



Excursions by car – a first overview

Three half – day trips (duration between 3 and 4 hours)

1. Waterfall and Temple: A first half-day tour takes you to the nearby waterfall Sekumpul. After a 20-minutes drive by car you walk around half an hour through a lush tropical garden landscape, steep downhill into the impressive caldera with water cascades from three sides. Enjoy a refreshing dip (so take bathing cloths), and then - a little arduous - climb up and back some 40 minutes to the car. This is an absolutely impressive natural experience. Combine this with one or two temple visits on the way back or possibly with the visit of the big market in Bali's former capital Singaraja (but then the half day might be already exceeded).

2. Bali's former capital Singaraja: The second tour also takes us to the west. Take your time for an extensive visit to the market with all its different departments, a visit to the silversmith, possibly to a silk weaving production, a Chinese Confucius temple, the former port and perhaps to the largest Lontar library in the world.

3. Craftsmanship in the neighborhood: This time we head to the east. In the village of Pacung, we visit the traditional weavers Surya Indigo, who originally produce ritual textiles for the Aga village Sembiran, but also very attractive natural-colored scarves made of silk and kapas. A short visit could follow to the origin of this weaving technique, the Bali-Aga village Sembiran. Stop at the temple Pura Ponjok Batu, located directly on the road and then visit a young wood-carver, who creates beautiful small artifacts made of teak and coconut wood. And with sufficient time and if you wish, visit also the bizarre art studio of the painter Symon.

Four full day trips (duration between 5 and 7 hours)

1. Mountain landscape and hot springs: A popular tour is a round trip Singaraja – Bedugul / Lake Bratan -Munduk-Banjar-Lovina and back to CBG. Let Jersan or Ketut tell you about the cool mountain landscape of the Bratan-Lake area with a complex of temples, a colorful mountain market, and an imposing botanical garden, then the clove- and coffee forests above the village Munduk, the only Buddhist temple in Bali, Brahma Vihara Arama, the hot Springs in Banjar and the somewhat dated seaside resort Lovina.

2. Mountain temples and rice fields: Also heading Singaraja and Bedugul, then further on the southern slopes enter the impressive rice-field terraces of Jatiluwih (UNESCO World Cultural Heritage) and follow small mountain roads to the still a bit remote atmosphere of Pura Luhur Batukaru at the foot of the mountain. In Jatiluwih you can book very interesting rice field tours.

3. Agung circle: a round tour along the eastern coastal road to Amed and through numerous bays and small villages around Bali's eastern tip to Ujung, the ancient water palace of the King of Karangasam. Further to Candi Dasa (lunch break?) - Klungkung, passing several interesting stop overs into the traditional rice-field landscape of Sidemen and Selat, then across the crater rim of Gunung Batur back to CBG. The tour can also take place in the opposite direction.

4. Bali Aga Villages: Passing Batur - Selat - Manggis (splendid view over rice field terraces to the sea) to Tenganan. There you should take your time for an extensive village visit, see the production of double ikats, Lontar drawings, braiding, traditional music instruments ect. Continue to Candi Dasa with a comfortable lunch break at the sea side, then via Tirtagangga (beautiful rice field terraces, springwater pools) to Tulamben and back to CBG.

We recommend an alternating program of days at the resort (rest days with swimming, massage, yoga, boat trips, walks) and tour days.

