

53rd WACA Annual General Assembly (AGA)

16-21 October 2022

Bali Island of the Gods

PRE-AGA TOUR – JAVA GRAND TOUR AND POST-AGA TOUR – KOMODO NATIONAL PARK: LAND OF THE DRAGONS



"The mere mention of Bali evokes thoughts of a paradise. It's more than a place; it's a mood, an aspiration, a tropical state of mind."

Island of Gods. The rich and diverse culture of Bali plays out at all levels of life, from the exquisite flower-petal offerings placed everywhere, to the processions of joyfully garbed locals shutting down major roads as they march to one of the myriad temple ceremonies, to the otherworldly traditional music and dance performed island-wide. Almost everything has spiritual meaning. The middle of Bali is dominated by the dramatic volcanoes of the central mountains and hillside temples such as Pura Lempuyang, one of the island's estimated 10,000 temples, while the tallest peak, Gunung Agung, is the island's spiritual centre.

One Island, Many Destinations. On Bali you can lose yourself in the chaos of Kuta or sybaritic pleasures of Seminyak and Kerobokan, surf wild beaches in the south or just hang out on Nusa Lembongan. You can go family-friendly in Nusa Dua or savour a lavish getaway on the Bukit Peninsula. Ubud is the heart of Bali, a place where the culture of the island is most accessible, and it shares the island's most beautiful rice fields and ancient monuments with east and west Bali. North and west Bali are thinly populated but have the kind of diving and surfing that make any journey worthwhile.

Bali's Essence. Bali has beaches, surfing, diving and resorts but it's the essence of Bali — and the Balinese — that makes it so much more than just a fun-in-the-sun retreat. It is possible to take the cliché of the smiling Balinese too far, but in reality, the inhabitants of this small island are indeed a generous, genuinely warm people.

Bali is Fun. Bali's rich culture, many amazing sights and truly lovely people are what takes Bali's sheer delight to another level because Bali is fun, no matter what you want or who you are. Seminyak has shops and designers, Nusa Dua has deluxe beachside resorts and superb activities, Kuta and Legian have the nightlife and Canggu wraps it all into one irresistible package. Plunge deep into Bali's spirit while renewing your own in Ubud or catching the perfect wave in Bingin. You name it, it's here.

Bali is the most exotic location in Asia and rightly so!





An Exotic Beauty on Bali

Secluded within the boundaries of exclusive Jimbaran Bay on the island's southern coast, the 5-Star luxury Intercontinental Bali Resort was designed to blend modern convenience with traditional Balinese architecture. Just 10 minutes' drive away from Bali Denpasar Airport, the luxury hotel has large rooms with modern amenities and private balconies. The hotel has a beautiful beach with fine white sand that connects with the neighbouring Jimbaran seafood restaurants. The hotel is one of the best located hotels in Bali and offers many dining options and excellent swimming pools.

Programme

Day 1 (16 October) — Arrival, Check-in and Welcome Ceremony (Dinner)

Pick-up from Ngurah Rai International Airport and transfer to the InterContinental Bali Resort. Welcoming ceremony followed by full international buffet dinner with cocktail reception in hotel with Balinese cultural show. Formal dress.

Day 2 (17 October) — Temples of Bali Tour (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Full day tour of Tanah Lot, Royal Temple (Taman Ayun) and Ulundanu Temple at Lake Beratan with lunch included. Seafood set dinner at Jimbaran Beach which is one of the best places to enjoy grilled seafood with a picturesque view of gorgeous sunsets. Teluk Jimbaran (Jimbaran Bay) is an appealing crescent of white-sand beach and blue sea fronted by a long string of seafood warungs (food stalls) and ending at the southern end in a bushy headland, home to the Four Seasons Jimbaran Bay. Alternative tour described below for those who visited Tanah Lot in the past.

Day 2 (17 October) — Temples of East Bali (Alternative Tour) (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Start your journey to the east side of Bali with a visit to Pura Lempuyang Temple. Lempuyang Temple is the highest temple in Bali. Here you will see the famous Gate of Heaven overlook to Agung volcano, the biggest volcano in Bali, and where the vista of the "Heaven of beautiful Bali" appears as if you are standing in the sky. The tour continues to Pura Besakih which is perched nearly 1,000 m up the side of Gunung Agung, this is Bali's most important Hindu temple. The site encompasses 23 separate but related temples. The largest and most important is Pura Penataran Agun, built on six levels terraced up the slope. It has an imposing candi bentar (split gateway). Note: tourists are not allowed inside. Participants of this tour will have dinner at an alternative venue to the Jimbaran Beach.



Pura Besakih

Day 3 (18 October) — Free Leisure Day and All Regions Night (Breakfast and Dinner)

Free day at leisure to enjoy the fantastic facilities at the Resort. Buffet dinner and All Regions Night with DJ music. Optional tours at your own cost are available to Penida Island and Ulu Watu.

Day 4 (19 October) — Ubud Tour (Breakfast and Lunch)

Ubud is one of those places where a holiday of a few days can easily turn into a stay of weeks, months or even years. The size of the town's expatriate community attests to this, and so do the many novels and films that have been set here, creative responses to the seductive nature of this most cultured of all Balinese towns. This is a place where traditional Balinese culture imbues every waking moment, where colourful offerings adorn the streets and where the hypnotic strains of gamelan are an everpresent soundtrack to everyday life. It's also somewhere that is always trendy — a showcase of sustainable design, mindfulness, culinary inventiveness and the very best that global tourism has to offer.

Our full day tour will visit Ubud in the morning with lunch at a nice restaurant above a lotus pond. Afternoon we will visit Penglipuran Village, Celuk Village, Tegallalang Rice Terrace and Tegenunan Waterfall. *During the day an hour will be made available for participants to visit the centre of Ubud with its lively souvenir market.* Dinner at own cost after return to the Resort.

Day 5 (20 October) — Annual General Assembly and Gala Night (Breakfast and Dinner)

All day meeting for delegates with lunch. Free day for participants with an optional tour at your own cost to Ulu Watu will be available. Gala Dinner at the Resort with a live band. Formal dress at the Gala Dinner.

Day 6 (21 October) — End of Package (Breakfast)

All day departures from the Resort to Ngurah Rai International Airport. Participants in the Post-AGA tour will be picked up separately for the start of their tour.



The Temples of Bali

No visit to Bali would be complete without a trip to see at least one of Bali's temples. There are over 20,000 Puras (Balinese for temple) in Bali at last count and we will be seeing just some of them.

Rising from the Sea: Pura Tanah Lot

Tanah Lot stands on a rock some distance from the shore towering over the sea. The temple's construction was supposedly inspired by the priest Nirartha in the 15th century; after spending the night on the rock outcrop where the temple now stands he instructed local fishermen to build a temple on that site. Today, Tanah Lot is regarded as one of Bali's most important directional temples. A multimillion dollar restoration effort in the 1990s saved Tanah Lot from falling into the sea.



Pura Ulun Danu Temple

An iconic image of Bali, Ulun Danu Temple, is depicted on the Indonesian 50,000 rupiah note. This important Hindu-Buddhist temple was founded in the 17th century. It is dedicated to Dewi Danu, the goddess of the waters, and is built on small islands. Pilgrimages and ceremonies are held here to ensure that there is a supply of water for farmers all over Bali as part of the UNESCO recognised subak system.



Pura Ulun Danu

Tegallalang Rice Terrace

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No trip to Bali is complete without a visit to one of the island's gorgeous rice terraces. You'll see them everywhere as you drive around but the big kahuna of rice fields is Tegallalang Rice Terrace which is near Ubud.

53rd WACA AGA REGISTRATION DETAILS

Package Cost: USD 885.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement USD 390.00.

Maximum Capacity: 200 participants (*registered* on a first come first served basis).

Date: 16–21 October 2022.

Package Includes:

- Five nights accommodation at the Inter-Continental Bali Resort.
- Four dinners (1 full buffet, 1 seafood set dinner, 1 buffet dinner and 1 plated gala dinner); five breakfasts and two lunches.
- Assembly package for delegates (including lunch).
- Two full day tours as specified in the programme. Tours will be in air-conditioned coaches with English speaking guides.
- Entrance fees to sights as specified in the programme.
- Transfers as indicated in the programme. Airport transfers on the start and end dates of the package only.
- Gratuities for guides and drivers.

Package Does Not Include:

- Expenses of a personal nature such as drinks/ meals (unless specified in the programme), laundry, telephone calls, internet, etc.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Visas (refer online at <u>www.indonesiaevisas.com</u> or contact an Indonesian Consulate or Diplomatic Mission for visa requirements).
- Travel to the location at the start of the package and travel from the location at the end of the package.
- WACA fee of USD 10.00 for delegates and USD 30.00 for other participants.
- Any other miscellaneous charges as applicable.

Registration Form: can be downloaded from the Events section of the WACA website <u>www.waca.org</u> or requested by e-mail from Mr. Keith Miller at WACA Headquarters info@waca.org. **Payments:** to be confirmed on the package a deposit of USD 485.00 per participant is required. It can be made by cheque, money order or bank draft in United States dollars made payable to the "World Airlines Clubs Association" and sent with the duly completed Registration Form to: World Airlines Clubs Association, c/o Mr Keith Miller, 644 Westwood Avenue, Dorval, Quebec, Canada H9P 2M5.

The balance of payment can be made in the same manner as above and sent to Mr. Keith Miller as above by 15 July 2022.

Payment can also be made by bank transfer. WACA's bank account details as follows:

Bank name and address: Bank of Montreal, 2005 Peel Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1T7.

Account name: World Airlines Clubs Association.

Account number: 4600-790.

Transit number: 01581-001.

Swift code: bofmcam2.

It is most important to note that bank transfer charges for both the issuing and receiving banks must be borne by the participant. WACA's Bank of Montreal charges USD 14.00 for each transfer received.

Regretfully, WACA does not have the capability to accept payments by credit card. Payment by PayPal is also not an option due to the high service charge incurred.

Registration Deadline: 15 July 2022.

Cancellation: if the registration is cancelled prior to the registration deadline date, the deposit will be refunded *if a replacement participant is found* less a service charge of USD 150.00.

If the registration is cancelled after the registration deadline date, there will be no refund of any payment that has been made.

Pre-AGA Tour

Java Grand Tour 9–16 October 2022



This tour takes participants from Yogyakarta, the soul of Java. Central to the island's artistic and intellectual heritage is where the Javanese language is at its purest, the arts at their brightest and its traditions at their most visible. It's here where we shall visit the world heritage sites of Prambanan and Borobudur; visit the Dieng Plateau and the Hindu temple complex of Arjuna.

After leaving Yogyakarta we shall move from cultural activities to adventurous activities by flying to Surabaya and see Mount Bromo. Mount Bromo is a lunar like landscape of epic proportions and surreal beauty. The volcanic Bromo region is one of Indonesia's most breathtaking sights. For those who are into hiking, the fabled Ijen Plateau is a vast volcanic region dominated by the three cones of Ijen (2,368 m), Merapi (2,800 m) and Raung (3,332 m). Virtually everyone comes for Ijen — to hike up to its spectacular sulphur crater lake and to experience the unworldly sight of its "blue fire" phenomenon. Walk back down the mountain past coffee and clove plantations and take a two hour drive and ferry for Menjagan in the West Bali National Park where we will stay for two nights to enjoy Bali's best snorkelling and diving. The tour ends with a drive to the InterContinental Bali Resort.

Note: to participate on this tour you must also attend the WACA 53rd AGA. For further information about the tour, please contact Mr. Keith Miller: <u>info@waca.org</u>.



Mount Bromo — Indonesia's most iconic view

Post-AGA Tour

Komodo National Park: Land of the Dragons 21–24 October 2022



The Komodo National Park is part of the Lesser Sunda Islands, dotted between the Indonesian provinces of East and West Nusa Tenggara. The islands stretch from Bali to the Tanimbar Islands archipelago to form the provinces of West and East Nusa Tenggara, which also include the islands of Lombok, Flores and Komodo.

Our tour starts with a flight from Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport (also known as Denpasar International Airport) to Labuan Bajo on Flores island where we will be transferred to the harbour to begin our three days, two nights, cruise in the Komodo National Park on-board a Phinisi, an Indonesian sailing boat. We will sail to Kelor Island where we will trek to the top of one of many hills and enjoy a lovely view of the island. From Kelor we will proceed to Manjarite for snorkelling to see the underwater beauty of varied fish and coral reefs. Continuing we will visit Kalong Island to enjoy the sunset and view the millions of bats flying overhead. Lunch, dinner and overnight on the Phinisi boat.

The next day we will proceed to Padar Island, the third largest island that is a part of Komodo National Park, for an island hike. Afterwards it's snorkelling in the waters of the famous Pink Beach, one of the seven pink beaches on the planet. Next it's trekking around the island with a guide to find the amazing Komodo dragon. The star attraction, the biggest lizard in the world. Our last stop will be at Karang Makassar where we will see juvenile manta rays playing. After that it's dinner and overnight on the Phinisi boat.



The tour continues on the following day to Kanawa Island to snorkel, swim and take pictures of the scenic island, Returning to Labuan Bajo we will visit the Mirror Stone cave and Love Hill overlooking the surrounding bays. In late afternoon we will check into the Jayakarta Hotel or similar.

Check out on the next day after breakfast and then we proceed to the airport for our return flight to Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport after what should be a most memorable trip.

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