

**GILI PARADISE ISLANDS  
WEEKEND TRIP**

## WEEKEND OVERVIEW

Fancy doing something a little different at the weekend? Our organised weekend trip to the paradise island of Gili T is the perfect chance for you to explore, relax and get up close to the marine life in the area.

Surrounded by crystal clear waters, abundant with coral reefs and spectacular marine life, Gili T is just one hour by speedboat from Bali. Tranquil white sandy beaches await your arrival, giving you time to relax and soak up the sunshine.

The tiny island of Gili Trawangan is renowned for being untouched by modern distractions. With no cars or motorbikes on the island, it can be walked in its entirety in around 2 hours. But if you don't fancy walking, you can hop on a bike or call for a local horse and cart.

However, superb natural beauty isn't all the island has to offer; chic accommodation and a variety of restaurants with fresh foods are poised to take your fancy. Then as darkness falls, Gili Trawangan's vibrant nightlife comes alive, giving you every chance to chill out and party or visit the tropical beach cinema.

It's amazing how much you can squeeze into 3 days here. The waters are some of the best in Indonesia for swimming and you will head out on a snorkelling excursion to get up close to all kinds of marine life including graceful green turtles – an out of this world experience.

On your first night on the island you will have the opportunity to cycle around to sunset point and watch the sun fall down behind the horizon whilst sitting on a swing in the sea – life doesn't get much better than that!

You can make this trip whatever you want it to be. Each weekend trip leaves on a Friday morning

and returns on the Sunday evening, costing just **£179 / \$250 per person.**

The following are included within this fee:

- Transport to and from the accommodation and harbour
- Return speedboat crossing
- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Half day bicycle rental
- Half day snorkelling excursion

## START DATES

We will be running the Gili Paradise Islands weekend trip on the following dates:

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
**9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
**16<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
**11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1 – TIME TO HEAD TO PARADISE & CYCLING**

After breakfast, the minibus will come to collect you around 9am to take you to the coastal town of Amed. The boat generally leaves at 10am, but this can change depending on the time of year and the weather.

The speedboat journey takes around 1 hour and 15 minutes and those that are feeling brave can sit upstairs on the outside platform – you may get a little wet! There will be plenty of time to have a little sing-a-long and dance up there too, with party music being played.

Once you arrive onto Gili T (just after 11am), a local co-ordinator from the hotel will be there to greet you and guide you along the short walk to the accommodation.

There is no set itinerary planned for the rest of the day, although you can make use of the bike hire during the afternoon which is included as part of the trip price. We would recommend cycling around the island to see the sunset whilst sitting on a swing in the sea!

The rest of the day and weekend is for you and your group to do as you please. If there is one thing we are sure of, it's that this weekend will offer everything you need and more! We have made several recommendations below, under day 2.

### **DAY 2 – SNORKELLING & FREE TIME**

After breakfast everyone will join on to a group snorkelling excursion. During your 3-4 hour boat trip, you will stop at several points around the 3 islands where you are bound to see sea turtles, colourful fish, corals and monuments / ruins!

The rest of the weekend is for you to decide what you want to do. There are many activities to suit both the more adventurous volunteer or if you are just looking to relax and unwind.

Gili T is the perfect opportunity to spend your days lazing on the beach. Top up your tan as you sunbathe on the white sandy beaches with the waves crashing down on your feet. When you're feeling a bit peckish, you can take a gentle stroll along the many restaurants on the beach and choose from all of the different menus on offer.

As the sun starts to set, you can grab yourself an ice cream or drink and then head down to the



beach side cinema – the most scenic place in the world to watch a film if you ask us!

Don't worry though. If you are after a more fun packed weekend then you won't be disappointed. From more snorkelling excursions, hikes and parties there is so much to see and do.

For the surfer in you, the Gili's offer some great wave riding, with reef breaks available. You can also swim the shallow waters around the coast, with an occasional sighting of sea turtles roaming around.

Do something different for lunch and learn to cook some mouth-watering Indonesian cuisines with a cooking class on the beach.

Trek off the beaten track and hike up treasure hill. On the way to the top you will come across a mysterious shrine, crumbling remnants of a WWII gun bunker and other great finds. Upon reaching the top you will have the most amazing birds eye view of the surrounding waters and islands, including an incredible view of the outline of mount Rinjani located on Lombok.

As the sun sets, it's time to party! The island is lined with many beach bars, offering music and fun activities well into the night. Have a go at beer pong, with a bar totally dedicated to this new competitive sport! Keep your eye out for some fire dancers and fireworks along the beach too.

### DAY 3 – TRANSFER TO BALI

After a busy two days, you still have a couple of hours left this morning. The boat leaves for Bali around 12pm (the hotel staff will confirm the exact time), so there is still some time to go swimming or exploring.

You should expect to arrive back in Tianyar in the late afternoon.

### ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying in a guesthouse on Friday and Saturday night that is just a stone's throw away from the beach. It 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

Breakfast is included within the programme fee and is served each morning at the hotel. There are plenty of options when it comes to lunch and dinner, with many restaurants to choose from – including western and local dishes.

Although things are slightly more expensive here than Bali, they are still considerably less than home!

### TRANSPORT

All transport is arranged for the weekend and will consist of minibuses / cars and boats.

**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.**

