

# Bali for Solo Travelers: Beaches, Temples & Culture

Pre-departure information for your tour



## Passport, Visa & Entry Requirements

- In order to enter Indonesia, U.S. and Canadian citizens need a valid passport with an expiration date extending at least six months beyond their date of return.
- We recommend having at least three blank passport pages for entry stamps.
- U.S. and Canadian passport holders must obtain a visa in order to enter Indonesia. You can purchase your visa at the airport upon arrival for \$35 using cash (USD) or a credit card. You can also opt to purchase an electronic visa in advance through [Indonesia Immigration](#).
- All foreigners entering Bali need to pay a Tourism Levy of about \$10. We recommend paying for yours in advance through the [Love Bali website](#) or mobile app ([Apple](#), [Android](#)).
- There's no visa required for U.S. or Canadian citizens traveling to Singapore on the tour extension.
- If you are not a U.S. or Canadian citizen, you must contact each country's consulate for your specific entry requirements.
- You can see the most up-to-date entry requirements for the destination(s) you'll visit on tour by going to [goaheadtours.com/entry-requirements](#) and searching the code BA6.

## Arrival & Departure Information

- Round-trip flights booked through Go Ahead Tours arrive in and depart from Denpasar. If you book the tour's extension, your return flight will depart from Singapore.
- Transfers to and from the airport at your destination are included for travelers who purchase their flights through Go Ahead Tours. Travelers who purchase their own flights, and who'll arrive and depart from the same airports on the same travel days as their fellow group members, may request transfers with Go Ahead Tours for an additional cost.
- When you arrive in Denpasar, a Go Ahead representative will be waiting for you in the arrivals hall with either a Go Ahead sign or one bearing your name. If you don't see them immediately, please be patient and stay in the arrivals area. They may be

assisting another traveler and will be back shortly.

## On-Tour Transportation

- This tour includes various modes of transportation, including a boat and private motor coach. To board them, you may have to climb raised platforms or steps. Often, there won't be access to ramps or lifts.
- A flight from Denpasar to Singapore is included in the price of the tour extension.
- All other included transportation on this tour is by private motor coach.

## Baggage Allowance & Expectations

- Please note that our travelers are limited to one checked bag and one personal item each due to storage limitations on motor coaches and other transfers.
- Some airlines may impose additional charges if you exceed baggage size and weight restrictions. Be advised that you're responsible for any baggage fees incurred.
- Contact your airline(s) for the baggage size and weight restrictions on your flights.
- Make sure you label your baggage and keep valuables, medication, and documents in your carry-on bag.
- Travelers must be able to manage their luggage throughout tour; porters aren't guaranteed at hotels or airports.

## Clothing & Packing Tips

- We recommend packing lightweight, loose-fitting clothing that can be easily layered to accommodate varying temperatures, as well as a light jacket or rainwear.
- A sturdy pair of walking shoes or sneakers is recommended for sightseeing.
- Waterproof shoes or sandals, a swimsuit, reef-safe sunscreen, and a hat are recommended for outdoor activities. You may also want to bring insect repellent and sunglasses.
- Binoculars can come in handy if you'd like to take a closer look at local wildlife and scenery.
- You may want to pack dressier attire if you plan to visit a high-end restaurant or attend a

special performance.

- It's preferable not to visit temples or other holy places with bare legs or shoulders—entrance may be denied on this basis.
- We recommend packing a universal adapter, as well as a voltage converter if you plan on using your own hairdryer or other device without a built-in converter.
- In case of emergencies, we also recommend packing your medical insurance card in your carry-on.

## Meals & Cuisine

- This tour includes two lunches and three dinners: They may be set menus, buffets, or family-style meals, depending on the location. Dinners also include one glass of beer, wine, or a soft drink, as well as water, coffee, and tea.
- A hotel breakfast is included each morning, and is typically a buffet-style meal with hot and cold options.
- Indonesian cuisine gets its rich flavor from local herbs and spices, and it relies heavily on the island's most abundant crop: rice. Popular local dishes include ayam pelalah (shredded chicken cooked in spices, lime, and chili), nasi rawon (beef stew made with keluak nuts), and nasi uduk (rice cooked in coconut milk and served with beef, egg, or other sides).
- On the tour extension, Singaporean cuisine bears many similarities to other Southeast Asian cooking styles—with additional English, Portuguese, Middle Eastern, and Philippine influences. The country's restaurant scene is highly regarded and attracts foodies from all over the world.

## Tipping

- At the conclusion of your tour, it's customary to offer your Tour Director and driver a gratuity in local currency. Please keep current exchange rates in mind.
- We recommend tipping the equivalent of \$10-\$12USD per person, per day for your Tour Director and the equivalent of \$3USD per person, per day for your driver.
- If applicable, we also recommend the equivalent of \$2USD per local guide.

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- Tips can only be paid in cash.
- If you're traveling with the same Tour Director to multiple countries with different currencies, ask them what currency they prefer for their tip.
- The cost of portage is included in your tour price; it isn't necessary to tip baggage handlers.

## Currency

- You'll use the Indonesian rupiah on tour and the Singaporean dollar on the extension.
- Better rates of exchange are usually available overseas, although it's worth ordering some currency from your local bank to use when you first arrive.
- We strongly advise that you take debit and credit cards, which can be used to withdraw cash at local banks as needed.
- You can use most cards at ATMs on the international networks Cirrus and Plus, but make sure to check with your home bank about withdrawal fees.
- International banks and businesses primarily accept debit and credit cards that work with the EMV chip system. If you don't already have at least one card with a chip in it, we strongly recommend requesting one from your bank prior to your tour.
- Please note that counterfeiting is an issue in Bali. Some establishments will accept USD, but often only if the bills are in good condition and were issued after 1996.
- Plan ahead and bring cash to tip your Tour Director, local guides, and bus drivers. We also recommend keeping coins in the local currency on hand, as some public bathrooms may charge a fee for use.

## Responsible Travel

- When you travel with Go Ahead Tours, you'll make a positive impact on the places you visit and the people and animals you meet along the way. That's because our three core Responsible Travel commitments—protecting the environment, supporting local communities, and promoting animal welfare—are at the heart of every tour we offer.
- Travel, when done responsibly, can have an enormous socioeconomic impact on

communities. To maximize your impact, eat at locally owned restaurants and shop at small businesses. Ask your Tour Director to point out restaurants they recommend.

- Prepare for your trip: Be aware of monetary norms such as tipping and negotiating in a market; learn about the destination's forms of etiquette; and take some time to learn a few words in the local language.
- When interacting with locals, make sure to ask people for permission before you take their picture, and approach cultural differences with empathy and an open mind.
- Go Ahead Tours encourages travelers to limit their waste while on the road, especially single-use plastics. You can cut back on generating plastic waste by packing your own toiletries, using electronic documents, and bringing a reusable water bottle and shopping bag. If you need to use plastics or paper, please recycle.
- When you come across wild animals on tour, take the philosophies of World Animal Protection to heart: Don't touch or feed them, and maintain a respectful distance. The animals you encounter on your trip should be able to exhibit natural forms of behavior.
- Furthermore, avoid buying exploitative animal products, like crafts made from tortoiseshell or meals such as shark fin soup.
- If you feel we aren't meeting any of these commitments, please let us know.