, and Bali is simply unbeatable.



Bali Top Experiences

Feeling Spiritual at Pura Luhur Batukau (p58)

A multitiered, Kyoto-esque temple rises out of the mists cloaking the side of one of Bali's main volcanoes. You've reached Pura Luhur Batukau, where you can feel the island's sacred magic.





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Hanging Out at Ulu Watu's Beaches (p68)

Bali's own version of pearls, the string of beaches towards Ulu Watu has some of the island's best sand shimmering in the sunlight. Enjoy the adventure of reaching these often-isolated locations.



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Touring Ubud's Rice Fields (p100)

Ribbons of green sinuously curving around hillsides crested by coconut palms and emerald patchworks blanketing the land: these are some of the vistas you'll savour as you walk Ubud's rice fields.

Nusa Lembongan (p90)

Lazing on a beach, riding a wave, meeting a parrotfish while snorkelling, coming face to face with a sunfish while diving in deep clear waters: these moments define Nusa Lembongan.



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Gili Trawangan (p126)

An all-day, all-night party, that's Gili T – take a fast boat over from Bali to whoop it up. Divers can also find briny joy and snorkellers will discover underwater beauty right off the beach.



Bali Local Life

Insider tips to help you find the real island

After checking out Bali's top experiences, find out what makes this magnificent island tick. Discover the beauty of sunsets from the beaches and savour the culture and purely Balinese lifestyle in Ubud.

Beach Walk: Batubelig to Echo Beach (p48)

- ▶ **Deserted beaches**
- ▶ **Isolated temples**

At its busiest, Kuta Beach can feel like you've stumbled into a flash mob. The same goes for Legian and even Seminyak's beaches. But head north along this seemingly limitless arc of sand from Batubelig Beach and you'll leave Bali's crowds behind, see seldom-visited temples and have a grand adventure. The steady pace of development means that glitzy days for this stretch of sand are just around the corner, so go now while you can still say it's a naturally beautiful domain.

A Perfect Ubud Day (p102)

- ▶ **Alluring shopping**
- ▶ **A cleansed body**

If one Ubud is all about Balinese creativity and culture, another Ubud is much more inwardly focused. On this stroll you can get your body purged of poisons, fill it with healthy nourishment, adorn it with beauty and, bringing things full circle, feel the inspiration of Balinese dance. In fact, it is a good thing that Ubud is blessed with so many fine cafes, as otherwise you might find yourself so caught up in the pleasures of wandering its lanes that you'd forget to enjoy a break.