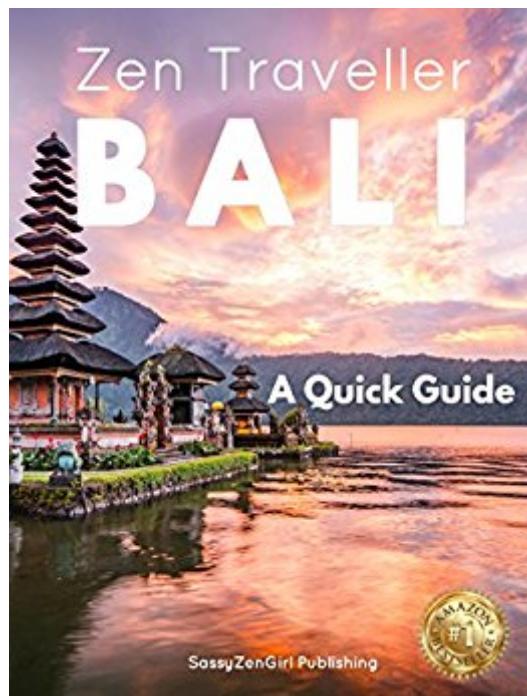


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# BALI - Zen Traveller: A Quick Travel Guide



## Synopsis

BALI IS MAGICAL! - beautiful, quiet, relaxed, joyful and inspiring. That is if you get away from the tourist crowds in the South and begin to explore the "real" Bali and her wonders. Exploring the "Real" Bali The South East around Candidasa and the diving paradise of Amed. The sleepy fishing villages along the East Coast with lush palm tree vegetation. You become relaxed just looking at it....The North Coast with many little gems to visit and a gorgeous countryside, incl. a pearl farm that employs only women, an award winning coral restoration project recognized by the United Nations, a winery, turtle and bee conservation projects and so much more....The West Bali National Park inviting to hiking, kayaking, and the remote diving/snorkeling island of Menjangan. A bird watcher's paradise, lush with wildlife and unusual fauna. The rugged West Coast, a surfer's paradise, with quiet, chill villages like Medewi - the way Bali used to be before tourism overran the South. And, of course, the spectacular volcanic mountain ranges in the Inland regions with massive lakes, luscious rain forest and gorgeous rice terraces - absolutely breath taking! Bali Indonesia will Enchant you. Wherever you go, Bali will enchant and inspire you with stunning vistas, soaring heights, and a vibe just quiet and relaxed - to get away from it all.... Sadly most visitors never get to see that side of Bali and instead spend all their time on overcrowded beaches, parties and shopping malls in the South - Kuta, Seminyak or Sanur. If you want to see the "real" Bali and all her magnificent wonders, this book will be for you. Zen Traveller BALI covers logistical and planning help, so you know what to expect on your first visit to Bali. Communication, visa, currency/banking, accommodation, transportation, wifi/mobile usage and much more will be covered in Chapter 1. Next follows Ubud, the cultural centre of Bali, and still charming and lovely, despite heavy tourism influx. Want to know where experienced Bali travelers go instead? - Ubud without the crowds? - or where you can find an organic restaurant in the midst of rice fields with beautiful views and healthy, delicious food? The book will tell you. From Ubud we travel around the East and North coast and inland into the mountains - even into Java for the great volcanoes. A Quick Guide Zen Traveller BALI is a quick guide, not an in-depth 500 page travel guide book a la Lonely Planet, Fodors and Frommers. It does not contain extensive lists of tour companies or accommodations for each area, though a few are mentioned throughout the book based on the personal experiences of the author. Instead, this Bali guide from the Zen Traveller series by bestselling travel writer and blogger Gundi Gabrielle, will give you a good overview over the different regions with things to do along the way, practical logistical information and tips on where to get away from it all.... Are you ready? Bali Reisefährer

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was a nice change of pace from reading Lonely Planet. It is short and succinct, but Bali did not really meet my expectations, even following some of the itinerary suggested by the author. Ubud was just as touristy as Kuta when I went, and some of the other recommendations were not all that great. The book was helpful and I recommend this as a good alternative to the standard travel guides.

Some books by travel writers (maybe most of them) seem to be chock full of thinly veiled references to how great the places are that sponsored the writer's trip. Not a problem in this awesome quick guide to Bali. Gabrielle presents this wonderful Equatorial land in all of its beauty just as a common traveler would want to see it. She clearly points out the tourist traps that you want to avoid (the exact same places that all the other Bali guides send you to), and she cuts to the point on what difficulties may be encountered (especially for Women traveling alone) and how to avoid them. She even gives tried and true advice on how to deal with the temple "Guardians" who are nothing more than scam artists hiding under a religious moniker. I may not have the exact same tastes as Gabrielle as to what I want to see and do, but when I get there I will know exactly what to expect from the places that I choose to go. Great job of putting a lot of useful information into a very

compact guide - no fluff here.

I really enjoyed this little but powerful guide book on Bali! Look closely at the cover photo - doesn't it tempt you too to visit Bali? To explore all those beautiful sights the author has personally visited and now gives you opportunity to enjoy sceneries yourself? Off the beaten track she travels and hikes, and gives some great tips for all who want to avoid the tourist crowds. With her personal touch, she makes this easy access to a valuable source of practical information to anyone interested in Bali. How comforting to know that Bali is safe for a woman traveling alone, and how good to get a warning of hawkers who might pester you.

The author has put together a very thoughtful and accessible travel guide for a lesser-known, but no less amazing part of Bali. While Bali is known for its beaches, this book takes us away from the loud, tourist-filled beaches and carries us to the quieter and spiritual parts of the island where one can really experience the culture and people. It is clear that she has spent time in these areas and has done some thorough research, which she thankfully shares with us here. She presents the itinerary from the perspective of driving to each location, so if you plan to drive, this would be very helpful. I have been to the beaches in southern Bali, but after reading this book I very much want to return to the island to visit Ubud and the other areas Ms. Gabrielle discusses in her book. I am an avid traveler and use many different types of travel books and websites when I travel. I would definitely use this book as a resource for planning my next trip to Bali! This book includes helpful information for planning your trip to Bali, including maps, history, cultural and language tips, accommodation, transportation, weather, visa information and much more. The author includes descriptions of various sights and activities, as well as her opinion, suggestions and helpful tips about what to see and what to avoid. She provides brief but thoughtful reviews of various sights, restaurants and hotels, including helpful details like how to get there, travel time and even what to order! She has included lots of very nice photos as well, which is very helpful when planning your itinerary. What I really like about this book is that it is very easy to read, yet extremely informative. Her writing style is very relaxed and friendly, even humorous at times, which makes the book enjoyable to read. I also love that she takes us off the beaten path and introduces us to some incredible places that we otherwise might not be inclined to visit. This book does not include addresses, phone numbers, websites or hours of operation, so you would have to use other resources if you need this information. All in all, this is an excellent and informative book that introduces us to new and wonderful sights in Bali and helps make it simple to visit these areas with a solid plan and itinerary.

This book was an invaluable tool for my Bali trip recently. I read the book cover to cover in two nights prior to heading to Bali. I had heard the taxi drivers can quote a price and then once you are at your destination, that quoted price can change significantly. I used the guide, Gede Lausen, Gundu recommended in this book. Gede Lausen was great. He was punctual, actually arrived at hotel about 15 minutes early each day we toured with him. He is very knowledgeable about the area. Gede Lausen was polite, courteous, and showed us things we would have never seen on our own. Highly, highly recommend contacting Gede Lausen if you plan on visiting Bali. I found him through facebook and private messaged the arrangements. Everything Gundu recommended to see is well worth it and those sites touted as somewhat lacking were verified through friends that went to those sites when we split up and went our separate ways a couple of days. Thank you Gundu. You made a great trip even better.

Loved this book, helpful resource, I can't wait to visit Bali using the authors tips. I'd definitely recommend this book!

Great book, the author has explained most of the interesting things in Bali in very soft and easy way. I liked more her style to approach the unusual places and discover unfamiliar places.

If you are considering a trip to Bali, this book is an excellent and quick overview of information that will be very helpful on your trip. The author gives advice on places to stay for \$20 a night that might include banana pancakes. When to travel is detailed so that visitors can avoid higher prices and crowds. The climate is described as well as options for transportation to get around the island. Recommended places to visit are listed as well as appropriate clothing to wear for women as well as men. Great eBook and well worth the price!

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