

THE ULTIMATE BALI GUIDE

Everything I'd tell a friend before visiting Bali 🌴

✈ Getting There

Roundtrip flights from India usually cost ₹25,000–₹35,000 depending on season.

💡 *My Tip: I booked 5 months ahead and got mine for ₹24,000 roundtrip.*

🇮🇩 Visa for Indians

e-VOA ~₹2,950 plus a mandatory Tourist Levy ~₹750 — budget ₹3,700 total. Valid 30 days, extendable once. Apply online before you fly to skip the airport queue.

🕒 Ideal Duration

10–12 days is ideal to see it all without rushing. 7 days is the bare minimum if you're short on time.

🚗 Getting Around

Scooter rental ₹350–₹600/day, or a private driver for ₹3,500–₹5,000/day on longer routes. Compare Grab and Gojek for shorter rides. Base yourself in 2–3 regions instead of hopping hotels nightly — it saves you from Bali's traffic.

🌴 Which Side of Bali Is For You?

Okay here's the real trick to a good Bali trip — pick your vibe first, then let that decide your location, not the other way around. Bali genuinely isn't one destination, it's more like a handful of completely different islands squeezed onto one map, and wherever you base yourself is basically going to become your whole trip. So before you book a single hotel, ask yourself what you're actually craving right now — beachy and horizontal, jungle and slow, or buzzing and social — and let that answer pick your spot for you.

🌊 Uluwatu

Perfect if you're dreaming of **white-sand beaches, dramatic cliffs, surf culture and sunset cafés**. I always think of Uluwatu as the laid-back beach side of Bali.

🌿 Ubud

Think **jungle cafés, waterfalls, temples and endless rice terraces**. It's definitely busier now, but once you drive a little outside the town centre, it still has that peaceful Bali feeling.

🌾 Sidemen ❤️

If I had to recommend **just one underrated place**, it'd be Sidemen. Quiet roads, rice fields stretching forever and views of Mount Agung almost everywhere you look. This is where I'd slow down for a couple of days.

🏠 Amed

A completely different side of Bali. **Black-sand beaches, incredible snorkelling, diving and some of the slowest mornings you'll have on the island.**

☕ Canggu

Best for people who love **cafés, coworking spaces, beach clubs and nightlife**. Fun, social and lively—but definitely the busiest part of Bali.

🌿 Munduk

Cool mountain weather, waterfalls and winding roads. It doesn't even feel like the same island.

My Ideal 10-Day Bali Route

 Uluwatu (2 Days) →  Ubud (3 Days) →  Sidemen (2 Days) →  Amed (2 Days) →  Nusa
Lembongan (1 Day)

If it's your first time in Bali, you can swap Nusa Lembongan for Nusa Penida.

Don't Leave Bali Without Experiencing...

-  Uluwatu Cliffs at sunset
-  Mount Batur Sunrise Trek
-  Rice fields of Sidemen
-  Snorkelling at Jemeluk Bay, Amed
-  Sekumpul Waterfall
-  Nusa Lembongan
-  Exploring Munduk
-  Nusa Penida (first trip)

Where I'd Actually Eat

Uluwatu

- Suka Espresso** — fav breakfast spot
- Drifter Café** — coffee, surf vibes
- The Cashew Tree** — relaxed brunch
- Milk & Madu** — lava stone pizza

Sidemen

- Warung Dapur Kapulaga** — views + authentic
- Asri Dining** — my dinner pick
- Warung Ume Anyar** — oldest in the village
- Joglo D'Uma** — rice terrace view

Ubud

- Zest** — great café food
- Seniman Coffee** — don't skip if you love coffee
- Pison Ubud** — fav all-day café
- Alchemy** — OG raw & vegan

Amed

- Galanga** — fav in Amed
- Warung Enak** — local Indonesian
- Rimba Café** — breakfast before snorkel
- Ibus Sea View** — by the snorkel spot
- See You Again** — sunset over Agung

Canggu

- Milk & Madu** — a Bali classic
- Sensorium** — fav brunch here
- Crate Café** — huge portions
- Openhouse** — worth the queue

Personal Tips

-  Carry cash for warungs and rural areas
-  Rent a scooter the moment you land
-  Base yourself in 2–3 regions, don't hop nightly
-  Sanur is where you catch boats to the Nusa islands
-  Don't skip Sidemen
-  Pack real shoes for Nusa Penida

Quick Budget (10–12 Days)

Category	Budget Traveller	Mid-Range Traveller
Roundtrip Flights	₹24,000–₹35,000	₹24,000–₹35,000
Visa + Tourist Levy	~₹3,700	~₹3,700
Accommodation (per night)	₹800–₹2,000 (hostel)	₹2,500–₹6,000 (hotel)
Getting Around (per day)	₹350–₹600 (scooter)	₹3,500–₹5,000 (private driver)
Meals (per day)	₹300–₹500	₹500–₹1,000

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