

**EXPLORING BALI
WEEKEND TRIP**

WEEKEND OVERVIEW

The tropical paradise island of Bali offers an unending list of soft white sandy beaches, mystical temples steeped in culture, mountainous lush greenery and gorgeous waterfalls - and guess what? You will experience all of this and more as you travel around Bali with fellow volunteers and our local team.

One of the main highlights of this action-packed weekend trip, is to wake up early to hike up the sacred Mount Batur. Reaching the summit, you will enjoy the most mesmerising sun rise, with far reaching views across Lake Batur and the rest of Bali - make sure you bring your camera!

As a group, we will explore everything this incredible island has to offer, including:

- Hiking up Mount Batur to watch the stunning sunrise
- Jumping in for a refreshing swim under Tegenungan Waterfalls
- Exploring the picturesque rice terraces in Ubud
- Sitting on a beanbag and watching the sunset on the beach in Kuta
- Getting up close to monkeys within the famous Monkey Forest
- Relaxing with a drink at the famous Finns Beach Club
- Learning to surf in the azure like seas (optional extra)
- Learning about the ancient Hindu pilgrimage temple at Tanah Lot
- Unwinding in the Toya Bungkah Hot Springs

Our structured weekend trips will ensure you get the most out of your time and a member of our local team will accompany you throughout.

Each trip starts on a Friday and returns on the Sunday evening. The cost to take part in the trip

is just **£199 / \$290 per person.**

The following are included within this fee:

- Private transport throughout the whole trip
- Accommodation
- 3 meals per day
- Entrance tickets

START DATES

We will be running the Exploring Bali weekend trip on the following dates:

26th January 2024 – 28th January 2024
23rd February 2024 – 25th February 2024
22nd March 2024 – 24th March 2024
26th April 2024 – 28th April 2024
24th May 2024 – 26th May 2024
21st June 2024 – 23rd June 2024
26th July 2024 – 28th July 2024
23rd August 2024 – 25th August 2024
27th September 2024 – 29th September 2024
25th October 2024 – 27th October 2024
22nd November 2024 – 24th November 2024
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We can add additional weekend trips if there is enough interest from volunteers. There is a minimum of 4 participants.



BOOKING YOUR PLACE

You can simply add this weekend trip when applying for any of our programmes in Bali under 'Optional Extras'.

If you have already signed up for one of our volunteer programmes in Bali and would like to add this weekend trip, you can simply request this within your My Trip account.

Places on our weekend trips are non-refundable and non-transferable between volunteers.

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DAY 1 – CLIMBING MOUNT BATUR, HOT SPRINGS AND UBUD

It's a very early start today, as we head off to explore everything Bali has to offer! Leaving the volunteer accommodation around 2am, we will set off on the short drive to the base of Mount Batur before beginning our ascent to the peak – sitting at just over 5,500 feet above sea level.

This sacred mountain draws tourists from all over the island for its breath taking views over Lake Batur. We will make the top just after 6am and arrive at 'Sunrise Point' to hopefully take in a very impressive sunrise with far reaching views over the lush green landscapes below. After a short walk around the crater we will begin our descent back down the mountain.

As we reach the bottom, everyone will be able to relax and unwind with a swim in the Toya Bungkah Hot Springs.

After a great start to the weekend, everyone will have the chance to get some much-needed rest as we head south to Ubud – a journey that takes around 90 minutes.

The rest of the day will be free for you to explore

Ubud, which is widely considered to be the cultural and spiritual centre of the island.

The town is a haven for the artistic, spiritual and alternative and is teeming with vegan cafes, crystal shops, chakra cleansing workshops and shops. It also boasts many ancient sites such as the Tirta Empul Temple complex, the Goa Gajah (Elephant Café) and Gunung Kawi with its rick-cut shrines.

DAY 2 – MONKEY FOREST, RICE TERRACES, TEGENUNGAN WATERFALLS & KUTA

There will be a more relaxed morning today, with breakfast being served around 8am. After enjoying this delicious meal, everyone will set off to the craziness of the sacred Monkey Forest. Populated by hundreds of macaques you will have the chance to explore the complex whilst fending off any cheeky monkeys.

We will then make the short journey to enjoy the picturesque rice terraces. When you see images of Bali on Google, then the chances are the first results are of the rice terraces! This is your chance to have a wander, take some amazing photos and even go on a large swing.

After lunch we will travel to Tegenungan Waterfall, a cascading centrepiece of an impressively green valley. Framing the falls is dense foliage, and if you like you can go down to the vast pebbly base and enjoy a dip in the plunge pool. The water volume is impressive at almost any time of year, but normally at its strongest during the wet season (October to April).

We will then head to the south coast and the popular tourist town of Kuta. Although there are no plans for tonight, we would recommend heading down to the beach during the early



evening to grab a beanbag and watch the sunset over the sea.

DAY 3 – SURFING, TANAH LOT TEMPLE & FINNS BEACH CLUB

In the morning you can join the group and learn to surf. You will be given a full lesson about all of the basics and shown the ropes, to then head out to catch some waves and to impress everyone! This optional activity costs around £20.

For those not wishing to participate, you can relax and enjoy the beach and local amenities.

The next stop for the day is visiting the Tanah Lot Temple. This amazing temple in the middle of the sea has an ancient Hindu shrine at the top, constantly surrounded by crashing waves that hide the path to the temple during high tide.

After a busy morning, we will head to the famous Finns beach club, where everyone can spend the afternoon relaxing. It's the perfect place to chill on the beach or by the pool with a drink and enjoying the atmosphere.

We will then head back to the volunteer accommodation in Tianyar, with everyone having the chance to reflect on a busy and fun weekend.

ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying in guesthouses or hotels on Friday and Saturday night. They will be basic, but clean and comfortable and perfect for getting a good night's rest.

You'll have all of the amenities you need such as western bathrooms and Wi-Fi – although this may be intermittent.

MEALS

You'll be provided with three meals per day throughout the weekend trip. Meals will be a mix of local Balinese cuisine and western meals and served at either the accommodation or a local restaurant.

Drinks are not provided and will need to be purchased at your own expense.

TRANSPORT

We will transport you by private minibus. Depending on the group size, this may either be large bus or a smaller van / car.

A member of our local team will accompany you throughout the weekend trip and you will have English-speaking tour guides to take you around all of the sites.

If you want to take part on this amazing trip and the dates fall on your last weekend in Bali then you can still take part! Please arrange your return flight from Bali for Monday to ensure you have sufficient time to get to the airport. The accommodation on your last night is not included but we can recommend several hotels either close to our accommodation or to the airport.

