

## ***Dear Family & Friends***

It's time to start counting down the days until we are in beautiful Bali, enjoying the beaches, soaking up the sun.

We would like to thank each of you for taking the time out of your busy lives to celebrate our wedding with us. Each of you have a special place in our lives and we are thrilled to share this occasion with you.

In an effort to make your trip as relaxing as possible we've put together these pointers about your travel and stay. We hope to make this time as unforgettable and special for you as we know it will be for us.

- Transfer arrangements will be made for guests from the airport to the Resort on April 25th. The travel time is approximately 30 mins and about 13 kms.
- Check in time on April 25th is 3pm.
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### **THE DESTINATION - Ayodya Resort ~**

The Ayodya Resort Bali meticulously blends the unique experience of Bali's regal hospitality and grace with stunning views of the Indian Ocean. The magic of this place almost defies description. This resort painstakingly blends the hospitality and grace of Bali's engaging people with Ayodya standards of excellence. They serve up a generous amount of traditional Ayodya magic.

### **THE WEATHER ~**

The temperature in Bali in April is expected to be between 24 - 31 degrees celsius and humid, making it an ideal temperature to use the swimming pool. There is also a chance of afternoon rain showers in March.

### **BALI CURRENCY ~**

The currency in Bali is the Rupiah (Rp).

The conversion is 1 Indian Rupee is equal to 183 Indonesian Rupiah.

### **WHERE SHOULD I EXCHANGE CURRENCY?**

There are various options for exchanging currency in Bali. You could exchange your currency at the airport. Recommended for small amounts and for booking your first taxi to the hotel. The exchange rate at the airport however is not the best out there. There are a lot of official exchanges and tellers at popular market places in Bali. They usually provide a better rate of exchange. So wait till you reach your hotel and head out. You'll find an exchange near you easily by asking locals.

## WHERE DO I GET A LOCAL SIM CARD?

Sim cards are easily available in any mobile shop. Buy "Telekomsel" sim with instant activation and data availability. Price will be approx IDR 10,000 - 50,000. Depending on where you buy from and with what data limit. Please double check the marked cost of the sim card before purchase since some vendors try to charge extra for making an additional profit.

## COMMUTING IN BALI~

There are various ways to get around Bali, and **the most preferred way is to hire a car with a driver.** It is the most comfortable way to explore Bali however you wish to, as you don't have to be dependent on anyone. **Another amazing option is to rent a bike.** To rent a bike, you will need an international driving license and a helmet. It will be very fun to wander the streets of Bali and admire it to the fullest. You can also opt for public transport including train, buses, and taxis. It is least recommended as you will have to depend on your transportation to visit anywhere you wish to.

**Ojek is a local means of transportation. It is a motorcycle taxi.** Which means that there is a motorcycle driven by a local and you can sit behind the driver as a pillion. It is usually the most economical mode of transportation for a single person. Even if you are a small group of people, you can rent a few different ojeks to go to one destination.

## WHAT CLOTHES ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE ISLAND?

**Any beach/tropical climate appropriate clothes are okay for Bali.** No judgements or regulations at all! It is quite okay to sport any kind of outfit, even if you're traveling solo. However, please note, some restaurants may have a formal dress code or if you visit any other part of Indonesia, outside of Bali, the places are quite conservative. In which case, please be sure to respect local customs and dress modestly (for both guys and gals)!

## BALI LANGUAGE ~

The Official Language of Bali is **Balinese or Bahasa Bali.** Bali is a major tourist hub and since its main focus is none other than the tourism sector, a large number of people know how to speak English on a decent level. Still, it is recommended to learn some basic Balinese words such as for

**"Hello" - "Om Swastiastu"**

**"Goodbye" - "Pamit dumun"**

**"Thank you" - "Matur Suksma".**

Communication won't become a barrier on your trip to Bali.

## WHAT ARE SOME COMMON WORDS IN LOCAL LANGUAGE?

Although at tourist destinations like Kuta, Seminyak, Ubud etc. most people speak English (some fluently and some not so fluently). But if you do need to communicate with someone who doesn't speak the language, these words should help.

*Here are some basic words:*

1. Thank you - Terima Kasi,
2. Yes - Ya,
3. No - Tidak
4. Where - Dimana
5. What - Apa
6. When - Kapan
7. How much - Berapa
8. Sorry - Maaf

*For eating food remember these words:*

1. Small restaurants are called "warung"
2. Food - Makan
3. For water - use the word "aqua" as it is the locally accepted brand for packaged water. Something like Bisleri or aquafina in India. Although in Bali, most people speak English. But if you do need to communicate with someone who doesn't speak the language, these should help.
4. Without - Tanpa
5. Without sugar (something I used very often) - Tanpa gula
6. Vegetarian - Vegetarian
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### **MEAL COST IN BALI ~**

Bali is a diverse country with plenty of meal options for its visitors. From traditional Balinese cuisine to Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Continental, Korean and so on. Meal prices can vary, but the **average cost you will be spending on it will be around INR 300 to 800 per meal.** While most of the Bali holiday packages include breakfast, all you have to spend on lunch and dinner.

### **BARGAINING IN BALI ~**

Bali's great range of market shopping provides the perfect place to pick up those all important holiday souvenirs. If you would like to buy something, it is customary to barter with the street vendors. **Test your haggling skills and try to get at least 50% off the original price. If they are being too pushy, it is OK to walk away and ignore them.**

*We hope you find the above information helpful in preparing for your trip to Bali. Looking forward to celebrating with you all.*

**Love**

**Rashi and Karan**