

a super guide

MOVING *to* UBUD



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Hubud [Hub-in-Ubud] is home to a motley bunch of creatives, techies, entrepreneurs, change-makers, south sea pirates and of course, truth-seekers. If you're visiting or Bali-based, the collaborative work space is open to all.



So, you're dreaming of making the move to Bali. We've helped dozens of adventurers navigate the rocky reefs of relocation, and have compiled this guide to ensure your journey is smooth sailing.

Twenty-five of our members contributed to our study, from various backgrounds and lifestyles. So if you're an individual on a one month work-athon or partners looking to make a new home in paradise, hopefully the only question you will have when you are finished this guide is:

"Do you know a good travel agent?"

Cheers,

The Hubud Team

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Our very pretty data visualizations and articles are based on the experiences of

of our fellow Hubudians, 9 of whom are involved in giving input outside of the survey. All prices are quoted in US dollars.



Content 1

VISAS

Depending on your planned length of stay, there are several options:

1) Visa on Arrival (VOA)

Many nationalities can obtain a visa on arrival at the airport for \$25. Click here to see if your country is included. The VOA is good for 30 days, and can be extended within Indonesia for an additional 30 days.

2) Social Visa

A social visa requires a sponsoring organization and will give you an initial 60 days. This can be extended every month (in Indonesia) for up to 6 months, at which time you need to leave the country and obtain a new visa.

Cost for initial two months is \$25 for the sponsor letter, plus embassy fees in your home country (check their website). Extensions are +/- \$50 per month.

**This visa is a great option for someone looking to stay longer than 2 months, but who is not intending to exit Indonesia during their stay. Once you leave, you will need to go to an Indonesian Embassy to obtain a new visa.*

3) Business Visa

A business visa is intended for people who will come in and out of Indonesia frequently, with 6 and 12 month multiple entry options. Each time you enter you are granted 60 days, at which time you need to leave and reenter, or renew locally.

Cost is +/- \$200 for the sponsorship letter and all the paperwork completed in Indonesia. The visa will then be picked up at your designated Embassy of Indonesia, where additional Embassy fees are paid directly.

**This is a great option for someone who intends to stay in Indonesia for 2+ months, but needs the flexibility to exit and enter regularly.*

4) KITAS (residence work permit)

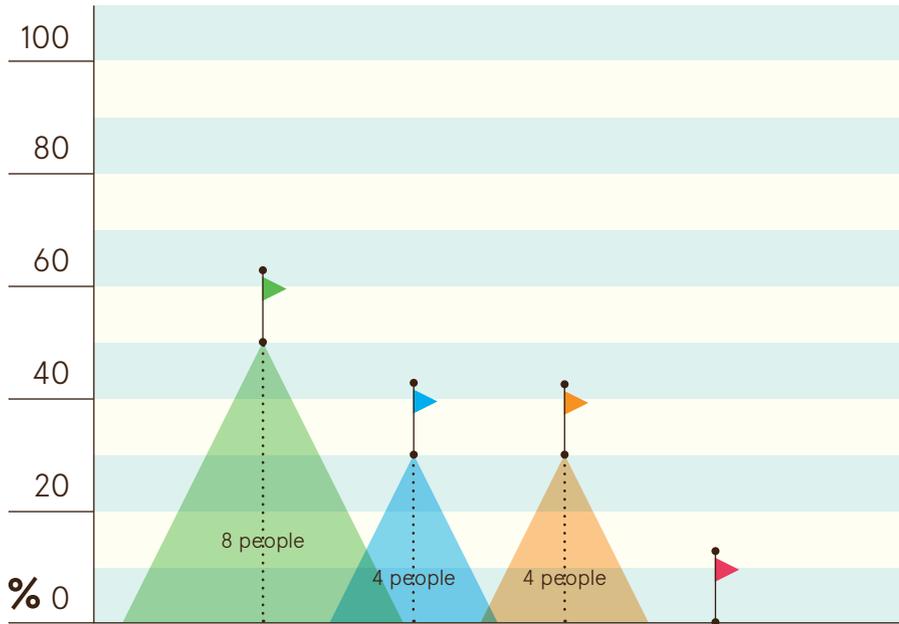
This allows you to work in Indonesia, and is appropriate for employees or entrepreneurs setting up a local company. For people that are working on projects/businesses based outside of Indonesia, a work permit is not required.

Cost is +/- \$1,900 per year.

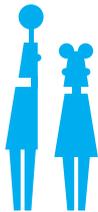
Cost: +/- \$1900/year

Who are you here in Bali with?

16 total respondents



Solo Ranger



Partner



Partner + Kids



Single Parent

Content 2

HOUSING

Basic housing cost in the island.

Whether you're a prince or a pauper, Bali offers a veritable wonderland of housing options. A simple room in a share house can cost less than your average Starbucks coffee, at just \$5 per day. A luxury 4 bedroom villa is closer to \$4,000+ per month and almost all leases are paid up front. The longer your lease, the better the rate.

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DOMESTIC HELP

In Indonesian the word *pembantu* literally translates as 'one who helps' and boy, do they live up to that promise! For some, the pembantu becomes a member of the family, keeping things clean, clothing laundered and household supplies stocked. In addition to a cleaner, you may want help with childcare, gardening, cooking, security or a driver to navigate Bali's roads. Sounds over indulgent? In Bali you can generate employment and gain productivity by skipping some of the chores.

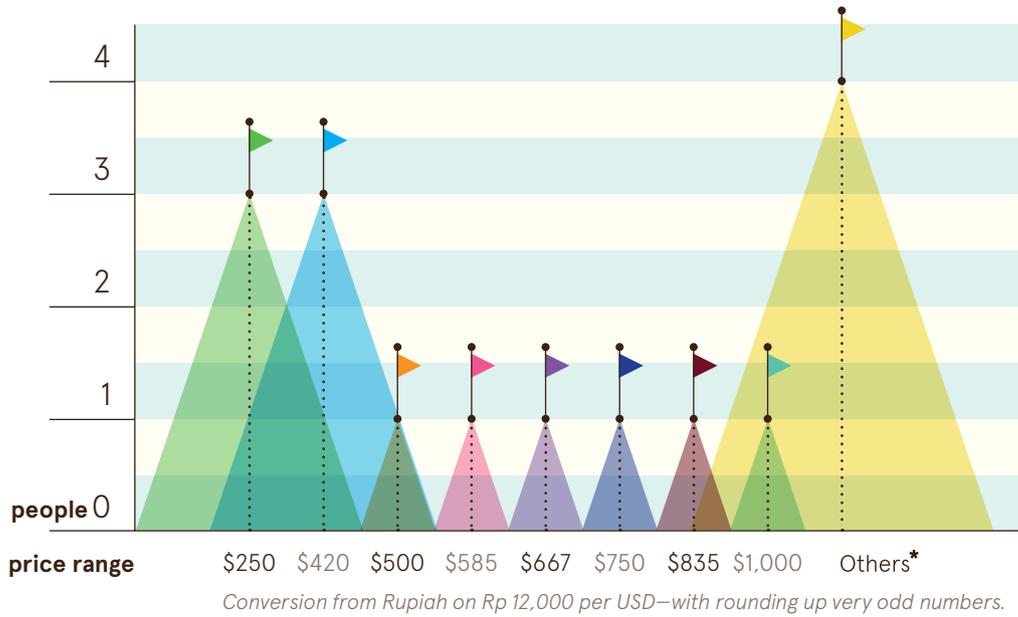
Based on language skills and experience, full time salaries sit around:

POSITION	MONTHLY SALARY
Housekeeper	\$150
Driver	\$180-\$200
Gardener/Pool	\$150

HOUSING: Figure 1

How much do you pay per month for rent?

16 total respondents



*Others :



Sharing
3BR villa for
\$830/mo



Own
a house



\$1,500 per
month

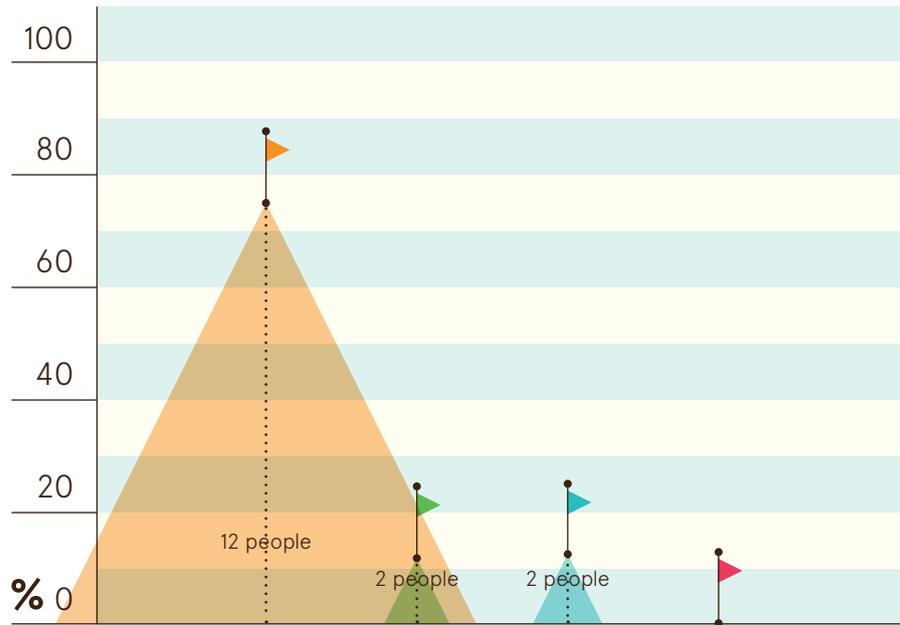


4BR
house for
\$830/mo

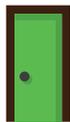
HOUSING: Figure 2

What kind of accommodation do you live in?

16 total respondents



Private House



Room
in a Private
House



Room
in a Hotel

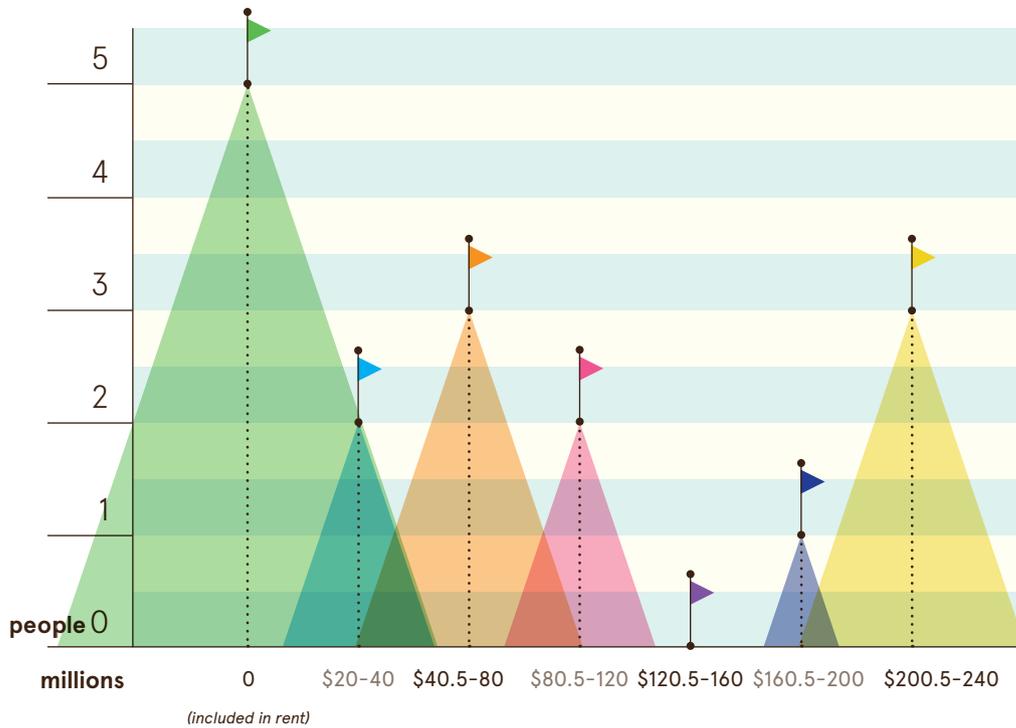


Share Room
in a Private
House

HOUSING: Figure 3

How much do you pay for home utilities per month?

16 total respondents



HOUSING: Figure 5

Is a pembantu included in your rent?

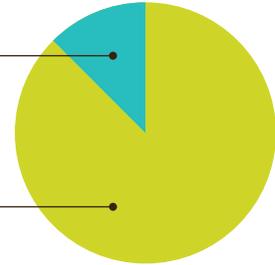
16 total respondents

well, yes!

2 people

umh, no.

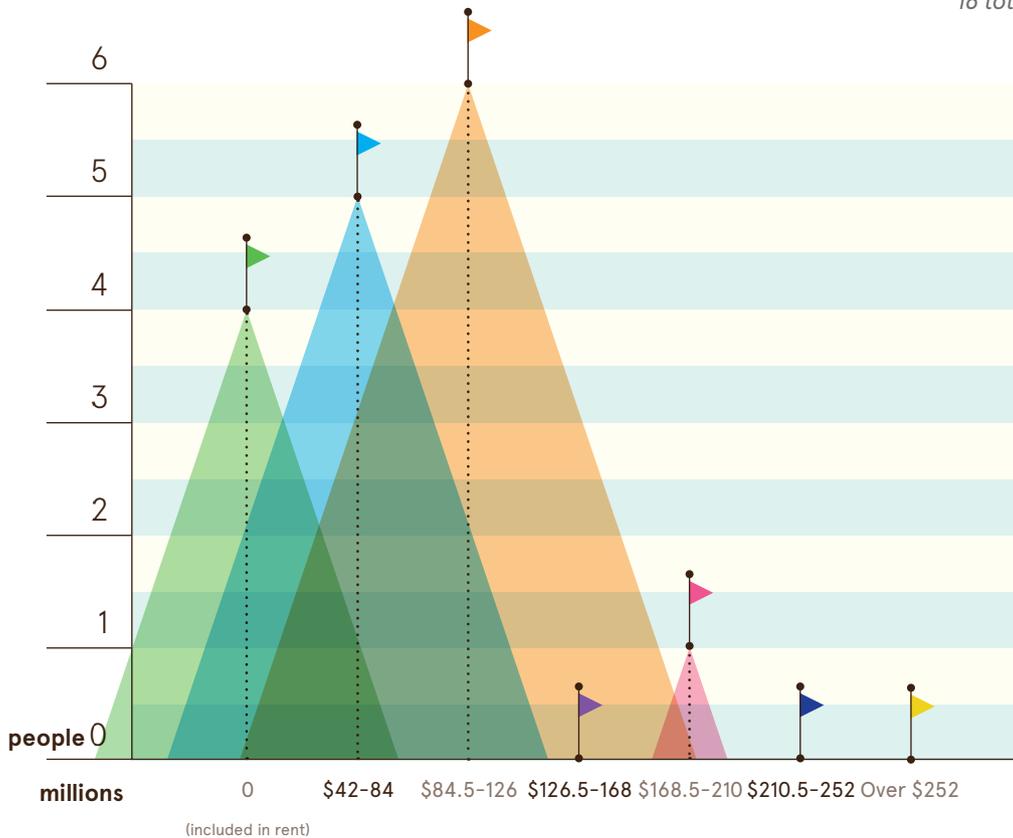
14 people



HOUSING: Figure 6

If you have a pembantu, how much do you pay per month?

16 total respondents



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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Slow, expensive and unreliable, home plans can cost anywhere from \$50 to \$150 per month. Of course with Hubud's space age, dedicated 10MB fibre optic line, you'll come to work thinking you've landed in South Korea.

Bali's internet is challenging at best, so save yourself a lot of time, trouble and money with a Hubud membership.

Thankfully, mobile plans are cheaper than chips, with prepaid SIM cards costing \$3 and local calls/texts as low as they go. Depending on usage, you can expect to pay \$3 to \$10 per month.

Unlimited, 3G data plans cost only \$8 per month—blimey!

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Figure 1

How much do you pay for internet at home?

16 total respondents



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SCHOOLS

These days Bali's schools are so desirable, some families are relocating for the education offerings, not despite them. The main options are:

1) Green School

Voted the 2012 Greenest School on Earth and an architectural masterpiece.

www.greenschool.org

2) Pelangi School

Opened in 2006 and serving students from 3-12 years old, Pelangi is just outside central Ubud.

www.pelangischoolbali.com

3) The Spring

Located very centrally, The Spring is a pre-school for kids up to 6 years old.

www.thespringubud.com

4) Bali International School

Running for over 25 years, BIS is a long established school running the IB curriculum. It is located in Sanur, about 45 minutes from Ubud.

www.baliinternationalschool.com

5) Canggu Community School

Operating for over ten years, CCS follows the Cambridge International curriculum for its secondary students.

www.ccsbali.com

The Hubud founders have a large brood of rascals and are happy to discuss the different schooling options in details.

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SPORTS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Heed the ancient Balinese expression: swing a cat in Ubud and you will knockout a yogi. Globally recognized as a top destination for holistic healing and healthy living in general, Ubud will have you looking 25 years younger in no time at all.

The two main **yoga** studios:

www.yogabarn.com

www.radiantlyalive.com

Surrounded by picture perfect rice paddy views, Ubud Fitness has a well equipped **gym**, assuming you can get past the healthy café.

www.ubudfitness.com

Too much computer time left you with a flabby core? Check out *www.ubudpilates.com*, a great studio owned and operated by an exceptional instructor.

Join a family **baseball** game every Sunday morning at the Nhuh Kuning football field, organized by Hubud's own Peter Wall.

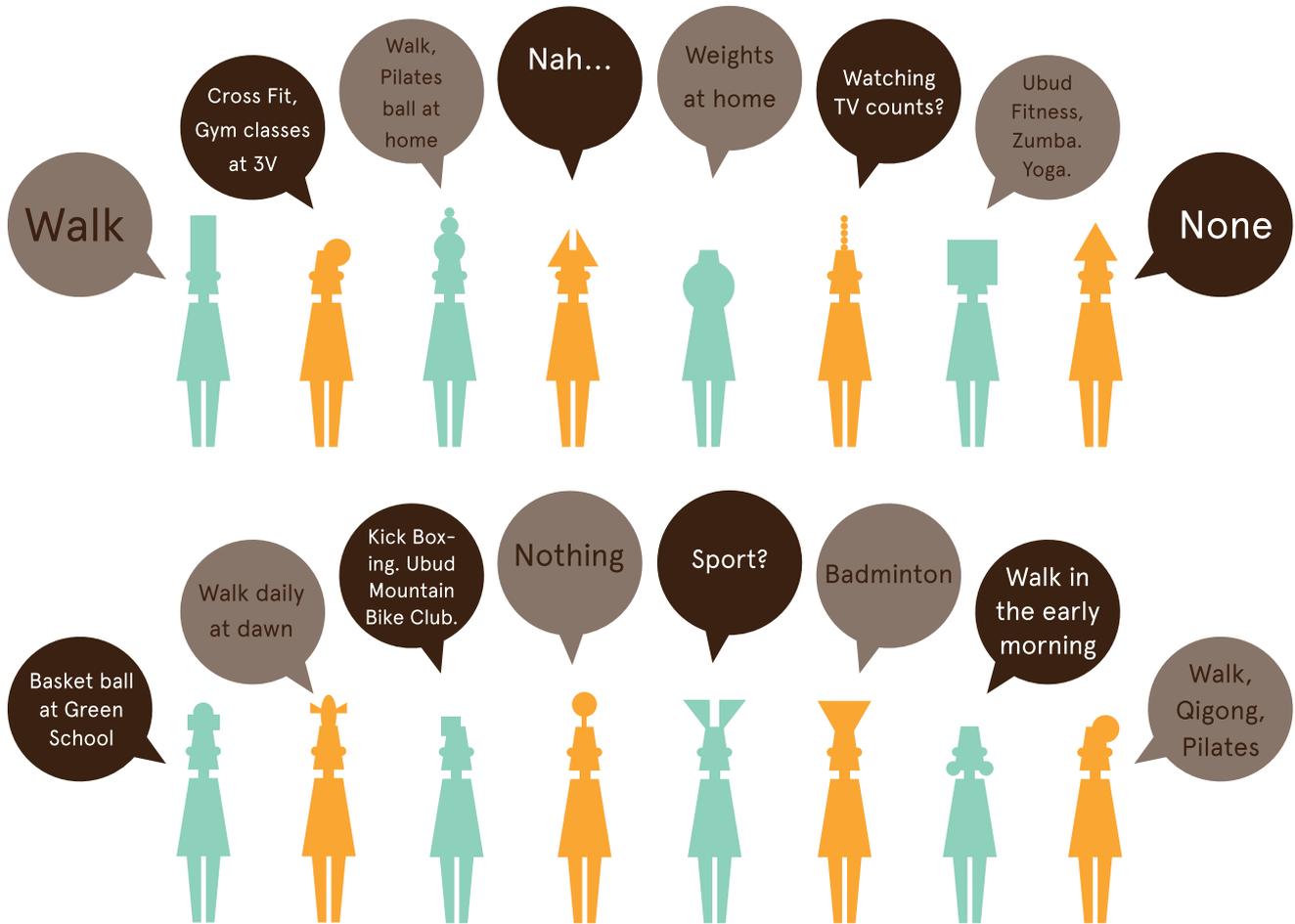
Tennis: A court at the beautiful Maya Ubud hotel is around \$8/hour, including racket rental.

Are you bad ass at **badminton**? So are millions of Indonesians! There are tons of places to whack a birdie and the same goes for **football/soccer** and **volleyball**. Polish up your game and get to know your neighbours.

SPORTS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: Figure 1

Other than the list, what else do you do for sports in Ubud?

16 total respondents



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HOTELS

There's no softer landing than straight onto a hotel pillow. Here are our pick of the options, but if you'd like to see a longer list we'll happily send one through. And for the more economically minded, check out AirBnB.

1) Abangan Bungalow

Located just 1km from Ubud city center.

Ubud Main Road

www.abanganbungalow.com

2) Saren Indah Hotel

If you prefer to be far from the crowd but close to shops, this is a great option.

Nyuh Bojog St, no. 30, Nyuh Kuning Mas, Ubud.

www.sarenhotel.com

3) Yoga Barn

They also offer yoga, meditation, dance classes and a great organic / raw food cafe.

www.theyogabarn.com

4) Tegal Sari

Situated away from the main streets but walking distance from the Ubud Markets and Monkey Forest.

www.tegalsari-ubud.com

5) Swasti Eco Cottages

Spacious rooms make this a popular (and eco friendly) choice.

Nyuh Kuning, Ubud

www.balismswasti.com

6) Okawati Hotel

High quality bungalow accommodation near the Monkey forest.

Wanara Wana St, Ubud

www.okawatihotel.com

7) Puri Dalem Cottages

14 newly renovated lovely cottages in the center of Ubud.

Hanoman St, No73, Padang Tegal, Ubud

www.puridalem-cottages.com

8) Garden View Cottage

South of Ubud and set in a luscious tropical garden.

Nyuh Kuning St, Ubud

www.baligardenview.com

9) Puri Garden Hotel

Located in the heart of Ubud and within easy walking distance of the main shopping area.

Pengosekan Main Road, Ubud

www.purigarden-hotel.com

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RESTAURANTS

One of the best things about our local culinary offering is that much of it is guilt-free. Raw foodists, vegans, paleo dieters and plain old gluttons love eating out in Uub. If you aren't suffering through a juice fast, chances are you'll be gorging yourself silly at one of these healthy choices:

HEALTHY CHOICES:

1) Garden Kafe / Little K

Located in Yoga Barn, this is a great place to eat after catching a yoga or mediation class. They even have special menus for detox and Ayurvedic Rejuvenation.

Pengoseken St, Ubud.
+62 361 971 236
www.theyogabarn.com

2) Alchemy

The home of raw food: Alchemy are famous for their salads but offer juices and smoothies, raw chocolates, a well stocked health store, clinic, retreats and much more.

Penestanan Kelod St, Ubud
+62 361 971 981
www.alchemybali.com

3) Down to Earth

Delicious organic food with a great health food shop to boot.

South Gautama St
+62 361 8355 45
www.downtoearthbali.com

4) Seniman Coffe Studio

Aside from the fantastic atmosphere, these guys turn a 'cup of Joe' into a science.

Srivedari St
+62 361 972 085
www.senimancoffee.com

5) Sari Organik

Set in one of the most picturesque locales, stroll down a rice paddy path to enjoy home-grown organic food. They also offer farm fresh deliveries, a cooking class and even a mobile pizza making service.

Bodag Maliah, Ubud
+62 361 780 1839
www.sari-organik.com

6) Soma

The yummiest vegan restaurant in Ubud; they'll make you feel healthy and fresh.

Dewi Sita St

+62 361 971 120

7) Yellow Flower Café

Located in one of the prettiest backstreets of Ubud, you won't want to rush this visit; it's a spot made for lingering.

Campuhan Steps, Penestanan

+62 361 889 9865

8) Taksu Restaurant (& Spa)

Restaurant, Yoga, and Spa – this is a one stop healing spot! Raw and vegan menus available.

South Goutama St

+62 361 971 490

www.taksuspa.com

9) Juice Ja Cafe

High-quality juices you'll definitely choose over sweet treats.

Dewi Sita St

+62 361 971 056

10) Warung Sopa

Really cozy spot to enjoy impressive food.

Sugriva St 36, Padang Tegal

+62 361 276 5897

www.warungsopa.com

11) Kue Bakery

Delicious western desserts, and they also serve gluten-free treats.

Penestanan St

+62 817 976 7040

FROM THE PAGES OF GOURMET
MAGAZINE:

1) Mozaic

One of Bali's most celebrated dining experiences, try the 'surprise chef menu', which is tailored to your personal taste.

\$70-150

Sanggingan Main Rd

+62 361 975 768

www.mozaic-bali.com

2) Cascade

Famous for its romantic atmosphere and breathtaking scenic view, it's the perfect night out for two.

\$50-200

Viceroy Bali

Lanaban St, Banjar Nagi, Ubud

+62 361 972 111

www.cascadesbali.com

3) Bridges

Set as the name suggests by a beautiful old suspension bridge, you'll be taken back to another time.

\$10-30

Campuhan Main Rd, Ubud
+62 361 970 095
www.bridgesbali.com

4) Lamak

A gourmet experience at a reasonable price.

\$4-30

Monkey Forest Road
+62 361 973 482
www.lamakbali.com

5) Locavore

Relatively new and hugely popular, Locavore is as you guessed: all about local food.

\$10-13

Devi Sita St, Ubud
+62 361 977 733
www.facebook.com/RestaurantLocavore

6) Fair Warung Bale

A combination of a restaurant and a social organisation, you'll find that mahi-mahi has never tasted so sweet.

\$3-5

Srivedari St No 6
100m Up From Main Road Ubud
+62 361 975 370
fairfuture.fairfuturefoundation.org

7) Warung Schnitzel

For those missing a Western menu, this place will hit the spot.

\$3-8

Srivedari St No 2
20m Up From Main Road Ubud
+62 822 3665 4547
warung schnitzelubud.weebly.com

8) Casa Lotus

A really hyped expat hangout place. Cooking class available.

Ubud Main Road
+62 361 975 35

9) Ibu Oka Warung

Heard all about "babi guling"? This is the number one place to treat yourself to Balinese roast suckling pig.

\$6-12

Suweta St, Tegal Sari No. 2, Ubud
+62 361 976 345

10) Ibu Rai Restaurant

Let Ibu Rai be the stove-side mother you never had.

\$4-12

Monkey Forest Street, Ubud
+62 361 973 472

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GETTING AROUND

You won't find registered taxi companies in 'The Bud', but there are plenty of private transport guys hanging about waiting for business. If it's true that Ubud is teeming with yogis, then the same can be said of drivers, but in the long term it makes sense to get your own set of wheels.

Car: Rentals are \$180 - \$280 per month for the vehicle, with cheap fuel kindly subsidized by the government at about \$0.60/L. Driving is a challenge at first, but enter the flow and you'll find that the Balinese are gentle, courteous drivers.

Motorcycle/Scooter: An automatic scooter costs \$45 per month and is the most common and convenient way to get around. Parking is a breeze and you can skip past the traffic when it's gridlocked.

Bicycle: Rentals are \$15-\$20 a month or you can buy a used one should you plan to stick around.

GETTING AROUND: Figure 1

Primary means of transportation
of Hubud's 16 Ubudians?



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THINGS TO DO AROUND UBUD

1) Monkey Forest

They're sacred Hindu animals that will pick your pockets faster than you can shout, "banana bandit!" Still, everyone who comes to Ubud loves the cool, mossy Monkey Forest, and for good reason, too.

2) Campuhan Ridge Walk

Start your walk at the Campuhan River, next to Ibah hotel. The 2 hour trek will take you through several villages and some of the most picturesque locations in the region.

3) Cranes of Petulu

Travel just north of Ubud to the village of Petulu in Tegallalang to witness a strange natural phenomenon. Thousands of white herons arrive here at around 6:00PM to roost for the night, before flying off again each the morning.

4) Balinese Dance Performances

One of the most vibrant elements of Balinese culture is the traditional dance. Dramatic and dazzling, you'll meet heroic princes, demure maidens and roaring Hindu Gods, all bedecked in fabulous glittering costumes. Ubud palace offers regular shows and for those who like it hot, Pura Dalem includes fire dancing on the program.

THINGS TO DO: Figure 1

Favourite things to do and places to visit around Bali outside of Ubud?

To Do:

1. Snorkeling
2. Odalan hopping
3. Downhill cycling
4. General Cruising
5. Surfing
6. Hanging out in beach clubs
7. Watching sunset
8. Exploring on the motorbike
9. Chatting with locals
10. Massages!
11. Relaxing in cafes
12. Eating
13. Mountain walking

To Go:

1. Kintamani
2. Amed Beach
3. Uluwatu
4. Sanur
5. Tanah Lot
6. Canggu
7. Seminyak (shop)
8. Bingin Beach (surf)
9. Temples
10. Volcanoes
11. Mask & Puppet Museum
12. Menjangan
13. Tampak Siring
14. Gitgit Waterfall
15. Batur
16. Legian



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MEDICAL ISSUES

Thankfully most illnesses in Bali are no more serious than an intimate, 24 hour fling with your toilet bowl. Cases of malaria still exist in parts of Indonesia but are rare in Bali and Java; however if you plan on travelling to Nusa Tenggara, consult your GP before departing.

Dengue fever pops up over the rainy season so it's a smart idea to wear repellent whenever you venture outside, particularly in the twilight hours. Any fever higher than 39°C and longer than three days warrants a trip to the local clinic.

Should you have the bad luck to be bitten by one of Bali's street dogs, or a pesky monkey, you'll require a series of rabies shots, though cases are rare.

Health insurance is not obligatory in Indonesia, but with the high cost of serious medical procedures and medivac flights, it's wise to arrange coverage before you leave home, or through one of the local providers.

The Toya Medical Clinic is very central, open 24 hours and offers an ambulance service.

Jalan Raya Pengosekan (East of Gas Station)

+62 361 978078

24 hours of medical services

Bilingual staff

The most popular local medical center is **Ubud Clinic**. A medical consultation generally costs around \$25.

Campuban Main Rd, No 36

+62 361 974 911

24 hours of medical services

Bilingual staff

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CONNECTIVITIES TO OTHER CITIES

Depending on traffic, Ubud is 1-1.5 hours from Bali's sparkly new Ngurah Rai Airport. Direct international flights to Singapore go about 12 times a day, with Malaysia, Thailand, Hongkong, China (Beijing), Korea, Taiwan, Phillipines, East Timor, Qatar, Amsterdam and Australia (Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane) also frequent.

Indonesia is a tapestry of cultures, religions and landscapes waiting to be explored and many Hubudians dash of for a weekend to go loco.

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LANGUAGES

Want to get bilingual? Most locals speak a basic level of English but Indonesian is one of the easiest languages to learn at a rudimentary level and locals love it when you make the effort. Many schools offer courses, with Cinta Bahasa offering 20-hour private lessons for \$350-\$375.

Cinta Bahasa - Ubud

Sanggingan Main Rd. 88x Ubud

www.cintabahasa.com

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BASIC SPREADSHEET OF COSTS

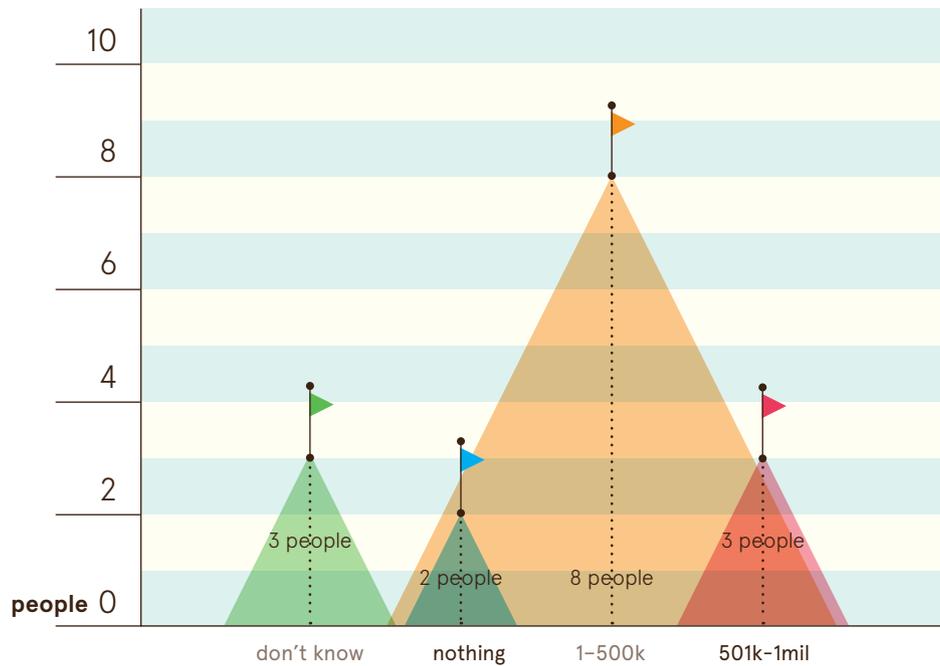
Bali is one of the few places you can set an overly optimistic budget and keep it, but as always, it's better to expect the best and plan for the unforeseen. We've found that the average couple spends about \$2,000 a month for a comfortable living. Here's a basic table of costs:

EXPENSES	MONTHLY ESTIMATION
Housing	\$200 (a room) or \$1,000 (a house)
Groceries	\$200–400 (eating out once/twice a week)
Utilities	\$50–100 (one AC)
Restaurant Meal (on average)	\$10 per person
Home Internet	\$50–150
Mobile & 3G	\$10–30
Housekeeper	\$50–150 (depends on schedule & skills)
Car Rental	\$200
Motorcycle Rental	\$50
Unlimited Hubud Membership	\$250
Gym Membership	\$50

BASIC SPREADSHEET OF COSTS: Figure 1

How much do you spend on groceries in a week?

25 total respondents



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WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

OK, so you've decided to leave behind the daily grind and go loco—congratulations! You've got your passport and plane ticket, but do you need the giant, blow up gorilla? No, Bali has plenty of them here waiting for you, and in a range of colours and sizes. In fact, the island's booming retail sector offers you pretty much anything you desire, assuming you can find it.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU: Figure 1

Some things that our members say they brought / wish they brought:

- | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 1) Tampons | 7) Line conditioners (for power) | colloidal silver | pollution |
| 2) Good quality children's clothes, toys and books | 8) Parasite prevention (Lugol's solution, Iodoral, diatomaceous earth) | 13) Oregano Oil | 21) Branston pickle |
| 3) Good quality probiotics and supplements | 9) Stainless steel/ nontoxic cookware | 14) DVD player | 22) Marmite |
| 4) Specialty teas | 10) LED lightbulbs | 15) Noise canceling headset | 23) Oats |
| 5) Good red wine | 11) Epsom salts | 16) Cheese & Wine | 24) Homeopathic meds |
| 6) Cotton underwear | 12) High concentration | 17) Children's books | 25) Anti itch gel |
| | | 18) Decent toys | 26) Good towels |
| | | 19) Kid's toothpaste | 27) Good quality shampoo & conditioner |
| | | 20) A good face mask for | 28) Good chocolate |



Hubud Concierge Service

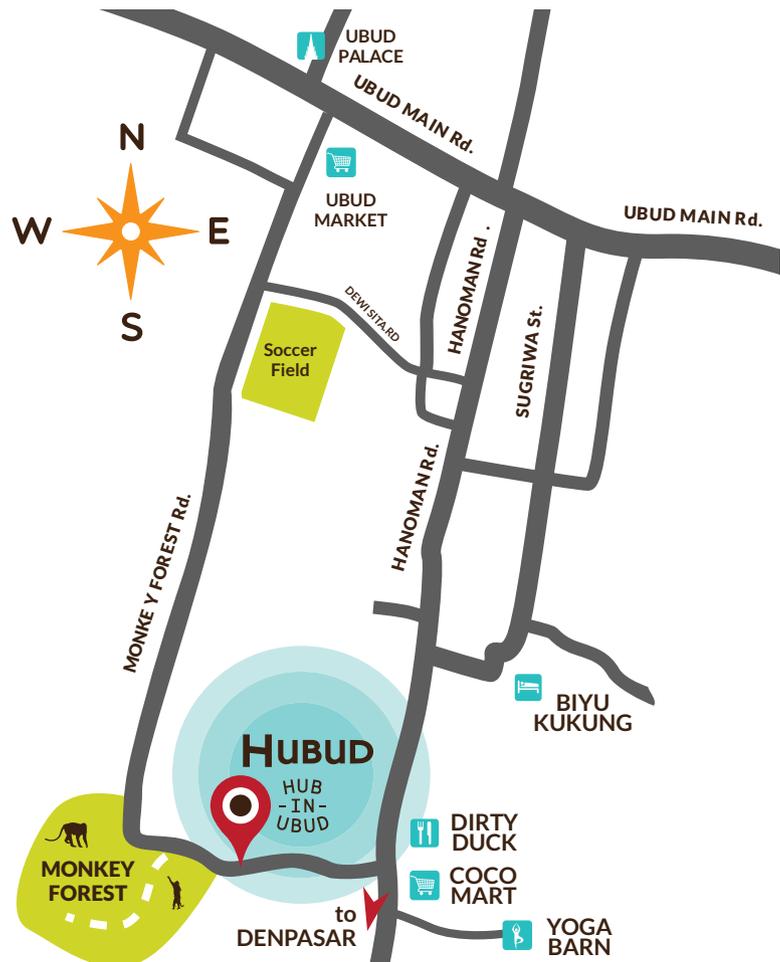
Hubud isn't only a co-working space; it's a community of people who want to help one another. This year we're expanding our services to offer a 'soft landing' for new arrivals, including in-house visa processing and renewal, housing advice and transport connections. Moving to Bali may be the best thing you ever do, so if you take that leap we're here to catch you.

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From Ubud Market: Go south on Jl Hanoman until Coco Supermarket and follow the road to the right onto Monkey Forest Road. Hubud is 100m further on the right side, BEFORE the entrance to the Monkey Forest. Look for the big wood sign that says HUBUD.

From Denpasar: Go North on Jl Pengoseken until Coco Supermarket, turn left onto Monkey Forest. Hubud is 100m further on the right side, BEFORE the entrance to the Monkey Forest. Look for the big wood sign that says HUBUD.

Getting to HUBUD



Ask here to get served:

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Monkey Forest Road 88x
Ubud, Gianyar 80571
Bali - Indonesia
+62 361978073
team-at-hubud-dot-org

PS. We squeezed every ounce of our hard earned wisdom into this booklet so if there's a typo or inaccuracy, we'd love you to let us know. Information is accurate-ish at the time of creation. Hubud is not responsible for any un-refundable plane tickets or closed down restaurants.

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