



### **Islands of the Gods 12 Days / 11 Nights**

#### **Day 1 – Arrival in Ubud**

On arrival at Denpasar Ngurah Rai International Airport, you be welcomed by our airport representative and guide who will provide the private vehicle transfer to your hotel. They will also present you with a welcome packet including all necessary documentation and vouchers and all contact information of your guide and local offices.

#### **Day 2 – Ubud / Includes Breakfast and Lunch**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before you meet your guide in the hotel foyer and embark to the beautiful and sacred Monkey Forest in Sangeh. The main attractions here are the hordes of funny, yet wise Balinese monkeys inhabiting both the trees and the temple, Bukit Sari, found in the heart of the forest. The monkeys of the forest are believed to be sacred and indeed will approach anyone paying respects at the temple. Continue your drive to Bedugul, a village in the central highlands famous for its stunning beauty and three lakes. Stroll around the traditional market where a myriad of fruits, vegetables, orchids, exotic spices and souvenirs are for sale. At the nearby Lake Bratan photograph the Ulun Danu temple, built on small islands in the serene lake. Next, drive southwards to the famous UNESCO heritage listed rice terraces of Jatiluwih. Enjoy a trek through this area of green stepped rice fields and hear about the Subak irrigation system that has been preserved by the Balinese farmers for centuries.

#### **Day 3 – Ubud / Includes Breakfast and Lunch**

Today is a day to visit the holy springs temple and meet genuine Balinese people. Visit Tirta Empul Temple where the holy springs flow water to Bali's rivers and fields, supporting life to people and nature. Balinese Hindu worshipers have been drawn to this temple for many

years to bathe in its refreshing blessed water. This tradition continues today. Our next visit is with the descendants of artist Mr. Ida Bagus Grebuak, whose paintings have been exhibited in the Netherlands. These artistic skills have been passed down through the three surviving generations. Meet the family in their home and enjoy a chat over their activity teaching the kids from the village on painting skill. Drive on to a simple workshop, where exquisite gold and silver designs are being created. The artist is Mr. Komang Arya, collaborating with the young people in the village. In addition to jewelry, he also creates pieces for Balinese priests along with larger and more intricate artworks of dragons. Enjoy walking along the rice fields before reaching the venue for lunch, at a garden with a vast view over the rice fields.

#### **Day 4 – Ubud / Includes Breakfast**

Today is at your leisure.

#### **Day 5 – Ubud to Candi Dasa / Includes Breakfast and Lunch**

This morning leaving Ubud you drive past Tegallalang, which is famous for its terraced rice fields, plantations and souvenir shops that line the street. Upon approaching the Batur area, swirling mists often obscure the view until suddenly you find yourself perched on the rim of a crater measuring some 14 km across. From here there are stunning views of the active Mount Batur. On one side are the blue waters of Bali's largest lake, Lake Batur, and on the other are lava fields and cultivated patches. Proceed to visit Penglipuran village, a cool and well-preserved village surrounded by bamboo forests. The village setup is still original, you will be able to see the inside of the houses as well. Driving down to Candi Dasa, enjoy a stop at a local plantation. Walk around the plantation to see coffee and herbs and taste the original Balinese coffee while viewing the valley of East Bali, and then continue to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

#### **Day 6 – Candi Dasa / Includes Breakfast and Lunchs**

In the morning after enjoying breakfast, set off for a half-day tour visiting the Ujung Water Palace, built by the king of Karangasem in 1919 and completed in 1926. It is located near the sea but has several freshwater springs for the ponds. Inside you can see and enjoy a collection of pictures of the king, before you continue to Tirtagangga Water Fountain, which means “water from the Ganges” it is a site of some reverence for the Hindu Balinese. Tirtagangga is a maze of pools and fountains surrounded by a lush garden, stone carvings and statues. The one-hectare complex was built in 1946 by the late King of Karangsem however, was destroyed almost entirely by the eruption of nearby Mount Agung in 1963. It has been lovingly re-built and restored and has an air of authentic royal magnificence and the centrepiece is an eleven-tiered fountain. After enjoying lunch, you will return to your hotel to enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

#### **Day 7 – Candi Dasa / Includes Breakfast**

Today is at your leisure.

### **Day 8 – Candi Dasa to Legian / Includes Breakfast**

Enjoy an early breakfast before you check-out of your hotel, meet your guide who will provide the private vehicle transfer to your hotel in South Bali. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

### **Day 9 – Legian / Includes Breakfast and Lunch**

Today enjoy a visit to a remote village where we will see the life of the locals. We will visit the meeting point of the local people in the morning, which is a traditional market, and here you will see daily local products like vegetables, cooking oil, snacks and offerings. Next, we will learn about the village architecture, inspecting a temple, a meeting hall, a palace and other buildings at a crossroad. Driving slowly on a bicycle (option by car), we will then visit an expert of wooden temple making, and from a log, it is then cut and carved into a beautiful Balinese temple. This is a skill that is transferred from generation to generation. At a cosy, little house, see the mother making traditional crispy cookies, made daily and delivered to market for selling in the morning, and in the backyard, observe the process of getting milk from a tree which is called “tuak”, a natural and traditional drink. Continue on foot passing the fields, your last visit will be at another house where lunch will be served, while there will also be a demo of coffee and Balinese dessert-making. After lunch, continue your trip to visit Tanah Lot Temple, a famous site and most photographed temple in Bali. Located on the beach on a rock, the temple is separated from the mainland when the tide is high. In the late afternoon return to your hotel.

### **Day 10 – Legian / Includes Breakfast and Dinner**

Enjoy the morning at leisure.

In the afternoon visit the highest monument in Bali, which is the statue of Garuda Wisnu Kencana. Located in a huge area, the Garuda Wisnu Kencana Park also has an amphitheatre with daily performances. From Garuda Wisnu Kencana, it is just a short drive to visit Uluwatu Temple, set on the tip of Bali’s southern cliff. This is one of the most-holiest temples in Bali, surrounded by monkey forests, and from here find the best spot to view the amazing sunset from. After sunset, drive down to Jimbaran and enjoy a Seafood Dinner on the beach.

### **Day 11 – Legian / Includes Breakfast**

Today is at your leisure.

### **Day 12 – Legian departure / Includes Breakfast**

Enjoy your last day in Bali until you meet your driver in the hotel foyer who will provide the private vehicle transfer to Denpasar Ngurah Rai International Airport for your departure to the next destination.

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