Bali

A popular island in Indonesia where nature’s artistry and man’s architecture are in perfect sync. Bali is a place of surreal beauty. With all the colours of nature in their purest form, this city attracts all types of travellers, from backpackers to luxury lovers, all year-round.

Some of the most famous places to visit in Indonesia include Seminyak, Mount Batur, Sanur, Bali, Uluwatu Temple and Mount Agung.

Verdure of tropical trees, unending stretches of silvery sand with clear blue waves rolling over them and delightful sights of seeing the sun sink into the sea in evenings are things that need to be experienced. The famed Island of the Gods, Bali is a destination which has beautiful landscapes as a backdrop to the rich and spiritual heritage. It does not matter if you are a backpacker or a richie-rich kind of a traveller, Bali has something to offer to everybody.

It is quite fair to say that almost all aspects of Balinese life is submerged in religious values and rituals. Known for its numerous Hindu Temples, Bali is best explored on a rented bike. Once you are done with exploring the city, you have to get some pampering done by the umpteen number of spas in the city. Not to forget, there are too many water adventures available for all the visitors with some training here and there. The seafood at Bali is amazing. While roaming around the city, you have to be cautious of the monkeys here as they will grab anything and everything from you.

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1. **Nusa Dua Beach**

Lined with the best of Bali's high end resorts, the Nusa Dua Beach is a calm stretch of golden sands and turquoise waters, ideal for a peaceful time and chilling. The beach essentially has a very calm character, with a shallow beach and little or no waves, making it a great place to head with children.

In keeping with the serene atmosphere, the beach is completely devoid of hawkers and shacks, and all that you need to drink or eat comes from the hotels of these resorts. The beach is complete with sun beds and thatched umbrellas, so carry along just a good book and your swimming gear, and you're all set for a few hours of unbeatable peace and quiet.

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3. **Sekumpul Waterfalls**

Not known to many tourists, Sekumpul Waterfalls is a hidden gem in the land of Bali and is a must visit attraction for nature lovers and trekkers alike. You will love the sight of water cascading down from a height and merging their way to form a beautiful sight. For people who love swimming, there is a small lake nearby to enjoy a splash and get soaked in. Surrounded by the dense tropical forests, the waterfall requires some trekking to reach here and you will be accompanied by natural scenic beauty on your way. Even though not as popular as its counterpart, Gitgit, Sekumpul waterfalls perfectly fits the bill of a place where you can spend some moments of relaxation in nature's lap.

4. **Monkey Forest**

Bali's tryst with nature is reflected strikingly in the Sacred Monkey Forest where the revered long tailed macaque swings from the branches of 115 different species of trees that too are considered sacred and holy. The forest is owned or rather cared for by the village of Padangtegal, located 20 km north of Denpasar in Ubud. It is actually a holy site for Balinese temples (Pura) have 3 major sites-Pura Desa (associated with God Brahma, where community councils pray and govern), Pura Puseh (temples of origin),
located towards the kaja (upstream) end of villages and associated with the God Vishnu, dedicated to remembering the founders of villages and finally Pura Delam (temples of the dead), located towards the kelod (downstream) end of villages, associated with the God Siwa and have graveyards. Known as ‘the destroyer’ God Siwa’s spiritual function is to destroy negativity in the world. Throughout your visit to the forest and its temples, you will have swinging troops of long tailed macaques accompanying you and no, not in a cute way. So be extra careful when you visit this place.

5 Lovina Beach

This 12 km stretch of golden sand offers that much needed break from the regular hustle bustle of city life. The sand is soft, there’s an incredible view and experience of the Indian Ocean stretching out to eternity before you, that is what we call Heaven! You will fall in love with it instantly, if you are a nature-lover as Lovina Beach looks like it has been plucked directly from your drawing book. The beach is normally safe to enjoy swimming and a couple of other activities. If you want some some quiet moments, we recommend you visit there on weekdays as it becomes a little crowded during weekends.

Where To Eat

1 Chandi

- Location: Jalan Laksmana 72 | Bali, Seminyak, Bali 80361, Indonesia
- Contact: +62-361-731-060

A perennial local favorite and known for its imaginative take on Asian cuisine, Chandi restaurant prides itself on bringing together flavors from across the world and creating a brilliant fusion of Pan-Asian cuisine. Organic, fresh ingredients sourced from across the Big tree farms of Ubud, Chandi has an exciting range of cocktails to accompany the food, especially Bloody Mary and Berry Mojito.

There is a separate Lunch and Dinner menu. They also feature a Chef Tasting menu daily that includes a seasonal 5 course meal. Every month on full moon, there is a special Full Moon Balinese Ceremonial tasting that includes all the classic Bali dishes such as Betutu, Bali Guling and Pepes.

2 Ibu Rai Bar & Restaurant

- Location: Monkey Forest Street, Ubud, Bali 80571, Indonesia
- Contact: +62-361-973-472

Set on the Monkey Forest road in Ubud, Ibu Rai is where the locals and returning visitors flock for slightly more contemporary twists on the local cuisine as well as varied international cuisine. Earthy with delightful rustic color tones that are lit up as dusk sets in, Ibu Rai will captivate your senses even before the delicious, aromatic food comes in.

A number of dishes from the menu come highly recommended including coriander duck, ravioli, honey glazed gambas and ginger chicken. Dishes out here are big on spices and flavour. They also have an excellent wine cellar that make for tasteful accompaniments with the food.

3 Clear Café

- Location: Ubud, Jalan Hanoman No. 8 Padang Tegal Kaje, bali
- Contact: +62- 361-8894437

Surrounded by the buzzing Ubud market, visiting the Clear Cafe is not just a meal, it’s an all new experience of a different kind. You remove your footwear to enter the restaurant, only to be surrounded by an instantly pleasing environment, good music and a positive vibe. The restaurant is known to serve 100% organic dishes and beverages, making dining here a yummy yet healthy exercise.

The recommendations here include a
Diamond Detox juice, Electro Berry and the salads. The staff is very polite and the restaurant has a chilled out and informal atmosphere, so you don’t need to worry about adhering to dress codes. Head here to relax with good food and friends.

4  **Mozaic**

Jl. Pantai Batu Belig, Kerobokan - Bali 80361 Indonesia

There are many reasons why you should come here. The huge restaurant that serves international standard food full of trendy wholesome flavours, presented with a creative flair, a dining room overlooking the west coast of Bali with outstanding interiors, and unbelievably good cocktails, a private dining room with bold life size art and an intimate ambience. Then there is the poolside bar and lounge and a large deck, which are perfect for lazy sunbathed afternoons, made even better by the relaxing music, the signature cocktail concoctions and poolside tapas. And last but not the least, the charming Asian fusion boutique of local crafts, precious stones, jewellery and antiques.

5  **Sundara**

Four Seasons Resort Bali, Jimbaran Bay Jimbaran, Kuta Selatan, Bali 80361 Indonesia

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Sundara meaning ‘beautiful’ in Sanskrit lives up to its name. With panoramic views of the Jimbaran Bay, the restaurant offers a range of both indoor and outdoor settings. This is truly a four seasons restaurant with delicious food, excellent service and spellbinding views. The menu is quite eclectic ranging from Asian cuisine, Steaks and World cuisine. You can choose to lounge about in the shade, or laze and sunbathe in their day beds by the infinity pool. As the day comes to an end, get enthralled by the beautiful artistry of the sunset while you enjoy an excellent spread of seafood and steaks. After dark, the ambience of the place become more cozy and romantic with lots of candlelight and a sizzling array of cocktails. Sundara is absolutely a must visit spot during your stay in Bali.
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