



ASIA & MIDDLE EAST · RECOMMENDED 18 DAYS

✦ Padar Island, Komodo National Park

Bali & Komodo

Temples and villages on Bali, Komodo dragons and the bays of Padar, entirely private

RECOMMENDED LENGTH

18 days

DEPARTURE

Any day

you pick the dates

TRANSPORT

Private driver

and private transfers

ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL.
FLIGHT**€1,500** p.p.

My recommended route through Bali and Komodo National Park, as a fully arranged private trip. On Bali you travel with your own driver from the old city of Denpasar to the temples around Ubud, the rural east with the mother temple of Besakih and the cool northern mountains, and you sail to the quiet island of Nusa Lembongan with a trip to the cliffs and manta rays of Nusa Penida. Then you fly to Labuan Bajo on Flores: by private speedboat you climb to the view over Padar's three bays in the morning light, see Komodo dragons in the wild with a park ranger and snorkel at Pink Beach. You start whenever you like and change the route however you like.

✓ Put together personally

✓ No group travel

✓ At your own pace

✓ Leave out or add what you like

✓ Dates completely free

✓ Eat wherever you like

Highlights

- ✦ Denpasar: Badung flower market, Puputan Square and Jagatnatha temple
- ✦ The water temple of Tirta Empul and the rock-cut shrines of Gunung Kawi
- ✦ Goa Gajah and the lotus temple of Taman Saraswati in Ubud
- ✦ Pura Besakih, the mother temple on the slopes of Mount Agung
- ✦ Ulun Danu Beratan on Lake Bratan and the mountain village of Munduk
- ✦ Cliffs and manta rays of Nusa Penida
- ✦ The view over Padar's three bays
- ✦ Komodo dragons in the wild with a park ranger
- ✦ Kecak dance at the Uluwatu cliff temple

Best time to travel

JAN FEB MAR **APR** MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

■ best time to travel: advice only, you travel when you like

TRAVELLERS

Private: only your own party, from 1 traveller. No group travel, no fellow travellers you don't know.

LENGTH

Recommended: 18 days · shorter or longer is always possible

DATES

Completely flexible: you leave on the day that suits you.

Your route on the map



Map: Natural Earth (public domain) · the arcs show the order of the route, not the exact road



DAY 11 The Kelingking cliffs on Nusa Penida



DAY 14 Snorkelling at Pink Beach

My recommended route

This is the route as I put it together for you. It is a starting point, not a fixed programme: leave out what doesn't appeal to you, add what you would like to do and travel at your own pace. Everything below is arranged for you in advance.

DAY 1

Departure to Bali VLIETUI6

Flight from Brussels to Denpasar on Bali with one or two connections (e.g. via Singapore, Doha or Istanbul). Night on board. You choose your own start date; book the flight yourself or I book it for you.

DAY 2

Arrival on Bali: Denpasar DENPASAR

Your Balinese driver meets you with a name sign in the arrivals hall at Denpasar airport; he stays with you for your whole time on Bali. After the long flight it is only a short drive (approx. 30–45 min) to your hotel in Denpasar, instead of another hour and a half in the evening traffic to Ubud. Time to recover. If you land early enough and still have energy, walk at dusk across the big Renon square around the Bajra Sandhi independence monument, where half of Denpasar comes to jog and picnic. For dinner I give you my addresses nearby, from babi guling to nasi campur.

DAY 3

Denpasar: market, temples and museum, then to Ubud UBUD ♦ BREAKFAST

An early start, because the market is at its best in the morning. At Pasar Badung, Bali's largest market, Balinese buy the flowers for their daily offerings among mountains of marigolds and frangipani. A few streets away stand the red-brick gates of Pura Maospahit, the city's oldest temple, built in the style of the Javanese Majapahit empire (you see it from the outside; the temple grounds are not open to visitors). Then Puputan Square, where in 1906 the king of Badung and his court walked to their deaths rather than surrender to the Dutch army, the white Jagatnatha temple with its tall lotus throne (a sarong is required; you can borrow one at the entrance) and next to it the Bali Museum with Balinese masks, textiles and ceremonial objects (it closes early on Fridays and is closed on public holidays). After lunch you drive to Ubud (approx. 1h). In the evening you can watch a Legong dance at Ubud palace.

DAY 4

Ubud: water temple and royal tombs UBUD ♦ BREAKFAST

In the morning your driver takes you to Tirta Empul, the holy spring temple where Balinese purify themselves under the water spouts; with a sarong you may step into the pool yourself. Then Gunung Kawi: eleventh-century royal tombs carved into the rock face of a river valley, reached by about 300 steps between palms and water. On the way back a short stop at the Tegallalang rice terraces. Free afternoon: Monkey Forest with its temple, the market or a massage.



The purification pools of the Tirta Empul water temple

DAY 5

Goa Gajah, Taman Saraswati and Balinese cooking UBUD ♦ BREAKFAST

In the morning the Goa Gajah elephant cave, an eleventh-century sanctuary with a demon's mouth as its entrance and ancient bathing pools. Back in the centre of Ubud you walk past the lotus pond to the Pura Taman Saraswati temple and the royal palace of Puri Saren. Afternoon cooking class with a Balinese family: from market to plate, and you eat what you cook. If you like, climb Mount Batur very early for sunrise (optional, departure around 2 am, back by late morning; a licensed mountain guide is compulsory there).

DAY 6

East Bali: Sidemen SIDEMEN ♦ BREAKFAST

With your driver via the old Kertha Gosa court hall in Klungkung, with its painted ceilings, to the Sidemen valley, overlooking the sacred volcano Agung. Rural Bali without the crowds: small villages, weavers and a short walk along the rice fields at sunset. Free afternoon by the pool.

DAY 7

Besakih, songket and Tirta Gangga SIDEMEN ♦ BREAKFAST

An early start to Pura Besakih (approx. 45 min), Bali's mother temple: more than eighty temples on terraces against the slopes of Mount Agung. An electric shuttle takes you up, and a local temple guide is compulsory here (included in the entrance ticket, as is the sarong). Back in Sidemen you visit a songket weaving workshop and see how gold and silver thread is woven into the cloth. Afternoon to the Tirta Gangga water palace with its ponds and stepping stones.

DAY 8

To the mountains of North Bali MUNDUK ♦ BREAKFAST

Drive with your driver through the interior (approx. 3h30) to Munduk. On the way you can stop at the royal temple of Taman Ayun in Mengwi, surrounded by a moat (UNESCO), and on Lake Bratan stands the Ulun Danu Beratan temple, which seems to float on the water. Munduk is a cool mountain village among coffee, clove and cacao plantations. Stop wherever you like along the way.



Ulun Danu Beratan water temple on Lake Bratan

DAY 9

Waterfalls and twin lakes MUNDUK ♦ BREAKFAST

Walk along the Munduk waterfalls (the trails are signposted) and to the viewpoints over the twin lakes Buyan and Tamblingan, with the old temple on the shore of Lake Tamblingan. Visit a small coffee roastery. Optional very early start: dolphin watching at Lovina (your driver takes you).

DAY 10

Crossing to Nusa Lembongan NUSA LEMBONGAN ♦ BREAKFAST

Your driver takes you to Sanur (approx. 3h), where you take the fast boat to Nusa Lembongan (approx. 30–45 min). On the island the boat company's pick-up truck takes you and your luggage to your hotel. A small island without big roads, with mangroves, white beaches and clear water.

DAY 11

Nusa Penida and manta rays NUSA LEMBONGAN ♦ BREAKFAST

Day trip to neighbouring Nusa Penida: across by boat, a local driver to the spectacular Kelingking cliffs and a snorkelling trip at Manta Point, where with some luck you see giant manta rays. Boats only sail in good sea conditions; otherwise we move the trip to the next day.

DAY 12

Free beach day NUSA LEMBONGAN ♦ BREAKFAST

A day to do nothing: beach, pool, paddleboarding in the mangroves or cycling over the bridge to Nusa Ceningan.

DAY 13

To Flores: Labuan Bajo LABUAN BAJO ♦ BREAKFAST

Morning boat back to Sanur, where your driver is waiting for the drive to the airport (approx. 45 min). Domestic flight to Labuan Bajo on Flores (approx. 1h15; same time zone as Bali). A private transfer takes you to your hotel. Towards sunset you drive up to Bukit Sylvia hill (short climb of approx. 15 min, free) for the view over the harbour and the islands of Komodo National Park.

DAY 14

Padar, Komodo dragons and Pink Beach LABUAN BAJO ♦ BREAKFAST ♦ LUNCH

Very early departure with your own speedboat and crew from Labuan Bajo harbour. On Padar you climb in the first light (approx. 30–45 min, steps and a steep path) to the famous view over three bays with white, black and pink sand. Then on to Komodo Island, where a licensed park ranger (compulsory) takes you on foot to see Komodo dragons in the wild. After lunch on board you snorkel at Pink Beach and, with some luck, see manta rays at Manta Point before you stand on the Taka Makassar sandbank. Back in the late afternoon. The park requires an online booking on a fixed date (SiOra). The harbour master only lets boats sail when the sea is safe; otherwise we move the trip to day 15. Optional: instead of the speedboat, two days and one night on a phinisi sailing boat.



Komodo dragon on Komodo Island

DAY 15

Free day in Labuan Bajo LABUAN BAJO ♦ BREAKFAST

A quiet day, and the spare day if the boat could not sail yesterday. If you like, snorkel or dive at the small island of Kanawa (approx. 20–45 min by boat), swim in the clear salt water of Rangko cave (approx. 40 min drive and 20 min by fishing boat) or walk to the canyon and waterfalls of Cunca Wulang (approx. 1h drive, 30–45 min on foot; the village only lets you down with a local guide; best in the dry season). In the evening fish at the harbour night market.

DAY 16

Back to Bali: Uluwatu and kecak JIMBARAN ♦ BREAKFAST

Private transfer to the airport (approx. 10 min) and flight back to Denpasar (approx. 1h15), where your driver is waiting for the drive south. Last beach afternoon in Jimbaran or Uluwatu, then the Uluwatu cliff temple with the kecak fire dance at sunset. For the evening I recommend seafood with your feet in the sand on Jimbaran beach.

DAY 17

Return journey Vliegstuig ♦ BREAKFAST

Free morning. Your driver picks you up at the hotel and drops you at Denpasar airport (approx. 20 min) for the connecting return flight. Night on board.

What I arrange for you

1 Airport pickup

At Denpasar airport (DPS) your private driver waits in the arrivals hall with a name sign; you receive his name and number by WhatsApp beforehand. In Labuan Bajo (Komodo airport, LBJ) a private transfer is waiting, and after the flight back to Bali your Balinese driver meets you again. On the last day he drops you at Denpasar airport.

2 Hotels

Every night is booked and confirmed in advance, at the level you choose: Budget, Comfort or Premium. Prefer another hotel? I change it.

3 Transport

A private driver and private transfers for the whole route, with domestic flights, trains and boats where they make sense. All booked in advance.

4 Activities, at your pace

The activities and entrance tickets on the route. No guide or group travels with you: you set the pace, and anything you would rather skip, you simply leave out.

5 Eat wherever you like

Breakfast is included, as are the meals at remote camps and lodges where there is no alternative. For the rest I give you my restaurant tips, but you are completely free to choose where you eat. I never send you somewhere because it earns me something.

Estimated prices per person

PER PERSON, BASED ON 2 TRAVELLERS, EXCL. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

ACCOMMODATION LEVEL	Self-drive rental car, everything pre-booked	Private driver private transfers and driver
Budget simple, clean and well located	—	€1,500 p.p.
Comfort characterful mid-range	—	€1,930 p.p.
Premium the best addresses on the ground	—	€2,910 p.p.

WITH 4 TRAVELLERS	approx. 12% off per person: you share the car and driver. E.g. Comfort, private driver: approx. €1,700 p.p.
TRAVELLING SOLO	supplement of approx. 68%: you carry the room and transport alone. E.g. Comfort, private driver: approx. €3,240 p.p.
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT	I book your flight as part of your trip; the flight price for your dates is in your personal quote. Return flight Brussels–Bali not included: allow about € 700–1,180 p.p. depending on the month (July and August are the most expensive). I find you the best flight with your quote.

SELF-DRIVE: NOT OFFERED ON THIS ROUTE

We do not offer self-drive on Bali. Traffic drives on the left, is busy and unpredictable with thousands of scooters, the mountain roads are narrow and steep, and in an accident the foreign driver is usually held liable. A car with driver costs barely more than a rental car, and your driver knows the back roads, the ceremonies and the best warungs. There are no cars on Nusa Lembongan. On Flores and in Komodo National Park self-drive is not an option either: there you travel with private transfers and a private boat with crew.

WITH A PRIVATE DRIVER

On Bali you have one regular English-speaking driver with a comfortable air-conditioned car, from the airport to the boat in Sanur and again from Sanur to the airport; after Komodo he picks you up again for the last day in the south. Fuel, parking and tolls are included. He is available for up to about 10 hours a day: you stop wherever you like and on free days you simply agree what you want to do. He is a driver, not a guide. You take the fast boat to Nusa Lembongan. Between Bali and Labuan Bajo (Flores) you fly; there private transfers and a private speedboat with crew take care of the rest.

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Three accommodation levels

Budget

Well-kept guesthouses, homestays and simple hotels (2–3*) with good reviews and breakfast, often with a pool. Indicative price approx. €30–55 per room per night.

Comfort

Boutique hotels and small resorts (3*/4*) with pool and breakfast: central in Ubud, with a view in Sidemen and Munduk, on the beach on Lembongan, overlooking the bay in Labuan Bajo. Indicative price approx. €70–100 per room per night.

Premium

The finest addresses in each place: private-pool villa in Ubud, plantation resort in Munduk, beach villa on Lembongan, seafront resort in Labuan Bajo. Indicative price approx. €125–210 per room per night. True luxury (international five-star resorts) on request.

Possible guided moments

Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

- ✦ Denpasar: the morning at the market, temples and museum with a city guide
- ✦ Ubud: Tirta Empul and Gunung Kawi with a licensed Balinese guide
- ✦ Sidemen: a village walk through the terraces with a guide from the village
- ✦ Munduk: the waterfalls and the twin lakes with a walking guide
- ✦ Always with a guide, because it is compulsory (and included): the temple guide at Besakih and the park ranger on Padar and Komodo

Ideas to adapt the route

- Shorter (12–13 days): Bali only, or Komodo without Munduk or Sidemen and with 2 nights on Lembongan
- Rather no city night? Then you spend the first night by the sea in Sanur and see Denpasar on the way to Ubud
- Longer: an extra night in Labuan Bajo for diving, an overland journey across Flores (Wae Rebo, Bajawa, Kelimutu) or the Gili islands and Lombok
- Sleep at sea: instead of the speedboat, a phinisi sailing boat with a cabin for 2 days/1 night (sunrise on Padar from the boat, flying foxes at Kalong)
- Swap Nusa Lembongan for Amed (snorkelling, quieter) or for beach hotels in Sanur or Uluwatu
- More action: sunrise on Mount Batur, Tanah Lot at sunset, rafting on the Ayung, a dive day off Penida or in Komodo
- Travelling with children? Fewer moves, hotels with a pool and an extra beach day

Included

- ✓ Pickup and drop-off at Denpasar airport with a private driver; private transfers airport – hotel – harbour in Labuan Bajo
- ✓ 15 nights with breakfast at the level you choose (Budget, Comfort or Premium)
- ✓ Private air-conditioned car with English-speaking driver on Bali, fuel, parking and tolls included
- ✓ Domestic flights Denpasar – Labuan Bajo return (incl. 20 kg baggage)
- ✓ Fast boats Sanur – Nusa Lembongan return with island transfers, Nusa Penida day trip with snorkel gear
- ✓ Full day by private speedboat with crew in Komodo National Park (Padar, Komodo, Pink Beach, Manta Point, Taka Makassar), with snorkel gear, lunch and water on board
- ✓ Komodo National Park entry, harbour fee, compulsory park rangers on Padar and Komodo and the online booking (SiOra)
- ✓ Entrance fees: Bali temples (at Besakih with the compulsory temple guide), Bali Museum, kecak show
- ✓ Cooking class with a Balinese family
- ✓ Bali tourist levy (IDR 150,000)

Not included

- International flight (Brussels – Denpasar return; allow approx. €700–1,180 pp, depending on the month); I am happy to book it for you
- Visa on arrival / e-VOA (IDR 500,000, approx. €25)
- Travel and cancellation insurance (travel assistance insurance mandatory)
- Lunches and dinners (except lunch on board in Komodo) and drinks: I give you my addresses, you choose freely where to eat
- A local guide for activities (on request); tips for drivers, crew and rangers (guideline approx. €4 pp per day)
- Optional activities (Batur sunrise with compulsory mountain guide, Lovina dolphins, massages, diving, dance performances in Ubud, day-15 outings to Kanawa, Rangko or Cunca Wulang)
- Supplement for an overnight phinisi sailing boat instead of the speedboat

Practical information

VISA (BELGIAN CITIZENS)

Visa on arrival or online e-VOA in advance (IDR 500,000, approx. €25), 30 days, extendable once. Passport valid for at least 6 months on arrival with blank pages. Complete the digital All Indonesia arrival card beforehand. Bali charges a one-off tourist levy of IDR 150,000 (included).

HEALTH

No mandatory vaccinations when travelling directly from Belgium. Recommended: hepatitis A and your routine vaccines (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis, measles); consider typhoid, rabies (monkeys, dogs) and Japanese encephalitis depending on profile. Dengue occurs: use insect repellent. Malaria: low risk on Bali and in West Flores (Labuan Bajo, Komodo); anti-mosquito measures are enough, preventive malaria tablets are not needed there. Get tested for malaria straight away if you have a fever during or after the trip. Komodo dragons: always stay with your ranger and the group, keep at least 5 metres away, never run or feed them, no food on the trail; tell the ranger discreetly about an open wound or menstruation. Consult wanda.be (ITG).

CURRENCY & PAYMENT

Indonesian rupiah (IDR); €1 ≈ IDR 20,400 (late September 2026; rate fluctuates). ATMs in Ubud, Sanur and Labuan Bajo; cash needed in rural areas and on the islands.

FLIGHT TIME FROM BRUSSELS

Approx. 16–20h travel time with 1–2 connections (e.g. via Singapore, Doha, Dubai or Istanbul).

TIME DIFFERENCE

Bali and Flores (WITA, UTC+8): +6h in Belgian summer, +7h in winter.

LANGUAGE

Bahasa Indonesia; Balinese on Bali, Manggarai on Flores. English in tourism.

MEALS

Breakfast is included every day, as is lunch on board in Komodo. For the other meals I give you my favourite warungs and restaurants, but you are completely free to choose where you eat.

GUIDES

Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity. Only the compulsory guides are included: the temple guide at Besakih and the park rangers on Padar and Komodo.

As of September 2026 — check diplomatie.belgium.be (travel advice) and wanda.be (health) before you travel.

Travelling responsibly

We choose small, locally run accommodation in Sidemen, Munduk, Lembongan and Labuan Bajo, work with local drivers, families (cooking, weaving) and a local boat crew so income stays in the community, and avoid the most crowded Instagram spots where possible. In Komodo National Park we follow the daily quotas and park rules: always with a ranger, take nothing and leave nothing, no standing on coral, no anchoring on the reef. Low-plastic travel with water refills in the car and on the boat; respect for temple dress and ceremonies. The Bali tourist levy supports culture and environment projects on the island.



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ESTIMATED PRICES

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