

# Bangkok to Bali Adventure: Street Eats & Beaches - ATBG

34 days: Bangkok to Gili Trawangan

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## Itinerary

**NOTE**: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

# Day 1 Bangkok

Arrive at any time and welcome to Thailand's famous capital - Bangkok!

This evening, the famous Khao San Road is on the itinerary for your first night out. Explore this buzzing traveller hub with your CEO and check out the lively bars and dance parties that line the street. Grab a Thai beer or tea and connect with your fellow travellers. Don't forget to sample local delicacies, and try a deep fried scorpion if you dare!

If you'd like, get here early to get in some sightseeing. It's best to travel around by water taxi, since the streets are so crowded. We recommend Chao Phraya River for its excellent views.

#### Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

#### Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends

Connect with new friends on your first night out in a new destination. Only available on 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours.

#### Accommodation

Sawasdee House Khaosan (or similar) Hotel

#### Day 2 Bangkok/Surat Thani

Get on first-name basis with Thailand's capital city by bike with an optional bike tour. Today, you can check out Wat Pho and the Grand Palace, go for a street food crawl, relax with a Thai massage, or explore the klongs (canals) by boat before boarding the overnight train.

#### **Street Food Crawl**

Evening

Bring your appetite and your wallet. The CEO will bring the group to the best spots to eat and teach everyone about the local street food. Yum!

## **Basic Overnight Train (beds)**

#### Bangkok - Surat Thani12h-13h

Experience overnight travel like a local. Sit back and get some well-earned (and likely much-needed) rest en route to your next stop.

#### **Your Discover Moment**

#### Bangkok Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Bangkok, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like visiting the Grand Palace, hopping on a cycle tour of the city, and visiting the National Museum. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

#### Optional Activities - Day 2 Grand Palace Visit

#### Bangkok

#### 15USD per person

Visit the King's official residence (made up of many buildings, halls, lawns, gardens, and courtyards) on the banks of the Chao Phraya River and see the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Please note the cost of this optional activity does not include the entrance fee.

#### **Klong Riverboat Tour**

Bangkok

30USD per person

Travel by longtail boat on the busy Chao Phraya River and through the small canals of western Bangkok's Thonburi district. Observe colourful scenes of everyday life along the river banks.

## Wat Po Visit

Bangkok 3.50USD per person This temple is known for i

This temple is known for its reclining Buddha, its feet covered with mother-of-pearl engravings of Buddhist symbols. Explore the large grounds and other compounds to see other Buddha figures, murals and the chedis that contain the ashes of Buddha. This is also the birthplace of traditional Thai massage.

#### **Royal Barge Museum**

- Bangkok
- 3.50USD per person

Located along the Chao Phraya River, the museum is home to many ceremonial barges. The barges are only used for special occasions so this is a chance to catch a rare glimpse of their ornate decorations and symbolic features.

## Thai Massage

Bangkok 15-30USD per person

Lie back and soothe aching muscles with a wonderful Thai massage. Affordable and amazing—don't miss out!

#### Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 3 Surat Thani/Khao Sok

See southern Thai hospitality in action with breakfast at G Adventures-supported Khao Thep Pitak Community-Owned Farm & Restaurant, where you can also meet other international visitors. Later on, enjoy free time. Opt to go to Lake Cheow Lan where you can take in the views while hiking or swimming in the national park. Spend tonight falling asleep to the sweet sounds of the jungle.

This area is known for its natural beauty. You know what that means: lots of chances for photos.

#### **Local Bus**

Surat Thani – Khao Sok3h30m Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

#### **Free Time**

Khao Sok Half Day Get out and explore the natural beauty of the area.

#### Your G for Good Moment: Kao Thep Pitak Community-Owned Farm & Meal

Indulge in traditional Southern Thai cuisine prepared by members of Kao Thep Pitak village. Your meal will be made with ingredients picked from local organic farms and a fruit orchard on the property. Over 140 families benefit from the community-owned and managed eatery through the Kao Thep Pitak Community Ecotourism Enterprise, supported by Planeterra and G Adventures.

# **Optional Activities - Day 3**

**Tubing** Khao Sok 10USD per person Grab a tube and enjoy how the locals like to beat the heat - by floating down the river!

Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Khao Sok Rainforest Resort (or similar) Resort

#### Day 4 Khao Sok/Koh Samui

Your next stop is just a ferry ride away. Today, explore Ko Samui Island's beauty by catching the sunset at Chaweng Beach before eating your weight in street food at the night market. For your big night out, head to a popular beach bar, enjoy a drink on us to celebrate life-changing adventures, and dance the night away.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Khao Sok – Don Sak3h30m Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### Ferry

Don Sak – Koh Samui1h30m Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

#### **Free Time**

Koh Samui Afternoon Head to the beach to splash around or relax in the sand.

## Your Big Night Out Moment: Koh Samui

Head to a popular pub restaurant on the beach and immerse yourself in Koh Samui's nightlife paradise. Grab a drink on our tab and cheers to all the amazing adventures you've already shared with newfound friends. Then see where the night takes you!

## **Optional Activities - Day 4**

**Kayaking** Ko Samui 3USD per person Get into a kayak and paddle away for a new perspective on this area.

#### **Cooking Class**

Ko Samui 70USD per person Learn about local ingredients and then use them to make some healthy traditional Thai dishes.

#### Koh Samui Island Tour

Koh Samui3h-4h

#### 15USD per person

Visit the iconic sites of the Big Buddha Temple and the intricately designed Chinese temple. Then take a trip to the south coast of the island to see the unusual and amusing Grandmother and Grandfather rock before taking in the more scenic views from the island view point, visiting majestic waterfalls along the wav.

#### Water Skiing

Ko Samui

20USD per person Experience the thrill of water skiing and glide on water as you are pulled along by a motorboat.

## Ko Samui Boat Tour

Ko Samui3h-4h 50USD per person Take in the beauty of the island from the water, passing the magnificent Big Buddha Temple among other many other sights. Visit Swallows Nest Island and Green Peace island, where you can opt to snorkel or relax on the shore.

# Stand Up Paddleboarding at Koh Samui

Ko Samui 50USD per person Glide your way along Ko Samui's coastline on a stand-up paddleboard. The water in this area is generally calm and always warm, you'll be tempted to jump off for a swim.

#### **Meals included: Breakfast** Accommodation **COSI Samui Chaweng Beach (or similar)** Hotel

# Day 5 Koh Samui

Take a scenic day trip to pristine Ang Thong National Marine Park. As a protected nature area consisting of over 40 islands, the views here are unforgettable - perfect for making friends back home jealous. Try to spot all the different kinds of marine life and explore above the water by foot or below the water by snorkel. Be forewarned: it might take you all day to take in all this beauty.

# **Angthong National Marine Park Visit**

Koh Samui7h-8h

Ang Thong National Marine Park is a protected nature area consisting of over 40 islands. All of the islands are uninhabited and undeveloped except for one. This full-day leisure excursion through the astonishing archipelago offers many different experiences including hiking, snorkeling, sightseeing (and kayaking at an extra cost).

#### Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch Accommodation **COSI Samui Chaweng Beach (or similar)** Hotel

## Day 6 Koh Samui/George Town

Gear up for a long day of travel. Ferry back to the mainland and continue by private vehicle to cross the border into Malaysia and on to George Town, Penang.

## Ferry

Koh Samui – Don Sak1h30m Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

## **Private Vehicle**

Don Sak – George Town8h30m Full Day Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

# Border Crossing (Thailand - Malaysia)

Satun - Kangar Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

#### **Meals included: Breakfast** Accommodation

Loop On Leith Hotel Penang (or similar) Hotel

# Day 7 George Town

Get a full day in Penang. Explore the busy streets and check out the colourful famous street art. Trust us: they make for a great backdrop!

#### **Free Time**

George Town Full Day

Get in touch with nature or walk around a museum and learn more about the history of Malaysia.

# **Optional Activities - Day 7**

# Indian Street Visit

## George Town

Enjoy a visit to charming Little India, which consists of three streets: Lebuh Chulia, Lebuh Queen, and Jalan Pasar. Purchase colourful Indian fashion, eat spicy food, and listen to beautiful Indian melodies for a taste of India in Malaysia.

#### **Penang Hill Visit**

#### George Town

Visit this colonial hill station for a great escape from the city's heat and beautiful views of Georgetown from one of its seven hills. The highest is Western Hill, which stands at 833m (2,723ft) above sea level. Discover tropical plants, like the carnivorous pitcher plant, and catch a glimpse of the dusky leaf monkeys or the greater racket-tailed drongo, which is a local bird.

#### **Clan Jetties Excursion**

#### George Town

Experience real-life history visiting the clan jetties. More than 100 years ago, the Chinese community started building stilt houses along the waterfront, clustered into clan villages that still exist today. Most of these houses are in the Chew Jetty area.

#### Penang Peranakan Museum Visit

#### George Town

Learn about the Peranakans (also known as the Babas and Nyonyas), the Chinese community that made their home in the Straits Settlements and developed unique customs that incorporated Malay and British influences in their cuisine and language. Tour the museum, a recreated home of a rich Baba, to see displays of more than 1,000 antique pieces and architectural design – of special note is the staircase, dining room, and parlour.

## Kek Lok Si Temple Visit

#### George Town

This three-tiered hilltop Buddhist temple, the country's largest, is affectionately known as the Temple of Supreme Bliss. Its main attraction is the Ten Thousand Buddhas Pagoda, and the pavilion of the Four Heavenly Kings – each said to control a compass point. An enormous statue of the Goddess of Mercy is found on the hilltop as well as more gardens and temples.

#### Khoo Kongsi Visit

#### George Town

Visit one of the grandest clan houses in Malaysia, built by the Chinese Khoo Kongsi clan more than 100 years ago it operated much like a self-governing village. As a sign of wealth, the house was built in an ornate fashion with elaborate Chinese architecture.

## Accommodation

Loop On Leith Hotel Penang (or similar) Hotel

## Day 8 George Town/Chenderoh Lake

Learn about local culture (especially how to properly tie a sarong!) at this island homestay, nestled in the middle of a beautiful lake. Tonight, relax as you take in the scenery and connect with the family that runs this homestay.

## **Private Vehicle**

George Town – Chenderoh Lake3h Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## Your Local Living Moment: Chenderoh Lake Homestay

Experience all the charm of a traditional "kampung" or village at this quaint homestay. Made up of repurposed old wooden homes, this lakeside retreat offers picturesque scenery and the opportunity to interact with locals. Opt to trek, kayak, fish, or just kick back and relax in a hammock.

# Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation

#### Suka Suka Homestay (or similar) Homestay

# **Day 9 Chenderoh Lake/Cameron Highlands**

Enjoy slightly cooler temperatures in the Cameron Highlands. Here, explore the well-marked trails through the lush tropical forest, visit a tea plantation, or search for the rafflesia: the world's largest flower.

## **Private Vehicle**

Chenderoh Lake - Cameron Highlands3h30m Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

# **Orientation With CEO**

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets. main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

## **Free Time**

Cameron Highlands Half Day Use free time to enjoy and explore this mountainous region.

# **Optional Activities - Day 9**

# **Rainforest Expedition**

# **Cameron Highlands**

Enjoy exotic flora and fauna during the Rainforest Expedition, which includes seeing the Rafflesia, the world's largest flower (depending on season). Also, visit an aboriginal village and see a blow pipe hunting demonstration. Go on a 1-2 hr jungle trek. Enjoy a waterfall swim and visits to a tea plantation and a reptile farm.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Golden Lodge Hotel (or similar) Hotel

# Day 10 Cameron Highlands/Kuala Lumpur

Today is yours to take on. Walk around and explore, but don't skip trying the national dish of Malaysia, nasi lemak — a traditional rice dish made with coconut milk and pandan leaf.

Once the sun sets, see another side to the city as you stop by the famous Petronas Towers (which light up at night) before checking out the local nightlife.

## Local Bus

Cameron Highlands – Kuala Lumpur3h-4h205km Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

## **Free Time**

Kuala Lumpur Get out and explore bustling Kuala Lumpur.

#### **Optional Activities - Day 10 Islamic Arts Museum**

Kuala Lumpur

15MYR per person

Tour this museum to see thousands of artifacts and art objects ranging from jewellery and armour to ceramics and ancient Islamic glassware. The museum is home to a number of galleries: Quran and Manuscripts Gallery, Islamic Architecture Gallery, India Gallery, Chinese Gallery, Ancient Malay World Gallery as well as the Ottoman Syrian Room.

## **Batu Caves Visit**

## Gombak

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## **Petronas Towers Visit**

Kuala Lumpur 85MYR per person

Take in breathtaking views of Kuala Lumpur on this visit to the Petronas Towers. Called Malaysia's jewel, the 88-storey twin structure has the world's highest two-storey bridge offering a stunning view of the city from 170m (558ft) high.

## **Orang Asli Museum Visit**

Kuala Lumpur

A heritage museum showing the history and customs of the country's indigenous peoples, the Orang Asli, through photo displays, maps, clothing, hunting tools, musical instruments and story telling.

#### Accommodation

Arenaa Star Luxury Hotel (or similar) Hotel

## Day 11 Kuala Lumpur

You've got the whole day for exploring. Head out of town to visit the famous Batu Caves or the Orang Alsi Museum. Later tonight, head to some rooftop bars for drinks and dancing, or stop by the night market and find some flavours you never knew existed.

Built in 1928 as a fresh market for locals, and revamped in the 1980s as an outlet for all Malaysian handicrafts, the night market is a local institution. Make sure you don't miss it.

## **Free Time**

Kuala Lumpur Full Day Free time to explore the city or landmarks nearby like the Batu Caves.

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# Menara KL Tower

Kuala Lumpur

12USD per person

Standing at 421 metres high, the Menara Tower is a prominent structure in Kuala Lumpur's skyline and the Islamic heritage of the city is reflected in it's architecture. Visit this iconic Malaysian landmark for panoramic views of the city.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Arenaa Star Luxury Hotel (or similar) Hotel

## Day 12 Kuala Lumpur/Melaka

Today if your day to take on the canals by boat, and see a different side of this old port town. Maybe stop for some famous chicken rice at Kedai Kopi Chung Wah in Chinatown. Locals love it here; they often line up for hours to get a taste.

The streets of Chinatown (also known as Jonker Walk) are also lined with Peranakan (Straits Chinese) shophouses offering their traditional cuisine, Nyonya. Explore the many temples, churches, mosques, museums, and forts.

Visit the old port town of Melaka, wander the narrow streets and absorb the atmosphere of this historically important town. The streets of Chinatown are lined with Peranakan (Straits Chinese) shophouses offering their traditional cuisine, Nyonya. There are temples, churches and mosques, museums and forts to explore.

## **Local Bus**

Kuala Lumpur – Melaka3h Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

#### **Free Time**

Melaka Afternoon After arriving in Melaka, spend free time exploring on foot or by boat.

# **Optional Activities - Day 12**

Melaka Boat Tour Melaka 12USD per person Sit back, relax, and enjoy the rejuvenated riverfront with new muralled buildings and significant historical landmarks and bridges. Float by a traditional Malay village, the Ghost Bridge of Melaka, Kampung Jawa, and the Clock Tower.

Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Fenix Inn (or similar) Inn

## Day 13 Melaka/Singapore

Head to Singapore today, where you can use your free time to see that famous skyline by boat or eat so much street food, you can barely walk. For a peek into the city-state's past life, wander the old streets of Little India and Chinatown.

## Local Bus

Melaka – Singapore4h-5h Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

## Border Crossing (Malaysia - Singapore)

Johor Bahru – Singapore

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

## **Free Time**

Singapore Full Day Free time to see wildlife on a safari or get a taste of Singapore at some of the many hawker stands.

#### Optional Activities - Day 13 Boat Quay Harbour Tour

Singapore

Tour Quay Harbour, once a busy trade port, many of the historic two and three-storey shops and godowns along the riverbank were restored in the 1990s and transformed into bars, retail stores and restaurants.

#### Accommodation Hotel Bencoolen (or similar) Hotel

## Day 14 Singapore/Jakarta

Fly to Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia and the economic heart of Java.

There may be some travellers leaving the tour in Singapore and others joining in Jakarta.

## Plane

Singapore – Jakarta4h Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

## Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Erian Hotel (or similar) Hotel

## Day 15 Jakarta/Bandung

Ride to Bandung and let the scenery guide you to some serenity. Floating villages, tea plantations, rice paddies, and hot springs —this side of paradise is looking mighty fine.

# **Private Vehicle**

Jakarta – Bandung Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

# **Bandung Orientation Walk**

Bandung Take an orientation walk led by your CEO to get your bearings of Bandung.

# Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation

Mutiara Hotel Bandung (or similar) Hotel

## Day 16 Bandung

Spend the day with your group Ciater Tea Plantation. Try different teas and enjoy lunch looking out on the rice paddies. Hike to a waterfall and relax in the hot springs.

## **Ciater Tea Plantation, Hot Spring and Waterfall**

Bandung

Located on the hills of Mount Tangkuban Perahu is the scenic Ciater Tea Plantation. Spend the day here touring the tea plantation, hiking to a waterfall and relaxing in hot springs.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Mutiara Hotel Bandung (or similar) Hotel

# Day 17 Bandung/Yogyakarta

Watch the world go by on a scenic train ride to Yogyakarta. Once you arrive, and if you're not feeling too beat, check out Sosrowijayan and Prawirotaman Streets for unwinding with drinks and local eats.

## Train

Bandung – Yogyakarta7h402km Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Hotel Indah Palace Yogyakarta (or similar) Hotel

## Days 18-19 Yogyakarta

There's more to discover in Yogyakarta today! See some Javanese temples, the volcanic Mt Merapi, try street food like gudeg (curry made from unripe jackfruit), or soak in the last rays of the sun at the stunning Buddhist Borobudur temple complex — and make sure you don't forget your camera.

## **Free Time**

Yogyakarta Get out and explore Yogyakarta and its surrounding attractions.

#### Optional Activities - Days 18-19 Borobudur Temple Complex Excursion

Borobudur

70USD per person

Take in the stunning artistic and architectural marvel that is the Buddhist Temple complex of Borobudur, a not-to-be-missed World Heritage Site. Learn about its interesting history and restoration; the site lay undiscovered under layers of volcanic ash until 1815, when Sir Stamford Raffles, then Governor of Java, ordered the area to be cleared.

## **Kraton Palace Visit**

#### Yogyakarta

Take in the royal splendour of this impressive 18th century palace, built by the Sultans of Yogya. Kraton is one of the finest examples of Javanese palace architecture and is essentially a walled city -- it has its own market, schools, and even mosques.

## Taman Sari Water Castle Visit

#### Yogyakarta

Enjoy a visit to this castle built in the 18th century as a pleasure park for the Sultan. Check out the intricately carved gates and the bathing complex and tower, from where the Sultan would watch his concubines frolicking in the water.

# Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppet Show

Yogyakarta

Get a taste of Indonesian theatre with a twist and enjoy a traditional shadow puppet show. These puppets are made with leather and chiselled with precision.

#### Kota Gede Visit

Yogyakarta

Shop (or window shop) for a stunning hand-beaten bowl. If silver is more your thing, you can find fine silver filigree within this historical district known for its impressive silver work.

## Prambanan Hindu Temple Complex Excursion

Yogyakarta 30USD per person

Tour Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple complex in Java, and learn about the history of the temples. Built between the eighth and tenth centuries, these temples now stand as one of the most outstanding works of Hindu art. View their intricate design, particularly on the Shiva temple.

Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Hotel Indah Palace Yogyakarta (or similar) Hotel

## Day 20 Yogyakarta/Ngadas

Take the scenic route to Ngadas via private vehicle. Here, you'll spend the evening at a local G Adventures-supported community homestay.

Get a taste of local culture with a home-cooked dinner and time with a community leader to learn about the region's unique customs and history.

# Your G for Good Moment: Ngadas Homestay

Nestled amongst the green hills of the Mt Bromo region, the village of Ngadas is home to a Tengger farming community. Overnight with a local family participating in the community's homestay program, a G Adventures-supported initiative. Learn about the local culture, customs, and traditions from your hosts.

## **Private Vehicle**

Yogyakarta – Malang8h400km Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## **Private Vehicle**

Malang – Desa Ngadas1h Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner Accommodation Ngadas Village (or similar) Homestay

## Day 21 Desa Ngadas/Bromo

Today's for reaching new heights. Start the day with a trek along the Ancestor Trail to Mt Bromo, led by a local guide trained through the G Adventures-supported capacity building program. Then get a chance to hike to the volcano's crater (and take some pictures!) before going on to the hotel.

## Your G for Good Moment: Ancestor Trail Trek

10km

Follow the historic route the villagers of Ngadas once used to make pilgrimage to Mt Bromo and pay their respects to the gods. Trek about 10km through farmland, forest, and grasslands to reach the volcano, stopping for lunch near a cave en route.

## **Mount Bromo Crater Walk**

Gunung Bromo 2km

Walk to the famed crater of Mount Bromo, part of the Tengger Calder, the largest volcanic range in the area. A distinct site, the volcano blew its top off completely and is constantly smouldering with white smoke.

## Your G for Good Moment: Village Walk

Learn more about daily life in Ngadas with a village walk. Take in views of the scenic hills as you walk along, passing farming areas and stopping to visit the local temple, vihara, and mosque.

# Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Accommodation

#### Bromo Permai (or similar) Inn

# Day 22 Bromo/Red Island

Skip sleeping in today for a pre-dawn hike across the Sea of Sand to Mt Bromo, where you can catch a final glimpse of the moon before the sunrise. Stop to breathe it all in before you head to a beachside surf camp.

On your way to Mt Bromo, catch a breath and see the local Buddhist Tenggerese giving offerings to the Supreme God Hyang Widi Wasa.

## Sunrise Walk to Mount Bromo Viewpoint

Gunung Bromo30m

Head out before dawn to visit the viewpoint for magnificent Mt Bromo (2,392m), one of the most spectacular sights in Indonesia. Walk along the "sea of sand" and enjoy stunning views as the sun rises over the edge of the crater and be amazed by the volcano's strange beauty, seemingly from another world.

## **Private Vehicle**

Bromo – Red Island8h Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Mojo Surf Camp Red Island (or similar) Campground Accommodations at this property are multi-share.

# Day 23 Red Island

Wake up and catch a wave on a morning surf lesson, then take the rest of the day to explore the nearby fishing village, surf some more, or rest easy in a beachside hammock.

## Your Hands-On Moment: Surfing Lesson

Grab your swimsuit and get ready to hang ten! Learn how to find and ride the waves with surfing lessons from local experts. Enjoy the fresh sea air, and try to spot local marine life while enjoying the waters.

## **Free Time**

Red Island Half Day Spend more time on the beach or explore the local village—the choice is yours.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Mojo Surf Camp Red Island (or similar)

Campground Accommodations at this property are multi-share.

# Day 24 Red Island/Pemuteran

Head back to Bali for a chill day of relaxing on the beach. Sit back, grab a drink, and soak up some sunshine. This is the place for it.

## **Private Vehicle**

Kalibaru – Ketapang1h30m-2h Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## Ferry

#### Ketapang - Gilimanuk1h30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

## **Private Vehicle**

Gilimanuk – Pemuteran45m Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## **Free Time**

Pemuteran Afternoon Get out and explore the beautiful beaches of Bali.

# **Optional Activities - Day 24**

Snorkelling Pemuteran Grab a snorkel and dive into the water. The waters are calm, visibility is clear, and the sea life and coral are colourful and aplenty.

Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Rich Farmer House (or similar) Hotel

# Day 25 Pemuteran

No need to say goodbye to the beach just yet — it's another day of chilling out in Bali. If you'd like, break up the beachside naps with a snorkelling trip.

#### **Free Time**

Pemuteran

Get out and explore coastal Bali, or enjoy a day lounging at the beach. The choice is yours!

#### **Optional Activities - Day 25**

#### Snorkelling Pemuteran

Grab a snorkel and dive into the water. The waters are calm, visibility is clear, and the sea life and coral are colourful and aplenty.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Rich Farmer House (or similar) Hotel

#### Day 26 Pemuteran/Kuta

Take it easy this morning before we cross rich tropical jungle and idyllic rice fields on the ride to Kuta. Catch up on sleep on the drive over — you're going to need it for your big night out tonight. Spend the evening getting to know Legian Street, the legendary party street. Grab a drink on us and dance the night away!

#### **Free Time**

Kuta Evening Enjoy some free time to explore Kuta.

#### Your Big Night Out Moment: Kuta Dance Party

Kuta is the perfect place to celebrate all the new exciting and humbling adventures you've just experienced with newfound friends. Grab a drink on our tab, cheers to keeping life interesting, and dance the night away!

#### **Private Vehicle**

Pemuteran – Kuta5h-5h30m Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Zest Hotel Legian (or similar) Hotel

#### Day 27 Kuta

Today, take it easy in beachside Kuta. Take a surf lesson (which you can book ahead of time), relax on the beach, or head to one of the nearby towns.

Tonight, take in the town's nightlife on the dancefloor or by the waves at a beachside bar.

Learn to surf by pre-booking the Half Day Surf Class extra when booking your tour.

#### **Free Time**

Kuta Full Day

Check out one of the area's beaches or opt for a full-day surf lesson.

# Optional Activities - Day 27

# Half Day Surf Class

Canggu

Learn to surf or sharpen your skills with a lesson on some of Bali's best waves for beginner and intermediate surfers. The friendly instructors and guides at Mojosurf take you to the day's best locations (depending on the weather conditions), where you'll catch amazing surf breaks in some of Indonesia's most stunning environments. All equipment is included, along with transportation to and from your accommodation.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Zest Hotel Legian (or similar) Hotel

# Day 28 Kuta/Kubutambahan

It's off to Kubutambahan today. Breathe in the beautiful scenery before stopping for lunch en route at the G Adventures supported Bali Community Training Lunch Program. Tonight, soak in the views and lush jungle vibes at a charming guesthouse, located in a Balinese village. Start your night by watching the sunset over the lush landscape.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Kuta – Ubud1h30m45km Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## Your G for Good Moment: Bali Community Training Lunch Program

Enjoy lunch at the G Adventures-supported Bali Community Training Lunch Program. This initiative supports and assists people living with disabilities in Bali to find independence and meaningful employment through training in the hospitality sector. In Hindu-Bali, it is a societal belief that being born with a disability is a product of "bad karma". Our ground partners are working in the community to break down these stereotypes, and provide resources, training, and education to adults living with disabilities to gain independence and confidence, and find employment within their community. Fully managed and operated by individuals living with disabilities, enjoy a delicious traditional Balinese buffet lunch prepared by the organization while learning more about this initiative that empowers individuals through skills and employment training. All proceeds from this included lunch support the organization's training, education, advocacy and outreach programs, as well as resources such as wheelchairs and three-wheeled mopeds.

## **Private Vehicle**

Ubud – Kubutambahan1h45m58km Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner Accommodation Bulian Homestay (or similar) Homestay Accommodations at this property are multi-share.

# Day 29 Kubutambahan

Get ready to liven up your tastebuds with a Balinese cooking lesson. After, you can trek around the village, visit a waterfall, swim in a natural spring, or stop by a nearby dragon fruit farm.

## **Free Time**

Kubutambahan Half Day Enjoy free time to explore the area and take part in optional activities.

## **Cooking Demonstration and Meal**

Kubutambahan2h-3h Discover the secrets of delicious local cuisine with a cooking demonstration. Join the women of the village as they prepare a traditional Balinese meal, and learn about regional spices and techniques. Afterwards, sit down for dinner and savour the meal you helped prepare.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner Accommodation Bulian Homestay (or similar) Homestay Accommodations at this property are multi-share.

## Day 30 Kubutambahan/Ubud

This morning's free for you to explore or relax. Later, check out Ubud and visit the picturesque Gitgit Waterfall or Pura Taman Saraswati, a Balinese Hindu temple with stunning lotus ponds. Both spots are perfect for photo ops!

## Free Time

Kubutambahan Morning Check out a nearby waterfall or local temple with a free morning.

## **Private Vehicle**

Kubutambahan – Gitgit1h27km Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

# **Gitgit Waterfall Visit**

#### Gitgit1h30m

Discover one of the island's most beautiful locales with a visit to Gitgit waterfall. Snap some photos at the viewpoint before heading down to the base of the falls. Chill out and enjoy the lush green surroundings and opt to take a dip in the blue water.

# **Private Vehicle**

Gitgit – Ubud2h63km Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

# Free Time

Ubud Evening Start exploring Ubud with a free evening.

# Optional Activities - Day 30

# Kecak Dance Performance

20USD per person

Enjoy a display of traditional Kecak dance (aka Ramayana Monkey Chant), depicting a battle from the Ramayana.

# Puri Lukisan Museum

Ubud 3USD per person Ubud is a cultural hub, known for it's arts and crafts. It is here that you will find the Puri Lukisan Museum, housing hundreds of traditional Balinese paintings and wooden carvings. Tour the four buildings and beautiful garden that make up the museum and admire the carefully curated collections.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation MaxOne Hotel (or similar) Hotel

# Day 31 Ubud

Today is full of possibilities. Stop by the monkey forest, a sanctuary for the long-tailed Balinese monkey, before checking out more of Ubud.

Take a yoga class, relax with a massage, try babi guling (whole roast suckling pig), visit the holy springs of Tirta Empul to cleanse your body and spirit, and be sure to save some room for some delicious healthy eats — they're abundant here. Tonight, wrap up your time in Ubud with a traditional Kecak dance performance.

# **Monkey Forest Visit**

Ubud

Take a walk through the lush Monkey Forest. Keep your valuables close as these cheeky creatures are bound to grab anything that isn't nailed down.

# **Free Time**

Ubud Half Day

Take advantage of this happening spot with free time. Opt to raft, cycle, take a cooking class, or chill out with some yoga.

# **Optional Activities - Day 31**

Yoga Class

Relax with a class at one of Ubud's beautiful yoga studios. Stretch and hold poses in this gentle but effective form of exercise.

# **Organic Cooking Class**

Ubud1h30m-2h

Refine your culinary skills with a Balinese cooking class. Discover the secrets of delicious local cuisine and how to use exotic herbs and spices.

# **Mt Batur Hike**

Gunung Batur 650000IDR per person Climb to the summit of Mt Batur (1700m) for an amazing sunrise and scenic views. Rest easy—this active volcano is an accessible climb of about two hours.

# **Kecak Dance Performance**

Ubud

20USD per person Enjoy a display of traditional Kecak dance (aka Ramayana Monkey Chant), depicting a battle from the Ramayana.

# Lovina Beach Snorkelling

Lovina Beach 7USD per person Put on your mask and discover the local marine life during this snorkelling session in Lovina. Please note, transfers from Ubud are available at an additional cost.

# Puri Lukisan Museum

Ubud

3USD per person

Ubud is a cultural hub, known for it's arts and crafts. It is here that you will find the Puri Lukisan Museum, housing hundreds of traditional Balinese paintings and wooden carvings. Tour the four buildings and beautiful garden that make up the museum and admire the carefully curated collections.

## **Snorkelling Menjangan Island**

Menjangan

Travel to West Bali National Park and boat to the island of Menjangan, named after the rare species of deer that inhabit the island. Snorkel in the pristine waters where the marine life is varied and visibility is good all year-round. Enjoy lunch before heading to a different part of the island for another snorkelling adventure.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation MaxOne Hotel (or similar) Hotel

# Day 32 Ubud/Gili Trawangan

It's off to the beautifully laid-back island of Gili Trawangan today. Slow it all down with relaxing at a beachfront bar, stopping for photos at the Gili Trawangan swing, and — best of all — enjoying walking around freely (the island doesn't allow motorized vehicles). The rest of the day is yours to explore.

## **Private Vehicle**

Ubud – Padangbai1h15m40km Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## Boat

Padangbai – Gili Trawangan2h60km Climb aboard and get your float on.

## **Free Time**

Gili Trawangan Afternoon Relax on the beach or rent a bike and explore the island with some free time.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Gili Amor Boutique Resort (or similar) Resort

## Day 33 Gili Trawangan

Spend another day in paradise. Explore the island by bicycle, or just kick back on the beach. Don't forget to catch your last marvelous sunset of the trip on the west side of the island, before celebrating the end of an amazing journey with your fellow travellers for your big night out.

## **Free Time**

Gili Trawangan Full Day Chill out by the beach or opt for a snorkelling excursion with free time.

## Your Big Night Out Moment: Beach Celebration

Settle in to a laid-back beach bar and enjoy a drink on us and your last night out with new friends. Reminisce about your favourite life-changing adventures from the trip. Maybe go for a night swim, who knows, see where the night takes you.

# **Optional Activities - Day 33**

# Swimming

Grab your bathing suit and go for a refreshing swim.

**Yoga** Gili Trawangan What's better than a relaxing yoga class in paradise? Get your om on in the Gilis.

#### Meals included: Breakfast Accommodation Gili Amor Boutique Resort (or similar) Resort

## Day 34 Gili Trawangan

Today, it's time to say goodbye to your group of newfound friends as the tour ends. Be sure to sneak in some last-minute photos and cheers before you head on your way.

Want to take the hassle out of getting back to Bali? Book the Bali Express post-tour Extra. Speak to your Global Connection Officer or travel agent to book.

Add the "Bali Express: Gili Trawangan to Kuta" to your adventure and make your way back to Bali with the guidance of a CEO. This nifty post-tour Extra includes a fast boat and land transfer to get you back to Kuta. Onward flights from Denpasar airport must not depart earlier than 20:00 on departure day when booking this extra. Speak to your Global Connection Officer or travel agent to book.

## **Departure Day**

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

#### Optional Activities - Day 34 Bali Express: Gili Trawangan to Kuta

Gili Trawangan – Kuta

Want to take the hassle out of getting back to Bali? Book the "Bali Express: Gili Trawangan to Kuta" posttour Extra and make your way back to Kuta with the guidance of a CEO. On the final day of the tour, board a fast boat back to Bali and transfer to Kuta.

# **Meals included: Breakfast**

# What's Included

Your G for Good Moment: Kao Thep Pitak Community-Owned Farm & Meal, Ban Ta Khun

Your G for Good Moment: Ngadas Homestay, Desa Ngadas

Your G for Good Moment: Ancestor Trail Trek, Desa Ngadas

Your G for Good Moment: Village Walk, Desa Ngadas

Your G for Good Moment: Bali Community Training Lunch Program, Ubud

Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group

Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends

Your Discover Moment: Bangkok

Your Big Night Out Moment: Koh Samui, Koh Samui

Your Local Living Moment: Chenderoh Lake Homestay, Chenderoh Lake

Your Hands-On Moment: Surfing Lesson, Red Island

Your Big Night Out Moment: Kuta Dance Party, Kuta

Your Big Night Out Moment: Beach Celebration, Gili Trawangan. Angthong National Marine Park Visit. Orientation walk in Bandung. Entrance to Bromo Tengger Semeru NP. Mt Bromo crater walk. Sunrise hike to Mt Bromo viewpoint. Cooking class (Kubutambahan). Git Git waterfall visit. Monkey Forest visit. Two street food crawls. Internal flight. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# **Highlights**

Eat your way through a street food crawl in Bangkok, explore Khao Sok National Park, connect with locals during a scenic homestay, time to see Singapore your way, trek along the Ancestor Trail to Mt Bromo, visit Gitgit waterfall, chill out in scenic Gili T

# **Dossier Disclaimer**

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

# **Important Notes**

#### RAMADAN

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between Apr 12th - May 14th 2021, and Apr 1st - May 3rd 2022. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

## COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

# **Group Size Notes**

Max 18, avg 10.

# **Meals Included**

29 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

# Transport

Train, local bus, private vehicle, ferry, songthaew, taxi, boat, walking,

# Accommodation

Hotel (25 nts), sleeper train (1 nt), Bungalow (1 nt), Homestay (4 nts) and Camp dorms (2 nts).

# **About Accommodation**

A variety of styles of hotels/guest houses are used on this trip. In many instances they might not be like what you are accustomed to as service and efficiency can vary. In some areas we stay in simple local guest houses in stunning locations. That said, rooms are generally small and simple yet clean. There may only be shared toilet facilities and showers.

Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. Some nights on this tour will be multi-share. This may involve 4-6 group members sharing a room. The majority of accommodation will have shared bathroom facilities.

Where we use multi-share hostels, rooming requests of any kind cannot be taken. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

# Joining Instructions

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

When arriving at Suvarnabhumi Airport (pronounced 'su wan na poom') in Bangkok proceed to the Arrivals Hall where you can change money into Thai Baht. (You may be approached by nicely dressed, official looking touts offering an expensive limousine service to your hotel; ignore these offers.)

Taxi

The airport is located 30km's away from downtown Bangkok. Approach the taxi counters, advise them where you are going and they will write this information down for you along with the taxis registration details. Taxis should always use the meter and you are required to pay a 50 Baht airport surcharge on top of the metered fee plus any tollway fees (approx 70 Baht depending on the route taken). Total journey will cost between 350 THB - 500 THB, depending on traffic and toll fees. The expressway is substantially faster, so tell the taxi driver to use the expressway, you can say either ""kuen ton-way"" (from'tollway') or ""kuen taang duan"" in Thai (but most understand Tollway/express way in English).

#### Arrival Transfers

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you (go to gate 4). If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

# **Emergency Contact**

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

#### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

If your call is specifically concerning Bangkok Airport Transfer complications please call our local G Adventures Transfer provider directly at:+66 86 321 0729 (086 321 0729 from within Thailand) or +66 82 450 2777 (082 450 2777 from within Thailand)

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

After hours emergency number From outside Thailand +66 (0) 92 338 9222 From within Thailand (0) 92 338 9222

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found <u>here</u>.

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100 Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000 Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000 Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618 Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307 Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

# **Packing List**

Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- · Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/

plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)

- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Hand sanitizer (required)
- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)
- Quick Covid Test/Antigen Test

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

# Visas and Entry Requirements

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page <u>here</u>

Thailand:

Most nationalities do not need a visa for Thailand for stays of 30 days or less but if you do they are available on arrival at Bangkok Airport. If staying in Thailand for more than 30 days, you will be required to obtain a tourist visa in advance. Only 15 day tourist visas are issued when entering Thailand overland.

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#### Indonesia:

Please follow the below links for further information and application (for those eligible for a Visa On Arrival)

#### Visa on Arrival Customs Declaration

## Bali:

Effective February 14, 2024, Bali will implement the "Bali Tourist Levy" for all foreign tourists traveling to the island. This fee is 150,000 IDR (or \$10 USD). Travellers can opt to pay this fee online or in person upon arrival to Bali. We strongly suggest every traveler pay before arrival to ease your entry and avoid queueing to pay upon arrival. The Balinese Government also highly recommends travellers to pay this fee before arrival to Bali.

Payments made before your arrival into Bali will take place through the "Love Bali System." After successful payment, the system will provide you with a digital paid notification as proof. Make sure to hold on to that proof as it will be scanned by Bali Officials upon arrival to the island. Pay Tourist Levy <u>here</u>

If you do not pay the fee before arrival, a cashless payment must be made at your entry point. You will receive a printout proving your payment. This document must be kept safe as entry officials will scan the printout upon entering Bali.

For more information, please click here

Information is accurate as of April 1st, 2024.

# **Money Exchange**

During this tour the local currency you will use is the Indonesian Rupiah. As currency exchange rates in South East Asia do fluctuate, we ask that you refer to the following website for the most up to date daily exchange rates: www.xe.com for each of the above mentioned currencies. The best way to carry your money is in debit cards, withdrawing cash in local currencies from ATM machines. ATMs are found throughout South East Asia and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. It is a great idea to travel with both a Visa and Mastercard if at all possible in case of loss or problems with one card, you will have a back up. Please note, your bank will charge a fee for overseas withdrawals.

USD, EUR, GBP, CAD, and AUD cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. You should bring some cash with you for emergency situations (please refer to our trip dossier) but carrying only cash is a high safety risk. ATM card/s and some cash is the ideal mix. Travellers cheques can be tricky, timely and expensive to exchange. While we do not recommend that you bring them as your primary source of funds, it is great to have one or two cheques in case of emergency. Thomas Cook or American Express travellers' cheques in US currency are the easiest to exchange. Cash advances can also be made with some banks but are time consuming and tend to have high fees attached.Credit cards can be used at some upmarket restaurants, and at some larger stores if shopping for big items. If you are bringing US Dollars, please make sure that the notes are new and in good condition. Notes older than 2003, or with any tears or blemishes may not be accepted. Be fussy with your bank when buying cash!

# **Emergency Fund**

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

# **Departure Tax**

Departure Tax is included in all International and Domestic tickets.

# Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$1.5-\$3.5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

# **Optional Activities**

## Bangkok

- Wat Po Visit (3.50USD per person)
- Grand Palace Visit (15USD per person)
- Klong Riverboat Tour (30USD per person)
- Royal Barge Museum (3.50USD per person)
- Thai Massage (15-30USD per person)

## Khao Sok

- Tubing (10USD per person)

## Ko Samui

- Cooking Class (70USD per person)
- Kayaking (3USD per person)

- Ko Samui Boat Tour (50USD per person)
- Water Skiing (20USD per person)
- Stand Up Paddleboarding at Koh Samui (50USD per person)

Koh Samui

- Koh Samui Island Tour (15USD per person)

George Town

- Indian Street Visit
- Penang Hill Visit
- Clan Jetties Excursion
- Penang Peranakan Museum Visit
- Kek Lok Si Temple Visit
- Khoo Kongsi Visit

Cameron Highlands

- Rainforest Expedition

Kuala Lumpur

- Islamic Arts Museum (15MYR per person)
- Petronas Towers Visit (85MYR per person)
- Orang Asli Museum Visit
- Menara KL Tower (12USD per person)

Gombak

- Batu Caves Visit

Melaka

- Melaka Boat Tour (12USD per person)

Singapore

- Boat Quay Harbour Tour

Borobudur

- Borobudur Temple Complex Excursion (70USD per person)

Yogyakarta

- Taman Sari Water Castle Visit
- Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppet Show
- Kota Gede Visit
- Kraton Palace Visit
- Prambanan Hindu Temple Complex Excursion (30USD per person)

Pemuteran

- Snorkelling

Canggu

- Half Day Surf Class

Ubud

- Kecak Dance Performance (20USD per person)
- Puri Lukisan Museum (3USD per person)

- Yoga Class

- Organic Cooking Class

Gunung Batur

- Mt Batur Hike (650000IDR per person)

Lovina Beach

- Lovina Beach Snorkelling (7USD per person)

Menjangan - Snorkelling Menjangan Island

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Gili Trawangan - Swimming

- Yoga

- Bali Express: Gili Trawangan to Kuta

# **A Couple of Rules**

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

# Feedback

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at customersolutions@gadventures.com and we will send it on to you.

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Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for <u>Planeterra's monthly news</u> to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

# **Minimum Age**

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

# **International Flights**

Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.