### **Bali Travel Hacks**

# Getting there

- Flying there is pretty easy, most likely you will fly into Singapore and into Bali. The best airlines which offer a great travel experience is Turkish Airways and Qatar airways.
- When you land you will go through customs and pay for your visa upon arrival.
- You need a valid passport that doesn't expire before 6 months of entry plus 2 blank pages.
- You can visit for 90 days

#### Weather

• Bali is brutally hot in the summertime so if you are visiting for a lot of adventure autumn is the best time to go.

#### Culture

- Bali is full of really nice and helpful people.
- The language is Indonesian and most speak English pretty well. In some more rural areas people won't speak a lot of english but using your google translate can help with communication
- Tipping is reserved for outliers in service; it isn't required or expected.
- Bali is very cheap so eating out is a great idea to get to know the food and the culture.

### Transportation

- There is a ton of traffic so make sure you book a taxi way ahead of time in order to get to different places if you must drive.
- I would not suggest renting a motorbike or a car in the main city of Ubud as the traffic is horrible and it is faster to walk to any destination. It is also very dangerous to drive for those who don't live there and know how the traffic system works.
- Renting a MotorBike in Nusa Lembongan and Ceningan islands is a great way to explore the entire islands. Renting a scooter for about \$5USD a day is the best option for getting around. We suggest renting one through the place you are staying. That being said, PLEASE make sure you are very familiar riding a motorbike as the road laws are very unorthodox and the roads aren't the best. Lastly, ALWAYS wear a helmet!! Some travel insurance companies won't pay out your claim if you are not wearing one.
- The roads in rural islands have started to be paved but be aware some are rocky and undeveloped.

## General living

- The water is NOT okay to drink
- The outlets are european
- The WIFI is very spotty at best. If you have to work remotely or need GPS etc, I would suggest either buying a cheap international plan or they have sim cards stores on the island that cost next to nothing. With these sim cards you can use your phone and hotspot your laptop for work purposes.

## Money Exchange

- USE CASH. There are 3-5% tax plus 5% charge for using your card. Most places in Uluwatu will take cards but there are taxes and card charges involved. It is cheaper to use cash.
- There are tons of ATMS in the towns away from the airport so wait until you get to the place you are staying in to get cash out.
- The exchange rate in the towns versus the airport and even your home country is so much better for your dollar.