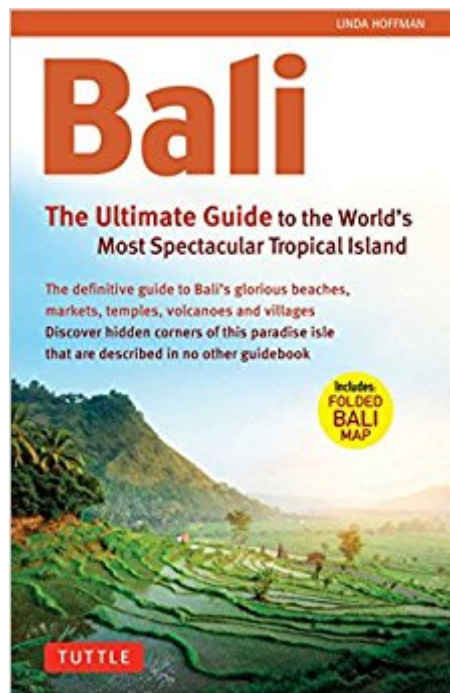




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# Bali: The Ultimate Guide: To The World's Most Spectacular Tropical Island (Periplus Adventure Guides)



## Synopsis

The only guide you'll need for getting around Bali! Everything you need is in this one convenient travel guide—including a large pull-out map! This updated and revised edition of the bestselling Tuttle guide to Bali gives the latest information on what to do and see on this spectacular tropical Indonesian island. Bali is one of the few places in the world where an ancient civilization still thrives in the modern world. And the island has so much to offer: ancient temples, elaborate ritual celebrations, spellbinding music and dances, exquisite art and crafts, gorgeous beaches, bustling markets, delicious food, and much more! Bali: The Ultimate Guide to the World's Most Famous Island is the most complete guide to Bali ever published. Lively articles by world renowned experts present every aspect of the island's history and culture, along with detailed descriptions of all the sights, with maps and photos included. An informative travel reference section at the end of the book gives important travel and etiquette tips, transportation notes, a language primer, and a glossary.

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"The overall layout's ease of use, the attractive photos, the essays by foremost luminaries in their respective fields, the detailed maps and comprehensive up-to-date information, the eccentric personal touch of the writer's recommendations as well as her suggestions of alternatives to the usual venues and itineraries, the tips for traveling away from the tourist ruts, the careful recreation of

the character of each area make this one of the most in-depth and readable guides to Bali in print."

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American-born Linda Hoffman moved to Indonesia in 1989, whereupon she immediately strapped on a backpack and began exploring. Her career as a freelance travel writer, tour leader and guest lecturer for study groups has repeatedly taken her to many of Indonesia's most far-flung locations where she has had many amazing experiences. Based in Yogyakarta for the last 10 years, she is always ready for the next adventure. Linda has also authored the Tuttle Travel Pack Indonesia, also available from Tuttle Publishing.

I gave a try to the book after reading reviews. It was an excellent companion in our trip to Bali. Map and details are very convenient. You will learn all about Bali to make sure you don't miss a spot during your adventure. We had hotels the 3 first nights but last 5 nights just booking at last minute. I read book recommendations but also check agoda website for more convenient prices. Book is excellent!!! Trip made in January 2017.

This is an excellent buy for someone who knows nothing about Bali aside from the famous name. Well-organized with a good index in the back. Also gives a brief history of the culture to help travelers understand why things are what they are. I especially LOVE the very helpful map enclosed in the back pocket of the book. Extremely helpful to get one's bearings, from one place to another. Since getting the book, I've loaned it to 3 friends already

This book has lots of information, presented in an unorganized boring way. If you plan on traveling to Bali and want a travel guide I would suggest something else. If you are studying Bali for school or just out of curiosity, and want text book, this book is for you. I have read many travel books and it seems the author in this one really has no passion or opinion about anything talked about in this book. It's simply a lot of bland information. The map was nice... that was about it. It is written like a school text book but harder to navigate with lots of useless information.

My husband read this book before our vacation to Bali. We took this book with us and it was so useful in terms of finding currency exchange, learning about the history of this island, and all kinds of information that you will need while in Bali. Great book!

This is a good cut above the standard set by the usual travel guides. I use a lot of them, including Lonely Planet, Rough Guides, and the DK Eyewitness guides. The Periplus surpasses them all, though I have to add that I have not yet read these others for Bali. I will read at least one of them soon and will not fail to complete this comparison. As for Periplus, though it was published in 2005, the value is in the commentaries on Balinese history and culture, which will not have changed much. Chapters devoted to each aspect of these topics comprise the first quarter of the book, then followed by chapters devoted to the different regions of the island. Chapters are short and easily digestible; writing is very good and clear. Discussion of points of interest are also very well done. All parts of the book contain beautiful photos which, as a photographer, I appreciate very much. The maps are also good and sufficiently detailed. Since my own lodging is already arranged I did not pay any attention to the recommendations on accommodation and restaurants in the back of the book, and a traveler would want to consult more up-to-date info on these topics. But as an introduction to Balinese history, culture, and points of interest, Periplus does a superb job.

I bought this one after checking out every Bali Lombok guide book in our library. While others may be more detailed on accommodations and eating I find the detailed information on all localities, even tiny ones, really helpful. Plus the large included separate map of Bali is a real find. Detailed to the street level on many towns. There are also smaller maps embedded in the text for each location, as well as well-selected photographs. This one does not include Lombok (another island) that most guide books do include. It's a bit heavier than the other paperback guides I've read and I may get the kindle version to take on my trip in September.

Very detailed but too many intricate details of ancient history. Briefer descriptions of up-to-date directions and high points of villages of greatest interest needed as well as more detailed directions for transport and/or best trips to get tour guide would be helpful. Descriptions of native food also would be good. High points to see and how to see them with stays of 3-7 days. More info on costs of various things (food, buses, guided tours, tipping etc.) as well as time estimates

great product!

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