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Description

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Medewi



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Description

Medewi can be a very long workable left during a solid swell. This spot is known for being a lot softer than the waves of the Bukit, and longboarders, and less ambitious surfers flock to this place in search of their Bali High. Though Medewi is in Bali, there is a different feel to this place. Much of the population of Medewi are actually from Java, Islam is much more present than the rest of Bali, and it's almost as if you have traveled to a different island. The vibe at Medewi is very relaxed and fun, and the locals are very friendly. The trade winds blow sideshore at Medewi and as such it is good to plan to surf this spot early, and hope for an evening glass off.

To get to Medewi: Medewi is about two hours from Kuta. Leaving Kuta, follow the Krobokan Rd, past the Canggu turn off and continue straight. This road will eventually connect with the major West to East highway. Follow the signs for Gilimanuk. The coast will be in sight much of the way, and keep your eyes peeled to see if any of the assorted peaks on the way are worth investigating. About one half hour past Balian, you will see lots of signs for accommodations in Medewi.

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Best Tide:

Mid-High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

2-5ft

Best Wind:

N, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings, trades are sideshore.

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-7. Medewi can be a long, workable, softer wave. (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Stones, Rock, Reef

Ability Level:

Beginner-Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, Longboard, Funboard

Best Season:

April-Oct

Access:

Easy

Crowd Factor:

Medium

Local Vibe:

Good

Bicep Burn:

3-6 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

3 (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

2 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Balian



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Description

Balian is not a major surf destination spot in Bali for most surfers. The waves at Balian are not the ultraperfect green barrels that most surfers come to Bali for. However, Balian is a great surf get away in Bali. Contrasted to the Bukit, Balian is lush, with ricefields, rivers, and lots of coconut trees. There's a black sand beach, and it is generally a very mellow place to chill out for a few days. Balian is also a swell magnet. This is a place that will have decent surf when everywhere else is flat. The tradewinds blow sideshore here, and the rainy season westerlies blow onshore. Balian is a place for early morning surfing and the potential for a late afternoon glass of session. The wave at Balian is a rivermouth beach and rock break that offers up very rippable shifting A-frame peaks. Usually the lefts are better than the rights, and both can show an inside barrel section when it all comes together. Balian is not a place to go when there is a big swell running. It will be impossible to paddle out and the currents will become dangerous. If a big swell is running most surfers will continue west another half an hour to Medewi.

To get to Balian: Balian is about one and a half hours from Kuta. Leaving Kuta, follow the Krobokan Rd, past the Canggu turn off and continue straight. This road will eventually connect with the major West to East highway. Follow the signs for Gilimanuk. The coast will be in sight much of the way, and keep your eyes peeled to see if any of the assorted peaks on the way are worth investigating. You will see signs

Best Tide:

Mid-High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

2-5ft

Best Wind:

N, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-7 - Balian is a rippable A Frame that offers both lefts and rights. (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sand, Stones, Rock

Ability Level:

Beginner-Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail

Best Season:

April-Oct

Access:

Easy

Crowd Factor:

low-Depends on how many people decide to make the drive from Kuta on

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for Balian as you approach some large hills to your right.

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any given day.

Local Vibe:

Good

Bicep Burn:

3-8 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

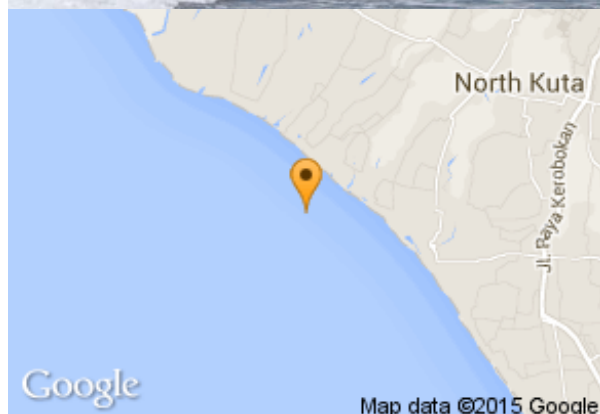
Poo Patrol:

4-9. Balian is a rivermouth break. As such there is often sewage run off. This can be particularly bad during the first rains of the year and should probably be avoided at that time. (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

4-8 Caution (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Canggu



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Description

Canggu used to be accessed by surfers staying in Kuta by a harrowing, high-speed motorcycle ride through the soft sand from Kuta Beach to Canggu. Surfers needed to maintain a top speed for the entire ride or else be stuck in the soft sand and often left unable to get started again. These days that's no longer allowed and driving into Canggu means a mellow ride through the rice fields. Canggu is a nice place, and as such, it has become the choice of a lot of expats and local surfers, to build houses and live there. There's a community feeling at Canggu. Families, dogs, long-term friends are all around the cafe's at the main break Echo Beach. Canggu is a strip of black sand beach and reef breaks that is known for having something for everyone. There are a few soft rolling waves that are ideal for beginners, some hot dog, rippable peaks, for high performance surfing, and, when it's big, there are some gnarly, beachfront barrels for expert surfers. Canggu is more south facing than Kuta Beach and will usually be bigger. Canggu is often the spot when the swell is small, and many of Bali's hottest surfers from Kuta will make the morning trip to Canggu. Because it faces further south, Canggu is also more affected by the trade winds and is best in the early mornings. After 9:00 a.m., Canggu is frequently sideshore and not the perfect glass of a few hours earlier.

To get to Canggu: Follow the main road Jln Legian through Seminyak and out to the ricefields past Pettitinget. Follow

Best Tide:

Low-High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

2-8ft

Best Wind:

N, NE, SE Tradewinds are Side offshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-8 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sand and Reef

Ability Level:

Beginner-Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'0" squash, 6'4" swallowtail

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

Easy. Parking is available at the top of the beach and costs 1,000rp (\$0.10)

Crowd Factor:

8. The breaks of Canggu are surfed by both visiting surfers and a crew of local

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the signs for Canggu and Tanah Lot. As you near the beach keep your eyes peeled for a sign for Echo Beach as this is the most central of the breaks and the place where most surfers start.

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shredders. There are lots of peaks out there, but the best ones will be crowded.

Local Vibe:

Good

Bicep Burn:

3-7 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

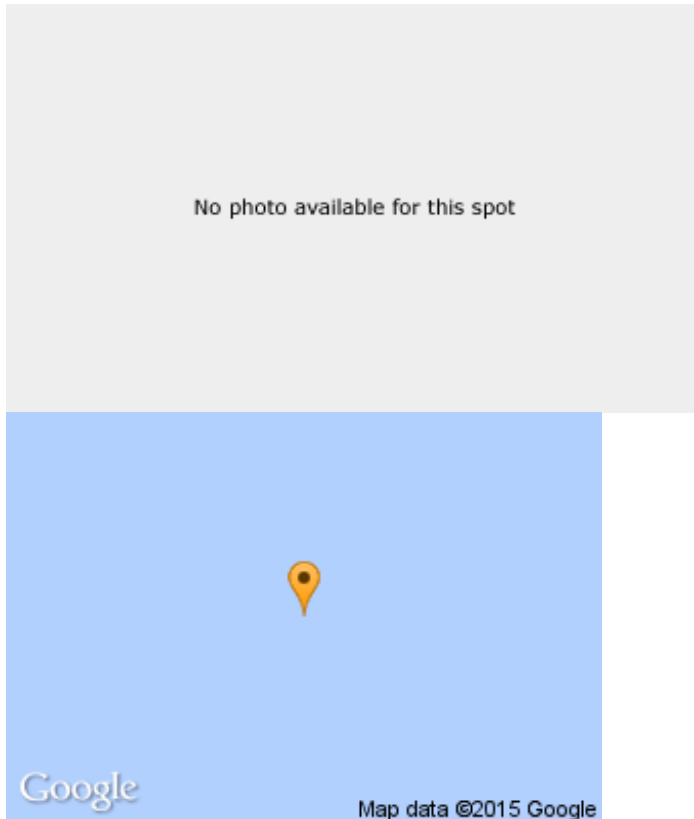
Poo Patrol:

2 (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

2 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Kuta



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Description

Kuta

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Best Tide:

L-MH

Best Size:

4-8

Best Wind:

north

Perfect-O-Meter:

6 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Best Season:

Winter

Kuta Beach



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Description

Kuta Beach is where surfing in Bali began. Imagine an absolutely perfect, white sand beach, palm trees coming down to the water's edge, and completely empty, roping A frames for as far as you could see. The first surfers to come to Bali were treated to an epic experience. These days a lot has changed in Kuta, and it is becoming a major tourist city. There are thousands of little restaurants, places to stay, and some of the best shopping anywhere in the world. The beach is full of people. People playing soccer, exercising, doing Tai Chi, selling everything from sarongs to sunglasses, renting surfboards or beach umbrellas, and, of course, surfing. The surf at Kuta Beach can be great. It's no wonder legendary Kuta local boys like Rizal Tanjung, Bol Adiputra, Pepin Hendrix, Wayan Pica, or Made Switra surf as well as they do, Kuta Beach is an ultra consistent, quality beachbreak, that is ideal for learning to surf and for honing one's skills. Kuta Beach is actually a long strip of different sand bar breaks that runs from Kuta Reef all the way down to Seminyak's Blue Ocean beach. This stretch of white sand peaks is best at high tide when the faster sections are more makeable and offer high performance surfers the chance to link several maneuvers on each wave. Places like Halfways in front of Jalan Padma are the training grounds for some of Bali's hottest surfers, and it's a treat to watch some of the smoothest surfing on the planet.

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Best Tide:

Mid-High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

2-6ft

Best Wind:

SE Trade winds are offshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-8 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

All Sand

Ability Level:

Beginner-Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'0" squash, 6'4" swallowtail

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

Easy

Crowd Factor:

8. The beach breaks of Kuta are surfed by both visiting surfers and a crew of local shredders. There are lots of

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peaks out there, but the best ones will be crowded.

Local Vibe:

Good

Bicep Burn:

3-9 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

7. Kuta Beach can be polluted. (1=clean; 10=(1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

2 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Kuta Reef



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Description

Kuta Reef is the original left hand reef break of Bali. Before surfers started venturing out to the Bukit, this was the place where surfers met the challenges of the big swells of the dry season. Kuta Reef is way out to sea and picks up quite a bit more swell than other nearby spots like airport lefts or rights or the beachbreaks. On bigger days, Kuta Reef offers up classic long walled, bowling, rippable surf, similar to some of its cousins out in the Bukit. Kuta Reef is a long paddle for anyone and it's best to take a boat out there. Another thing about Kuta reef is that it can be wind affected and is usually best when surfed early mornings or late afternoons. As Kuta is close by, crowds can become an issue at Kuta Reef and some days it can seem like it's just more of a hassle than it's worth.

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Best Tide:

High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-8ft

Best Wind:

SE Tradewinds are sideoffshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Coral Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate -Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'0" squash, 6'4" swallowtail, 6'6" rounded Pin, 7'6" Gun

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

boat drop off

Crowd Factor:

8

Local Vibe:

Medium

Bicep Burn:

3-8. Depends how big it is. (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

5 (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

reef cuts, far from shore

Airport Rights



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Description

A right-hander in a sea of lefts, Airport Rights is much sought after by locals and travellers to Bali. On smaller days the wave can be a trickling right-hander that can be fun on high tides for beginner to intermediate surfers. However, proper Airport Rights can be awesome. A serious barrel. Unfortunately, it's a fickle wave that has a long list of requirements for it to be good. Airport Rights requires a big swell. It becomes an option during the largest swells of the year. It also requires a high tide and no wind. For all of this to come together is very rare, but if it does, surfers will be rewarded for their diligence with some ultra hollow grinders.

To get to Airport Rights: Airport Rights is the wave that passengers see on their arrival into Ngurah Rai International Airport. It's just off of the runway and peels into Jimbarran Bay. In the old days, surfers could walk out to the runway and jump in from there. Times have changed and this is no longer allowed. The options for accessing Airport Rights are to take a boat from Kuta Reef or Jimbarran Bay, or to make the long paddle from Jimbarran beach.

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Best Tide:

High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

BIG

Best Wind:

SE Tradewinds are sideoffshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Coral Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate -Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'0" squash, 6'4" swallowtail, 6'6" rounded Pin, 7'0" Gun

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

Take a boat from either Kuta Reef or Jimbarran

Crowd Factor:

8 - This wave is fickle, and there are a crew of locals that keep their eyes on this spot, when it's on, they usually know, and are out there.

Local Vibe:

Medium - A heavy barrel, there's not much room for drop ins.

Bicep Burn:

3-9 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

7 (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

razorblades for reef and far from shore

Balangan



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Description

Balangan was almost lost as a surf spot. In the early 90's big business interests had scheduled the reef at Balangan to be destroyed and a huge breakwall and five star marina to be built. Local surfing legend Kim "The Fly" Bradley is credited with successfully lobbying against this plan, and saving Balangan as a surf spot. Hats off to Kim. Balangan is the last of the major left hand reef breaks on the Bukit. On it's day, it is an epic big wave spot with shifting peaks giving way to 300mtr smokers. On smaller days, Balangan offers a few different peaks, and is best on a mid to low tide when they can connect and form a long, racy, wall. To get to Balangan used to be a one-hour bumpy ride through farm fields and orange groves. These days there has been a major development project and accessing Balangan resembles more a trip to the moon than the quiet farming village of just a few years ago. The beach at Balangan is still beautiful and the vibe down there is more sleepy and less crowded than other surfing beaches on the Bukit.

To get to Balangan: Coming from Kuta, go to the Bypass road and head towards Nusa Dua. A few kilometer's down the road you will arrive at a turn off with a sign for Uluwatu. Follow this road through the twists, and up the hill to the top of the Bukit Peninsula. Continue on this road through the four way intersection until you reach a huge development project.. Pecatu Indah. You will see two amazing statues on your right. Follow this road to the bottom and look for the

Best Tide:

Low-Mid

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

4-12ft

Best Wind:

SE Tradewinds are offshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-8. (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate -Expert.

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 8'6" Gun

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

Easy. Parking is available at the top of the beach and costs 1,000rp (\$0.10)

Crowd Factor:

Balangan is generally not a crowded spot.

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signs for Balangan.

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Local Vibe:

Good. There is usually a good, friendly vibe at Balangan. As with anywhere in Indonesia, never fight with the locals. Never fight with any other surfers. Fighting is simply not tolerated and you will be asked to leave and not return.

Bicep Burn:

3-9 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Balangan is a clean place to surf. (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

4. Though there are occasional reports of a large Tiger shark being sighted by visiting surfers, Balangan is not known as a sharky spot. (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Dreamland



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Description

It's easy to see how Dreamland got its name. So many surfers from all over the world dream of coming to Bali only to arrive here and realize that the waves they were envisioning themselves surfing such as Uluwatu, Padang Padang, Bingin, etc. are super heavy and the reef is sharp as heck. For these surfers, the relatively mellow beach breaks and rolling reef down the road from Bingin is definitely a Dreamland. These days, Dreamland has become a small town on the beach. There're plenty of cafes, beach umbrellas, surfboard rentals, local surfers, and tourists from all over the world.

During a small to mid sized swell, Dreamland will break as a disorganized, rolling, outer beachbreak from mid to low tide. This is perfect for beginner to intermediate surfers, and it is common to see a crowd of longboarders and bodyboarders out there. On lower tides, there is a reform section on the inside of this beachbreak that can be fun for shortboarding, bodyboarding or bodysurfing. To the right of this beachbreak there are a series of rocks and clumps of reef that break in a semi-organized peak of lefts and rights. On smaller days these waves are nothing special, however, Dreamland is a swell magnet, and if there is a big swell running, and a low tide, the outer reefs at Dreamland can transform into some really good barreling A frames. Definitely worth a look under the right conditions.

To get to Dreamland: Coming from Kuta, go to the Bypass

Best Tide:

Low

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-8ft

Best Wind:

SE Tradewinds are offshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

1-8 - Often a shapeless group of waves, Dreamland has its moments when it can be epic. Big swell and low tide are your best bets for the elusive Dreamland barrels (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sand, Sand with Reef, Reef

Ability Level:

Beginner-Expert.

Bring Your:

Longboard, Bodyboard, 5'8" Fish, 7'0" Gun

Best Season:

May-Sept

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road and head towards Nusa Dua. A few kilometers down the road you will arrive at a turn off with a sign for Uluwatu. Follow this road through the twists, and up the hill to the top of the Bukit Peninsula. Continue on this road through the four way intersection until you reach a huge development project. Pecatu Indah. You will see two amazing statues on your right. Follow this road to the bottom and look for the signs for Dreamland.

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Access:

Easy. Parking is available at the top of the beach and costs 1,000rp (\$0.10)

Crowd Factor:

Medium.

Local Vibe:

Good

Bicep Burn:

Easy (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Clean (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

reef cuts and beginners

Bingin



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Description

Once a sleepy little beach with a handful of warungs, Bingin has changed a lot in the last few years. Nowadays, there is a full on beach community at Bingin with one hundred different places to stay. Even with all of this development, Bingin has maintained its charm and is a great place to go and spend a few days.

For surfers, Bingin is all about perfect barrels. This wave at the end of the 'Impossibles' reef loves a four-foot swell and a mid-low tide. When it's on, every wave of every set will have a clean, open, perfect, barrel. If you want to get a barrel, this is the place where it's almost guaranteed. However, you will not be the only one in the water seeking this experience. Bingin can be a very crowded place to surf. A small take off spot, a community of visiting surfers, and red-hot locals that know every twist of the reef, can make it difficult to actually catch one of these perfect barrels. Another aspect of Bingin that visiting surfers should be aware of is the end section "stop signs" No other piece of reef in Indonesia has collected more skin from surfers than this clump of raised coral. It's important for surfers to understand that Bingin is not a long wave. Drop in, get barrelled, pull out. Going for that extra turn will usually leave the unsuspecting surfer high and dry with an afternoon trip to the local clinic for stitches.

To get to Bingin: Coming from Kuta, go to the Bypass road

Best Tide:

Low - Mid depending on swell direction and size.

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-7ft

Best Wind:

E

Perfect-O-Meter:

6-10 - Bingin is a consistently perfect barreling wave. (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Very Shallow, Sharp, Coral Reef.

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Expert. Bingin can be a fun place to surf for intermediate surfers when it is high tide and smaller. When Bingin is on, it's a Barrel and is better suited to advanced surfers. The End Section of Bingin is called Stop Signs.

Bring Your:

6'0"-7'0"Rounded Pin

Best Season:

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and head towards Nusa Dua. A few kilometers down the road you will arrive at a turn off with a sign for Uluwatu. Follow this road through the twists, and up the hill to the top of the Bukit Peninsula. Continue on this road through the four-way intersection until you reach a turn off onto Jln. Melasti and see signs for Padang Padang Beach. Follow this road until you pass the Jiwa Juice Internet Café on your left (Stop in for fresh bread and delicious home baked sweets) A few hundred meters down the road you will see an all white, dirt road, with a lot of sign for Bingin and accommodations. Follow this road and park in the designated parking area.

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May-Sept

Access:

Easy. Parking is available at the top of the beach and costs 1,000rp (\$0.10)

Crowd Factor:

Heavy. There is a crew of local rippers from Bingin. They know the wave inside and out and can get any wave they want. However, they are a bunch of nice guys and they will share with visiting surfers.

Local Vibe:

Considering the usual crowd and the small take off zone, the vibe at Bingin is generally good. Drop ins are particularly dangerous here and can be a source of injury and argument. As with anywhere in Indonesia, never fight with the locals. Never fight with any other surfers.

Bicep Burn:

2 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Clean (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

The exposed reef at "Stop Signs" send people to get stitched up all the time

Impossibles



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Description

Impossibles can be one of the most photogenic waves on the planet. From up on the cliff or over in the Bingin warungs, sets rolling through Impossibles have the appearance of being some of the best waves on earth. This is usually a deception. 90% of the time, Impossibles is a sectioning, frustrating, impossible wave.. However, when everything comes together, Impossibles can be flawless.. And lucky surfers will experience epic, 400mtr, ultrafast, perfection.

Impossibles is a difficult wave to predict. There does not seem to be any set rule for which swell directions, tides, swell periods or swell sizes will work best. Due to length of the reef and it's relatively consistent angle to the coast, there is a very small degree window for the swell to peel off perfectly rather than in big chunks of sections. There are two main take off points at Impossibles, the top section and the bottom section. Generally the top section works better when it is smaller, and the bottom section will transform with a huge swell and a low tide. All in all, Impossibles can be a good option for surfers who are not quite ready for the heaviness of Uluwatu or Padang Padang. However, on the big days, Impossibles picks up a lot of swell, and surfers should take care to know how to get in with or without a board before they enter the water. Unfortunately one surfer drowned here during a huge swell this year.

To get to Impossibles: Coming from Kuta, go to the Bypass

Best Tide:

Low - Mid depending on swell direction and size.

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW

Best Size:

4-12ft

Best Wind:

SE Trade winds are offshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

2-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Shallow, Sharp, Coral Reef.

Ability Level:

Intermediate- Advanced

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" Swallowtail, 8'6" Gun

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

Easy

Crowd Factor:

Medium

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road and head towards Nusa Dua. A few kilometers down the road you will arrive at a turn off with a sign for Uluwatu. Follow this road through the twists, and up the hill to the top of the Bukit Peninsula. Continue on this road through the four way intersection until you reach a turn off onto Jln. Melasti and see signs for Padang Padang Beach. Follow this road to the bottom of the hill where you will find a bridge and parking area overlooking Padang Padang Beach. Impossible can be accessed from either Padang Padang Beach or Bingin.

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Local Vibe:

The vibe at Impossible is generally fun and friendly with surfers hooting each other into waves. As with anywhere in Indonesia, never fight with the locals. Never fight with any other surfers. Fighting is simply not tolerated and you will be asked to leave and not return.

Bicep Burn:

4-8 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Clean (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

unpredictable with sharp reef

Padang Padang



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Description

When it's on, Padang Padang is a beast. It is truly "The Balinese Pipeline".

Once they started surfing Uluwatu, it didn't take too long for surfers to find their way down to Padang Padang, and for years this was a secret spot for a few travelers and expats that would seemingly get washed down the reef at Uluwatu only to return walking up the reef or through the farm fields hours later with sunburns and crazed looks in their eyes.

Nowadays, Padang Padang is no secret. Internet swell forecasting and surf reporting can pinpoint "Padang days," and professional surfers literally fly in from all over the world to surf Padang at it's best. On the biggest days of the year, huge swells march down the reef from Uluwatu forming some of the biggest and heaviest barrels anywhere in Indonesia when they hit the Padang reef. It's one of surfing's spectacles. Sometimes hundreds of people line the cliff and beach to watch the surfers disappear in and out of tubes only feet away from ultra sharp coral. A good day at Padang Padang means that some surfers will get the barrels of their lives, some will break boards, and some will require stitches or worse.

Though Padang Padang breaks relatively frequently during the season, Classic Padang, is rare. For it all to come together, a strong, long period SW swell, mid tides, and light

Best Tide:

Low - Mid high depending on swell direction and size

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

8-20'

Best Wind:

SE Trade winds are offshore, Glassy mornings and evenings.

Perfect-O-Meter:

9 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Shallow, Sharp, Coral Reef.

Ability Level:

Expert - Professional

Bring Your:

6'0"-7'0" Rounded Pin

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

Easy

Crowd Factor:

Heavy

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offshores are required. Even with all of the elements in place, sometimes Padang Padang can pinch, or mutate halfway through the barrel. Not good when you consider that a wipeout in these conditions is very serious and means almost certain injury, broken boards, or both. When Padang Padang is classic, surfers can expect deep, dry, heavy, big tubes. When surfing Padang Padang it is important to understand the tides. During the lower tides of the month, Padang Padang can become absurdly dangerous as the end section breaks below sea level and directly in front of exposed, jagged, reef. This wave is truly for experts and professionals only. Even professional surfers find Padang's twisting barrel a challenge to negotiate, and most wipeouts mean a trip to a very unforgiving reef.

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Local Vibe:

They're out there

Bicep Burn:

4-8 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

clean (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

4 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

everything about Padang Padang is difficult

Uluwatu, Bali



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Description

In the 70s, the film *Morning of the Earth* put Uluwatu on the international surf map. Surfers around the world saw that first ride of young Steve Cooney at what is now known as Outside Corner, and packed their bags and set out to find Uluwatu.

These days, a lot has changed around the Uluwatu area. Roads, electricity, places to stay, and substantial development have changed the look of the area drastically, but the waves are still as good as ever.

Uluwatu is actually a series of breaks on the southwest tip of the Bukit Peninsula. These include The Racetrack, The Peak, Temples, Outside Corner, and The Bombie. With all of these breaks to choose from, Uluwatu is an ultra-consistent spot. Depending on the tide and swell size any of these breaks will usually be firing at one point during the day. Generally, due to the access through the cave and the strong currents, the best possible conditions for larger swells are very low tides. Smaller and medium swells work well on all tides.

During smaller swells, look for barrels and peaky surf on the higher tides at The Peak. On lower tides, The Racetrack can provide an ultra-fast reef grinder with a big barrel at the end. Those who choose to cut back often miss the end section hence the name, The Racetrack. When surfing The

Best Tide:

Low - High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

2-20ft

Best Wind:

S, SE, E, NE, and N winds.

Perfect-O-Meter:

7-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Shallow, Sharp, Coral Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Professional

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'3" Rounded Pin, 7'0 Pin, and 8'6" Gun

Best Season:

May-Sept

Access:

Uluwatu is pretty simple to get to. There is a major road accessing the top of the break coming from either the Temple, or Padang Padang Beach. Parking is available for a fee of 1,000rp (\$0.10).

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Racetrack it is important to know the tides. On a middle tide, most advanced surfers will be able to negotiate the end section barrel with success. Once the tide drops, and especially on the lower tides of the month, The Racetrack end section is a twisting, multi section barrel, a very dangerous place and is surely for experts and professionals only.

When the Largest swells of the year hit Bali, Uluwatu transforms into a true Big wave surfing venue. The Peak, Racetrack, and Temples, are all under whitewater, and Uluwatu's outer reefs The Bombie and Outside Corner come alive. These breaks will handle any size, and it's not uncommon to see perfect fifteen-foot surf at these spots. Big boards and strong leashes are a necessity, and surfers paddling out into these conditions should know exactly how they are going to return to the beach, with or without a surfboard.

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Crowd Factor:

None-Heavy

Local Vibe:

There are Locals at Uluwatu, both Balinese, and expat surfers. If you respect the locals and other surfers, there will be no problems at Uluwatu and it is generally a very friendly place to surf. As with anywhere in Indonesia, never fight with the locals. Never fight with any other surfers.

Bicep Burn:

6-10 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

2 (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

shallow reef

Nyang Nyang



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Description

Though not a fantastic wave by Indonesia standards, Nyang Nyang is probably the most beautiful surf spot on the island and can provide for a nice alternative from the usual warung experience. The view from the top of the cliff is spectacular and the beach below is inviting. However, there are 600 steps between the top of the cliff and that beach. 600 steep steps down, and up. This is a great place for a workout, but not the place to run down for a quick surf. There are actually a few waves at Nyang Nyang. The place people surf the most is to the right of the beach at the entrance to a channel. This place is best with a high tide and small swell, and when it all comes together, the wave can be a short but fun, punchy, righthander. On larger swells, and lower tides, another righthander forms up to the north of the beach and can be seen clearly from the top of the cliff. This wave is usually much bigger than it looks, and a shifting peak means that only half of the waves are makeable. Even so, it's an impressive place to surf for the scenery alone. There are rarely other surfers in the water here, and there can be strong currents. Nyang Nyang faces due south and the power of the Indian Ocean is undilluted. Give this place some respect.

To get to Nyang Nyang: Coming from Kuta, follow Jln Uluwatu towards Uluwatu Temple. About ½ mile before the Temple, on your left you will see a small school. Just after this there is a dirt road with a sign for Nyang Nyang surfing

Best Tide:

High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

2-4ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-5 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 7'0" gun

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

Easy, minus the 600 steps each way

Crowd Factor:

low

Local Vibe:

Good

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beach.

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Bicep Burn:

10 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

1 Nyang Nyang is a clean place to surf. (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

8 Caution (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

shallow reef and shifty conditions

Green Ball



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Description

Years ago, Green Bowls was a true secret spot at the end of a little known road. A few expats living in the area would surf this wave alone for most of the rainy season. In the mid 90's, then President Suharto, built his own resort right on top of Green Bowls including an elevator to the beach. Since then, both President Suharto, and the resort have gone defunct, and Green Bowls is back to how it used to be with the exception of a closed down resort and a broken down elevator.

Green Bowls is a lesser-known spot that is often mediocre. It requires a medium sized swell and a mid-high tide to be at it's best, and even this is usually not at all epic by Indonesia standards. Some days there is also a left-hander breaking on the other side of the reef. There can be a viciously strong current flowing through this channel and on bigger days, it's best to err on the side of caution if you are questioning whether or not to go out. A broken leash or board means that the surfer will be sucked out to sea. In this situation it is important for the swimmer to recognize that they will need to swim sideways to the current rather than into it, and return to shore on either side of the channel.

To get to Green Bowls:
Coming from Kuta, follow the road towards Uluwatu Temple. At the top of the major hill, you will come to a four-way intersection. Make a left and follow this to the end of the

Best Tide:

Mid

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-8ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-5 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Expert.

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

Easy. Parking is available at the top of the cliff and costs 1,000rp (\$0.10). But there are a gazillion stairs.

Crowd Factor:

Low. Green Bowls lack of consistency, mediocre wave quality. and 600 steps.

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road. When you arrive at the entrance to the now defunct Bali Cliff Resort, you will see a side road to the left and a sign for Green Bowls.

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seem to limit the crowd.

Local Vibe:

Good

Bicep Burn:

10 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

1 Green Bowls is a clean place to surf. (1=cle (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

8 Caution (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

shallow reef, currents, sharks

Nusa Dua



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Description

Nusa Dua is the rainy season bread and butter equivalent to Uluwatu. There's always a wave, and often it's big. Nusa Dua is a swell magnet and sometimes it's too big, in fact Nusa Dua is known to have the biggest rideable surf in Bali, and much of Indonesia. These days, local fishermen offer surfers a lift out to the break for 5,000rp (\$0.50). It's a great deal considering how far out the break is, and allows for many people to get out there that would otherwise think twice. Nusa Dua can be a beast of a wave. The wicked current and rogue set waves can wash a surfer down the entire reef before he or she even gets a wave. Nusa Dua is known for big waves, and on its day, giant Nusa is a difficult playing field and only a few local chargers are out there. Visiting surfers should use extreme caution when looking out at what appears to be six-to-eight-foot fun waves with nobody out. The distance of the reef from the beach can be deceiving, and often a surfer will be looking at twelve-to-fifteen-foot dangerous conditions. If in doubt, count how long it takes for the lip of the wave to reach the bottom. In any case, Nusa Dua can be a great wave and is usually a good place to ride a bigger board.

Another nice thing about Nusa Dua is the beach. This is a great place to bring the family. Come on down to Tim and Putu's Nusa Dua Beach Bar and Grill and there will be good food, fun tidal pools for the kids, and mom or dad can go out and get a few waves.

Best Tide:

Low - Mid

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-15ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 9'6" Gun

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

Hire a boat to take you to the lineup

Crowd Factor:

Medium

Local Vibe:

Good.

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Bicep Burn:

10 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

1 (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

big, heavy waves, strong current and reef cuts

Sri Lanka



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Description

When Nusa Dua is huge and dangerous, it's worth a look at Sri Lanka. This wave is directly in front of the Club Med Resort. Often Sri Lanka is inconsistent and imperfect, sectioning, and offering only a fat end section. However, when it all comes together, this can be one of the best barrels anywhere. When it's on, Sri Lanka is a very challenging wave to surf, particularly on your backside. To make the wave, you need to drop in behind the peak and immediately enter a dredging barrel section. To misjudge this barrel section usually means a trip to a sharp and shallow reef. There's a local crew that is usually on it the minute Sri Lanka starts to work. These guys know the wave inside and out and it can be quite difficult for a visiting surfer to get a set wave.

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Best Tide:

Low - Mid

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-8ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Expert

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 6'6" Rounded Pin

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

Easy

Crowd Factor:

Heavy

Local Vibe:

Sri Lanka is generally a good vibe, fun place to surf. As with anywhere in Indonesia, never fight with the locals. Never fight with any other surfers. Fighting is simply not tolerated and you will be asked to leave and not return.

Bicep Burn:

3 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

1 (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

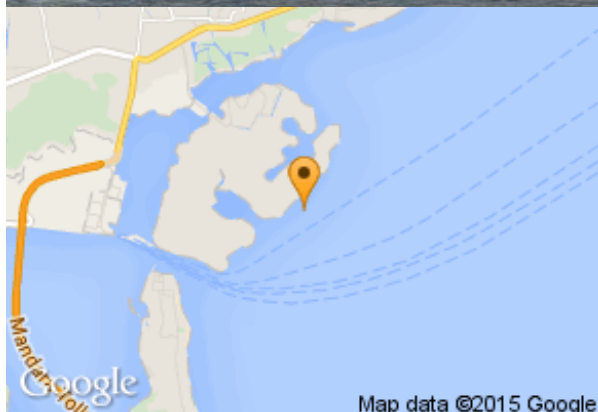
Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

shallow, sharp, unpredictable sections

Serangan



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Description

Serangan has quite a history. A few years back, Serangan was a peaceful, secluded island, home of one of the most important temples on the island, and accessible only by boat. There was a huge lagoon of shallow water and seaweed farming and way on the outside there were some reef breaks. These breaks were only accessible by boat and this was an ultra secret hideaway of a few expat surfers who would regularly surf the spot by zodiac. In the mid 90s, then-president Suharto's son, initiated a giant development project to turn Serangan into a resort complex. Enormous dredgers were brought in and operated for years. The dredging, combined with a giant landfill project turned Serangan into a peninsula and filled in the lagoon. After this, the project went defunct.

Today driving out to Serangan is almost surreal. It's like a trip to the moon, and resembles a giant salt flat. At the end of the road are a few warungs, and a beautiful beach, what's left of the lagoon and waves. Good waves. Serangan is a great rainy season surf spot. There's almost always good rideable surf, there's several different peaks, and it breaks on almost any tide. For the most part Serangan is a group of hot dog waves almost resembling a beach break. However, during a huge swell Serangan transforms into a big, bowling, barreling right-hander.

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Best Tide:

Low - Mid

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-10ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate -Advanced

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 7'4" Gun

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

Parking is available on the beach.

Crowd Factor:

Med

Local Vibe:

Good

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Bicep Burn:

4-9 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Clean (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

4 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hyatt Reef



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Description

In the Sanur area of East Bali, there are a few reefs, which can be seen from the beach. Just south of Sanur, way out at sea, surfers can catch a glimpse of what appears to be a long, spinning, right-hander peeling along a huge stretch of reef. This is Hyatt Reef. Many days, distance is a friend to this wave, and on closer inspection, what will be revealed is an imperfect, ultra shallow, cluster of sections. However, with a solid swell, and a higher tide, Hyatt Reef can be as good as it looks. There are two main sections to this wave. The outside peak is a shifty, gnarly, beast that can offer up square, perfect barrels just as easily as splat the unsuspecting surfer onto the reef. The inside peak is a more consistent, groomed right-hander that allows maneuvers and sets up for a bowling barrel section. Hyatt Reef can get big, and when it is, it's a heavy place. Another thing worth mentioning about Hyatt Reef is that it's way out at sea, and as such, can be easily wind affected. Best bet is early mornings or glassy days.

To get to Hyatt Reef:

Coming from Kuta, follow the main bypass towards Sanur. Just after the turn off for Pantai Shindu. Follow this road Jln Danau Tamblingan until you see the Bagus Drugstore. Turn left here and you will arrive at the beach.

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Best Tide:

Mid-High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-6ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

3-9 - When it's on this wave looks like a dream. It's very long and with bowling barrel sections. (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Ultra Sharp, Ultra Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Professional. Smaller days with higher tides Hyatt Reef can be fun for intermediate surfers. When it's big, it's expert and professional surfers only.

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 7'4" Gun

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

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Easy. Parking is available on road in front of the beach.

Crowd Factor:

Low. Hyatt Reef is not usually too crowded.

Local Vibe:

Good-They're out there

Bicep Burn:

8 (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Clean (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

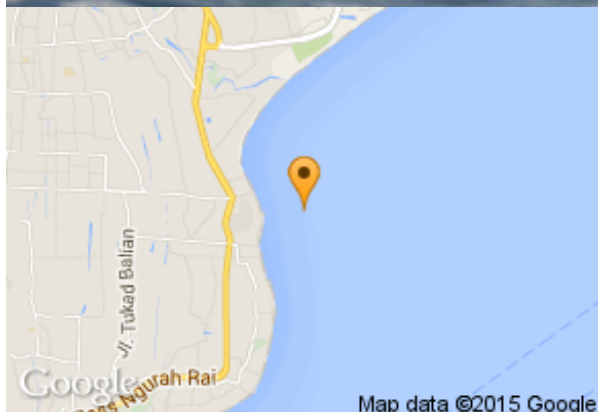
Shark Danger:

4 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

ultra sharp, ultra shallow reef

Sanur



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Description

Sanur is a mythical wave in Bali. Surfers living here all have a tale of surfing, seeing, or hearing about the most perfect wave on the island. And, as with most mythical waves, Sanur is difficult to see in this state of perfection. Like its dry season cousin Padang Padang, Sanur requires a huge swell to be hitting the coast. If Nusa Dua is over ten feet, then there's a chance that Sanur could be firing, however, a long drive often ends in disappointment when Sanur is only three feet and slightly onshore. When the swell is hitting Sanur at six feet or more, and the wind is offshore or glassy, and the tide is mid low-high, Sanur can be a world-class wave, as good as anywhere - a long, bowling wave with multiple barrel sections over ultra-sharp living coral. These days become legend.

There are two cautions that need mentioning here. One is the reef. It is important for surfers to be aware of the tides. As the tide gets lower at Sanur the end section goes from dangerous but makeable to an almost sure trip for stitches at the local medical clinic. Surfers should know the tides, and when it gets real low, it's better to call it a day. The other thing is, unfortunately, localism. Of all of the waves in Bali, Sanur is the one wave that can have bad localism. This is mainly from one group of surfers who seem to come out into the line up with a chip on their shoulder, and it will be obvious if they are present. Visiting surfers should take care, and if things get heated, it is best to leave

Best Tide:

Mid-High

Best Swell Direction:

South, SW

Best Size:

3-10ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

6-10 (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Ultra Sharp, Ultra Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Intermediate-Professional

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 7'4" Gun

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

Parking is available on road in front of the beach.

Crowd Factor:

Heavy. When it's on, Sanur gets crowded with very good surfers.

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it for another day or another place.

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Local vide:

Caution

Bicep Burn:

Easy (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Clean (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

At low tide, you're almost guaranteed to hit the reef.

Keramas



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Description

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Keramas seems to have a wind of its own and is often different than the prevailing winds at other spots.. Unfortunately Keramas' wind of it's own is often onshore. As such, Keramas is a spot for true Dawn Patrol surfing. First light. After 7am, chances are that wind is going to begin to affect the barrels.

Keramas is a fun righthander for hot dog surfing when it is smaller. In the past few years, surfers have been pushing the limits of what is considered too big to surf at Keramas. Even on the biggest days of the year, some local and international chargers have been paddling out there. While some are returning with stories, film, and photos of glory, others are being treated for broken bones, deep reef cuts, and near drownings. Keramas is a heavy wave when it is big, the reef is shallow and sharp, the currents in the end section can be fierce, and it can be difficult to exit the water. Surfers should

Best Tide:

Mid-High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-10ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

8-10 - When it's on, this wave is Awesome! (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Smaller days with higher tides Keramas can be fun for intermediate surfers. When it's real big, it's expert and professional surfers only.

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 6'6" rounded pin, 7'4" Gun

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

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use extreme caution when considering paddling out in Huge surf at Keramas.

To get to Keramas: Follow the signs to Gianyar and turn off onto the new bypass that runs along the black sand coast. A few miles down the road there will be a sign on your right. Park at the warung and walk down the black-sand beach. Unless you want your feet to melt, bring sandals.

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Easy. Parking is available on road in front of the beach.

Crowd Factor:

Heavy. Keramas is crowded. Even early in the morning, it's crowded.

Local Vibe:

Generally the vibe is good.

Bicep Burn:

3-10 Keramas is a relatively easy paddle... when it's small... (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Keramas is clean. (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

mega shallow, sharp reef

Keramas KFC



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Once an ultra-secret hideaway of tightlipped Sanur expats, in the past few years, no other spot has received more media attention than Keramas. Whether it's Andy Irons dropping in out of a Helicopter, or any of dozens of international professional surfers adding a section to the latest surf movie, Keramas is no secret anymore. The good news is that Keramas does live up to its' hype. It's an excellent reefbreak in a classic black sand beach and rice field setting, and.. In a land of perfect lefts, it's one of a few perfect rights.

Keramas seems to have a wind of its own and is often different than the prevailing winds at other spots.. Unfortunately Keramas' wind of it's own is often onshore. As such, Keramas is a spot for true Dawn Patrol surfing. First light. After 7am, chances are that wind is going to begin to affect the barrels.

Keramas is a fun righthander for hot dog surfing when it is smaller. In the past few years, surfers have been pushing the limits of what is considered too big to surf at Keramas. Even on the biggest days of the year, some local and international chargers have been paddling out there. While some are returning with stories, film, and photos of glory, others are being treated for broken bones, deep reef cuts, and near drownings. Keramas is a heavy wave when it is big, the reef is shallow and sharp, the currents in the end section can be fierce, and it can be difficult to exit the water. Surfers should

Best Tide:

Mid-High

Best Swell Direction:

S, SW, W

Best Size:

3-10ft

Best Wind:

W, NW are offshore, Glassy mornings

Perfect-O-Meter:

8-10 - When it's on, this wave is Awesome! (1=Lake Erie; 10=Jeffreys Bay)

Bottom:

Sharp, Shallow, Reef

Ability Level:

Smaller days with higher tides Keramas can be fun for intermediate surfers. When it's real big, it's expert and professional surfers only.

Bring Your:

5'8" Fish, 6'4" swallowtail, 6'6" rounded pin, 7'4" Gun

Best Season:

Oct-April

Access:

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use extreme caution when considering paddling out in Huge surf at Keramas.

To get to Keramas: Follow the signs to Gianyar and turn off onto the new bypass that runs along the black sand coast. A few miles down the road there will be a sign on your right. Park at the warung and walk down the black-sand beach. Unless you want your feet to melt, bring sandals.

More Keramas KFC Travel Info:

[Places To Eat](#), [Places To Stay](#), [Things To Do](#)

Easy. Parking is available on road in front of the beach.

Crowd Factor:

Heavy. Keramas is crowded. Even early in the morning, it's crowded.

Local Vibe:

Generally the vibe is good.

Bicep Burn:

3-10 Keramas is a relatively easy paddle... when it's small... (1=1ft Waikiki; 10=15ft Ocean Beach)

Poo Patrol:

Keramas is clean. (1=clean; 10=turds in the lineup)

Shark Danger:

3 (1=none; 10=bring an iron cage)

Hazards:

mega shallow, sharp reef

Bali Forecast

This forecast is temporarily unavailable.

7-DAY LOLA OFFSHORE SWELL & REGIONAL SURF HEIGHTS

SUN 07/05	MON 07/06	TUE 07/07	WED 07/08	THU 07/09	FRI 07/10	SAT 07/11
Surf: 5-7 ft	Surf: 6-8 ft	Surf: 5-7 ft	Surf: 5-7 ft	Surf: 9-12 ft	Surf: 10-14 ft	Surf: 8-12 ft
Swell: 5ft at 14s from SW/212° 2ft at 5s from ESE/127° 1.3ft at 6s from ESE/127°	Swell: 6ft at 14s from SW/211° 4.3ft at 6s from ESE/127° 0.1ft at 9s from ESE/127°	Swell: 5ft at 14s from SW/211° 3.8ft at 6s from ESE/125° 0.1ft at 9s from ESE/125°	Swell: 5ft at 14s from SW/212° 3.2ft at 6s from ESE/126° 0.1ft at 9s from ESE/126°	Swell: 7ft at 15s from SW/217° 3.9ft at 18s from SW/218° 1ft at 5s from SW/218°	Swell: 9ft at 16s from SW/218° 1.7ft at 5s from SSE/160° 0.5ft at 3s from SSE/160°	Swell: 8ft at 15s from SSW/210° 0.6ft at 8s from E/88°

OFFSHORE SWELL FORECAST LOCATION



The location for Surfline's LOLA 7-Day Swell Model for this region is displayed on this map. LOLA will analyze all of the various wave and swell energy merging at this offshore location and will then identify each separate swell with its specific direction, height, and swell period. Only then can we accurately forecast the surf. LOLA will then calculate the surf heights from each swell, and will display the surf height of the single dominant swell at the top. This surf height will be a good representation of the typical surf heights throughout this region over the next 7 days. There will always be surf spots with smaller surf due to less exposure to the dominant swell, and other surf spots with larger surf due to greater exposure to the dominant swell. Local underwater bathymetry may also play a strong role in affecting surf heights throughout the region. Most important is to know what swells and potential surf is running so surfers can use their local knowledge and to explore to find the best surf in a region.

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Kuta Beach

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Nyang Nyang

Green Ball

Nusa Dua

Sri Lanka

Serangan

Hyatt Reef

Sanur

Keramas

Keramas KFC

Surflines Tips And Tricks

What is LOLA anyway?

LOLA is Surflines computer modeling software that is the engine behind all of the great forecasting products on Surflines. With the growth of the Internet, users have many choices for surf and weather information but most swell models and ocean related products are tailored for boating and marine interests - not for surfers. Surflines decided to build our own custom swell models and other forecasting products to be specifically tailored for surfers.

Our LOLA Global Swell Model uses the NOAA's Wavewatch III software, and we run these models in-house after inputting our own blend of wind information and other data to create LOLA's unique wave information. Running our own models at Surflines allows us to monitor the details of all swells at the highest possible resolution everywhere in the world, and allows LOLA to analyze each swell independently for the most accurate surf forecasting.

LOLA's Nearshore Model also calculates nearshore wave heights all along the coast after the affects of local bathymetry and other variables that can greatly modify the offshore swell transitioning into nearshore swell. Other great LOLA products include Custom Surf Alerts, real-time buoy analysis, special swell tracking charts, and much more. Additional information about LOLA products and services are below.

KNOW YOUR SPOTS - Before we even consider using the Surflines forecast or other LOLA tools to score good surf, we need to know what to look for. We need to understand what kinds of swells and conditions favor the spots we want to surf. Every single surf spot has a "sweet zone" for swell-what it likes to create really good waves. It may be a specific swell direction within a few degrees, it may be a certain size or it may be a specific swell period interacting with the ocean floor bathymetry-but it's usually a combination of all of the above. Add to that the variation of tide and wind, and we literally have hundreds of different variables to calculate. But that's part of the magic of surfing and why good waves are so fleeting and hard to find. And it keeps us passionate about finding them.

For us to identify the Perfect Swell for our spot in the future, we need to learn everything we can about our spot on a "good" day to use as a reference. That "good" day might be today, a special day last week or even an epic day last year. When we happen to roll up on a "good" day, we need to do a little research. We need to observe the swell direction and best wave size, use a watch to time the swell period between successive waves at the spot, look at the tide, the wind, any additional swell directions that might be combining to create special waves and anything else that might be a contributing factor to the good surf.

Next, go to Surflines.com and review the current forecast information to learn all we can about the swell and the originating storm. Especially important information to consider is the LOLA swell model and buoy information for the local area to note the swell direction, size, and the swell period. Another good tip is to look at the past Surflines charts to try to identify the exact location of the storm that generated the swell. If the "good" day we're researching isn't today, but actually sometime over the last year, we can also go to the LOLA Archives on Surflines.com to retrieve the past swell and buoy information for that specific day. And then we write it all down. Now we know what to look for. And by monitoring the Surflines forecasts and LOLA, or by setting up a custom Surf Alerts, we'll know exactly when to expect another Perfect Swell.

WANT A FORECAST OF SURF AND CONDITIONS FOR TODAY, TOMORROW, OR NEXT WEEK?

The Surflines Forecast - Tell me when the swell is coming, how big it will be, and where the best waves will be. That's all most surfers want to know. The Surflines forecast does exactly that, but only after our forecast team analyzes a huge amount of information and then condenses it into a simple and easy to understand format. This is a detailed 7-10 Day regional surf forecast after reviewing all of the data, models, and information relative to the surfing conditions for the local region, developed by the most experienced surf forecast team in the world.

3-Day LOLA Surf Spot Forecasts - LOLA model surf forecasts for each surf spot within the region with calculated surf heights, swell directions and periods, and wind information over the next three days.

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4-Day Nearshore model - Surflines unique local wave model that calculates the nearshore wave heights everywhere along the coast after the interaction of the incoming swell with the ocean floor, local points of land, and offshore islands. Depending on the swell direction, period, and local bathymetry, wave heights can have huge local variations along the coast.

7-Day LOLA Dashboard - Surflines regional LOLA swell model forecast that displays very detailed information about the surf heights and every independent swell due to arrive in the specific region over the next 7 days, as well as the local winds, tides, and weather. This 7-Day forecast will be the most up-to-date product in some areas where we may not have a Surflines forecast.

14-Day LOLA Forecast - Surflines "forward looking" LOLA product that uses current and extended prognosis data to compile a virtual forecast for a specific region that extends out 14 days. This information is often based on forecasted wind information in a future storm, which may not have even happened at the time of the forecast and is a great tool to follow and plan your calendar around future swells.

WANT TO BE ALERTED WHEN SURF AND CONDITIONS ARE FORECASTED TO MEET YOUR SET CRITERIA FOR YOUR FAVORITE BREAK?

Custom Surf Alerts - Set up your own Surf Alerts for any of the thousands of surf spots throughout the world on Surflines. Users can develop their own custom criteria for LOLA forecasted surf and swell heights, swell directions, periods, wind speed and directions, etc. Set it up to email or text you daily or up to 5 days in advance when your criteria is met.

WANT ADVANCED FORECASTING TOOLS TO FIND MORE INFORMATION OR TO CREATE YOUR OWN FORECASTS?

LOLA Real-Time Buoys - A unique buoy analysis software that monitors the real-time data from NOAA, CDIP, and other buoys. This product offers a higher resolution look inside of the typical significant wave height (SWH) report and analyzes all of the separate swells at the buoy location, into independent swell heights, directions, and swell periods. This is a Surflines proprietary product that is mandatory when using the buoys to accurately forecast the amount of swell that will reach the coast. Other buoy products typically only report a single significant wave height (SWH) at the buoy so we can't see all the different swells. A regional buoy summary with all of the swell breakdowns for each buoy is also available.

LOLA Virtual Buoys - Virtual Buoys (not real buoys) in 25,000 fixed coastal locations around the world using the LOLA Global Swell Model offering a detailed 7-Day surf, swell, and wind forecast for that location. Many other additional products are linked to each Virtual Buoy location like swell tracking charts, weather and wind information, water temperatures, and much more.

Custom Forecasts (Global Swell Tracker) - Using a Google Map interface a user can click on any point on Earth to develop a detailed 7-Day surf, swell, and wind forecast for that location. All of the additional Virtual Buoy products above will also be available for your custom location. A great tool for your secret out of the way locations.

LOLA Surflines Charts - These are swell tracking charts for specific local regions around the world that monitor storm and swell activity aimed for that specific location. These charts are an advanced forecasting product that many surfers like to use to formulate their own personal swell calculations to compare with the other forecasting products.

HurricaneTrak - The ultimate hurricane tracking tool for surfers using the power of LOLA within a Google map interface. You can zoom in and out of storms, display various layers of forecast information, and use rulers to see precisely where the storm is going and when the waves will arrive. Remember a great swell from a past hurricane? HurricaneTrak archives also allow users to compare hurricane tracks all the way back to the 1800's!

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FORECASTS, MODELS, AND SMOOTHIES

Models are similar to blenders. If we want to make a smoothie, we add all kinds of fruit, juice, and

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other great things into the blender to create our smoothie. If we add something that is rotten, we'll get a rotten smoothie. The same goes for models. Bad data in, bad data out, and we'll get a rotten forecast. As we know, wave generation is entirely dependent on the winds, and calculating the exact wind velocities, directions, and durations everywhere across the ocean is still an advancing science. Sometimes the wind data is wrong, and if we always had perfect winds the models would probably never miss a forecast.

One advantage of surf forecasting versus other types of forecasting is the final result will always be the true measure of a forecast's accuracy. The final swell size, direction, and swell period will all be clues to backtrack and confirm how accurate the original storm wind data was that was entered into the model. This method of validation allows us to tweak our LOLA models for better accuracy going forward. Also using real-time data from satellites and buoys, we can adjust the LOLA models on the fly to correct the forecasts immediately and long before the swell arrives.

But models can still be wrong from time to time, or they can produce conflicting information between models. And sometimes there are simply things that we as forecasters can see in the charts or other data that can't be clearly expressed in a model. As a result, the Surflines Forecast should always be viewed as the final word because it takes into account all of the variables, including the times when the models may be spitting out something that looks a little rotten.

MORE INFORMATION

For more info about waves, swell and wind, check out our [SURFOLOGY 101](#) section online.

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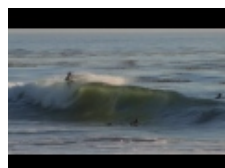
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Surflines Etiquette: The Bill Of Lefts And Rights

10 Rules to Travel and Surf By

1. Pick the right surfing spots for your ability and attitude. We need to be honest with ourselves about our ability, and our intentions.
2. Don't drop in on or snake your fellow surfer. In other words, do not catch a wave once another surfer has caught it by being in a deeper or more effective position at takeoff than you.
3. When paddling out to or within a break, it's your responsibility to stay out of the way of riders on waves. Once a rider has selected and caught a wave, all other surfers should do their best not to interfere with his or her enjoyment of the wave.
4. Learn to take turns. We all want it for ourselves. But we're not alone, which means sharing the wave-catching opportunities. Give someone a wave and help to create a positive vibe in the lineup.
5. In any surf session, respect the pre-existing vibe in the lineup. This holds true no matter your status, equipment or ability level. Take your time and let a few waves go by to ease into the rotation and the mindset of the other surfers.
6. Always aid another surfer in trouble. But don't put yourself in a situation over your head. Two surfers in need of help are in much worse a state than one.
7. When traveling, always respect the local surfers and their rights and customs, without forfeiting your own right to a wave. Take your time. Avoid traveling in large numbers and try to time your sessions when the crowd may lighten up. Let the locals set the pace.
8. Do not use your surfing advantages to abuse fellow surfers. This includes advantages such as surfboard length, surfing fitness and skill, local knowledge and authority, and (lamest of all) physical aggression and strength.
9. At all times be responsible for your equipment and respectful of others'. A surfboard can be very dangerous to its owner and other surfers, so take care anytime you bail your board.
10. Relax and enjoy your surfing and that of your fellow surfer. The presence of others in the water is an ongoing fact of life in lineups worldwide. Accepting this is the key to a healthy, flexible attitude in the water. More than anything else, crowd tensions in the surf can be eased by our individual ability to flow through situations and react positively when it's needed. Above all else, smile...

For the complete Bill of Rights and Lefts, go to [surflines.com/surfology](https://www.surflines.com/surfology)