

# THE ULTIMATE GILI TRAWANGAN GUIDE

Everything you need to know before visiting Indonesia's Party Island 🌴

**Getting There:** The easiest way is by fast boat from Padang Bai or Serangan (Bali). The ride takes 1.5–2.5 hours, costing ₹2,000–₹4,000 INR one way if booked in advance.

💡 **My Suggestion:** Stay for at least 2 nights. Most people stay for just one and regret not having more time.

🚲 **Island Vibe:** No cars, no scooters! Everyone gets around by bicycles or horse carts (cidomos).

## 🏠 Where to Stay

### 🌴 East Coast (Harbor Area)

Best if you're visiting mainly for nightlife. Walking distance to all major bars, restaurants, and beach clubs.

### 🌅 North & West Coast

Perfect for a quieter, peaceful stay. You can still cycle anywhere in 10–15 minutes while enjoying quiet beaches.

## ✨ Things You Can't Miss

### 🐢 Snorkel with Sea Turtles

Join a shared snorkeling trip to visit underwater statues and Turtle Point. Spotting turtles is guaranteed and beginner-friendly!

Cost: ₹800–₹1,500 INR

### 🚲 Rent a Bicycle

My absolute favorite activity! Ride around the whole island in 45–60 minutes to discover hidden cafés and quiet spots.

Rental: ₹300–₹500 / day

### 🌅 Sunset on the West Side

Grab a beanbag at a beach bar and watch the sun set behind Mount Agung on Bali's horizon.

### 🎬 Watch a Movie on the Beach

Beach cafés set up giant outdoor screens on the sand. Free entry if you order food or drinks.

### 🌃 Experience the Nightlife

Rotating party nights across different bars keep the island energy high until sunrise.

### 🤿 Try Scuba Diving

One of the most affordable spots in Asia for certifications or beginner discovery dives.

Discovery Dive: ₹5,000–₹8,000 INR

## Best Cafés

 **Coffee & Thyme** — Great breakfast & coffee

 **Kayu Café** — Healthy bowls & brunch

 **Sama Sama Reggae Bar** — Live evening music

 **Pizzeria Regina** — Top-rated pizza

## Personal Tips

 Carry cash (cards aren't widely accepted)

 Rent bikes over horse carts

 Use reef-safe sunscreen

 Don't skip the west side

## Quick Budget Breakdown

| Category                   | Estimated Cost  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Fast Boat (One Way)        | ₹2,000 – ₹4,000 |
| Hostel / Hotel (per night) | ₹800 – ₹8,000   |
| Luxury Resort (per night)  | ₹10,000+        |
| Snorkeling Tour            | ₹800 – ₹1,500   |

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