

Bali 2020: Preliminary Shell Itinerary

- Sat 4/4: Mandatory Orientation 1
- Mon 6/29: On-campus classes from 9am to 3pm
- Tue 6/30: On-campus classes from 9am to 3pm
- Wed 7/1: On-campus classes from 9am to 3pm
- Thu 7/2: On-campus classes from 9am to 3pm
- Fri 7/3: Check in at LAX around 9pm
- Sat 7/4: Most flights depart LAX around 1am
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- Sun 7/5: Arrive in Bali, drive to Ubud (about 90 minutes). Orientation and welcome dinner. 8 nights at your Villa in Ubud
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- Mon 7/6: Rice field trek, lectures, explore Ubud town center to exchange money, visit the ATM, buy local SIM cards for phones. Visit the Monkey Forest.
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- Tue 7/7: We'll visit Goa Gajah (Elephant Cave), an ancient religious site followed by lectures including a workshop on making Balinese 'Canang Sari' offerings. Evening Kecak & Fire Dance performance.
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- Wed 7/8: Balinese **cooking class at PAON**, Free evening to explore Ubud's many restaurants.
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- Thu 7/9: Optional sunrise hike of Mt. Batur, an active stratovolcano (weather permitting). Visit a local Balinese school.
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- Fri 7/10: Morning lectures. We'll then head into town for a choice of lunch experiences – Ibu Oka Babi Gulung, Bebek Bengel or Sari Organik – be prepared to discuss your experience later.
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- Sat 7/11: Downhill bike ride, stopping along the way to learn about Balinese religion, agriculture, coffee & spice production, and village structure. We'll end with a delicious, locally prepared lunch. We'll have brief classes in the late afternoon to discuss our observations. Free evening
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- Sun 7/12: Morning drive to Bali Treetops and Pura Ulun Danu Bratan water temple. Return in time for lectures and to pack. Last night in Ubud for a while.
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- Mon 7/13: Depart for Amed on Bali's east coast. Stop at a traditional beach salt maker along the way. Afternoon snorkel in Amed after settling into our seafront hotel for 3 nights.
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- Tue 7/14: Early morning snorkel at Jemeluk Beach (sunken temple) with time to grab lunch. Afternoon lectures.
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- Wed 7/15: Sunrise departure for Lempuyang Temple, the "cloud temple" with awesome views overlooking Mt. Agung. We'll return to Amed for breakfast, then some snorkeling and lecture time.
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- Thur 7/16: After breakfast we head to Candidasa, our home for the next 7 nights. We'll make a stop at Tirtagangga water palace and a Balinese school along the way.
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- Fri 7/17: Today we have a morning for an East Bali cooking class, including lunch, followed by lectures.

- Sat 7/18: A morning for lectures and an afternoon for studying by the pool. In the late afternoon we'll head to Tenganan, a Bali Aga village - and Goa Lawah (Bat Cave) to see the temple complex as hundreds of thousands of bats exit the cave at sunset.
- Sun 7/19: A day off for optional activities such as river rafting or trekking. Group dinner at Vincent's.
- Mon 7/20: Morning snorkel adventure followed by lectures and study time.
- Tue 7/21: Study time and **chocolate-making class**. Evening group dinner at our hotel.
- Wed 7/22: A day set aside for lectures and study.
- Thu 7/23: Drive back to Ubud for 4 nights at the villa. Explore Ubud in the evening.
- Fri 7/24: Lectures, presentations and prepare for exams.
- Sat 7/25: Optional early morning to visit Taro Elephant Park to ride elephants. Return to the villa by noon for lectures and exam preparations. Free evening in Ubud.
- Sun 7/26: Lectures and exams. Farewell to Ubud dinner.
- Mon 7/27: Pack up and head to the coast near the airport, stopping at Sukuwati arts market (best prices for Balinese crafts, clothes, etc.) along the way. We'll check into our hotel, relax, and then go enjoy our sunset seafood dinner at Jimbaran.
- Tue 7/28: Pack up and head to the airport for our departure back to LAX*. You'll cross the International Date Line again, so you'll arrive home the same day.

Itinerary Note:

While in BALI, expect changes and go with the flow. The itinerary WILL change based on weather and availability of cultural activities (cremation, temple ceremonies, etc.). When we see an opportunity to attend a cremation or temple ceremony, we will jump on that opportunity.

Airfare Note:

Airfare is not included in the program price, and group airfare rates are now higher than those for individual tickets. Therefore, we plan to help everyone purchase airfare in small groups of 4-8 passengers starting in December 2019, or whenever the group size reaches 18 students. Highly rated airlines with the shortest flight times include China Airlines, EVA Airlines and Cathay Pacific, all of which have flights departing LAX just before 1am on Saturday morning and arriving into Bali around 3pm (Sunday). In the past few years we've seen ticket prices of around \$1,100 and we expect to see similar prices this coming year if purchased early. Do not purchase airfare until you speak with the GCC Study Abroad Director.