



The Australian Sewing Guild

Discovery Tours to Bali – March/April 2010



The next adventure begins ... BALI 2010 and the Australian Sewing Guilds very popular international travel programme moves into its third year of discovery tours.

Oh my goodness! Think of the fabrics...

Dates: 12 day tour

*Tour 1 – Monday 29th March – Saturday 10th April 2010
(VIC & QLD school holidays)*

*Tour 2 – Monday 5th April – Saturday 17th April 2010
(NSW, SA & WA school holidays)*

Tour 3 – Monday 12th April – Saturday 24th April 2010. Each ASG 2010 tour is a small 'boutique' tour. Max travellers per tour – 12

Day 1 Monday – Australia – Denpasar, Bali (3 night's hotel – single occupancy)

Members of this tour will depart from their nearest Australian capital city and arrive throughout the afternoon and evening of Day 1. Each traveller will be met at Denpasar airport and transferred to a beautiful, family run, Balinese hotel at Legian. Settle in, refresh, relax, swim and dine as we await the rest of the group.

Dinner

Day 2 Tuesday – Legian – Tanah Lot Tour

Start the day with a good walk to orientate to the local area. Walk the beach from Legian to Kuta and watch the Balinese day unfold. Be introduced to Bali's best leather smith and tailor; our favourite shoemaker. Travel west, along the coast to Tanah Lot temple and market and watch the sunset, over dinner, perched on the edge of a beautiful cliff in a traditional Balinese restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Wednesday – Legian – Denpasar Market Tour

This one day tour doesn't venture too far as we travel by bus to the traditional market Pasar Badung, Kumbasari Market and Jalan Sulawesi.

Pasar Badung in Jalan Gajah Mada, Denpasar, is Bali's biggest traditional market.

Located next to Pasar Badung is Kumbasari market. Kumbasari market is actually an extension of Pasar Badung, also selling a large variety of traditional songket fabrics directly from the loom, handcrafts and bed covers.

For modern textiles we will visit Jalan Sulawesi, a street full of shops and one of the most popular places for anyone who is interested in linen, Yögya ikat, silk, saris (Indian), scarves and even curtain materials.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Thursday – Legian to Ubud (7 nights hotel – twin share)

Before our leisurely checkout at 12noon the morning is yours. Choose to breakfast and relax by the pool, finalise fittings, shop or indulge in a massage or beauty treatment.

After lunch board the bus, leave the coast and travel to the beautiful hill town of Ubud, the traditional centre of art, sculpture and wood carving.

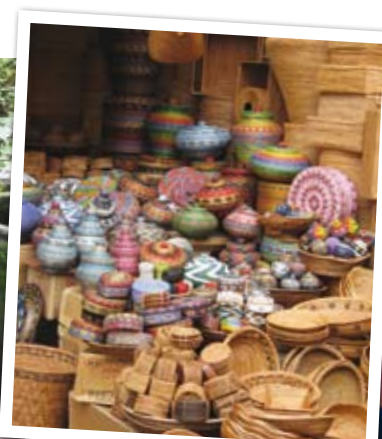
When you drive into Ubud on the main road, the Palace is on the right with the market almost directly opposite. It's a food and flower market early each morning and converts to a fun, colourful touristy market, after 10am, so bargain hard. Settle into your beautiful new villas before a short walk to dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Friday – Ubud - Cooking School

Discover the magic, the flavours and the spices of 'The Island of the Gods' in a 5-hour cooking class. This is a fun, practical cooking class and is ideal for both the experienced chef and the home cook. You will cook and taste a variety of Balinese dishes and take home a book of recipes, notes, skills and memories that will enable you to keep a part of Bali in your life forever. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 6 Saturday – Ubud – Markets and Textiles/ Balinese Dancing

This morning we will return to the Ubud markets, but this time we will be exploring the fabric, craft and clothing section. For those who prefer the calm of the ‘fixed price’ the main road is filled with beautiful shops filled with quality products. Excellent quality modern cottons and silks are sold in shops next to hand woven ikat specialists and fine Javanese batiks from Yogyakarta. Wander the main Monkey Forest Road for the best quality shops.

Whichever path you take, we will all re-group at the beautiful ‘Lotus Gardens Cafe’ to swap stories and laugh over bargaining wins and losses.

After lunch we will walk the short distance to the ‘Threads of Life’ Indonesian Textile Arts Centre along the interesting path of Jalan Kajeng.

Tonight we will enjoy the traditional Kecak Fire and Trance Dance performance. Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7 Sunday – Ubud – Kintamani Tour

A full day tour takes in the true beauty of the Balinese countryside. Visit the terraced rice fields, volcano and crater lake, temples and villages of the mountain region.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Monday – Ubud – Textile Village Tour

A 1-day textile village tour with ‘Threads of Life’ tour leader.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Tuesday – Ubud – Indigo Dyeing & Batik Workshop

Throughout this full-day workshop you will explore both the ancient tradition of dyeing with natural indigo fresh from the garden and the art of making designs onto cloth using hot wax. Throughout the day you will work on your own cloth, applying batik wax using both cap stamp and canting hand-drawing tools, dyeing in indigo and reapplying wax towards a personal design.

During a walk around the dye garden, the plants used as dyes throughout Indonesia are noted and the processes of their use explained. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Wednesday – Ubud – Eco and Educational Cycling Tour

This one day ‘down-hill’ cycling tour is not just an adventure but a learning and culinary experience. Suitable for all ages with

average fitness, this tour will allow you to experience the magic and the spirit of rural Bali.

Travel by bus UP to Penelokan to breakfast overlooking the active volcano, Mt Batur and its crater lake, with some of the most stunning views in Bali.

Visit a Balinese plantation, a village temple, After lunch visit a Balinese home and meet the family and end the day with a guided visit of the famous Ubud Monkey Forest.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 11 Thursday – Ubud to Legian (1 night hotel – single occupancy)

Late check out at 12 noon allows you to finish that last minute shopping or simply relax by the salt-water pool overlooking the rice fields.

A ‘pamper fest’ awaits you and you can enjoy it any way you like – two hours of heaven!

Everyone should be feeling (and looking) fabulous for tonight’s farewell dinner. Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 Friday – Legian – HOME

This is our last day and your opportunity to pick up that leather coat or tailored suit, walk the beach or relax by the pool.

We will have a general 12noon checkout but will be keeping two rooms open until late, checkout at 5pm.

Starting from mid-afternoon individuals or small groups, travelling home to the same State, will be escorted to Denpasar International Airport by taxi or bus.

Perth residents will arrive in Australia Friday evening
Breakfast, Lunch

Day 13 Saturday – HOME

Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide, Darwin and Hobart residents will arrive home Saturday.

Discover the best that Bali has to offer with a group of like-minded friends.

In March or April 2010 we invite you to join the ASG as we discover Bali together.

Land Tour Cost (as of June 2009): A\$2,775 (twin-share basis)

*Please note: this is only some of the wonderful experiences you will have on this tour as page space doesn’t allow for every exciting moment so for further information or booking enquiries please contact: Australian Sewing Guild Travel Coordinator
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