

WEST COAST WAVES

Uluwatu

Uluwatu (made famous by the surf movie 'Morning of the Earth') is situated almost at the southern tip of Bali and offers a variety of world class left handers. Discovered in the 70's Uluwatu used to be difficult to access, but these days you can drive or ride to the top of the cliff to get the ultimate view of what's on offer. To get to the surf the break you must walk down a series of steps past all the warungs that lead to a cave where you must paddle out. An extremely beautiful setup that offers amazing scenery as it is surrounded by cliffs and excellent waves. There are several sections to surf at Uluwatu which include Temples, The Main Peak, Outside Corner and Racetracks.

Temples is furthest south of the cave and generally less crowded offering a long and hollow wave that works well on a middle to high tide.

The Main Peak is situated right in front of the cave and warungs on the cliff. This break is also best on the high tide and offers a high performance wave with barrels and smackable lips.

Racetracks works best on low tide and is located to the right of the cave when you paddle out. A super-fast makeable barrel, that works on a low tide and can get seriously shallow.

Outside Corner needs a big swell (8ft+) to break and is considered by many surfers to be one of the best waves anywhere in the world. A great spot to work on your big wave riding skills.

On high tide during solid swells it can be difficult to negotiate the paddle back through the cave as the current is very strong and can sweep you past. You must try to come in on the Temples side of the cave so that you can drift in to the cave rather than fight the current. Uluwatu is an amazing spot and even if the waves are too crowded, it's a great place to spectate and enjoy a banana pancake or a Bintang.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave type- Left hand reef break

Swell Direction - South to South-West

Best Size - Uluwatu works best from 3-10ft

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds.

Tides- Works on all tides.

Crowd factor- Uluwatu is probably the most well-known break and possibly the most visited surf spot in Bali. Therefore it can get seriously crowded in almost any conditions. Generally less crowded when there are bigger swells of 6ft+, as other breaks nearby start to light up and spread the crowds out.

Surfer Level- Experienced surfers only.

Hazards- Crowds, shallow reef especially on low tide, paddling in through the cave on high tide with big swell can be difficult.

Padang Padang

Padang Padang is located just around the corner from Uluwatu heading back towards Kuta and is possibly the gnarliest left hander on the island. When there is a large swell running, Padang Padang can deliver big perfect barrels that break over shallow lava based coral spitting into a deep channel. Although Padang Padang does not break properly often, it is an amazing site to see if given an opportunity. So if you are in Bali when it's on take a camera and have a look at this awesome place as you won't be disappointed. Padang Padang is like the Pipeline of Bali as it is heavy, perfect and people come from all over the world to surf it. Also on smaller swells there is a mellow right hander that breaks on the other side of the channel from mid to high tide which is excellent for learners and intermediates.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave type- Left hand reef break

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - 5 - 8ft

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides- Mid to High tides are the best. Low tide is for the kamikazes only.

Crowd factor- Padang Padang can get extremely crowded when it is working as it is such a perfect barrel. With large crowds it may be difficult to catch waves and arguments are almost inevitable, which are often caused by drop-ins. Best time to surf here would be first thing in the morning before crowds arrive or late afternoons when the crowds have gone home.

Surfer Level - Experts only.

Hazards- Aggressive Crowds, sharp coral reef, can get extremely shallow

Impossibles

This well-known left hand break is located between Bingin and Padang Padang. The wave is called Impossibles for a reason as it always looks perfect when it is breaking and the wind is offshore. Although a lot of the time it can be extremely fast and difficult to make the sections, on its day Impossibles can line up for hundreds of metres. A freight train wall that is often best in mid to large size swells on extremely high or low tides and is often an excellent alternative to avoid the crowds of Bingin and Padang Padang.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave type - Left hand reef break.

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - 4 - 8 ft.

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides - Works on all tides.

Crowd factor - Impossibles is a popular wave that does not suffer from crowds like its neighbouring breaks. This is due to the fact that the reef stretches over a large area giving the surfer a large choice of take-off spots.

Surfer Level- Intermediate and beyond

Hazards - Shallow, especially at low tide.

Bingin

Bingin is reasonably easy to get to and is situated at the tail end of the Impossibles stretch of reef towards Dreamland. Once again this is another picturesque location that offers a world class left hand tube. Bingin can be absolutely perfect on its day (which is quite frequently in the dry season) being one of the easiest barrels to make in Bali. When you see a set coming through out at the indicator (Impossibles), you can be sure that a few barrels will be arriving at Bingin shortly.

If you are lucky enough to surf Bingin when it's on and not too busy you won't regret it. It can be extremely crowded due to its perfection and tiny take off zone, so the best way to get a chance is to stay at one of the beautiful hotels or warungs by the break. This will allow you to pick a good time to paddle out as the crowds often fluctuate. Be warned of the sharp reef at Bingin especially at the end section of the wave as it is extremely shallow. Don't forget to pull out of the wave before it's TOO LATE! Many people get sucked in to surfing the wave through to the end section and end up with nice scars to prove it.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave type- Left hand reef break

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - 3-5 ft.

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides- Works on all tides but the best barrels are mid to low tide. Extremely shallow on low tide.

Crowd factor - Bingin is a very well-known break and gets very crowded easily during the peak season. There is a very small take off area at Bingin and sometimes you could throw a blanket over a 15 person crowd.

Surfer level - Experienced surfers. However, when it is very small on a high tide, Bingin can offer some fun little waves for beginners and intermediates.

Hazards - Extremely shallow and sharp reef and crowds.

Dreamland

Dreamland is a beautiful white sandy beach situated between Bingin and Balangan. The waves on offer at Dreamland are a little less intimidating than the neighbouring breaks. There are several options for surfers at Dreamland with mellow left and right handers breaking in deep water with a sandy bottom. However, there are a few rocky sections but if you are surfing the main peak it is extremely deep and highly unlikely that you would hit the bottom. The main wave at Dreamland is an A-frame peak that offers a short right hander and a longer left hander. The right hander offers barrels and a short ride into a deep channel whilst the left hander is usually longer with a barrel section on the take off followed by a long fast wall. There is also another lefthander 100m towards Bingin from the main peak with some fun reforms on the inside. Overall Dreamland is an excellent place to get a few forgiving waves and chill for the day. To help you do this there are plenty of sun beds, umbrellas and places to buy food or a cold drink.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave type- Left and right Beach/reef break

Swell Direction- South/Southwest

Ideal size- 2ft to 8ft

Best Winds- South East Trade winds.

Tides - Best on mid to low tides, especially if the swell is small.

Crowd factor - Dreamland can get extremely crowded. Especially with beginner to intermediate surfers, so be careful and be patient.

Surfer level - All levels

Hazards - Crowds and a few rocks to watch out for scattered around the shoreline.

Balangan

Balangan is a surf spot that offers beautiful scenery and when the conditions are right a world class wave. Balangan is located just around the corner from Dreamland towards Jimberan and the airport. You can walk around to Balangan from Dreamland on a very low tide. It used to be a difficult place to find but now there is a sealed road that will take you almost all the way to the break. The reef is conveniently situated right in front of the beach and only a short paddle is required. However, if the tide is low it may require a short walk across the reef. Balangan is a long left hander that is comparable to Impossibles as it is fast and often sections needing a medium to large swell to line up well. Barrels are also common out here with long workable walls to go with them.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type- Left hand reef break.

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - 3 - 8 ft.

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides- All tides. Extremely low or high tides are best.

Crowd Factor - Balangan can get very crowded, especially when the surf is small as it almost always has a wave. However, when there is plenty of swell around Balangan can be a good option as there is plenty of take-off area to work with.

Surfer level - Intermediate and above when the waves are small (up to 3 ft.). Experienced surfers only when the waves are bigger than 3ft.

Hazards - Shallow on low tide.

Airport Rights

Airport Rights is on the southern side of the airport runway and offers extremely powerful right handers that some consider being the best rights on the west coast. The only way to reach this break is by hiring one of the local boats at Jimbaran or Kuta. A return boat trip will probably cost between \$5 and \$10 US. Not many places around the world have a back drop like this where you are so close to the runway of an airport whilst surfing incredible waves. When the swell is big on the reefs along the Kuta stretch it's worth taking a trip around to Airport Rights as it does need a big swell to break properly. Approach with caution when it gets big this wave is not for the faint hearted. The main break can produce excellent quality right handers with barrel sections that reel for 100m. The wave wraps in on itself giving you maximum speed and a heart in your mouth ride. There is also a fun little right hander on the inside called Tora Tora that is a little bit more mellow and suitable to the less experienced surfers.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type- Right hand reef break.

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - 3 - 6 ft.

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides - Best on high tide.

Crowd Factor - When it's working in the 2 - 4ft range you can generally expect it to be crowded.

Surfer level- Experienced. However, the inside break is suitable for intermediate and beyond.

Hazards- Extremely shallow on low tide.

Airport Lefts

Airport Lefts is on the northern side of the airport runway about 1.5kms south of Kuta Reef and approximately 1km from the beach. Hire one of the local boats to get you out there for about \$5 US return trip, and save your energy for surfing. A fun left hander that reels for up to 70m offering workable walls with the odd barrels on take-off. A fun wave to get your surfing skills up to scratch before tackling the power of the Bukit Peninsula.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave type- Left hand reef break

Swell Direction - South

Ideal Size - 4-5 ft.

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides - Mid to high. Low tide is often no good.

Crowd Factor - This break is a favourite for Japanese surfers and gets extremely crowded, especially during peak season. Also the convenience of being located so close to Kuta means that the crowds are to be expected.

Surfer Level - Intermediate and beyond.

Hazards- Crowds

Middle Reef

Located between Airport Lefts and Kuta Reef lies Middles which is exposed to the most swell out of all waves by the airport. If there are no waves at middles there are usually no waves at any of the airport reefs. Middles is a fun workable left hander that is capable of giving you 70-100m rides in the right conditions. However, be careful when Middles gets to 6ft plus as clean up sets are guaranteed and being caught inside results in huge paddles to get back out. Once again you can get a boat to take you out to this break for around \$5-\$6 US.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type- Left Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction - South to Southwest.

Best Size - 2-6ft

Best Winds- South East Trade Winds

Tides - Mid to Low tend to be better but can be surfed on all tides.

Crowd Factor - Very crowded during the dry season.

Surfer Level - Experienced surfers unless small.

Hazards - Getting caught inside, clean up sets, shallow end section on low tide and crowds.

Kuta Reef

Kuta Reef is located approximately 800mtrs offshore to the left of the Discovery Kartika Plaza Resort. Once again you can hire one of the local boats to get out to the break for around \$5 US return trip. Kuta reef is a world class left hander that offers waves that reel for up to 200 metres or more with some excellent barrel sections. Locals tend to take off deeper than everyone else as they have the place wired. An amazing wave that needs a little bit more swell than Airport Lefts or Middles to get going. Often middles will be 3-5ft and Kuta Reef may only be 2-3ft. However, the quality at Kuta Reef is usually much better than the other airport breaks. The waves at Kuta Reef can look mechanical offering plenty of room for high performance surfing. One of the original waves founded and surfed in Bali, Kuta Reef on its day is said by some to be one of the best waves in the world.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type - Left hand Reef Break

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - 4-5 ft. (any bigger and it usually doubles up and can become unsurfable)

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides - Mid to high tide is best. Low tide is usually to gnarly.

Crowd Factor - Kuta Reef is an extremely popular break and due to its convenient and central location it is almost always crowded. Have patience and hopefully you will score some epic waves out there.

Surfer Level - Ideally experienced surfers only. However, all kinds of surfers get out there to make up the crowd. Be careful of flying boards and kayaks. On a high tide when Kuta Reef is small it is ok for all levels of surfers.

Hazards- Crowds, extremely shallow on low tide.

The beach breaks from Kuta to Oberoi

The 5km Kuta to Oberoi stretch is where the tourism in Bali really booms. You can be sure to find almost anything you want in these areas with a huge range of nightclubs, restaurants, surf shops, fashion shops and also hundreds of little Bali shops that sell clothing and souvenirs. Down the beach you can also find almost anything you want as there is hundreds of locals selling drinks and renting surfboards, several surf schools and plenty of souvenirs to buy. There are waves for all levels of surfing along this long stretch of sand. When the waves are small these beach breaks are perfect for beginners and intermediates to improve their surfing skills. However, once the waves get bigger (3ft plus range) the beach breaks can get extremely challenging and be more suited to experienced surfers. Low tide can offer barrels and thumping closeouts whilst high tide is generally a little bit more mellow offering whackable lips and fun walls. Ask the friendly locals working down the beach where the best waves are as the sandbanks often change. They are working on the beach every day and most of them rip so you can be assured that they know what's going on. Some consistent breaks include **Halfway** (Kuta), **Padma St** (Legian) and **Double Six** (Seminyak).

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type - Beach Breaks

Swell Direction - South-West

Best Size- 2-6ft

Best Winds - South East Trade Winds

Tides – Most breaks are better on high tide but works all tides.

Crowd Factor - Always crowded up to 3ft but when it gets bigger you can find a wave to yourself somewhere along the stretch.

Surfer Level - All levels

Hazards - Thumping closeouts on low tide, strong currents, crowds and pollution during the wet season.

Canggu

Canggu is situated about 25 minutes to the north west of Kuta and lies between Seminyak and Tanah Lot. This series of beach/reef breaks is extremely consistent and should definitely be sampled whilst in Bali. It has both lefts and rights and offers plenty of power and room for high performance surfing. It is a common occurrence to see professionals out here being filmed and ripping the place apart. Canggu is fast becoming more and more popular, so there is no shortage of nice accommodation and restaurants to indulge yourself in. There are also several good quality surf breaks either side of Canggu like **Brawa** and **Tugu** that are worth checking to try and get away from the crowds.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October) but can be surfed good all year round if you're up early.

Wave Type - Left and Right Hand Reef break and beach breaks

Swell Direction- South- Southwest

Best size - 2-6ft

Best Winds- None. Ideally you want to get to Canggu early as South East trade winds are cross shore here.

Tides - Works best on mid to high tides.

Crowd Factor - Extremely crowded unless you surf when the wind comes up. Sometimes during the wet season Canggu can be a little less crowded.

Surfer level - Intermediate and above.

Hazards - Rocks, crowds

Balian

Balian is a beautiful village situated on the west road that travels to Medewi and Gilimanuk. About 1.5-2hrs away from Kuta you will find this gem of a spot. The main wave at Balian is a left and right peak that breaks out the front of the river mouth. The break is made up of reef and rocks and has a quality right & left hand wave producing a ride of about 100 meters quite regularly and is suitable for all levels of surfer. The lefts are usually longer and better shaped than the right handers but they can be equally as fun. Be careful of currents when surfing Balian as you can sometimes get sucked out to sea before you know it. Overall Balian is a pretty mellow and forgiving wave, but it is one of the most consistent waves in Bali. If Balian is flat you can assure yourself that everywhere else is flat too. So don't plan on going to Balian for a swell as it will usually be out of control once it gets over 6ft. A beautiful place to take the family and get some quality surf time away from the crowds of Kuta. There is also a few other waves on both sides of the peak plus several other beach breaks in the area that work in different conditions. GO EXPLORING!

Season - All year round.

Wave Type - Left and Right River mouth.

Swell Direction- South-South West

Best Size - 2-6ft

Best Winds - North or None. Unfortunately in the dry season the trade winds are cross to onshore at Balian. Therefore it is best to surf there early in the morning before the wind picks up or stay there for a few days as the wind can be unpredictable and you might score. The wet season often has days with hardly any wind and swell making Balian a great place to take advantage of what swell is on offer.

Tides - All tides

Crowd Factor- Can get quite busy at mid-morning when the crowd arrive from town (Kuta etc.). Usually not too crowded.

Surfer Level- All levels.

Hazards- Driving there is pretty crazy as there are plenty of speeding trucks and buses. Best get a driver to take you there. There is also the odd shark lurking around out here as they tend to like river mouths :o(

Medewi

Medewi is a long left hand point break about half an hour past Balian (2-2.5hrs from Kuta) towards Gilimanuk. Better in medium to large swells, this cobble stone lined point break is capable of offering rides in excess of 200m. The wave is not very critical but it offers a super long workable wall that is friendly to all levels of surfing. Medewi is a beautiful and peaceful getaway to escape from town for a few days plus it is just down the road from Balian so you'll always get a wave. There are also plenty of beach breaks, river mouths and other fun waves around the place. So once again, GO EXPLORING! There is plenty of accommodation at the break and nearby to suit all budgets.

Season - Dry Season (April - October)

Wave Type- Left Hand Point Break

Swell Direction - South

Ideal Wave Size - 4 - 6ft

Best Winds - North East. Early morning with light winds as trade winds tend to make the wave very choppy.

Tides - All tides.

Crowd Factor - Usually not too crowded unless it is pumping. If you want to score Medewi uncrowded and good stay there and surf it first thing in the morning.

Surfer Level- All levels.

Hazards - Be careful entering and exiting the water as the stones are often slipper and difficult to negotiate.

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Nusa Dua

Nusa Dua (Geger Beach) is a powerful wave that is comparable to Sunset Beach in Hawaii when the waves get big. To get to this reef you have to drive in to the town of Nusa Dua and then weave your way south to Geger Beach. Ask a local how to get to Geger if you have any trouble finding it. The shifty waves are long and powerful with good tube sections and long workable walls. The reef is almost a kilometre offshore, so it is better to hire one of the local boats (for about \$8-\$10 US return trip) to take you to the break. Be careful when deciding what board to take out there as the waves often look smaller from the beach. Usually when you get out there it is bigger than it looks. The beaches around Nusa Dua are beautiful with white sand and crystal clear water making it a great place to chill in between surfs or hang out for the day. There are also other waves nearby that are worth checking on both sides of Geger Beach. GO EXPLORING!!

Season - Wet Season (Mid October - Mid April)

Wave Type - Right Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction - South

Ideal Size - 3 - 8 ft. (Can hold up to 12ft+ if you are extremely brave and fearless)

Best Winds - West North West

Tides - All tides but best on high.

Crowd Factor - Nusa Dua is a consistent break in the wet season so it can get crowded. However, the waves break over a 1km stretch of reef which spreads the crowd out as it offers several sections and take off spots.

Surfer Level- Experienced surfers only.

Hazards- Some sections extremely shallow on low tide, razor sharp coral reef, surprise clean-up sets (almost guaranteed).

Sri Lanka

An excellent right hander that jacks up on take-off, followed by a barrel and then being spat into the safety of a deep channel. This extremely fun wave is situated out the front of Club Med about 4km North of Geger Beach. Just ask the friendly locals how to get to Club Med and you'll find it. Sri Lanka needs a little bit of swell to get going and is always a lot smaller than Nusa Dua (Geger Beach). Nusa Dua might be 6-8ft and Sri Lanka may only be 3-4ft. When this wave is working you can expect thick barrels that are sometimes a little too fast or unpredictable. If it is not barreling it is still fast, powerful, extremely challenging and fun none the less. There are also a number of water activities that you can nearby the break if the surf is no good or the family wants to keep busy while you surf. Activities ranging from Jet skiing, banana boats, snorkelling, parasailing and much more.

Season - Wet Season (Mid October - Mid April)

Wave Type- Right Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction- South - South West

Best Size - 3-6ft

Best Winds- West- South West

Tides - All tides but the thick barrels are found during low to mid tides.

Crowd Factor- Due to a reasonably small take off area the wave gets pretty crowded. Try to get there super early or late in the afternoon for the glass off.

Surfer Level- All if the waves are less than 3ft. When it gets over 3ft experienced only.

Hazards - Extremely shallow on low tide and crowds

Serangan

Serangan is a convenient surf spot located only 20 minutes from Kuta. To get there from Kuta follow the By Pass Road that leads to Sanur and take the Serangan turn off just after the set of traffic lights with the Benoa Harbour exit. You will have to pay a small amount of money (\$0.30 US) to access the break, so ask the workers how to get to the beach through the dirt road. Serangan is a consistent wave that suits all levels of surfing. A popular wet season wave that offers lefts and rights spread out over a large stretch of reef. The waves break on the reef about 200m from the shoreline, so expect a bit of a paddle or walk depending on tides to get out there. The waves at Serangan are generally quite mellow and fun when it is less than 3ft. However, the bigger it gets the gnarlier it gets (especially 6ft+) and can sometimes offer decent barrels. There are plenty of warungs on the beach where you can have a snack, get a massage or enjoy an ice cold beer when you are done surfing.

Season - Wet Season (Mid October - Mid April)

Swell Direction - South

Ideal Size - 4 - 6 ft.

Best Winds - West South West

Tides - All tides

Crowd Factor - This place can get extremely crowded when small. However, once the wave gets over 4ft the crowds thin out a little.

Surfer Level- All levels

Hazards- Crowds and sea urchins, so be careful on low tide when you have to walk over the reef.

Hyatt Reef

This is a fantastic wave that even Kelly Slater loves to surf. Located almost out the front of the Hyatt Hotel south of Sanur and often referred to by the locals as Semawang. You will need to hire a boat for about \$10US return to take you out to this wave as it breaks over a kilometre off the shore. This wave is very shifty, long, fast and powerful offering long barrels. Sometimes this wave is quite difficult to make but when the conditions are right you won't be disappointed. Be careful when surfing this spot as it breaks a long way off the shore and the waves can be extremely tricky and shallow.

Season - Wet Season (Mid October to Mid-April)

Swell Direction - South - South West

Best Size - 3-6ft

Best Winds - None or West North West

Tides - All tides work but mid-high is best.

Crowd Factor - Can be very busy but due to the shifty waves you never know when you might be in the perfect spot to score a gem.

Surfer Level - Experienced only

Hazards- Crowds, shallow reef, strong currents and clean up sets.

Tanjungs

Tanjungs is located between Sanur and Hyatt reef off Jalan Tegeh Agung by the beach markets in the Shindu district. There is a left and right hand reef pass where it is possible to get extremely long right handers and shorter wedgy left handers. The right hander (often referred to as Tanjung Sari, as it breaks in front of Tanjung Sari Hotel) can be long, fast and hollow on big swells with low tides. When the tides are higher the wave tends to section more but it is still fun to try none the less. The left handers on the opposite side of the reef pass tend to be wedgy and steep offering barrels on take-off with a short whackable wall to follow. There is also the odd right hander out here too.

Season- Wet Season (Mid October to Mid April)

Swell Direction - South - South West

Best Size - 3-5 ft.

Best Winds - West

Tides - All tides are OK. Low tides are great for the right hander whilst mid tides are best for the left.

Crowd factor- Usually not too crowded as there is a few options

Surfer Level - All levels unless over 3ft.

Hazards - Sharp reef, shallow on low tide

Sanur

The area of Sanur is a popular tourist destination, especially amongst the Europeans. There is also a world class wave here too. To get there from Kuta head north along the By Pass road and follow the signs to Sanur. You will then turn right at the traffic lights that have a KFC restaurant about 20 minutes along the By Pass road. This turn off will lead you to Sanur Reef where you can then decide whether the surf is pumping or not. If you are lucky you will be greeted by some of the finest right handers in Bali. This wave can barrel and wall up for hundreds of metres with some people calling it one of the best waves in the world. Unfortunately Sanur needs quite a large swell to break properly and often Nusa Dua will be 8ft+ whilst Sanur is only 3-4ft. Therefore Sanur only works properly a handful of times each year. This wave breaks a few hundred metres off the shore so a boat is optional if you want to save the arms from paddling out.

Season - Wet Season (Mid October - Mid April)

Swell Direction - South

Ideal Size - 4 - 6 ft.

Best Winds - West South West

Tides - All tides with mid to high being the best. Low tide is extremely shallow so be careful and take reef boots.

Crowd Factor- Sanur can get extremely crowded as many people want to experience this rare beauty in all its glory. The locals are all rippers and extremely hungry for waves so smile and wait your turn.

Surfer Level- Experienced

Hazards- Crowds, Shallow reef

Padang Galak

Padang Galak is a black sand beach break with standard right and left waves that will suit all levels of surfers. To get there you need to travel north through Sanur and then turn right on the Ketewel By Pass Road. Padang Galak is the first place you come to after turning onto this road where you will be directed by signs to the beach. When you are there you will see Sanur reeling off in the distance. There is plenty of other beach breaks further north that are worth checking as well.

Season- Wet Season (Mid October- Mid April)

Wave Type - Left and Right hand Beach Breaks

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - 3-5ft

Best Winds - North West

Tides - Works on all tides but Low to Mid tide works best.

Crowd Factor- Not too crowded.

Surfer Level - All Levels

Hazards- High tide can be difficult to surf with lots of backwash.

Ketewel

Located about 4km North of Sanur along the Ketewel By Pass Road is this super fun lava base right hander. Ketewel does not hold too much swell so it is fairly consistent and offers super hollow barrels when the conditions are right. Early mornings when the tides are mid-high are the best times to approach this wave as it is easily affect by trade winds. Beautiful location with not too much development going on in the area JUST YET!! There is also a few other waves to explore during different conditions nearby.

Season- Wet Season (Mid October - Mid April)

Wave Type - Right Hand Reef Break.

Swell Direction - South to South West

Best Size - 3-4ft

Best winds - WNW

Tides - Mid to High Tide.

Crowd Factor- Can get very busy as it is a small take off area

Surfer Level - Experienced

Hazards - Extremely shallow, crowds

Keramas

Keramas is probably the most popular and well known surf spot on the East coast nowadays. To get there travel through Sanur and turn onto the Ketewel By Pass Road and keep traveling north along this road through Ketewel, Pabean and Saba until you reach Keramas. It is approximately 15-20 minutes beyond Sanur. You really need to pay attention to the sign posts on the opposite side of the road as it is easy to drive past. The main break at Keramas is a world class right hander that works best on mid to high tides and gets extremely populated. Only becoming popular in the last five years or so, this wave is extremely consistent and super rippable with barrel sections. There are a few peaks scattered along this stretch of beach which are also worth checking when smaller to avoid the crowds. Cucukan (Lebih) is a break just around the corner that offers excellent waves working in similar conditions to Keramas.

Season - Wet Season (Mid October - Mid April). However, many crew surf this wave first thing in the morning before the trade winds come up all year round.

Wave Type - Right Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction- South-South West

Best Size - 3-6ft

Best Winds - None or West North West

Tides - Mid to High tide. Low tide not surfable so try up the beach?

Crowd Factor - Extremely busy

Surfer Level - Experienced only

Hazards – Crowds, shallow end section

Padang Bai

Padang Bai is the popular harbour where you can get the ferry to Lombok or the Gillis. This harbour is located about 1-1.5 hours north of Sanur, depending on traffic. On a very large South swell there is a nice right hand point break that reels into the harbour. However, Nusa Dua may be 10-12 foot and Padang Bai might only have a 2-3ft wave breaking if you are lucky. It is extremely rare to score this wave but with a bit of patience and the right swell Padang Bai can offer long rides that can be loads of fun. The water can also get extremely polluted so take ear drops. If you do end up at Padang Bai and there are no waves you can be sure to get an excellent meal of seafood at one of many restaurants.

Season - Wet Season (Mid October - Mid April).

Wave type - Right Hand point Break

Swell Direction - South

Best Size - Whatever you can get!

Best Winds - None or West South West

Tides - Mid

Crowd Factor - Not crowded

Surfer Level - All levels

Hazards - Pollution

SOUTH COAST WAVES

Nyang-Nyang

Nyang-Nyang is a break located on the old Uluwatu road heading south east from Uluwatu. From Uluwatu Temple take the main Pecatu road and after a few kilometres turn right by the school down a rough track and take the left when you get to a V. It is a well-known break and most people can direct you to it if you ask for directions. When you reach the break you will need to go down the cliff via the steps. Nyang Nyang has quality right and left handers that can produce rides of 50-150m depending on conditions. Worth checking on tiny swells when everywhere is virtually flat.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April- Mid October)

Wave Type - Left and Right Hand reef break.

Swell Direction- South- South West

Ideal Size- 3-4ft

Best Winds- No wind so try to surf here early morning.

Tides - Works on all tides

Crowd Factor- Crowds are not a problem here.

Surfer Level- Experienced only.

Hazards - Bad currents, powerful waves, sharp reef, remote location and the odd shark.

Green Balls

Green Balls is a beautiful location on the tip of the Bukit Peninsula. To get to the break head out towards Uluwatu and follow the signs to the Bali Cliff Resort at the intersection near Balangan. Green Balls is just on the other side of the Bali Cliff Resort but be warned that there are over 600 steps to get to the bottom of the cliff to surf the break. It is quite easy getting down to the bottom when you are frothing for a surf but remember that after you have to walk back up them after your session. The wave at Green Balls is predominantly a short right hander breaking into a channel. However there is sometimes a fun left that breaks into the other side of the channel. Remember that the South coast is exposed to a huge amount of Indian Ocean power and there is nothing stopping south swells from getting in to the likes of Green Balls or Nyang Nyang. There are many other waves in the area too, so take a look around and see what you can find. Don't go alone and be careful!

Season - Wet Season - (Mid October - Mid April)

Wave type - Right hand reef break. Occasionally a left hander on the other side of the channel.

Swell Direction - South

Ideal Size - 2 - 6ft

Best Winds - No wind or West North West (Wet season winds)

Tides - Mid to high tide.

Crowd factor - Not too crowded due to the 600 or so steps.

Surfer Level- Experienced only.

Hazards- Hundreds of stairs to walk up and down, remote place if injury occurs, powerful waves.

NUSA LEMBONGAN

Nusa Lembongan is a great little island escape just 13km from Bali. You can get to Nusa Lembongan by catching a ferry or fast boat from Sanur which will cost you roughly US \$12 to \$40 return. There are several waves in Nusa Lembongan to suit all levels of surfers. There are also plenty of other water activities that can be done around the island. The main breaks at Nusa Lembongan are Shipwrecks, Lacerations and Playgrounds. Ceningan Island also offers a wave right next door to Nusa Lembongan.

Shipwrecks

A fast bowly right hander at the Northern end of the bay that jacks up on the take-off and throws you down the line offering barrel sections and 30-50m rides. On low tide the wave height may only be 1-2ft and when the tide comes in the swell increases to whatever is on offer in the Lombok Strait. So you may be sitting out there to see the waves build 2-3ft more within a couple of hours of incoming tide. Definitely the most crowded wave as it is one of the most consistent waves on the island. Shipwrecks can get extremely unpredictable, especially with the incoming tide. So approach this wave with caution.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type - Right Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction - South West

Best Size - 3-6ft

Best Winds - East

Tides - Mid to High tide

Crowd Factor - Very Crowded

Surfer Level - Experienced surfers only.

Hazards - Sharp shallow reef, crowds and clean up sets.

Lacerations

Located in between Shipwrecks and Playgrounds lies this very fast and shallow right hander that barrels and spits you into the safety of a channel. Make sure your barrel riding skills are up to scratch as this wave offers big barrels that are extremely critical and on lower tides are for the experts only. Lacerations is usually smaller than Shipwrecks.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type - Right Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction - South West

Best Size - 3-6ft

Best Winds - East

Tides - Mid to High tide. Experts only at low tide.

Crowd Factor - Very Crowded

Surfer Level - Experienced surfers only.

Hazards - Sharp shallow reef, crowds and the odd one that sucks dry.

Playgrounds

Playgrounds is located on the other side of the channel from Lacerations at the southern end of the bay. An extremely fun A-frame peak that offers excellent quality waves in the right conditions. Offers great little waves for all levels of surfing when the waves small. However, when the waves get above 3ft Playgrounds can become a little bit heavier than the name suggests. Playgrounds is then capable of offering thick left and right hand barrels with steep jacking take offs.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type - Right Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction - South West

Best Size - 3-6ft

Best Winds - South East

Tides - All tides but Mid to High tide are the best.

Crowd Factor - Very Crowded

Surfer Level - All levels

Hazards - Crowds and gets shallow on low tide.

Ceningan Island

This Island lies to the south of Nusa Lembongan and is a little bit more exposed to swell. An excellent option if the swell is small and the tides are too low to surf the breaks of Nusa Lembongan. A fun left hander that can offer very long workable walls in the right conditions. Worth a look early in the morning before the trade winds blow as it gets messy pretty easy. You can get a boat to take you there which is your best bet, or you can take a long walk or bike ride where you will cross the bridge from Nusa Lembongan to Nusa Ceningan. A beautiful walk that is well worth it if you have plenty of time up your sleeve or you're happy to get the exercise.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Wave Type - Right Hand Reef Break

Swell Direction - South-South West

Best Size - 3-6ft

Best Winds - None if possible or East

Tides - All tides

Crowd Factor - Uncrowded

Surfer Level - All levels

Hazards - Seaweed farming posts stick out of the reef, gets shallow on low tide and the odd shark has been spotted here.

GRAJAGAN (G-LAND) in JAVA

G-Land was first discovered in the early '70's, and to this day remains one of the ultimate surf discoveries in Indonesia. This insane wave is located at Plengkung in the Alas Purwo Nature Reserve on the eastern tip of Java. To get to G-Land from Bali there are many methods. The most common way is to drive to Gilimanuk (North West Bali) and get the ferry to Java followed by a 2.5-3 hour drive through the jungle. You can also get a speed boat from Kuta or Benoa harbour that is more expensive but will get you there in a couple of hours and drop you right in front of the break. G-Land is a super consistent and powerful left hand reef break that rarely fails to deliver during the dry season. The wave consists of 4 main sections which are Kong's, Moneytrees, Launching Pads and Speedies.

Kong's

Kong's starts way out on the outer point of the reef and offers big walls, whackable lips and fewer barrels than the neighbouring sections further down the line. Usually bigger out at Kong's so it gets crowded when there is little swell on offer.

Moneytrees

This is the main take off point at G-Land which is located just across a useful channel from Kong's. This is where the hollow waves start to materialize on the reef as Moneytrees offers fast spitting barrels that can get incredibly heavy on low tide. Mid tide sessions are generally the best as it is a common time for lots of surfers to get the best tubes of their lives out here.

Launching Pads

The next section of reef is called Launching Pads, which is an outside peak that can break a long way out and set you up for the next section of reef called Speedies. When Moneytrees is too big and closing out Launching Pads is usually at its best.

Speedies

Speedies (Speed Reef) is a super shallow and heavy yet perfect barrel that needs a very solid swell to start working. Heaving barrels that are extremely powerful can reel for over 150m, offering some of the best waves in the world. Low tides can be extremely gnarly, so it's best left for the advanced surfers only. Definitely a difficult wave to surf (especially on the back hand), so it's neither for the inexperienced nor the faint hearted.

Wave Type- Left hand reef break.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October)

Swell Direction - South West

Best Size - 3-8ft (Holds huge swells 12ft and bigger)

Best Winds – East -South East

Tides - All tides but Mid to High tide are generally the best. Big tides are good at G-Land.

Crowd Factor - Very Crowded

Surfer Level – Experienced surfers only.

Hazards - Crowds and gets extremely shallow on low tide.

There are a few other waves nearby to G-Land that are worth checking which include Chickens, 20/20's, Tiger Tracks and Tanjung Kucur. These waves are a good alternative for the less experienced surfers or if G-Land is macking and too scary.

Chickens is a good escape wave from a macking G-Land as it is much smaller and less intimidating. A 10 minute walk to the north of G-Land lies this wave. In the right conditions it can offer fun waves with barrels on the lower tides. Works best in easterly winds with a large south to southwest swell.

20/20's is also a fun little lefthander just north of Chickens that requires a large swell to get going. Best in easterly winds with a large south to southwest swell.

Tiger Tracks is a 20 minute walk further north of 20/20's that offers fun right handers that can also barrel when conditions are right. Works best in east to northeast winds with a southwest swell.

Tanjung Kucur involves a huge trek beyond Tiger Tracks so it is best to get a camp host to show you how to get there. If you are lucky you may be greeted with some quality right handers. However, there needs to be a huge south swell and there is a good possibility that you may not score the waves you were hoping for.

To find out more about this incredible wave and its amazing location contact Jyo's Surf Camp on <http://www.g-land.com/>. They offer accommodation packages to suit all budgets, surf reports, surf guides and everything else you need to make your trip to G-Land one of the most memorable surf trips ever. You can also visit Jyo's office in Kuta to get some super friendly advice about getting to G-Land.

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BALI - INDONESIA

LAKEY PEAK in SUMBAWA

Lakey Peak is located near the Hu'u area in south eastern Sumbawa. This area is home to many world class waves and is consistent almost all year round. Some of the breaks include Lakey Peak, Lakey Pipe, Periscopes, Nungas, Cobblestones and Nangadoro. You can base yourself at Lakey Beach where there is plenty of accommodation and very easy access to all of these waves. An ideal location to maximise your surf time and get away from Indonesian traffic and busy towns.

Periscopes

Periscopes is a about a 20 minute walk north-west from Lakey Peak. On the right conditions this wave is capable of producing picture perfect waves that barrel and then wall up down the line offering high performance sections. This wave tends to be a lot smaller than Lakey Peak and is often best when Lakey Peak is 4-5ft+. Usually less crowded than Lakey Peak so if the waves are good here it is definitely worth the walk. Very hard to score this wave as you need a medium size swell, the right tides and very little if no wind.

Wave Type- Right hand reef break.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October) for swell consistency. However, the wet season can also offer a few good days with variable winds.

Swell Direction - South West

Best Size - 3-8ft

Best Winds – East - North East

Tides - Mid to High tide.

Crowd Factor – Sometimes crowded.

Surfer Level – Experienced surfers only.

Hazards – Can get very shallow.

Nungas

This long left hand wave reels off to the north of Lakey Peak breaking into the bay heading towards Periscopes. A super fun wally wave that has the potential to offer barrel sections and long workable walls. Works good on all tides and is best on a bigger swell.

Wave Type- Left hand reef break.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October) for swell consistency. However, the wet season can also offer a few good days with variable winds.

Swell Direction – South-South West

Best Size - 3-8ft

Best Winds – East - South East

Tides – All tides. Mid tide best.

Crowd Factor – Not crowded.

Surfer Level – Experienced surfers only. Probably the most manageable wave in the area.

Hazards – Can get very shallow on low tide.

Lakey Peak

Lakey Peak is the most popular wave in the Hu'u area and is located in the middle of the bay out the front of the competition tower. A consistent A-frame left and right hand peak that offers long lefts and shorter rights. The left hander barrels then offers a very sucky wall perfect for high power snaps. The right hander offers short hollow barrels that sometimes closeout. Both waves are extremely fun but get heavy on the mid to low tides. World class waves on offer none the less.

Wave Type- Left and Right hand reef break.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October) for swell consistency. However, the wet season can also offer a few good days with variable winds.

Swell Direction – South West

Best Size - 3-8ft +

Best Winds – North East

Tides – All tides. Mid tide best.

Crowd Factor – Very crowded.

Surfer Level – Experienced surfers only. When waves are tiny on high tide the less experienced may have a go.

Hazards – Crowds and can get very shallow on low tide.

Lakey Pipe

Lakey Pipe is located on the eastern side of the channel opposite Lakey Peak and offers gnarly left hand barrels. This wave barrels in almost any size swell and requires advanced barrel riding skills as the wave can get very shallow. When the waves get bigger so does the mechanical barrel that is often very makeable. Not for the faint hearted or inexperienced.

Wave Type- Left hand reef break.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October) for swell consistency. However, the wet season can also offer a few good days with variable winds.

Swell Direction – South

Best Size – 3ft +

Best Winds – East

Tides – All tides but Mid tide best.

Crowd Factor – Not often crowded.

Surfer Level – Experienced surfers only.

Hazards – Sometimes crowds and can get very shallow.

Cobblestones

Located 3km south of Lakey Peak is Cobblestones. A fun right hander that breaks into a channel and is always less crowded than Lakey Peak and is more open to swells. There is also potential to get a few lefthanders on the other side of the channel that are worth checking in small swells. A great spot to explore when the swell is small.

Wave Type – Left and right hand reef breaks.

Season - Dry Season (Mid April - Mid October) for swell consistency. However, the wet season can also offer a few good days with variable winds.

Swell Direction – South- South west

Best Size – 3ft +

Best Winds – East-South East

Tides – All tides.

Crowd Factor – Not crowded.

Surfer Level – Suitable for most levels.

Hazards – Remote so don't bring valuables.

Nangadoro

Nangadoro is 4km south of Cobblestones (7km from Lakey Peak) and offers rarely surfed peaks that require small swells and little if no wind. There are plenty of other fun waves in the area that require small swells and no wind. Early morning exploration is a must. The best way to get to these waves is to rent a motorbike or hire one of the locals to take you on there bike.

Wave type- Left and right hand reef breaks

Season – Any season.

Swell Direction – South West

Best Size – 3ft +

Best Winds – East-South East

Tides – All tides.

Crowd Factor – Not crowded.

Surfer Level – Suitable for most levels.

Hazards – Remote so don't bring valuables

GETTING THERE

Bali

There are many different routes and airlines to get from your home country to Bali. The best way to find out the cheapest and most efficient way would be to contact your local travel agent. From Bali it is quite easy to organise surf trips to anywhere in Indonesia.

Nusa Lembongan

Boats and ferries leave Sanur in Bali daily to get to Nusa Lembongan. You can organise these trips from most travel agents (located everywhere) in Bali or you can simply turn up at Sanur and ask when the next trip is available. Most trips take about 1.5 hours.

G-Land (Java)

You can organise trips online to G-Land through Joyos Surf Camp (<http://www.g-land.com/>) where these guys are guaranteed to look after you. Also you can visit the office where the friendly staff will assist you with everything you need in order to get to this amazing destination.

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Lakey Peak (Sumbawa)

Getting to Lakey Peak is best done by air. You can fly from Bali (Denpasar Airport) to Sumbawa (Bima Airport) daily with several different airlines. From there you can easily get a bemo driver to take you on a 2 hour drive straight to Lakey Peak. Best to visit a travel agent in Bali to help you organise flights and transfers for the best possible price.