

Cycling Tour of Bali



Highlights

From black sand beaches to active volcanoes, mountain lakes to patchwork paddies, the landscape of Bali is as diverse as it is spectacular. Forget lounging on the beach, spend 7 days cycling Bali with ancient temples, highland villages and vibrant cultural centres just some of the fascinating ports of call.

Discover the East on two wheels! Asia and the South Pacific are home to some truly incredible cycling routes, combining millennia-old cultural heritage with scenery of breathtaking majesty, from the mighty Himalaya to the volcanic isles of Polynesia! A cycling tour gives you the chance to explore these epic landscapes under your own steam; there are no trains to catch, no 4am starts, no watching the sublime country pass you by from the back seat of a packed bus. Better still, a bike holiday allows you to interact with peoples and places in a much more intimate fashion than is possible on many tours, where you're forever surrounded by coachloads of other tourists in default travel mode: stop, snap, shop, split. On tours like these the main things are planned for you – hotels, routes, even the best time of year to travel – leaving you free to enjoy the awesome cycling!

Spend 7 days cycling Bali, you'll pedal past vast volcanic lakes, black sand beaches and emerald rice terraces stacked on the hillsides, through ancient villages and even into the crater of an active volcano! Balinese culture has been heavily influenced by Chinese and Indian traditions, and this is quite noticeable in the island's customs and architecture. The ancient temple complex of Pura Meduwe Kerang and Goa Gajah (the Elephant Cave) are just two of the sites where you'll witness this unique fusion. You'll also spend two nights in Ubud, Bali's main art and culture centre, long frequented by painters, musicians, foreign spies and celebrities like Noel Coward and H. G. Wells. Best of all, the tour takes you into the lush central highlands of Bali, from where you'll cycle onto the crater rim of Mt. Batur to visit the spectacular temples of Tegeh Koripan and Ulan Danu Batur. It's then down into the crater to spend a night at a hotel on the shores of Lake Batur!

Is it for me?

This is a fantastic cycling tour through some of Bali's most iconic scenery. As such, we'd recommend this to absolutely everyone, so long as they have some cycling experience and are in fairly good shape. You won't be covering any mammoth distances – the daily average is about 40 miles – and there aren't too many hills to tackle, so you don't need to be Lance Armstrong to enjoy this one! The roads are relatively quiet too, meaning you don't have to worry about negotiating frenzied traffic or deciphering alien road signs. If for any reason you are struggling with the riding, you can always get a lift in the back-up van (which also carries your luggage on hotel to hotel routes) at either the beginning or end of the day, so there's no danger of you holding up the other riders. The daily itinerary is in fact very flexible – you can see what you want to see at a pace that suits you – which means early starts can be avoided if you need your full eight hours! So if you're interested in Bali Tours and you are a keen cyclist then this might just be the one for you.

Accommodation

During this tour you'll be staying at several different boutique hotels and resorts, including Pertiwi Resort in Ubud, Puri Bagus Villas in Candidasa, Anda Amed Resort in Amed and Puri Bagus in Lovina. All of these resorts, most of which are built in traditional Balinese style with tropical gardens and ponds, offer accommodation of the highest quality, with luxurious rooms, spas and swimming pools. There's some excellent food in store too – the hotel restaurants serve both traditional Balinese and international cuisine. Local specialities to watch out for include Bebek Betutu (Balinese duck), Jukut Urab Sate Empol (steamed vegetables with shredded coconut, minced meat and lime) and Rujak Bali (fresh fruits with palm sugar and turmeric sauce). Bali also has some truly

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excellent street food; dishes like Nasi Goreng (Indonesian fried rice) and Gado Gado (vegetable salad with sweet peanut sauce and prawn crackers) are widely available and make excellent roadside snacks.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Your group will meet at Denpasar Airport in the afternoon, then you'll be transferred to the historic city of Ubud, tucked away in the central foothills. After dinner you'll get the bikes set up and hear a preview of the fun to come.

Day 2 – Today you'll descend to the coast, stopping to explore Goa Gajah (the elephant cave) and the rock carvings of Bedulu. You'll ride through Klungkung town with its moated gardens from an ancient palace, then it's along the coast to the former fishing village of Candi Dasa, where you'll spend the night. (Cycling - 75 km)

Day 3 – Today is a short day of cycling, with some moderate climbs. You'll start with a side trip to Tenganan, a Bali Aga village, which still follows the ancient ways. Afterwards you'll return to the coast for a ride along quiet side roads skirting between the ocean and Mt Lempuyang. You'll visit Ahmed's salt farms before reaching Tulamben, known for spectacular snorkeling on the wreck of the USS Liberty. (Cycling - 50 km)

Day 4 - A leisurely day cycling the north shore of Bali, with black sand beaches tucked away in quiet coves. You'll visit the ancient temple complex of Pura Meduwe Karang, with its Ramayana sculptures and relief carving of a man riding a bicycle. You'll overnight in Lovina, a beach town whose name means "I love Indonesia". (Cycling - 71 km)

Day 5 – Today you'll shuttle up to Lake Bratan for a scenic ride. Staying in the central highlands, you'll climb a bit further to reach the rim of the caldera atop Mt Batur (1,717 m), an active volcano. You'll then ride the crater rim road visiting the incredible temple complexes of Tegeh Koripan and Ulan Danu Batur. After you'll descend into the crater to your hotel on the shores of Lake Batur. (Cycling - 85 km)

Day 6- Your last ride is an easy descent back to Ubud, perhaps visiting Tegallalang, renowned for its wood carving. Upon arrival in Ubud, you have the option of a ride through the many sites surrounding Ubud or shopping for Balinese handcrafts and art. You'll wind down an awesome ride through paradise with a great dinner at an excellent local restaurant. (Cycling - 46 km)

Day 7 - After an early breakfast you'll be driven to Denpasar Airport for fond farewells and your flights home or onward to more adventures. Sampai Jumpa.

Details

Getting there

Transfer from Denpasar Airport

Price includes

All meals, accommodation, van support, transfers, guide, sightseeing and cultural activities.

Not included

Flights to Bali

Cycle hire (\$130)

Price details

Price quoted is per person for the scheduled tours. Price for private tours is \$1750 per person in a group of 2 to 5.

Typical Duration

1 week

Comfort level

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

Experience required

Some previous experience is needed