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GENERAL INFORMATIONS

Indonesia is one of the very few nations on earth to span such a broad spectrum of world history and human civilizations. The population of nearly 234 million people is derived from 300 ethnic groups who speak over 250 distinct languages. The common element is the national language of Bahasa Indonesia.

Situated almost smack in the middle of the Indonesian archipelago, Bali is approximately 5,620 sq km (2,170 sq miles) in size with a population of almost 3 million. One the eight regencies, Badung is the urban and commercial center. Here, most tourists spend their holidays at the beach, playing and partying, most often in the tourist enclaves of Nusa Dua, Sanur or Kuta/Legian. But even here, despite blatant commercialism, traditional undercurrents remain.

Bali lies between the islands of Java and Lombok and is one of more than 17,000 islands that makes up the Indonesian Archipelago. Bali is small, stretching approximately 140 km from east to west and 80 km from north to south. Slightly off centre, and running east to west, are a string of volcanic mountains. Lying just 8° south of the Equator, Bali boasts a tropical climate with just two seasons, wet and dry, a year and an average annual temperature of around 28° C. The rich volcanic soil and healthy monsoon season make this island extremely fertile and a range of crops are grown...
The wide and gently sloping southern regions play host to Bali’s famed rice terraces, among some of the most spectacular in the world. In the hilly, northern coastal regions, the main produce is coffee, copra, spices, vegetables, cattle and rice.

The Balinese people have strong spiritual roots and despite the large influx of tourists over the years, their culture is still very much alive. Naturally creative, the Balinese have traditionally used their talents for religious purposes and most of the beautiful work to be seen here, has been inspired by stories from the Ramayana and other Hindu epics. With a reputation as being one of the most beautiful and diverse tourist spots in Asia, Bali attracts almost 1,000,000 visitors a year, from all around the world.

**PASSPORT AND VISA**

Indonesia Government had granted visa on arrival favor to 52 countries to be able to purchase the visa on arrival facility upon their arrival in Indonesia’s designed “International Gateway” at 15 airports and 21 seaports.

**Customs**

Customs allows on entry per adult, a maximum of one liter of alcoholic liquor, 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 100 grams tobacco and reasonable amount of perfume per adult

**Airport Tax**

An airport departure tax of Rp. 150.000,- is levied by the airport authority for travelers on international flights and Rp. 20.000,- for domestic flights. The tax must be paid in Rupiah.

**Business Hours**

Government offices open at 8 am every day except Sunday, Monday to Thursday the are open to around 3 pm. Fridays to 11.30 and Saturday to 2 pm. Shops in Denpasar and other towns close in the afternoon for a siesta (usually 1 pm to 6 pm) and re-open in the evening until 9 pm.

**Climate**

The average temperature in Bali in December is between 28°C (82.4) - 30°C (86) and the relative humidity is about 88%. There is comparatively little difference between the daytime and night time temperatures.

**Currency**
Only Rupiah (Indonesian currency) is acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies and major credit cards are accepted by most hotels. Restaurants and souvenirs shops. The exchange rates 1 US$ is about Rp. 13,500,-

**Travelers Check and Credit Cards**
Travelers checks are accepted by leading banks and hotels in principals cities. The use of travelers checks in Indonesia is as popular as in any other countries. Dinners Club and American Express, Visa and Master Card are widely accepted at hotel, department stores, shops, restaurants and night clubs. According to the Indonesian banking regulations, payment of credit card should be charged in local currency.

**Electricity**
The electricity used in Indonesia is 220 volt at 50 cycle.

**Shopping**
Main tourist roads are often lined with shops and stalls selling crafts of all types. Ubud (25 km north of Denpasar) and the surrounding villages of Pengosekan. Mas dan Batuan are breeding grounds for arts, ranging from wayang style paintings, polished wood carvings and antiques to traditional Balinese carvings made from volcanic pumice. For those who don’t like to wander too far from the beach, Kuta and Legian have more modern shopping areas

**Dance and Drama**
Performance form an important part of nearly every ritual on Bali. Ubud offers classical dances (Joged Kecak Pendet, Topeng, Gabor, etc) held in princely mansion and neighborhood halls. The Art Centre shows at 6 pm daily in Denpasar are the best for Kecak. The venues at Singapadu and Batubulan are excellent for Barong and Keris.

**IDD (International Direct Dialing)**
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City Code = Bali :+62-361

**Medical Services and Hospital**
Public Health Centre is also available at every Sub District Unit

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**CONFERENCE VENUE**

ISPACS 2015 will be held in Meliá Bali Hotel, Located on the shores of Nusa Dua, Bali’s prestigious resort enclave, this beachfront resort is a unique sanctuary of exotic beauty and comfort for those who seek a dream vacation. The entire property occupies 10.7 hectare of lush tropical gardens with an enormous lagoon swimming pool winding throughout the grounds. The contemporary tropical architecture, bold décor and spacious gardens express the essence of Bali.

The resort enjoys an excellent location just 11 kilometers from Ngurah Rai International Airport. It’s within walking distance to Bali Collection, the main shopping center, and to food and entertainment malls, a museum, 850
meters from Bali International Convention Center and 700 meters from Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center.

The BTDC (Bali Tourism Development Corporation) area is recognized for the luxury and safe area, due in part to the rigorous safety and security systems implemented by BTDC.

Enjoy the exceptional Balinese beachfront sanctuary:

- The natural beauty of Nusa Dua combined with a passion for service
- Five restaurants, five dream settings and a shared passion: superior quality cuisine
- Exclusive services and treatments at the YHI SPA
- The Level – the most exclusive choice
- Designed for families to ensure children have fun while parents relax
- Villa at Melia Bali is an exotic getaway in a secluded environment
- The first hotel in Asia to achieve EarthCheck Platinum for environmental management and sustainability
- The hotel reception accept UnionPay card payment