

INDONESIA

13 DAYS | LANGUAGE IMMERSION

PROGRAM ITINERARY

The islands of Bali and Java are steeped in culture, traditions and natural beauty, and they will be the destinations for this language immersion journey to Indonesia. Students will further their studies in the Bahasa language, speaking to local students and artisans as they discover ancient traditions and culture-filled towns. From Sanur on the coral-fringed coast of Bali to lush Ubud in the highlands, they will explore centuries-old temples and UNESCO designated rice terraces. The island of Java presents new adventures, with traditional tea harvesting, Buddhist pilgrimage temples and Balinese cooking classes ensuring students are fully immersed in the culture and language of Indonesia.

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DEPART AUSTRALIA – ARRIVE DENPASAR

Today our learning adventure begins as we set off from Australia bound for Bali, Indonesia. We'll spend the afternoon getting to know Sanur, one of the island's prettiest, most laid-back towns. Shallow, calm waters lap against the sandy beaches, and in the waters off the coral reef tropical fish thrive in abundance. It is a picture-perfect destination, one rich in Balinese culture and traditions.

Dinner at local restaurant

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SANUR

On our first full day we'll dive in to practising our Indonesian language skills in a real-world setting by visiting a local school. Students will meet Indonesian pupils of a similar age, and enjoy getting to know more about their lives, culture and the island. They will share stories about themselves and get a clear picture of how the Australian and Indonesian school systems differ. This full day of interaction,

Breakfast at the hotel

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant

language lessons and socializing is a valuable introduction to Indonesia.

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SANUR

Our third day in beautiful Sanur begins with language lessons, where students will begin to improve on their strong foundation. They will be able to put the classroom lessons into practice in the afternoon as they learn the art of Batik making. This traditional craft uses wax to create patterns in dyed material. It is a centuries-old practice, and students will get to make and take home their own piece as a memento of their time in Sanur.

Breakfast at the hotel

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant

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SANUR – UBUD

After a morning language lesson to further hone our skills, we set off into Bali's uplands to the picturesque town of Ubud. Steeped in culture and history, Ubud is as beautiful as it is fascinating. The town is nestled between terraced rice paddies and lush rainforests filled with Hindu temples and royal palaces. As Bali's centre for arts and culture, Ubud is home to galleries, art studios and craft markets.

Breakfast at the hotel

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant

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UBUD

We set off on an unforgettable guided excursion to see some of the most striking sights in Bali. We begin at the Jatiluwih Green Land rice terraces, the vast steps of vivid green designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site for their cultural significance. Here we'll learn about Bali's *subak* irrigation system. It is then on to three of Bali's most significant temples. Ulun Danu Bratan Temple sits majestically on the shores of Lake Beratan, while the temple of Tanah Lot, perched on a rocky coastal outcrop, is an important pilgrimage site. Lastly, we'll visit Luhur Batukaru Temple, clinging to the slope of a volcano.

Breakfast at the hotel

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant

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UBUD

Students will tempt their taste buds today with a Balinese cooking class. First they'll visit local markets to buy fresh produce before heading into the kitchen to cook up a storm. Spiced,

Breakfast at the hotel

	<p>flavourful dishes characterise Bali's cuisine, and they'll learn to make traditional dishes such as <i>Sate lilit</i> – skewers of meat marinated in spices and coconut milk.</p>	<p>Lunch and dinner at local restaurant</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>UBUD – YOGYAKARTA</p> <p>Today it's time to say goodbye to Bali as we fly to the island of Java. Our destination is Yogyakarta, a traditional Indonesian city which has escaped the influx of tourism seen elsewhere in the country. Here, Indonesian culture and traditions flourish, and we'll get to experience it first hand as we stay in the heart of the old town. An enjoyable ride on a becak bicycle rickshaw is a perfect introduction to the city. We end our day with a lesson in the traditional Javan art of Gamelan music.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>Lunch and dinner at local restaurant</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>YOGYAKARTA</p> <p>The largest Buddhist temple on the planet is also Indonesia's most visited site, and today we join the pilgrims who come to Borobudur as much for its beauty as its religious importance. Our guide will reveal the stories of Borobudur's creation, demise and discovery, and we'll make side trips to the smaller temples of Mendut and Pawon. After a restaurant lunch amid the rice paddy fields, we'll visit the traditional village of Candirejo. From our vantage point in a horse and cart we'll see locals making crackers, drying spices and playing gamelan music.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>Lunch and dinner at local restaurant</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>YOGYAKARTA</p> <p>Students will get to experience an unforgettable day of culture as they head off to Indonesia's largest temple compound dedicated to Shiva, the Prambanan Temple. Built in the 10th century the complex is comprised of 240 temples and we'll understand the deeper history from our local guide. We'll then take our seats to enjoy the theatrical extravaganza of Ramayana Ballet. Some 200 performers tell the story of Prince Rama in this mesmerising dance and musical performance which will be a highlight of our trip.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>Lunch and dinner at local restaurant</p>

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YOGYAKARTA – KOTAGEDE – YOGYAKARTA

Yogyakarta’s historic Kotagede neighbourhood is our destination this morning, and we hop on bicycles to enjoy a guided tour. It is famed for its silver craftsmanship, and students will get to meet local artisans and practice their language skills. It’s cameras at the ready when the students don traditional attire and visit Imogiri, an ancient royal hilltop cemetery, before visiting the oldest traditional market in the region. We’ll then spend the afternoon trying our hand at silver-making in a workshop.

Breakfast at the hotel

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant

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YOGYAKARTA

The tea-laden hills of Java are some of its most iconic and striking landscapes and today students can delve into the ancient traditions of harvesting tea leaves. They will go behind the scenes of the plantation and learn how they’re made into tea. We will end our tour with our very own hand-made cup of Sangit tea and a traditional lunch.

Breakfast at the hotel

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant

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DEPART YOGYAKARTA

After 12 days of learning, language, adventure and culture our trip comes to an end and we fly back to Australia.

Breakfast at the hotel

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ARRIVE AUSTRALIA