

Bali Temple Pilgrimage: Tirta Empul & Besakih Spiritual Tour

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Destination
Bali



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



Starting from
Rs. 38,800 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Ubud · 2N

↗ Sidemen · 1N

↗ Seminyak · 1N

📍 Overview

A deeply immersive 4 nights / 5 days Bali Pilgrimage tour package designed to connect you with Bali's sacred heart. This Bali Pilgrimage package focuses on the island's most revered temples and purification rituals, blending spiritual visits with cultural experiences and scenic drives. Ideal for travelers seeking a meaningful Bali tour package with comfort and thoughtful logistics.

Highlights:

- Tirta Empul Temple (holy water purification)
- Pura Besakih – the Mother Temple of Bali
- Pura Luhur Lempuyang (Gateway to Heaven) – optional sunrise visit
- Gunung Kawi ancient rock-cut shrines
- Scenic drives through East Bali and the Sidemen rice terraces
- Comfortable stays in Ubud, Sidemen, and Seminyak

Note: Early starts are required for some temple visits (Lempuyang/Besakih) to avoid crowds and for best photographic light.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Private air-conditioned transfers and scenic drives as per itinerary
- ✓ 4 nights accommodation: 2 nights in Ubud, 1 night in Sidemen, 1 night in Seminyak (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast at hotels
- ✓ English-speaking professional guide and driver
- ✓ Temple entrance fees and local donations where required (standard visits)
- ✓ Sarong & sash for temple visits (where needed)
- ✓ Mineral water during touring days
- ✓ Itinerary adjustments for weather or temple closures as required

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International or domestic flights to/from Bali
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips/gratuities, and optional activities (spa, rafting, etc.)
- ✗ Meals not specified (lunches & dinners unless stated)
- ✗ Any high-season surcharges or changes requested last-minute
- ✗ Entrance fees for optional/extra activities not listed in inclusions

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Ubud welcome & cultural orientation

Arrival at Ngurah Rai International Airport (Denpasar). Meet your private driver and guide, then transfer to Ubud (approx. 1–1.5 hours depending on traffic). After check-in and a short rest, enjoy a gentle cultural orientation: visit Ubud Royal Palace (Puri Saren Agung) and the nearby Ubud Art Market. Finish with a stroll to Pura Taman Saraswati to see its lotus ponds and classical architecture. Evening: welcome briefing and optional traditional dance performance.

Tip: Keep your first day light to adjust after travel. Comfortable shoes recommended for temple grounds.

Day

2

Tirta Empul purification & Gunung Kawi Sanctuary

After breakfast head to the sacred complex of Tirta Empul (Tampaksiring). Participate in the traditional holy-water purification ritual — a heart of this Bali Pilgrimage tour package (wear appropriate temple attire; sarongs and sashes provided if needed). Continue to the ancient Gunung Kawi rock-cut shrines set within a lush river gorge. Optional stop at a local coffee plantation for a tasting and learning about Balinese kopi luwak production. Return to Ubud for dinner and overnight.

Important: Purification is a personal spiritual activity. Respect local customs and follow your guide's instructions.

Day

3

Besakih Mother Temple & transfer to Sidemen

Early departure eastwards to visit Pura Besakih, Bali's largest and holiest temple complex known as the Mother Temple. Explore its layered shrines and expansive views of Mount Agung. After the temple, enjoy a scenic drive through East Bali and arrive in Sidemen, where you'll check into your accommodation overlooking rice terraces. Evening at leisure with optional walk through the serene countryside.

Note: Besakih is on the slopes of Mount Agung; altitude and cooler temperatures are possible. Modest clothing required inside temple grounds.

Day

4

Lempuyang (Gateway to Heaven) & coastal temples, transfer to Seminyak

Start pre-dawn for the optional iconic visit to Pura Luhur Lempuyang (commonly called the 'Gateway to Heaven') for sunrise photos and a spiritual moment – arriving early helps beat queues. Afterwards, visit Goa Lawah (Bat Cave Temple) and enjoy a coastal drive with views of traditional fishing villages. In the afternoon transfer back west to Seminyak for your final night by the beach. Evening free for shopping, sunset at Seminyak Beach, or a relaxing spa.

Tip: Lempuyang involves many stair steps; be prepared for a moderate climb. If you choose to skip Lempuyang, enjoy a relaxed morning in Sidemen exploring local crafts and rice-field walks.

Day

5

Departure with final blessings & transfer to airport

Morning at leisure in Seminyak—enjoy a final beachfront walk or last-minute shopping at local boutiques. Depending on your flight time, visit a small local temple for a short goodbye blessing or head straight to Ngurah Rai International Airport for your departure. Transfer to the airport with ample time for international check-in and departure.

Important: Confirm your flight timing with your guide; evening flights may allow for more daytime leisure.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? When is the best time to visit Bali from India?

The best time depends on your priorities. April–October is the dry season with sunny skies, perfect for beaches, diving, and outdoor activities. July–September offers the coolest weather (24–28°C) but is peak season with higher prices. April–June provides excellent weather with moderate crowds. November–March is the wet season with short, intense showers, but it's the greenest time with the best hotel deals. Avoid traveling during Nyepi (Day of Silence) – March 29, 2025 – when the entire island, including the airport, shuts down for 24 hours. For Indian travelers, any time works as Bali maintains tropical temperatures year-round (25–31°C).

❓ **How can I reach Bali from India?**

Fly to I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS) in Denpasar. Indians have excellent direct flight options: Vistara operates daily Delhi-Bali flights, while IndiGo flies daily from Bengaluru. From other Indian cities, connect via Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, or Jakarta with airlines like Singapore Airlines, AirAsia, or Garuda Indonesia. Flight time is approximately 5-6 hours direct, or 7-10 hours with one stop. Book early for better deals, especially during peak season (July-September). The airport is well-connected to all major Bali destinations, just 15 minutes from Kuta and 45 minutes from Ubud.

❓ **What are the visa requirements for Indians visiting Bali?**

Indians can obtain a 30-day Visa on Arrival (VOA) at the airport for approximately IDR 500,000 (about ₹2,800). Alternatively, apply for an e-VOA online through the official MOLINA portal before travel to avoid airport queues. The visa is extendable once for another 30 days. Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from arrival date. Additionally, from February 14, 2024, all foreign visitors must pay a Bali Tourist Levy of IDR 150,000 (about ₹850) once per trip. Pay this online via the official Love Bali portal/app before arrival and keep the QR receipt. Avoid unofficial websites to prevent scams.

❓ **What are the best local transportation options in Bali?**

Grab and Gojek are the most convenient ride-hailing apps for cars and motorbikes, offering good value and reliability. Blue Bird Group provides trustworthy metered taxis with app booking. For independence, rent a scooter (₹300-500/day) but ensure you have a valid International Driving Permit, wear helmets, and carry proper insurance - police checks are common with fines for violations. Kura-Kura Bus runs shuttles between main tourist areas. For longer distances, consider hiring a car with driver (₹2,500-4,000/day). The Bali Mandara Toll Road offers quick airport-Nusa Dua connections. Avoid public buses unless you're comfortable with basic, infrequent services.

❓ **Which areas should I stay in and what accommodation options are available?**

Choose based on your vibe: Seminyak for upscale beach clubs and dining, Canggu for surf culture and younger crowds, Ubud for culture and wellness, Sanur for families, Nusa Dua for luxury resorts, and Uluwatu for dramatic cliffs. Accommodation ranges from budget hostels (₹800-2,000/night) to luxury resorts (₹25,000+/night). Mid-range hotels and boutique properties cost ₹3,000-8,000/night. Consider villa rentals for groups or longer stays. Top luxury options include Alila Villas Uluwatu, Mandapa Ritz-Carlton (Ubud), and AYANA Resort (Jimbaran). Book early during peak season (July-September) and around holidays. Many properties offer airport transfers and local tour arrangements.

❓ What are the must-visit attractions in Bali?

Essential experiences include Uluwatu Temple with sunset kecak dance performances, iconic Tanah Lot sea temple, and Ubud's rice terraces at Tegallalang. Take a sunrise trek up Mount Batur volcano followed by hot springs. Visit Tirta Empul for water blessing ceremonies and explore UNESCO-listed Jatiluwih rice terraces. Day-trip to Nusa Penida for Kelingking Beach and manta ray snorkeling. Don't miss Ubud's art villages, monkey forest, and traditional markets. For beaches, enjoy Seminyak's beach clubs, Canggu's surf breaks, or Sanur's family-friendly shores. Each region offers unique temples – dress modestly and respect local customs. Plan 7-10 days to cover major highlights without rushing.

❓ What local foods and cuisines should I try in Bali?

Bali offers incredible culinary diversity. Must-try dishes include Babi Guling (suckling pig), Bebek Betutu (slow-cooked duck), and Sate Lilit (minced meat satay). Vegetarians will love Gado-Gado (vegetable salad with peanut sauce) and Nasi Campur (rice with various sides). Try Ayam Betutu (spiced chicken), Lawar (mixed vegetables with spices), and refreshing Es Campur dessert. Drink traditional Jamu (turmeric-ginger tonic) and local Kopi Bali. For fine dining, visit Locavore NXT or Mozaic in Ubud, or Ijen at Potato Head in Seminyak. Street food at local warungs offers authentic flavors at budget prices (₹100-300/meal). Most tourist areas cater to various dietary requirements including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options.

★ Traveller Reviews



Swati Malhotra

★★★★★ 5/5

Amazing Bali Trip!

The tour was tailored perfectly for us. We enjoyed the adventure, relaxation, and everything Bali has to offer!



Kavya Suri

★★★★★ 5/5

Bali – A Beautiful Paradise

Our Bali trip felt like a dream! The beauty and serenity left us mesmerized. Thanks for the lovely tour!!



Rahul Narayan

★★★★★ 5/5

Bali's Vibrant Nightlife

We experienced the bustling nightlife as well! The local clubs and beach parties were a blast! If you love nightlife, this is the tour for you.



Rajesh Nair

★★★★★ 5/5

Adventurous Bali Tour

The adventure activities included in this package were exhilarating—white-water rafting, zip-lining, and more. Perfect for thrill-seekers like me!



Deepika Joshi

★★★★★ 5/5

Bali - A Perfect Family Voyage

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