

## INDONESIA

### **Language**

The local language is Indonesian with English widely spoken in the more popular tourist areas.

### **Time Zone**

Denpasar Bali is SA time +6 hours – GMT +8 hours. Jakarta is SA time +5 hours – GMT +7 hours

### **Climate**

The climate is hot and humid, with a tropical climate all year-round. The wet season is usually from November to March and the driest periods normally from July through to September.

### **Currency**

The unit of currency is the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Money can be changed at major banks or leading hotels.

### **Tipping**

Where tipping is left to your discretion, 5-10% is quite acceptable. Taxi drivers & porters are grateful for any small gratuity.

### **Health Requirements**

Yellow Fever is only required if coming from / stopping over in an infected area. Malaria prophylaxis is recommended (please reconfirm with your chemist on which strain to take prevention against).

### **Visas**

South African passport holders require a visa for Indonesia and passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond date of entry. This can be obtained upon arrival at a cost of approximately US\$25.00 per person for a maximum stay of up to 30 days.

### **Departure / Arrival Taxes**

Airport Tax is payable at the airport of departure. If departing from Jakarta (Soekarno-Hatta) or Denpasar (Bali Island), Rp 150 000 per person is levied on International flights & Rp30 000 per person is levied on domestic flights.

### **Safety & Security**

Like anywhere in the world, it is advisable to practice caution by following simple safety precautions such as ignoring touts, keeping away from trouble areas, not wearing excessive jewellery and taking care of valuables

### **Electricity**

Current voltage is 220 volts / 50 cycles.

### **Travel Tips**

Locally manufactured goods are particularly popular: Batik in either ready to wear or sold by the meter. Other items to look out for are traditional craftwork such as rattan, basketwork, silver, leather goods, woodcarvings and jewellery.

The Indonesian food is a spicy blend of East and West with the emphasis on seafood.

### **Local Contact**

Please refer to your Itinerary for contact details of local agent and emergency numbers.