Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences: Hidden Rice Terraces Trek

Tour City

Bali

Tour Snapshot

Think of Bali, and you probably think of rice terraces cascading down the hillsides. Come see these gorgeous fields on a tour that'll teach you the ins and outs of local agriculture. Discover an ancient irrigation system, wander through fields growing everything from rice to tomatoes, and find out how these fields are their own unique ecosystem and cultural tradition.

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Highlights

- Visit a local food market
- Learn about the biodiversity of the rice fields and their importance to Balinese culture
- Learn about the ancient irrigation system of *subak* that’s still used today on Bali
• See a *subak* agricultural temple not typically visited by tourists
• Cross over bamboo bridges and walk along walls as you trek through farmers’ fields in Kerobokan
• Visit a local antique shop and see what goods you can find
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**Local Impact: How you taking this tour will benefit the local community:**

• This tour supports farmers in the Kerobokan area by donating a portion of your tour fee to a local farmer’s cooperative. During the visit to the temple, your guide will explain how the co-op works across the rice fields, the intricate workings of the 1,000 year old subak irrigation system and its importance to the community
• We visit an antiques warehouse and a local market where any additional purchases you make will directly benefit the local community.

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, transportation from the meeting point to the rice fields, mineral water, cold towel, rice field donation.

Exclusions: Food and drinks, souvenirs and personal items, tips/gratuities for your guide.

**Schedule details**

• Duration: 3 hours
• Meeting point:
  
  Bali Urban Adventures office (Kampoeng Peti Kemas, Jl Raya Kedamang, Kerobokan)

  Behind Seminyak, our office is located in the only shipping container on the whole road which is a main road between Jl Tekumar and into Denpasar

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Starting time: 8.30 AM, 3.30 PM
Ending point:
Bali Urban Adventures office

Full Itinerary

Visitors to Bali have long been drawn to the stunning emerald terraces that were first planted by Hindu priests when they arrived on the island in the 9th century. Locals and visitors alike appreciate the beauty of these fields as they change seasons, from planting to harvest, and they offer up a serene, peaceful sight far removed from the bustling beaches of Bali’s tourist zones.

Our Bali tour will whisk you away from the tourist track and introduce you to real local life: on the rice terraces of Kerobokan that define the country’s agricultural industry. But before we do, we’ll kick off our adventure with a visit to a large bric-a-brac antiques warehouse, followed by a walk through the local market, where your guide will explain how local businesses operate.

Then, it’s to the fields! Here your guide will explain how the subak irrigation system works — it’s an ancient irrigation system, having first been introduced by Hindu priests when they arrived on Bali over 1,200 years ago, but is still very much in use today. The subak system is about so much more than just watering plants, though. It creates ecosystems for new life, and is bound by the community’s temples, where water priests honour the relationship between humans, the Earth, and the gods.

You’ll learn more about this relationship with a visit to a local subak temple, a gathering place for farmers. We’ll walk from here in to the expansive rice fields of Kerobokan, where we’ll begin our trek of about two to three kilometres (wear comfy shoes that you don’t mind getting wet!).

We’ll make our way through the terraces, using the tops of walls as a pathway. We’ll cross over rivers, carefully treading over the farmers’ bamboo bridges from one rice field to the next.

The local farmers here don’t just grow rice, but also tomatoes, beans, bananas, eggplant, chilies, corn, sugar cane, and water snails. The rice fields themselves are home to a number of aquatic species, including frogs, fish, crabs, and snails — it’s the perfect little ecosystem, and you’ll have a better understanding of how it all works together.

After our trek, we’ll be met by our driver, who will take us back to the starting point. From there, you’re free to explore more of the area on your own, or your local guide can give you some tips on where to go for lunch in the area before heading back to

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your hotel.

Directions to meeting point: From Jl Kerobokan heading north, turn right at the lights known as LIO corner (Jl. Petitenget is on your left). You will now be travelling toward Denpasar on Jl. Tekumar. Turn left at the next lights into Jl. Mertasari and follow this road — it runs straight to our office in about 3-4 kilometres.

Need a taxi to get to the meeting point? Our local guides in Bali recommend the Blue Bird taxi app as the easiest way to get around.

Additional information

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Dress standard: Note that you will be trekking for about 2 to 3 kilometres through a rice field and therefore could get wet. Please wear clothing and footwear that you are comfortable walking in, and that you won’t mind if they get muddy or dirty. Also bring your camera and a sense of adventure!

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 10 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at our office ready and waiting for you. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: Other languages (French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese Korean) can be catered for on request at extra cost if the tour is booked as a private tour or with minimum 5 travellers.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select ‘child’ above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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