

# Topdeck

## DELVE DEEP: BALI & THE GILI ISLANDS



TRIP CODE:  
TIBSS2

### TOPDECKER, meet Asia (TD)

(Previously called: Bali Island Hopper) TRIP VIBE = iconic sights and in-depth adventures with a local Trip Leader. Bali. There's so much more to it than Bintang tank tops and spring rolls. Join us and get ready to do paradise properly. Rolling jungle landscapes, white sandy beaches, sea life in every shape and colour... Mother Nature sure as hell wasn't messing about when she created Bali and Gili T. Wanna broaden those horizons of yours? Simple. Meet us in Canggu and get ready to dive into the temples, culture, local life, crazy-good food and unforgettable experiences on offer.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Nights



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This is a sector  
trip.

# Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Sunset welcome dinner in Canggu
- + Orientation walk of Ubud with Trip Leader
- + Orientation bike ride of Gili Trawangan with Trip Leader
- + Guided by a local Indonesian Topdeck Trip Leader

### MORE INCLUSIONS

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- + Orientation walk of Ubud with Trip Leader
- + Speedboat to Gili Trawangan
- + Orientation bike ride of Gili Trawangan with Trip Leader

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Canggu  
Indonesia

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Gili Trawangan  
Indonesia

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- + Indonesia -

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | CANGGU, INDONESIA

Ready to embrace the new and exotic? Discover the unknown? Change your view and challenge your expectations? Well, this is the place to do it – welcome to Bali. Meet us in Canggu as we kick off the adventure with a group dinner at a local eatery. Then: pull up a deck chair and sip on a cocktail as the sky turns into a million different shades of pink and orange. This is gonna be good.



### MEALS:

+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Sunset welcome dinner in Canggu

## DAY 2 | CANGGU

Rise and shine! Kick-start your free day with an optional hike to Mt Batur. Setting off in the dark, we'll reach the top just in time to watch the sun rise behind Mt Agung – Bali's notoriously temperamental active volcano. Cue: all the goosebumps. Unpredictable volcanos not really your bag? DW: we've got options. Learn to carve like a pro on an optional surfing lesson. Join an e-bike tour around the stunning Jatiluwih area's lush valleys and thick forest. Re-enact those sibling wrestling matches in a muddy rice field with a traditional Mepantigan experience – a Balinese martial art. Or balance your chakras on an optional yoga class, followed by a relaxing massage. It's a tough life but someone's got to do it.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Mount Batur sunrise hike:  
prices available locally
- + Surfing lesson: prices  
available locally
- + E-bike tour of Jatiluwih:  
prices available locally
- + Mepantigan Balinese Mud  
Fun experience: prices  
available locally
- + Yoga class and massage:  
prices available locally

## DAY 3 | CANGGU TO UBUD

Time for one last swim before we set our sights on the tropical rainforests of Ubud. There's more here than #Insta swings – trust us. Bit of a nature buff? You've come to the right place. First up: our fact-filled Trip Leader will give us a whip around the area, passing Ubud Palace (for alllll the carvings), the traditional craft market and the Monkey Forest (hold onto your iPhone – they WILL steal it and use all your data FaceTiming their nan). After a pit stop at a local café where your drink's on us, the evening's all yours. Need some recs for dinner? Head to Sage for one of the best vegetarian burgers you've ever had. Even the carnivores will be drooling.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation walk of Ubud with Trip Leader

## DAY 4 | UBUD

Today's 100% yours to delve deeper into this culturally rich gem-of-a-place. But we've got a few local suggestions, obv's. Opt for a day trip to Manggis, where tropical landscapes, a palm winemaking experience, and a picnic lunch beside a natural pool await. Bliss. Or learn some skills in the kitchen with an optional cooking class – the sate lilit recipe is sure to impress the Tinder matches back home. Later, you could even hike along the Campuhan Ridge for some unbelievable views of the valley. And tonight? Head to a local restaurant and get your fill of gado-gado, babi guling and mie goreng.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Day trip to Manggis: prices available locally
- + Balinese cooking class: prices available locally

## DAY 5 | UBUD TO GILI TRAWANGAN

Wave goodbye to Bali as we speedboat our way to Gili. We're heading north to the biggest of the Gili archipelago trio: Gili Trawangan. Insert: sun-bleached sandy beaches, shimmering turquoise water and sipping fresh coconuts under palm trees. Get your bearings with an orientation bike ride around the island. Then: the rest is up to you. Do the obvious and get horizontal on one of Gili's gorgeous beaches. Relax and unwind with a beachfront massage. Hunt down Pituq Cafe for a refreshing fresh-fruit smoothie. Or pull up a pew at a local cocktail bar – you won't have to venture far. Tonight, head to Trawangan night market for a feed. Here you can try everything from nasi goreng and bakso meatball soup to fresh lobster, squid, king prawns and snapper. Basically? You want it, they'll grill it.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Speedboat to Gili Trawangan
- + Orientation bike ride of Gili Trawangan with Trip Leader

## DAY 6 | GILI TRAWANGAN

Today, you've got 24 hrs to do you. Need some suggestions? Channel your inner Little Mermaid and head out on an optional eco-snorkelling tour to explore the island's 'biorocks' – wire structures used to restore the coral reef. Check out the other members of the Gili family: Gili Meno (aka tropical paradise) and Gili Air (hippy vibes) and uncover the best snorkelling spots around the islands. Or do your good deed for the day and help clear the ocean of rubbish on a stand-up paddleboarding session (the sea turtles salute you). Prefer to keep your feet on solid ground? Easy. Practice mindfulness at one of the islands many yoga studios. Go for a pedal and cafe-hop your way around the island. Or park up at a beach club that suits your vibe. Later: catch up with the gang at our final group dinner, and watch the sun set in paradise one last time.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Eco-snorkelling tour: prices available locally
- + Eco stand-up paddleboarding: prices available locally

## DAY 7 | GILI TRAWANGAN

A week's worth of incred Indonesian adventures? Completed. But now it's time to say goodbye. Heading back to Bali? Your Trip Leader will help sort your boat ride. Staying on? Some people have all the luck. Swap those Insta handles – you'll need them for next year's reunion trip. Where to next? Thailand. Vietnam. Cambodia. All the above?



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## TIPPING

### NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

## TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

### TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

### ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

### CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

### BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

### MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing

better.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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# PASSENGER SAFETY

## NIGHTS OUT

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

## DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

**REMEMBER** – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!

- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

## HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

# OTHER INFORMATION

## INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit [www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance](http://www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance).

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

# WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!)

Heading on our Namaste India trip? Your luggage is capped at 15kg, so maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



**THAT'S IT!**