

Bali & Java: Culture & Landscapes of Indonesia

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 the 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 either USD or credit card. Additionally, you can opt to purchase an electronic visa in advance through [Indonesia Immigration](#).
- 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 JAB.

Tour pacing & mobility

- You will walk for about three hours or more daily across flat and hilly terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with few stairs. You may need to climb stairs when visiting temples.
- Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour.
- You should feel comfortable managing your own luggage at times, as well as getting in and out of small boats and ferries and onto trains.
- If you have any mobility concerns or physical restrictions, please contact our Customer Experience Team.

Transportation & arrival information

- Round-trip flights booked through Go Ahead Tours arrive in and depart from Denpasar (on the island of Bali). A representative from Go Ahead Tours will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel. Please remain in the

arrival lounge, as the representative might be escorting one of your fellow travelers to the bus at the time of your arrival.

- Transfers to and from the airport at your destination are included for travelers who have purchased their flights through Go Ahead Tours. Travelers who purchase their own flights may request airport transfers with Go Ahead Tours for an additional cost.
- The tour extension also includes flights between Denpasar (on the island of Bali) and Komodo.
- Flights from Denpasar to Yogyakarta and Surabaya to Denpasar are included in the price of your tour.
- All other included transportation on this tour is by private motor coach and train.

Baggage allowance

- Airlines place varying weight restrictions on baggage. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage; be advised that you are responsible for any such costs.
- Contact your airline for detailed information regarding baggage size and weight restrictions for your flight, but please note that our travelers are restricted to one checked bag per person due to storage limitations on motor coaches and other transfers, which may include train connections or flights. We recommend that you limit your baggage to under 44lbs to avoid charges on included flights on this tour.
- One carry-on bag is also permitted, provided that it does not exceed 45 total inches (length + width + height).
- Make sure you label your baggage and keep valuables, medication, and documents in your carry-on bag.

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, sunscreen, and insect repellent are

recommended for outdoor activities

- Binoculars are handy for 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 is preferable not to visit temples or other religious sites with bare legs and shoulders (and entrance may be denied on this basis).

Health

- At least 60 days prior to departure, check with your doctor or healthcare provider for the latest updates and entry requirements, or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).
- If you have medication that you take daily, be sure you have enough for each day of the tour, as well as any possible delays encountered.
- Certain over-the-counter and prescription medications may be banned in Indonesia. Importing these drugs can carry severe consequences, including imprisonment. Please consult your healthcare provider prior to departure to ensure that any drugs you may want to bring with you are legal in Indonesia.
- If you have dietary restrictions and/or food allergies, please notify Go Ahead Tours at least 30 days prior to your departure by logging in to your account and updating your traveler info. To update this information closer to your departure date, please call our Customer Experience Team.
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Cuisine

- 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 using the keluak nut), and nasi uduk (rice cooked in coconut milk served with fried chicken, shredded omelette, anchovies, soybean

cake, and sambal).

Electricity & air conditioning

- Indonesia operates on 230 volts and use Types C and F plugs with two small, round pins.
- 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.
- The strength of the air conditioning in Asian hotels is often not as strong or as cool as what one might be used to in the U.S. or Canada. When air conditioning is available, it is usually regulated seasonally and controlled centrally by the hotel.
- Your hotels may provide hairdryers, irons, and other small appliances. However, these amenities cannot be guaranteed.

Connectivity

- Wi-Fi is available in most hotels, though some charges may apply.
- There is no Wi-Fi on any of the motor coaches.
- Please contact your mobile service provider for information on roaming charges.

Time zones

- The island of Java is seven hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and 11 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST).
- Bali and Komodo are eight hours ahead of GMT and 12 hours ahead of EST.
- When it's noon in New York, it's 11pm on the island of Java and midnight the next day on the islands of Bali and Komodo.

Currency

- You will use the the Indonesian rupiah on tour.
- Better rates of exchange are usually available abroad, although it's worth ordering some currency from your local bank to use when you first arrive.
- We strongly advise that you take debit/bank cards and credit cards, which can be used to withdraw cash at local banks as needed.
- You can use most debit/credit cards at

ATMs on the international networks Cirrus and Plus, but make sure to check with your home bank about withdrawal fees.

- Inform your bank and credit card company of your travel plans so that they won't confuse your international purchases for fraudulent charges.
- International banks and businesses primarily accept debit and credit cards that work with the EMV chip system. If you do not already have at least one debit or credit card with a chip in it, we strongly recommend requesting one from your bank prior to your tour.
- Please note that counterfeiting can be an issue on the island of Bali. Some establishments will accept U.S. dollars, but often only if they are in good condition and issued after 1996.

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 \$10USD to \$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.
- Tips can only be paid in cash.

Purchasing excursions on tour

- Most optional excursions will be available for purchase while you are on tour.
- Your Tour Director will only accept cash (in USD only), Visa, or MasterCard as payment for excursions.
- Please be advised that if you pay for an excursion by credit card while on tour, it may take up to three months for your card to be charged.
- Some optional excursions may only be purchased in advance. See page four of your tour itinerary for more information.
- International travel is, by its very nature, unpredictable. We must therefore reserve the right to change this itinerary, without advance notice, to meet with local conditions at the time of travel. We

appreciate your understanding. Please refer to our website for Terms & Conditions, dates, and prices.