

## Guest Information Pack

### How to get to the villa

Villa Anggrek is a 2½-3 hour drive from Ngurah Rai International Airport in Denpasar. For airport pick-up or transfers from anywhere in Bali, we recommend our local trusted driver Ricky. The cost from the airport to the villa is IDR 600,000 per car. Please contact Ricky directly to organise.

WhatsApp: +62 817-4704-102

E-mail: rickytulamben@gmail.com

[www.tulambentransport.com](http://www.tulambentransport.com)

If you have your own driver or driving yourselves, please follow the directions below:

GPS coordinates: 8°14'53.1"S 115°34'17.9"E

Address: Jl. Sida Karya, Baturunggit, Kubu, Kabupaten Karangasem, Bali 80853, Indonesia

The following link will open in Google Maps showing the villa location:

<https://goo.gl/maps/e5KUZUTTtTkdzEgs9>

**Please be aware that Google Maps may tell you to turn off too early. Don't turn off the main road until you reach the turn-off to Kubu Indah Resort and Spa.**

Just before you reach the resort, turn right and drive along the laneway behind the resort (brick wall on the left). After 150m (double gates and 2-storey villa in front), the laneway curves around to the left. Follow this for another 75m and the driveway for the villa is on the right. The Villa Anggrek sign is on the gate pillar. Drive into the carport and you will see the villa on the right.

The housekeeper is on site to welcome you until 7pm. If you plan to arrive after this time please let us know and we will make arrangements for a key to be left out for you.

### Getting around

If you need a driver during your stay, Ricky is available to take our guests on full or half-day tours (half day 400,000 IDR, full day 700,000 IDR).

If you are staying at Villa Anggrek for more than a few days, you may want to consider hiring a car to give you more flexibility to explore the local area.

We use **No Problem Transport** in Candidassa, who will deliver a car to the villa and collect it again when you no longer need it. They have a selection of fully insured vehicles and are very reasonably priced. Details on [www.candidasarentcar.com](http://www.candidasarentcar.com)

Contact Martini on WhatsApp +62 812393 2604, mention you are staying at Villa Anggrek and ask for her best rate!

Scooters may also be hired from local vendors in the laneway leading to the resort for around 80,000 IDR per day.

If you plan to hire a car or scooter in Bali, you will need an international driver's licence as well as your regular driver's licence. You should carry these, together with the vehicle's registration papers and a copy of your passport in case you are stopped for a police check. Driving in the north-east of Bali is pretty relaxed - other drivers and motorbike riders are very courteous and forgiving.

## What to pack

The dress code in this part of Bali is very casual. Shorts, t-shirts, sundresses, sarongs, long loose-fitting pants and light-weight long sleeve shirt for evenings, sandals, flip-flops (rubber thongs). If you plan on visiting any temples, you will need to wear a sarong as a sign of respect (they can be bought locally).

We recommend you bring rubber booties/reef walking shoes as the beaches in this area are very pebbly.

\*Shampoo, conditioner, body wash and soap are provided for guests. The villa also has a hairdryer.

## Self-catering

As shopping in Kubu is limited, we recommend that guests buy any western style groceries they need in the south of Bali before the drive up to Kubu (or other major centre such as Ubud if you are already in Bali). If coming directly from the airport the most convenient place to stop is the Grand Lucky supermarket in Sanur. Just ask your driver to take you there first.

Items you may want to buy in the south include breakfast cereal, dairy items such as cheese, yoghurt, butter, fresh milk and good bread. You may want to pack a soft cooler bag in your luggage to keep cold items cool for the journey to Kubu.

Fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, fish, chicken, tofu, tempeh, rice, noodles, long-life milk, tinned food, condiments and beer are readily available in Kubu/Tulamben. Our housekeeper is happy to shop at the local shops/markets for you.

Drinking water, tea and coffee, cooking oil, pepper and salt, cling wrap, aluminium foil and paper towel are provided at the villa.

## About the villa

While Villa Anggrek is not part of Kubu Indah Resort and Spa, our guests are welcome to use their facilities, which include a restaurant, pool bar, spa and dive centre. If you would like to set up an account with the resort please see the staff at reception.

**Staff:** Villa Anggrek has two dedicated staff – the housekeeper, Nengah, and the gardener, Komang. The villa will be serviced daily during your stay. Please let the staff know at any time if this is not convenient or you would like more privacy.

**In-house dining:** Our housekeeper Nengah is an excellent cook and is available to cook evening meals for our guests and/or assist with breakfast on request. Further details in the section on 'where to eat'.

**Massage:** Villa Anggrek has its own massage therapist who will come to the villa on request. A one-hour Balinese massage is 120,000 IDR. Please speak to the housekeeper the day before to arrange a time. The villa has its own massage table which can easily be set up in either of the minor bedrooms.

**Kitchen facilities:** The villa has a full kitchen including an electric oven, gas cooktop, kettle, toaster, blender, rice cooker, wok, saucepans, frypans, portable electric grill, plastic containers, crockery, cutlery and utensils.

**Laundry:** Laundry service is available for villa guests free of charge. All linen, towels and pool towels are provided and changed regularly.

**Recreation:** The villa has a few boardgames, playing cards, smart tv and bluetooth speaker. We also have a volleyball/badminton set - please ask staff to set this up for you. The resort has a petanque set that you may borrow (just ask at the pool bar)

**Drones:** Please note that for your privacy and that of other guests, the use of drones is not permitted over the villa or neighbouring resort. Drones may be operated from the beach only.

## Where to eat

The most convenient place to eat during your stay is at the neighbouring Kubu Indah Dive Resort and Spa. The restaurant is open from 7am to 10pm daily. Restaurant staff will happily deliver meals to the villa on request.

\* Please note that breakfast is not included with your booking but is available from the resort restaurant from 7am - 10.30am for about IDR 120,000++ per person.

## In-house dining

If you would like to experience delicious, authentic Balinese cuisine cooked at the villa, our housekeeper Nengah is a wonderful cook! She is available to cook evening meals (and assist with breakfast) on request.

Some of her specialties include:

- Curry ayam or ikan (chicken, tuna or vegetable curry), served with rice
- Sate ayam or sate lilit (chicken or fish sate), served with rice and vegetables
- Pepes ikan (fish mixed with Balinese spices cooked in a banana leaf), served with rice and vegetables
- Soto ayam (chicken soup)
- Grilled mahi mahi, vegetables and rice
- A range of tasty vegetarian dishes

Depending on market price, the cost of an evening meal per person is around 80,000 IDR. Any arrangement is strictly between you and Nengah and payment should be made directly to her.

Please let us know before your arrival if you are interested in this option or discuss with Nengah when you arrive.

If you have transport, these are some of our favourite places to eat in east Bali.

**Matahari Resort** (Tulamben) - really good Thai food

**Mimpi Resort** (Tulamben) - lovely courtyard setting, local and international cuisine

**Chops and Hops** (Tulamben) - big hamburgers and steaks

**Good Stuff** (Amed) - popular for breakfast/brunch. Serving smoothie bowls, smashed avo on sourdough, excellent coffee and juices

**Blue Earth Village** (Amed) - chilled vibe – if you're comfortable on floor cushions it's one of the best spots to watch the sun set over Mount Agung. Great pizzas and the best Pad Thai around

**Sunset Point** (Amed) – re-opened in July 2022, beach club feel with infinity pool overlooking the bay and Mount Agung. Bean bags, sun lounges, fast food and slick service. Minimum 100,000 IDR spend per person (50,000 IDR for children)

**Bali Asli** - (Amplapura) - best lunch in East Bali and gorgeous views (see also under places to visit)

**Siddhartha Resort** (Kubu) - upmarket resort, worth going just for the architecture of the restaurant

## Local amenities

### IMPORTANT

*During COVID-19 most of the ATMs in Kubu, Tulamben and Amed have been removed or run out of cash. Currently (Jan 2023) the closest working ATMs are in Amed (Adi shop) or Amlapura - a 45 minute drive. We strongly suggest you obtain all the cash you think you will need either at the airport or before you come to East Bali.*

Shopping in the area largely caters to locals and shops carry a random selection of items.

**Kubu** - (easy walking distance) - general store, small local shops, police station, pharmacy, market every 3rd day (check with villa staff)

**Rubaya** – (40 mins walk) - large market 2 days out of 3 (check with villa staff)

**Tulamben** – (5 minutes by car) restaurants and cafes, dive operators, police station, a couple of small supermarkets - Indomaret and Wayan's Toko

**Amed** - (25 mins drive) - a string of restaurants, bars, cafes, small supermarkets and shops. Adi shop carries a small range of western groceries including freshly baked bread and wine. It also has an ATM in the Adi store.

## Places to visit

**Bali Asli** – A must do on any trip to East Bali. Fantastic place for lunch, cooking class, or other food related tours in the Amlapura area [www.baliasli.com.au](http://www.baliasli.com.au) Highly recommend (45 mins from Kubu).

**Tirta Gangga** – Lovely water garden built by the former King of Karangasem [www.tirtagangga.nl](http://www.tirtagangga.nl) (30 mins from Kubu).

**Temple of Lempuyang Luhur** – Beautiful Hindu Temple. Has become popular because of the ultimate Instagram shot through the 'Gates of Heaven' to Mount Agung – please note this is trick photography – there is no water in front of the gates (45 mins from Kubu).

**Besakih Temple** - Bali's most famous "Mother Temple" (just over 1 hour from Kubu).

**Rumah Pohon (Tulamben)** – Unique tourist attraction - literally translates to Tree House. Multi-level walkways and platforms made from bamboo and recycled materials. Has many peaceful areas to sit and have something to eat and drink and admire the views. They also have an interesting collection of birds. Great for kids (15 mins from Kubu).

**White Sandy Beach/Virgin Beach (Bug Bug)** - Great for a swim, lunch and beach massage (45 mins - 1 hour from Kubu).

**Amed** – Loads of beachfront restaurants and cafes. Great place for lunch and a snorkel (sandy beaches) or simply to chill (25 mins from Kubu).

**Les Waterfall** – Small (non-touristy) waterfall about ½ hour walk (easy to moderate). It's worth accepting the offer of a guide who will tell you all about the area and plants along the way (30 mins from Kubu).

**White water rafting** – On either the Ayung River (easy) or Telagawaja River (rapids and small waterfall). Can be organised through Tulamben Transport for very reasonable rates. Allow a full day including lunch. (1½ hours from Kubu).

**Muntigunung trek** - Run by a Swiss-Indonesian not-for-profit organisation, which is improving the lives of poor families in the Muntigunung area. Local women have been trained as guides taking you through some of the most stunning scenery in Bali. [www.muntigunung.com](http://www.muntigunung.com) (45 mins to the trek start from Kubu).

## Scuba diving

We think the best way to dive when staying at Villa Anggrek is to use a freelance guide who will pick you up from the villa and take you to the dive sites of your choice.

We highly recommend Oceanus Tulamben Dive Service run by Tisnu and his partner Made. They are exceptional guides and lovely people. They charge US \$30 per dive (\$55 for 2 dives), plus \$5 per day for transport. They also run PADI Open Water courses on request.

The best way to contact Tisnu is on WhatsApp: +62 8123 7406 215

We recommend you contact them well in advance as they get booked up quickly. He can also organise any gear you need to hire.

The villa has a wash tank and drying racks for your scuba gear. Please ask the housekeeper if you would like to borrow the dive crates.

Other dive operators/guides who come highly recommended include:

- Let's Dive Tulamben
- [www.letsdivetulamben.com](http://www.letsdivetulamben.com)
- Bali Elite Scuba
- [www.balielitescuba.com](http://www.balielitescuba.com)
- Ajiex Dharma – (Facebook) – highly sought-after dive guide and macro-photography guru

Diving with Kubu Indah Dive Resort and Spa is a very convenient way to dive during your stay. They run 2-3 dives daily and offer the full range of PADI courses. Their prices are detailed on their website [www.kubuindahresort.com](http://www.kubuindahresort.com).

They also run daily snorkelling tours on request.

You may prefer to do your own research on dive operators and prices in the Tulamben area. Many will be happy to collect you from the villa.