

BALI UNDERWATER SAFARI

11D/10N - Start from \$2,280 per person

TRIP OVERVIEW

Locations	: Candidasa Nusa Islands Amed Tulamben Pemuteran Menjangan Island, Bali
Activities	: Diving, snorkeling, culture, nature, sight-seeing, & leisure
Duration	: 11 Days 10 Nights
Price	: Start from \$2,280 per person
Travel Types	: Private Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

Have you ever thought about diving into the abyss that encounters you to the richness of tropical ocean? A journey that takes you to spend maximum time in the water and less time on the road, where you get up close to a giant sunfish and try a spectacular night diving on a mysterious sunken shipwreck. A tour that also presents a breathtaking view of volcanoes, lush nature, and cultural beauty of the island of paradise. If so, then you better pack your suitcase as this Bali Underwater Safari tour will encounter you with all of them!

Set for beginners to the professional divers around the world, this 11-day Bali Underwater Safari takes you to the best diving sites and spectacular marine life in Bali. Guided with experienced PADI dive master, you will explore the top diving spots with impressive wall dives, coral reefs, and wreck diving. With all these inevitable offers, we believe this tour will be perfect for underwater photography and macro enthusiasts.

Four small rocky islands of Gili (Gili Tepekong, Gili Boaha, Gili Mimpang, Gili Selang) and the secluded Nusa Penida possess a multitude of gorgeous dive sites. Aside from the abundance of corals and tantalizing marine life, the islands are famous for sharks and regular encounters with the giant Mola Mola. Discover the USS Liberty wreck in Tulamben on fully guided scuba dives including the night diving that brings you to the otherworldly scene, where the coral lights up like neon under the stars and the beam of your flashlight. Save the last for the best as on the finale; this tour takes you to the first internationally known diving location in Bali – Menjangan. Offering visibility that can reach over 40 meters, Menjangan remains Indonesia's best wall dive location

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which covers more than 60 meters and full of nooks and crannies, as well as crevasses featuring soft corals, sponges, and Bali's highest concentration of Gorgonian sea fans.

An exploration of the ancient temples and lush natures of Bali will intersperse the trip, bringing some fresh air to this underwater safari tour. Let's say, the mother temple of Bali - Besakih, the "floating" temple - Ulun Danu Beratan, the Royal Temple of Mengwi - Taman Ayun, and the most famous temple in Bali - Tanah Lot are ones that you are going to explore. Your journey here will discover you with the hidden gems of Nusa Penida as well - unwind the picturesque vista of Kelingking Beach with the T-Rex Cliff as its landmark and Broken Beach, that marked by a hilly arch-like rock formation. With breathtaking accommodation, local cuisine, and tropical sun, you can't do better with a tropical underwater world getaway.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 : ARRIVAL DENPASAR - CANDIDASA

Welcome to your Bali Underwater Safari Tour! After arriving at Ngurah Rai International Airport in Denpasar, our local guide will meet you and transfer you to Candidasa in Karangasem, Bali's eastern province. After check-in to your hotel in Candidasa, spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

Meals included: no meals included on this day

DAY 2 : CANDIDASA

After a hearty breakfast, meet our dive team and drive to where your boat is waiting. Just a few minutes on the boat, you are set to explore the dive sites around the four small rocky islands of Gili Tepekong, Gili Biaha, Gili Mimpang, and Gili Selang. The islands are famous for sharks and regular encounters with the giant Mola Mola, mainly from July to October. You may even spot some other pelagics such as black and white tip reef sharks, barracuda, octopus, nudibranchs, gorgonians, and stingrays. Your diving experience here will be more fascinating as the coral reefs are in excellent health, emitting the charm of its beauty. The currents can be quite intense and often extreme that may catch you off the guard, especially in Gili Tepekong and Gili Mimpang. No need to worry though as our dive team knows this dive site well.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 3 : CANDIDASA

Today, you will transfer to Padang Bai also known as Padang Bay – a small port town in East Bali that connects Bali with Lombok and many of the fast boats to the Gilis. The bay is well-known as a good spot for swimming, snorkeling, and diving area. Thus, we will then set you off to two best diving spots here, i.e., Blue Lagoon and The Jetty. The sites are home to the rhinopiah, giant

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frogfish, ornate ghost pipefish, bluefin gurnards, stonefish, cuttlefish, colorful nudibranchs, and others. After a day of underwater adventure in Padang Bay, you will back to the hotel and savor a delightful dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 4 : CANDIDASA - NUSA ISLANDS

We will check-out from the hotel after breakfast, and then transfer to Nusa Penida. Nestled on the southeast of Bali, Nusa Penida boasts a multitude of gorgeous dive sites. The water tends to be cold, and the currents in the area are unpredictable at times. Therefore, diving in the waters off Nusa Penida can be challenging, even for advanced divers. At first, we will head to Crystal Bay, exploring the variety of marine life found amongst the cracks and crevices on the reefs, including different hard and soft corals, anemones, frogfish, angelfish, sweetlips, and eagle rays. Next, set off to Gamat Bay where you can spot profusion of colorful soft corals with gorgonians, reef fish, commensals, nudibranch, and seasonal turtles. Continue to the most favorite dive sites of our guides, Toyapakeh. As the must-see dive spot in Nusa Penida, Toyapakeh has the abundance of corals and tantalizing marine life. If you are lucky, you can spot the endemic fish of Bali, Mola Mola. This is a seasonal fish which usually can be seen from July to October or the middle of November.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 5 : NUSA ISLANDS

Savor a hearty breakfast to boost your energy as you will have a full-day exploration of Nusa Penida. Your adventure begins by snorkeling or diving with manta rays at Manta Bay. Then, we will take you to Broken Beach, locally known as Pasih Uug – a scenic coastal formation on the southwestern edge of Nusa Penida Island. The spot is marked by a hilly arch-like rock formation which is great for travel photographers and panoramic view seekers. Afterward, you will head to Kelingking Beach which located on the same area as Broken Beach. The landmark of this beach is a T-Rex cliff which has a Tyrannosaurus Rex shape. You can hike up and reach the top of the cliff to unwind an exceptional vista of the island and the blue Hindia Ocean.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 6 : NUSA ISLANDS - AMED

Today, you will transfer to Amed. Situated in the northeast coastal region Bali, Amed is a small village with dry volcanic rock ridges along its coastline. This is also a good place for diving that easier for all levels and ages. A range of dive sites around Amed follow the contours of the coastline further south, through many small hidden bays where you can see turtles, reef sharks, blue-spotted stingrays, and many varieties of reef fish at Bunutan Point, Jemeluk Wall, and Pyramids Point. After satisfied diving in Amed, we will go to the neighboring area in Tulamben for check-in and overnight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

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DAY 7 : AMED - TULAMBEN

On the seventh day, you will be diving in Tulamben at three points – USS Liberty Wreck, Seraya Secret, and Coral Garden. Facing the Lombok Strait, the highlight of Tulamben is the 120-meter-long USAT Liberty shipwreck which sank during the second world war. This spectacular wreck is one of the easiest of its kind to reach, as it sits just off the shore. Diving in the waters off Tulamben, you will find a bustling city of coral, populated by a dazzling array of underwater creatures, ranging from the smallest crustaceans; nudibranch, frogfish, ghost pipefish and pygmy seahorse; to the larger visitors like sharks and sunfish. After a day of diving, we will let you try the more daring underwater experience with a night diving. At this time the wreck remarkably comes to life. You may see spanish dancers and schools of huge Bumphead parrotfish in their sleeping cocoons. Also flashlight fish, bobtail squid, even phosphorescence and the basket stars add to the otherworldly scene, where the coral lights up like neon under the stars and the beam of your flashlight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 8 : TULAMBEN - KINTAMANI - PEMUTERAN

This morning we will check out from the hotel for a slightly different experience. We will take you to one of the Bali's sacred water palaces – Tirta Gangga. Its name translates to 'water of the Ganges,' and the lush compound is a pilgrimage site for Balinese Hindus. Then, head out to Besakih Temple – commonly known as the 'Mother Temple' of Bali. Located on the western slopes of Bali's tallest volcano, Mount Agung (2,567 meters), Besakih is the largest and most revered temple on the island. Next up, we will proceed to Kintamani which nestled on the rim of the vast caldera of Batur, where you can unwind the picturesque vista of Mount Batur and Lake Batur while savoring a delightful lunch. Our journey then continues to Wanagiri Hidden Hills to visit two crater lakes, Tamblingan and Buyan. The natural beauties are still pristine, offering peace and serenity. Afterward, you will be transferred to Pemuteran and check in to hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 9 : PEMUTERAN - MENJANGAN ISLAND

After a hearty breakfast, get ready for your two dives around Menjangan Island in West Bali National Park at Bajul Bay Spot and POS I & II. At the designated time, our team will pick you up at the resort's lobby, then drive you to the national park where a local boat awaits. The first internationally known diving location in Bali, Menjangan offers visibility that can reach over 40 meters and remains Indonesia's best wall dive location, covering more than 60 meters and full of nooks and crannies, as well as crevasses featuring soft corals, sponges, and Bali's highest concentration of Gorgonian seafans. Particularly for POS I & II, these dive sites have little to no current and are suitable for all levels of experience. You will overhang and swim through an array of soft and hard corals as well as the myriad of colorful living pelagics there.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

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DAY 10 : PEMUTERAN - SEMINYAK

Your diving adventures end today, but we still have something more since we will stop in the most stunning and famous temples in Bali as our journey heading to Seminyak. First, stop by the "floating" temple - Ulun Danu Beratan, which surrounded by the second largest lake in Bali, Beratan Lake. After lunch, we will set off to Royal Temple of Mengwi - Taman Ayun which located in Mengwi District. This temple was built in 1634 and constructed as the official family temple of the Mengwi dynastic rulers. This historical piece of architecture is surrounded by a moat, magnificently carved wooden gates, and multi-roofed meru shrines. Then, stop in Tanah Lot – one of the most famous temples in Bali which can only be reached on foot during low tide. Sets dramatically on a rocky outcropping in the sea, you can enjoy a magical sunset here. Afterward, we will arrive in Seminyak.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 11 : DEPARTURE

This is the end of your Bali Underwater Safari tour. After savoring breakfast at your resort, you are free to enjoy the last day in Bali at your leisure or pamper yourself with the best spa & massage treatment in Seminyak. Afterward, our guide will transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. We hope your journey with us is creating unforgettable experiences, and we will be glad if having a chance to see you again in another remarkable place in Indonesia!

Meals included: Breakfast

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR INCLUDE

- Accommodation with daily breakfast at selected hotels.
- Complete diving gear.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary, except for alcoholic drinks.
- Private tours, transfers, and all services as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Service of a private driver and air-conditioned vehicles.
- Entrance fees for all the mentioned sights.
- Professional English speaking guides.
- Personal travel insurance (domestic insurance).
- Professional english speaking guides.
- Service charges and government VAT tax.

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TOUR EXCLUDE

- International airfares to and from our start and end points + departure taxes if applicable (*Notes: The price of this tour does not include any international airfares to and from our start and end points; however, our reservations specialists are more than happy to help arrange international flights on your behalf and advise on scheduling. We book hundreds of flights each year on behalf of our guests, and we know the best routes to take to ensure you arrive on time. We only book with IATA-approved airlines that have met with international standards of safety and dependability*).
- Personal expenses (mini bar, laundry, room services, additional food & drink at the hotel/ restaurant, etc).
- Additional dive, night dive, dive computer, and/or nitrox.
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels.
- Visa fees.
- *Tipping to guides and drivers (Notes: on the final day of your tour, you will have an opportunity to contribute in giving tip fund discretionarily. We believe that between US\$ 5-10 per day is an appropriate amount. However, this is just a suggestion and remains entirely up to the judgment and discretion of the guests. We do ask that you kindly refrain from offering tips to guides or drivers at any time, except during cases of exceptional service, when it should be arranged through the office. Tipping of your travel specialists for their hard work is also welcome, and is at your discretion).*

WHAT TO BRING

- **Clothing** - The tropical climate means you can safely leave all of your warm weather gear at home. Bring cool cottons, T-shirts and shorts. Likewise, a lightweight fleece could be useful for pre-dawn trekking or if there is a cool wind on the mountain – even if you don't need it, it will be useful for the plane. Adventure Archipelago is respectful of the local cultures and customs; bring clothes that cover your shoulders and knees for village or temples visits. Finally, you might want to bring at least one smart-casual outfit for sunset cocktails and evening meals. Ladies: beach throw-overs, kaftans and sarongs are always useful; choose fabrics that dry easily. Also, bring a lightweight sundress or two – several destinations offers a great setting for a photo shoot, live it up.
- **Bags** - A day backpack is essential on day hikes to carry things such as your water bottle, camera, binoculars, and rain jacket. A waterproof wet/dry bag is a good idea for your phone, camera, etc.
- **Footwear** - Pack comfortable trainers, trekking sandals, sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots for hikes and walks. Bring socks to wear inside your walking shoes to avoid getting blisters.

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Many travellers appreciate the added stability of a walking stick or hiking pole; lightweight telescopic poles are easy to pack. You might also want waterproof sandals or reef shoes for wet landings and water activities. Flip-flops are great for the beach. Note: Standard practice is to go barefoot on the boat.

- **Sun Protection** - You'll be spending plenty of time out in the scorching tropical sun, so be sure to pack sunscreen with a high enough SPF to protect your skin from the sun's damaging rays, which are stronger in the water, and some sun-protective clothing as well. Cover-ups, sarongs, sun shirts, and other such clothing will ensure that you come back from your trip with just happy memories and photographs – and not sunburn. A good hat is essential; a wide brimmed hat or cap will keep the strong equatorial sun off your face and neck. Sunglasses keep your eyes protected and add a little glam to your photos. A strap to hold your glasses can be a good idea on more active adventures. Just in case you fail to avoid getting sunburnt, bring an aloe-based lotion to soothe burned skin.
- **Swimwear** - Don't forget your swimsuit/bikini/shorts/trunks/Speedos —and preferably more than just one swimsuit, so that one or two can be drying while you are wearing another. Luckily, swimsuits and/or swim trunks don't take up too much space in your luggage. The water is warm but a rash guard (or a wetsuit) will protect you from the sun, abrasions and stings.
- **Skin & Hair Protection** - Ladies, it's important that you take good care of your skin and hair. The sun, seawater and salty air may be beautiful to experience but it can be tough on your body and will wreak havoc on your locks. Bring moisturising lotion to soothe skin parched by the sun and the saltwater; bring a leave-in conditioner to de-tangle your hair with ease because the water, mask, and hair-ties will leave it in knots. Also consider bringing a scarf or headband to hold back unruly hair, or hair-ties/pins to keep your hair off your face and therefore prevent water seeping into your mask.
- **Camera Equipment** - If you are photo enthusiast bring all of the camera and video equipment that you will use as you can expect exceptional opportunities for photography. If you prefer the ease of a point & shoot, bring that. If you want to take underwater photos you might want to invest in a waterproof camera/GoPro or waterproof housing to capture photos of the incredible marine life. It's also a good idea to bring a spare memory card.

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