

Indonesian Islands

Bali, Lombok, Gili T, Sumbawa, Flores, Komodo



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Indonesian Islands Motorcycle Safari



Destinations and Places of Interest

01) Denpasar Arrival / Departure Bali	06) Sekongkang arrival port of Sumbawa
02) Depeha on the north coast of Bali	07) Alffiah snorkelling with whale sharks
03) Semarapura eastern ferry port of Bali	08) Bima departure port for Komodo
04) Sekotong arrival port of Lombok	09) Komodo visit the Komodo Dragons
05) Senggigi snorkelling on Gili Islands	10) Labuan Bajo domestic flight to Bali



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Itinerary for March 2027

Day	Date		Details	Distance
1	Mar 09	T	Arrive into Denpasar International airport in Bali. Transfer to our beachfront resort hotel in Kuta	
2	10	W *	A day to explore the beaches, bars, restaurants, shops. Bike commissioning and welcome dinner	
3	11	T	First day on the bikes we cross Bali to Depeha on the north coast, with a few stops of interest	140k
4	12	F	We scale a volcano and visit Ubud on our way to the coastal resort town of Semarapura	160k
5	13	S	Jump on our first ferry across the Great Ocean Conveyor, to take us to Sekotong on Lombok	160k
6	14	S	A fly-by visit of Mandalika GP circuit (no, you can't cut some fast laps) then north to Senggigi	150k
7	15	M *	Snorkeling day on the Gili Islands, or if this is not your scene, relax by the hotel pool	----
8	16	T	A spectacular northern ride then another ferry takes us to Sekongkang on the island of Sumbawa	240k
9	17	W	We proceed to Alffiah on the north coast, via small and twisty inland roads	280k
10	18	T	Morning snorkeling with the whale sharks! Then a beautiful coastal run to Bima	160k
11	19	F	To Labuan Bajo via private boat to Komodo, Pink Beach, Padar Island, then to Labuan Bajo	
12	20	S	In one hour we re-trace what took us nine days on the bikes, as we fly back to Bali. Hotel in Kuta	
13	21	S	Departure flights home from Denpasar	-----
				1,490k

Some riding days are quite short, but several of these also involve some hours on a ferry or boat

* indicates consecutive night in same hotel, allowing for laundry, etc.

Departure Date

For your Indonesian Islands Safari you will need to arrange your international flights to arrive in **Denpasar**, Bali by **Tuesday 09th March 2027** as shown above. There are several flight options available with various carriers; please see further discussion on International Flights herein.

Tour Operator

This Motorcycle Safari is one of several itineraries offered by **World On Wheels**, Australia's only professional tour operator specialising solely in international motorcycle adventures. Operating for 20+ years as **Ferris Wheels**, Mike Ferris pioneered the Himalayan Motorcycle Safari concept in 1994 with his first crossing of the world's greatest mountain range by an Australian group of riders. In 1995 as a newly qualified travel agent, he took his first commercial safari to the Khardung La in Ladakh (India), at 5,602 metres the highest road in the world. He has personally ascended the Khardung La 58 times.

Mike now operates and has personally guided **World On Wheels** motorcycle safaris for 30+ years to diverse destinations such as the Indian Himalaya, Nepal-Tibet, Bhutan, Rajasthan, Norway, Iceland, Turkey, Mexico-Guatemala-Belize, South Africa, Morocco, the Baltic States, the Dalmatian coastline and the Andes, as well as this new one exploring the Indonesian Islands, each of which are two to three weeks in duration.

Mike Ferris is Australia's only international motorcycle guide who is also a fully qualified and government-accredited motorcycle riding instructor. License no 16074.

Be aware that this itinerary is a guide only and may need to change due to weather, road conditions or other factors. Please be flexible, but rest assured your Tour Leader will make the final day-to-day decisions only after consultation with our local partner, local authorities and group members.



Package Price

The Indonesian Islands tour price, excluding airfares and **joining in Denpasar**, is €5,500-00. Riders must have a valid and unrestricted motorcycle rider's licence. A limited number of pillion positions will be available, as some of our bikes are unsuitable for two-up usage. Price for pillion (or support car passenger) is €4,500-00. Please note our prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuations and we reserve the right to alter pricing, pursuant to Clause 7 of our Terms and Conditions, up to the date of final payment.

In this itinerary our tour prices are shown in Euro for greatest stability but we ask for the equivalent in AU\$ at the prevailing daily exchange rate. The international website (unaffiliated with any bank) to be used for daily foreign exchange calculations is: www.XE.com/currencyconverter. We request a €1,000 deposit converted to AU\$ and will invoice you thereafter for the remaining balance, in Euro but payable in the AU\$ equivalent at the prevailing daily rate. You'll have some flexibility as to when to pay – final payment will be due 60 days before the tour date, but if you choose to pay us at any time beforehand because you feel the forex rate is favourable, this works well for everyone all round.

Price includes

- Standard motorbike rental for the duration of the Safari (see '**Our Motorbikes**', below))
- Clean, friendly high-end hotel accommodation for 12 nights throughout the Safari
- Twin-share basis; (single room supplement, additional €700-00) ¹
- All meals except on non-riding rest days, when it's breakfast only to allow maximum flexibility
- Experienced motorcycling guide, local agent and experienced mechanic
- Minivan support vehicle and driver, for luggage and equipment transport
- Spare parts, tools, simple medicines and first aid equipment
- All fuel costs, maintenance and running repairs, third-party bike insurance
- All ferries / boats, snorkeling excursions, Komodo Dragon visit, flight Labuan Bajo to Bali
- A complimentary **World On Wheels** T-shirt, cap, luggage tags, daily Google road maps

¹Accommodation is provided on a twin-share basis and if you're on your own we'll do our best to bunk you in with an appropriate roommate (ie same gender, similar age). But if you're the very last person to book, there's obviously a 50-50 chance you'll have to take a room on your own and will therefore be liable for the single room supplement. So the moral of the story is, book early or bring your own roommate with you. Or both!

Price excludes

- International airfare to Denpasar return (approx. Au\$900-00)
- Comprehensive travel insurance policy covering motorcycle riding ²
- Indonesian visa fee, any additional fee (eg. Customs?) levied by Indonesian authorities
- Medical examination and vaccinations before departure
- Comprehensive bike insurance. We will offer you insurance options at the bike allocation briefing
- Expenses of a personal nature such as postage, laundry, souvenirs, alcoholic drinks
- Tips for our tour staff at completion; optional but always appreciated, €80-00 suggested ³

² Please note that a motorcycle safari overseas must be considered one of life's more adventurous pursuits and therefore personal travel insurance is mandatory. In Australia, we can suggest www.AussieTravelCover.com.au **Be aware**, however, that travel insurance ceases immediately on return to your own country, even if on-going medical treatment or surgery is required. Private health cover or government Medicare resumes at that point.

³A note on tips. We recognize tipping is not generally part of the antipodean psyche, but it is pretty much expected in most other parts of the world. Daily hotel porters will expect a small reward for carrying your bags to your room, and our mechanic, driver and support staff anticipate reasonable tips to supplement their modest wages whilst on tour with us. We suggest something like €80-00 is affordable for your two weeks (only about €6 per day), distributed amongst the crew. If you've had a good time, we would encourage you to contribute generously! (... if you haven't, please let us know why and we'll contribute on your behalf).



International Flights

It's a pretty simple procedure these days to book airline tickets online. There are several 'consolidator' internet sites such as FlightCentre, Expedia, SkyScanner, FlightNetwork, etc which will give you comparisons on all available carriers to/from your required destination. We suggest you book, or at least monitor, your airfares early to get the best price.

Food & Health

Visiting any foreign country involves exposure to food, water and disease to which your body is unaccustomed, so we advise initial caution and we carry various medicines with us to ensure as much comfort as possible. We will use only clean, reputable establishments for our meals. Participants in any of our adventure activities are obviously expected to have a reasonably high level of health, fitness and capability, but in all cases **a consultation with your doctor is recommended** in order to identify necessary vaccinations and precautions, particularly if traveling overseas for the first time.

And in case we forget to mention it elsewhere, the tropical equatorial climate is a haven for mosquitoes! They love the jungles and the wetlands where rice crops grow, and they also love to hang around in your bathrooms waiting for you to step out of the shower. Several of our hotels will have a mosquito net draped over your bed, but be sure to take some insect repellent, and maybe when you arrive in Bali also pick up a can of aerosol spray for the rooms. (Don't take it with you from home, the airport authorities get rather antsy about aerosols...)



Climate & Clothing

Indonesia of course, sits very close to the equator and the climate is **hot** all year round. Drink lots of water! At times there will be little shade available, so sunscreen, sunglasses, hats and long sleeves will be required. Jacket, riding pants or jeans and our long-sleeved ***World On Wheels*** shirts tend to be the norm, with strong boots and gloves. Helmets, full or open-faced as you prefer, should be brought with you from home. Afternoon downpours are common, so some rain gear is also recommended.

Professional quality riding gear including jackets, over-pants and other protective clothing are an excellent investment and will go a long way to ensuring your comfort and protection in what may sometimes be adverse conditions. Breathable and vented Gore-Tex jackets and pants are the way to go. We use and endorse HELD motorcycle gear, supplied in Australia by a company called Made In Germany. Go online and check it out.

And while we're giving plugs, we'd like to suggest you consider a Rider Improvement course, regardless of your experience or perceived ability on a motorcycle, to brush up on your skills prior to joining an international riding safari. Our recommendation here is the renowned operation Stay Upright, which offers a range of courses designed to progressively increase your riding ability. Mike completed his Instructor's course with Stay Upright; they offer various track and adventure riding courses in the eastern states of Australia. Check your own regional area to see what courses might be available. Highly recommended.

Our motorbikes

Our 'standard' bike is the Honda CB150R for a solo rider, or the Kawasaki Versys 250 if travelling two-up. Yes they are small bikes, but anything bigger is really not required (or suitable) for the kind of riding and the roads we'll encounter on this tour. These bikes have enough power, without getting you into trouble!

Please note you will be required to sign a rental contract with our bike supplier in Bali and leave a photocopy of your passport. Our package does not include bike insurance, but our bike supplier will offer you options at our first briefing; €260 for full cover or leave a €1,000 deposit, refundable upon return of undamaged bike.

Our riding policy

We will occasionally require riders to 'bunch up', particularly when navigating through large towns, but out on the open road we know that you will want a lot of freedom and time on your own (isn't that what riding is all about?) We allow plenty of time for people to set their own pace, and it's unlikely that you'll ever be pressed to keep up. We know of some motorbike tour operators who insist that everybody ride in formation every day like a Harley rally at Sturgis, but that's not our style at all.

You'll be given maps and daily directions on how far we're going, the destination for the night (including hotel name/address and phone number), and where we are likely to stop for lunch, drink breaks, sightseeing and refueling along the way, etc. Our preferred Corner Marking system will be explained to you in detail. There is always plenty of time to take photos, chat to the locals, or just sit and soak it all in. Our support vehicle with our luggage will always be the last vehicle in the convoy, with our mechanic, spare parts and tools, etc. in case of any bike problems.

But let's not pull any punches here. A tour such as this is potentially a dangerous undertaking; it's inherent in the very nature of the trip. You'll be on an unfamiliar bike, on unfamiliar roads in unfamiliar traffic conditions. It is important for you to recognize this and accept ultimate responsibility, firstly for joining and secondly for riding in a circumspect manner for the duration of the tour. Please read and acknowledge Paragraph 16 of our Terms and Conditions! (End of sermon)

Detailed Daily Itinerary

Important Note: Indonesia is a fascinating melting pot of cultures and religions. It is of course an Islamic nation and in fact has the highest population of Muslims in the world, 240 million. But Bali is 90% Hindu, and when we get to Flores we'll discover it's predominantly (70%) Catholic Christian! The Hindus and Christians love a nice cold beer, but elsewhere we'll find alcoholic beverages are shunned or even forbidden. Not even our high-end tourist hotels will be able to slake our thirst. It's a good thing our support van has some carrying capacity...

Day 1 involves everyone flying into Denpasar on the island of Bali. If there are several of you on the same flight we'll meet you at the airport for transfer to our hotel in Seminyak. If you've not been to Bali before, this in itself might be quite a culture shock! The traffic and congestion is probably unlike anything you've seen at home. But it's all part of the wonderful experiencing of exploring a different country and culture. Our hotel will be a haven from the noisy traffic and you will no doubt enjoy a refreshing drink by the pool or on the beach.



Day 2 You might want to spend the morning exploring a bit of the surrounding neighbourhood, or strolling along Bali's famous beachfront, or you may care to simply relax by the pool for a few hours. In the afternoon we'll conduct a briefing, assign the motorbikes whereby we'll need you to complete some paperwork, and have our welcome dinner to introduce you to some of the fabulous cuisine for which Indonesia is renowned.



Day 3 has us on those bikes. We'll head out of the busy urban area and enjoy some small twisty roads as we cross the island's interior. There are some 20,000 public temples in Bali, and another 30,000 in private homes/offices. We'll visit a large temple (and receive a spiritual blessing for our journey), before we continue north to discover a beautiful waterfall, with time for a quick dip if you're overheating from the ride. Toward the end of the day, we cross the highlands on a 2,000m pass between two volcanoes. Our hotel has sweeping views of the coast, and the surrounding landscape is predominantly gorgeous green rice fields.

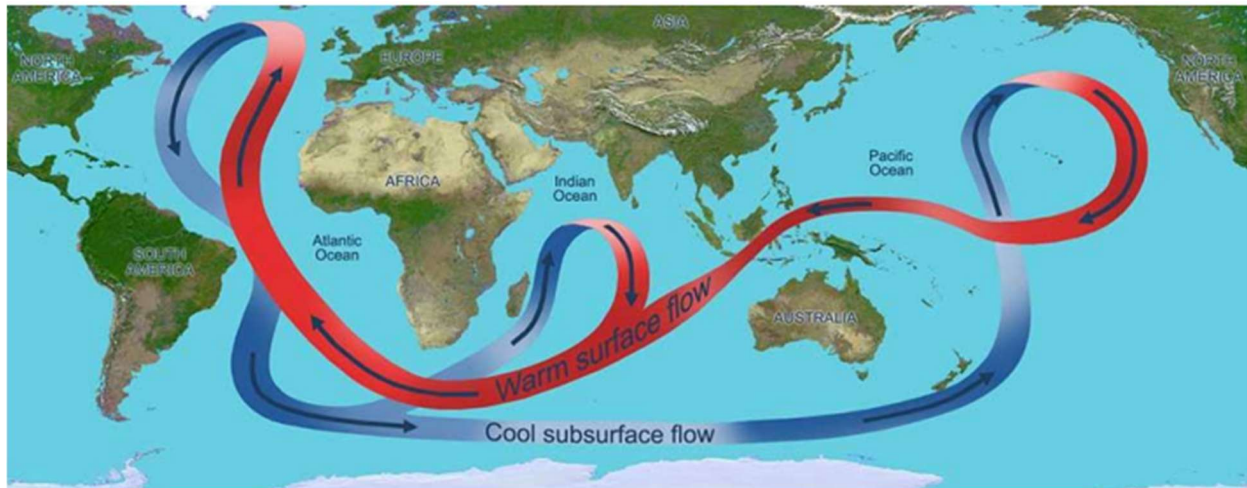


Day 4 starts with us climbing the steep road to the Batur volcano, where we can ride across lava fields into the caldera – and no, it's not extinct! Batur erupted as recently as 2000. The caldera is a very fertile area and 80% of Bali's fruit crops are grown here. Nearby at Lake Batur, we have time to sit and soak for a while in the thermal springs fed by the volcano, where an in-water body massage is offered to relieve any tension you may have acquired while riding through a volcano. Admission, towels, and water massage all included. We then continue through the town of Ubud, considered to be the cultural capital of the island, to return to the coast at Semarapura where our resort hotel has a nice pool.



This region is also home to the unique *luwak*, an Asian civet cat fond of eating raw coffee beans, which are subsequently excreted semi-digested, and the locals harvest the kernels to make an 'aromatic' coffee. So, if you prefer your coffee defecated rather than decaffeinated, we can perhaps visit a local cottage industry farm.

Day 5 brings our first ferry crossing, and it's a slow one, from Bali to Lombok. Here's an interesting fact: the Global Ocean Conveyor belt (Google it) passes between these two islands, moving a huge body of warm water from the Pacific Ocean to the Indian, at a rate of 15 million cubic metres *per second*! Roughly equivalent to about 50 Amazon Rivers. This is perhaps why our ferry seems to be capable of only 5 or 6 knots as it struggles sideways against the enormous flow. This body of water is the most bio-diverse on the planet, with some 4,000 marine species identified – compared to 1,000 in the Red Sea for example, or just 400 in the Caribbean.



And at the same time, we are also crossing the so-named Wallace Line, which segregates the distinctive fauna species endemic to Asian countries and Australia – we have effectively crossed from Asia to Oceania. Our hotel tonight has the ubiquitous swimming pool and stunning beach frontage, opposite a few picturesque islands.

Day 6 We've moved from somewhat touristic Bali to more remote and rustic regions, and we wind our way along the coast of Lombok where rolling hills, white sandy beaches and clear turquoise waters line the way. We do a fly-by of the Mandalika MotoGP racing circuit inaugurated in 2021, then turn away from the coast and cross the interior of Lombok to Senggigi.

Day 7 is a rest day. Well, it's a rest day for the motorcycles! We (optionally) take a short boat ride to nearby Gili Trawangan island, where we spend the day snorkelling among giant turtles, possibly manta rays, and other surprising sights on the sea floor. Or you're free to simply relax by the hotel's pool.



Day 8 We take a long circuitous route around the scenic top end of Lombok Island, skirting the Mount Rinjani volcano. We ride through the terraced rice fields region of Sembalun to the Port of Kayangan, where we board another ferry for our crossing to Sumbawa Island. Heading south through beautiful rolling hills, we arrive at Sekongkang Bay where our accommodation is once again right on the stunning beachfront.

Day 9 Today is a mix of gorgeous coastal riding and a dense jungle hinterland traverse of the island from south to north, via a road which is perhaps best described as past its prime... watch for potholes and ruts! In the north we ride by yet another volcano, Tambora, responsible in 1815 for the world's largest volcanic eruption and considered to be the largest natural disaster in history. Estimates vary but some experts believe up to 150 cubic **kilometres** of ash were thrown into the atmosphere, leading to the 'year without summer or sun'. This in turn led to the modern world's greatest famine, lasting a decade. Today is our longest day's ride, as we head to Alffiah.

Day 10 starts with an amazing experience! We rise early for a private boat trip past a few small islands, to the feeding grounds of the awesome whale sharks. These giant fish feed on tiny krill, and are completely harmless to humans – indeed, they seem oblivious to us as we snorkel amongst them. Be sure to bring your waterproof GoPro with you for a once in a lifetime encounter with one of nature's true gentle giants.



We then saddle up for a late-ish start and have a 160k ride through more jungle hinterland to Bima.



Day 11 We leave our bikes here because there is no vehicle ferry to where we want to go. The bikes will be transported back to Bali, and a private minibus takes us to the port of Sape, where a charter boat is waiting for our next highlight adventure – Komodo Island and the prehistoric Komodo Dragon. Two incredible wildlife encounters in two days! These guys are very impressive, they could eat a couple of our Aussie goannas for a light snack. The males can grow to 2.6 metres and can weigh up to 90kg.

We'll also stop off at another small island or two to enjoy the Pink Beach and other wonders, before our boat takes us even further east to Flores Island, where our island-hopping journey is about to come to its conclusion.

Day 12 We are taken to Komodo Airport, which is not on Komodo but on Flores (go figure) and a one-hour flight to Bali reverses what we've just ridden in 10 days. Our last night is in Kuta near the airport, where we can relax, have a drink, and our Farewell Dinner on the beach gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we've just done!

Day 13 is Departure Day, or of course you are free to extend your stay and enjoy a bit more of Bali.

Further trip notes including a list of essential clothing and equipment to take, health considerations, visa formalities, etc, will be sent upon receipt of a completed Booking Form and deposit. Please contact our office any time for further information via email: Adventure@WorldOnWheels.Tours

Our standard motorbikes:



Honda CBR150R

Capacity	150 cc
Engine type	DOHC, 4-stroke, liquid cooled
Number cylinders	Single
Transmission	6-speed, chain drive
Brakes	Single disks, front and rear
Wheels front / rear	17" / 17" alloy
Wheelbase	1310 mm
Wet weight	137 kg
Seat height	780 mm
Maximum power	17 HP



Kawasaki Versys 250

Capacity	250cc
Engine type	DOHC, 4-stroke, liquid cooled
Number cylinders	Parallel twin
Transmission	6-speed, chain drive
Brakes	Single disks, front and rear
Wheels front / rear	19" / 17" spoked
Wheelbase	1450 mm
Wet weight	173 kg
Seat height	815 mm
Maximum power	33 HP

Certain other models *may* be available from time to time if you have a particular desire. Ask us.