

Indonesia – Java & Bali



Trip Summary

Tropical rainforests. Blue water. Mystical mountains. It's no wonder that Bali was voted Travel and Leisure's 2010 Best Island. The unmatched beauty of this Indonesian isle beckons to all who ache to be whisked away to an exotic dreamscape pulsating with a warm culture, delectable cuisine, sacred sea temples and some of the richest coastal waters in the world. By foot, bike, raft and surfboard, follow your private guide through off-the-beaten path villages, rice-terraced countryside and a bejeweled collection of sacred sites as you get to know friendly locals who are excited to share with you their intriguing history and array of hobbies. From traditional dance and music to a breadth of arts, learn the fascinating lore behind each craft and bliss out to the fresh cuisine and citrusy coffee served throughout your journey. Whether you're dining in a traditional family home or on the oceanfront deck of your luxury lodgings, discover the gems of one of the most beautiful destinations on earth.

Itinerary

Day 1: Yogyakarta Arrival

Arrive in Jakarta and continue your direct flight to Yogyakarta • Upon arrival in Yogyakarta airport, meet your local tour leader and driver and transfer to your hotel for some rest • This evening, depending on arrival time, we have a special signature program in store • To most travelers Yogyakarta is known as the cultural center of Java, but Yogya also has a lot to offer for the food enthusiast! • Start walking from Tugu Monument or hop on a becak (pedicab) and see traditional and modern angkringan (foodstalls) along the way • Head to the area famous for kopi joss, coffee with a brick of burning hot charcoal! • After this you're ready to continue by becak to soak up the hustle and bustle of JalanMalioboro • You will then continue to the alun- alun (square) south of the kraton (palace) where you can try the legendary walk through two waringin trees (banyan trees) while blindfolded • Afterwards continue to the Wijilan area to sample different kinds of Yogya's famous dish gudeg (jackfruit curry) • These were just starters, so to wrap up this culinary experience we'll finish at one of the famous angkringan restaurants popular with students and families alike • Here you can choose from dozens of freshly made dishes cooked up in front of you • Wash it all down with some flavorful and colorful drinks like wedanguwuh (red herbal drink) or wedangjahe (ginger tea) to round up your culinary Yogya experience! • *Overnight Phoenix Hotel (D)*

Day 2: Yogyakarta

Meet your guide this morning and prepare to go deep into the culture, people, and history of Central Java • There is nostalgic feeling found in decaying palaces and old cities • Imagine a walled compound complete with markets, an underground hidden Mosque that resembles an Escher dream, and top it off with the home of the Sultan • Now you start to get an idea of today's itinerary! • From the little maze-like streets of the Taman Sari to the wayang kulit or shadow puppets at the Kraton palace we want to show you the heart and soul of Yogyakarta by foot • Allow yourself some time to get some souvenirs at the shops and markets along Jl. Malioboro or BeringHarjo Market • Take a break at one of the many cafés or restaurants serving local drinks and snacks • Optional afternoon Lava adventure by jeep for those with a strong sense of adventure! • *Overnight Phoenix Hotel (B, L)*



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Day 3: Yogyakarta / Magelang

After breakfast you will drive to Borobudur to see this amazing religious site • The Borobudur is the biggest Buddhist temple in the world and listed on the World Heritage List of UNESCO • Borobudur predates Angkor Wat by 300 years and Notre Dame by 200 years • "Discovered" in 1815, it has been excavated and returned to its original glory • The stone relief panels offer a clear glimpse into Buddhist doctrine and Javanese life 1,000 years ago • Hop on a bicycle and ride through the beautiful rice fields with the mighty Borobudur always in your sight • We will explore local Javanese villages and see how the people make a living and how they work the land • We finish our bicycle trip at the Borobudur where you'll have plenty of time to amble around and soak up the atmosphere surrounding this fabulous monument • After the tour you will be served a true Javanese meal in a traditional style restaurant surrounded by rice fields • Later we will travel to the MesaStila, one of the most unique properties in Indonesia • The views alone are out of this world and the setting amid a plantation takes you back to the days of Old Java • *Overnight MesaStila (B, L)*

Day 4: Magelang

After the last few active days, it's time to take it easy back • You may relax by the infinity pool at MesaStila or choose from one of the in house activities: Traditional Jamu, Coffee Plantation Tour, Batik, or Janur • In the Traditional Jamu class, you'll learn about the leaves, flowers, and roots that Indonesia's ancestors experimented with to discover what useful properties they hold • A tour of the coffee plantation will have you learning about growing, harvesting and producing coffee • Batik is art images on fabric that originated from the royalty in Indonesia's bygone cultural era • Janur is the Javanese word for the coconut leaf, which is used as a tool for daily life in many areas of Indonesia • *Overnight MesaStila (B)*

Day 5: Magelang / Ubud

This morning meet your guide and transfer to Semarang to continue your trip to Bali • Semarang is in an old Dutch port from the days of East Indies • Not many travelers visit this city which makes a quiet unique destination off the beaten track • If time allows your guide will show you around some of the city's historical landmarks • Fly Semarang to Denpasar • Upon arrival, you will then transfer to your hotel in Ubud with the evening at your leisure • Until late in the 19th century, Ubud was a minor principality subservient to the palaces of Peliatan and Gianyar • Through a series of well-chosen alliances and the colonial meddling of the Dutch, Ubud prospered and began attracting refugee painters, sculptors, dancers and architects who had fallen out of favor in the other kingdoms • Under the influence of Prince Agung Gede Sukawati, Ubud attracted Western artists and scholars such as Miguel and Rose Covarrubias, Margaret Mead and Walter Spies, who helped secure Ubud as the cultural and spiritual nucleus of the island • *Overnight Komaneka Bisma (B)*

Day 6: Ubud

This morning, you'll be taken for a half-day rafting trip on the Ayung River just outside town • This easy, two-hour trip requires no previous rafting experience and traverses some of the most dramatic scenery on the island including passing through eight miles of deep mountain gorges, wild jungles, picturesque rice paddies and thundering waterfalls • In the afternoon, experience a day in the life of a Balinese artist and uncover the secrets behind Bali's artistic soul • In addition to its natural attractions, Bali's soul and character is defined by its people • The island has long been a magnet for the arts and Ubud its epicenter • One of the most remarkable ways of discovering Bali is through its people and the unique art forms the island is known for the world over • This afternoon you'll interact

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with local artists at their homes and workshops and have doors opened to a world that is normally hidden from the sight of travelers, a dream chance to meet and photograph interesting local people in their local element • The culmination of the day will be an early dinner with a host family in a real Balinese home • If you like we can tell the family that you will be helping with the cooking! • After this unique insider experience, you'll transfer back to the hotel and enjoy a peaceful evening • *Overnight Komaneka Bisma (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Ubud

We start the day by exploring the mystical Goa Gajah also known as Elephant cave • Make sure you discover the lower part of the river where there are some enigmatic carvings • You'll then continue for a visit to the holy spring water temple Tirta Empul • The natural waters here are believed to contain mystical healing and rejuvenating properties • It is possible to take a purification bath here if you don't mind the cold water! • Later we will visit Gunung Kawi temple, an 11th-century temple complex comprised of 10 rock-cut candi (shrines) carved into the cliff face • These monuments are thought to be dedicated to King Anak Wungsu of the Udayana dynasty and his favorite queens • Local legend has it that a giant carved it out with his fingernails from the rock • Later, visit the sacred Monkey Forest • It is a fun walk just be aware the monkeys can be very naughty • *Overnight Komaneka Bisma (B, L)*

Day 8: Ubud / Jimbaran / Nusa Dua

Time to leave Ubud and proceed to the south of Bali • On the way we will be making a stop at Tanah Lot temple, one of Bali's most spectacular sites • Tanah Lot Temple is one of the most photographed temples in the world • It is perched on a barren rock outcrop and at high tide is completely surrounded by the ocean • It is also on the beach so take time to explore and enjoy • After arriving at your hotel in Nusa Dua the remainder of the day at your leisure • *Overnight Nusa Dua Beach Hotel (B, L)*

Day 9: Jimbaran / Nusa Dua

Today you will get the opportunity to ride the Balinese waves during a surf lesson! • The lesson will start mid-morning and you will learn the basics of catching waves in a safe secure environment • Learn essential ocean safety: the board, understand the surf, study positioning, paddling, catching waves, control and standing up • Feel the thrill of riding small waves in easy to follow steps • Enjoy the afternoon at leisure • *Overnight Nusa Dua Beach Hotel (B)*

Day 10: Jimbaran / Nusa Dua

Free day in the morning • You can just rest and relax at the hotel enjoying the beach • In the afternoon, our driver will meet you at the hotel for an exciting visit to Uluwatu Temple, the amazing Hindu temple on the cliff with the deep rocky beach under • The temple is blessed with a breathtaking view of the Indian Ocean and sunset as a backdrop • After that you will see the amazing performance named Kecak Fire Dance at Uluwatu Temple • If you have extra energy don't miss the beautiful Jimbaran Bay and enjoy a dinner al fresco with your feet in the sand • *Overnight Nusa Dua Beach Hotel (B, D)*



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Day 11: Denpasar Departure

Today you will be met and transferred to the Denpasar Airport in time for your flight home • *Selamat jalan* – have a good journey! • *End of services (B)*

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Activities

Walking – 1 to 4 hour guided walking excursions to view forests, caves, beaches, temples, ruins and city splendors.

Biking – 10 miles cycling near Borobudur to check out the local sites.

Rafting – Class II – III rapids guided by a whitewater rafting specialist.

Surfing – Half day surf lesson on the basics. No experience necessary.

Discovery – The rich and diverse culture of Bali evokes images of a paradise begging to be explored. Yes, Bali has beaches, beautiful lodging and temples, but it's the essence of Bali – and the Balinese – that make it so much more than just another vacation. Discover the “garden of Java” as you cycle around the supremely beautiful region of Borobudur with its impossibly green rice fields and traditional rice-growing *kampung* (villages), all overlooked by soaring volcanic peaks. Relax in Southeast Asia's only authentic Hammam Turkish Bath at MesaStila, where steam bathing combines functionality with decadent cleansing rituals. Walk your way through the culture capital of Ubud, an artful, creative and serene spot popular because of the bestselling book *Eat, Pray, Love*. Learn the basics of surfing from positioning to catching your first wave with an experienced surf instructor. Come experience Bali with the leaders in adventure travel!

Your guides will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. Meals are included as indicated in the daily itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Distinctive Accommodations

Nights 1 & 2: Phoenix Hotel

Elegantly set in the heart of Yogyakarta, close to Malioboro street, the majestic building of The Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta, dating back to 1918, revisits in style the classical bygone era with a fusion of Asian and European décor. This MGallery by Sofitel boutique hotel features a restaurant, a wine bar offering creative cocktails, a terrace overlooking an open courtyard, an inviting swimming pool, and an indulgent day spa. Ideal for travelers in search of unique and memorable experiences, the hotel location is ideal to travel over Yogyakarta.

Nights 3 & 4: MesaStila

MesaStila is a luxury five-star resort & spa that incorporates an unparalleled collection of remarkable antiques and enchanting buildings; including Central Java icons such as a Colonial railway station and historic Joglo-villas. At MesaStila, the focus is on luxury yet keeping the traditional, local and wholesome experiences intact, which accentuate the magnificence of the environment, the people, the culture and facilitate a healthy lifestyle, full of wonderful experience. Your spacious one bedroom villa is lavishly furnished with traditional Javanese décor and antiques, featuring a large Mediterranean bathroom, a cozy day-bed and a large balcony overlooking the spectacular views of Central Java's mountains.

Nights 5 – 7: Komaneka Bisma

Komaneka at Bisma is about grand spaces, luxurious interiors, and a heart-lifting panorama over a valley of tropical rainforest - all just a 10-minute walk from Ubud's Main Street. The resort's iconic 33-meter lap pool is the jewel of this beautiful five-hectare resort. Nestled in the tropical gardens are the resort's own rice fields, the Wanasmara non-denominational wedding chapel, a Spa Villa with adjacent semi-circular leisure pool, and a jogging path. The Suite Rooms have broad balconies and beautifully appointed living spaces. This luxurious resort is nestled in the Campuhan river valley with breathtaking scenic views, sloping rice fields and coconut groves nearby and is designated as a sophisticated and contemporary lifestyle destination that makes you feel right at home.

Nights 8 – 10: Nusa Dua Beach Hotel

Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa is located on Bali's southern peninsula, just 15 minutes from Ngurah Rai International Airport via the Bali Mandara toll road. The hotel has welcomed kings and queens, presidents and other dignitaries over the years. Each guestroom is decorated with authentic Balinese furnishing and offers stunning views of manicured tropical gardens or vistas of the ocean from the terrace or balcony. The 5-star Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa, Bali features 3 outdoor pools and direct beach access. The resort resembles a Balinese palace with complete Spa facilities, 5 Restaurants, and 4 Bars.

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Arrival & Departures

An Austin Adventures representative will meet you upon arrival at the Yogyakarta Adisutjipto International Airport. Upon clearing customs, transportation to the Phoenix Hotel will be provided. On Day 11 you will be transferred from your Nusa Dua hotel to the Denpasar Ngurah Rai International Airport in accordance with your morning or afternoon flight schedule.

Trip Price

\$3,998 (Single Supplement: \$1,480)

Trip Length

11 days/10 nights

2020 Dates

May 3 – 13

September 20 – 30

Host City

Begin: Yogyakarta, Indonesia (JOG)

End: Denpasar, Indonesia (DPS)

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, English-speaking professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- All entrance fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities.
- All drinks and related gratuities.
- Meals as not designated in daily itinerary.
- Visa fees and/or visa authorization.
- All internal flights within Indonesia.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you.

Minimum Age

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (five years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.