



My Bali Guide

Information & Travel Guide For Visitors To Bali



Don's

Bali Virgins Shopping Guide



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SHOPPING GUIDE

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SHORT TRIPS BY DRIVER WITH CAR:

	IDR / RUPIAH
Tuban - Kuta	8000 - 15000
Kuta - Legian	8000 - 15000
Legian - Semnyak	8000 - 15000
Tuban - Nusa Dua	40000 - 50000
Kuta - Tanah Lot	65000 - 85000
Kuta - Sanur Beach	45000 - 70000

AIRPORT TAXI SERVICE: (board prices)

Airport to:

	IDR / RUPIAH
Batu Bulan	95000
Candi Dasa	300000
Canggu	110000
Denpasar	70000
Jimbaran	55000
Kerobokan	60000
Kuta	45000
Legian	50000
Nusa Dua	80000
Oberoi	60000
Padang Bay	280000
Sanur	85000
Seminyak	55000
Tanah Lot	170000
Tuban	35000
Ubud	175000
Uluwatu	120000

Checkout current Airport Taxi Prices here: [Bali Airport Taxi Price Board](#)

(NOTE: For short trips around Bali with four [4] persons or less is best using the metered BlueBird Taxis)

TAXI PRICES - CAR & DRIVER HIRE (DAY TOURS)

Car and Driver Hire - Half day hire approx 4-5 hrs (depends on mileage) RP 300000 - 350000

All day hire approx 6-8hrs (depends on mileage) RP 450000 - 600000

Above prices should include: Car, Driver, Petrol & Parking fees (check driver has tourist licence and insurance). There are many "drivers" that will accept less than this but most are just private citizens that have no tourist licence and therefore no insurance in case there is an accident. Be warned..... and please be careful who you do business with unlicensed operators.

Our recommendation for a reputable (licensed) driver is Dewa Parwita (see referral below).

RECOMMENDED (LICENCED) DRIVER & TOUR OPERATOR

Everyone has a favourite driver, and for Airport Transfers and Guided Tours around Bali I highly recommend Dewa Parwita. Dewa is a great guy, good value for money, has very clean and modern air conditioned vehicles, and above all is very reliable. He has several "standard" tour packages for the 1st and 2nd timers but can "customise" a tour for the well travelled Bali lover who wants something different and "off the beaten track". He can be contacted at info@baliexploretours.com. Dewa also has his own website...which shows some of his "standard" tours and prices and some info on him and his beloved island of Bali check it out at: <http://www.baliexploretours.com>. Dewa will give discounts to BTF and My Bali Guide members....just let him know you are a member at the time of booking and ask him for your 10% discount off his advertised services.

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A QUICK GUIDE TO BALI'S AVERAGE MARKET PRICES

DRINKS & COCKTAILS: (BAR & RESTAURANT PRICES)

		IDR / RUPIAH
Water / Aqua (Bottle 500ml)		5000 - 6000
Orange or Fruit Juice		8000 - 10000
Coke (330ml can or sml btle)		10000 - 12000
Juice Fresh / Smoothie		20000 - 25000
Beer Bintang Bar/Restaurant Cold	330ml	18000 - 20000
Beer Bintang Bar/Restaurant Cold	620ml	28000 - 35000
Beer Heinekin, Carlsberg, San Miguel, Corona, Crown	330ml	25000 - 30000
Cocktails – Depending on bar single shot cocktails will range between		15000 - 50000
Cocktails - Multi-shot cocktails (eg: B52 – Baileys, Cointreau & Kahlua)		70000 - 85000
Arak Attack (Bali rice wine cocktail with fruit juice)	l	22000 - 28000
Bacardi, Vodka, Gin, Kahlua, Tia Maria, Pernod		45000 - 50000
Jack Daniels , Jim Beam, Johnnie Walker (Red Label)		60000 - 65000
Johnnie Walker (black label), Chivas Regal, VSOP Brandy		80000 - 90000
Jam Jar (Arak Attack in 1ltr called a "Goldfish Bowl")		35000 - 50000
Wine (Local) Aga (White), Alexandra (White) Aga (Red) Rose (glass)		35000 - 40000
Wine (Australian) Red or White (glass)		45000 - 50000
Wine (Local Hattens or Wine of Gods) White or Red (bottle)		180000 - 200000
Wine Sparkling (Local) Tunjung (White) Jepun (Rose) (bottle)		280000 - 325000
Wine (Aust) Two Islands Chardonnay, Riesling, Merlot, Chiraz (bottle)		280000 - 300000
Wine (Aust) Lindemans Carwarra, Jacobs Creek Shiraz (bottle)		380000 - 400000
Wine (France) Prince Duprier - Blanc Francais (bottle)		375000 - 400000
Wine (Chile) Santa Ema -Cab Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot (bottle)		395000 - 425000

ALCOHOL – WINES – BEER (SUPERMARKET PRICES)

		IDR / RUPIAH
Beer Bintang 330ml	Sml	12500 - 18000
Beer Bintang 330ml	Crate (24)	280000 - 320000
Beer Bintang 620ml	Lge	26300 - 30000
Absolut Vodka 750ml		152900
Canadian Club 750ml		176450
Ballantines Scotch 750ml		148750
Jack Daniels 750ml		760000
Wine Hatten Local Red 2 lt		220000
Wine Yellow Tail (Red/White)		160000
Wine Champagne Jacobs Creek (pinot Noir)		185000
Wine Champagne (Chilean)		190000

BALI SUPERMARKET GROCERY ITEMS AVERAGE PRICES

	IDR - RUPIAH
Air Freshener Glade 2in1 Aerosol 250ml	9900
Baby Powder Johnson 330g	10400
Baby Nappies Huggies Ultra 44s, M40s, L34s, XL30s, XXL26s	69300
Baby Wipes Cussons Pkt 50	11400
Cat Food (Whiskas) Dry 500g	22750
Cheeze Kraft Singles 200g	25000
Coca Cola 330ml	4170
Coca Cola 1.5lt	10500
Coke Cola, Sprite, Fanta 250ml 6 pack	20900
Coffee Nescafe Classic Blend 200g	47000
Cornflakes 150g	11000
Cup of Noodles	5700
Dog Food (Pedigree) 1.15kg	38700
Eggs 1 doz	10200
Fish Tuna Steak (per 100g)	5990
Fly Spray Mortein 600ml	28975
Frankfurters 800g pk	21900
Fresh Fruit	
- Apples (ea)	1790
- Oranges (ea)	920
- Mangoes (ea)	2590
- Strawberries (250g)	16900
Jam Strawberry 430g	13500
Ketchup (Tomato Sauce) 340g	8850
Laundry Detergent Powder Rinso 1.8kg	23500
Listerene Mouthwash 250ml	16000
Milk Devondale UHT Longlife Full Cream/or Skim 1lt	19900
Mizone Sports Drink 500ml	2700
Naygon Insect Spray 330ml	18500
Noodles Indo Mie	1225
Orange Juice 1lt	21500
Oyster Sauce 255g	17800
Panadol Painkiller Tablets (strip of 10)	4775
Potato Crisps Pringles 160g	16000
Potato Crisps local brand Chitato 75g pk	6500
Shampoo Dove 360ml	24900
Shampoo Head & Shoulders 180ml	13900
Shampoo Pantene Natural Care 360ml Btl	28500
Soap (Cussons) 80g	2250
Tea Twinings Earl Gray 50g	41500
Tea Lipton (25 x 2g teabags)	8800
Tooth Brush Oral B	20500
Tooth Brush (local brand)	4500
Toothpaste Pepsodent 75g	7700
Washing Powder Rinso 1.4kg	15500
Water (Aqua) 600ml	2000
Water Aqua Carton 24x330ml	27900

GENERAL ITEMS & STREET MARKET PRICES

IDR / RUPIAH

Aftershave Black Market (Joop, Yves St. Laurent, Pierre Cardin etc)		15000	-	25000
Belt Leather (Plain)		15000	-	50000 (studded)
Bowls Wooden	Sml	5000		15000 Lge
Beach Towels	Sml	25000		50000 Lge
Baskets (Woven)	Sml	5000		10000 Lge
Bracelet (U supply 2 x Aussie Gold Coins)		15000		
Bracelet (without the Aussie Gold Coins) (NOTE 1)		30000		
Bamboo Wind Chimes	Sml	15000		35000 Lge
Beach Bag woven		28000		
Bead Necklaces		5000	-	10000
Bags Louis Vuitton Lge Overnight Bag		180000		
Board shorts Billabong Blk Mkt (NOTE 2)		30000	-	40000
Caps Baseball Peaked		15000	-	25000
Cardigans lite weight crochet		35000		
Car Timber Steering Wheel (with boss kit)		150000		
Cigarettes pkt of 20		11000	-	12000
Cushion covers		20000	-	35000
DVD Player Hire (week)		100000		
Dresses (summer)		25000	-	45000
Earrings		5000		
Games PS2 or Xbox games Blk Mkt		10000	-	15000
Handbags Louie Vetton		65000	-	90000
Jackets Leather Tailor made		500000	-	700000
Jeans Levi's 501		75000	-	85000
Kids T-shirts/Singlets		15000	-	20000
Kimonos 55,000 (depending on length & material)		35000	-	50000
Masks Timber	Sml	20000		80000 Lge
Mobile Phones Older model Nokia around (NOTE 3)		350000	-	500000
Mobile Phones latest model Nokia about (NOTE 3)		900000		
Music Cd's (discounts for volume)		8000		
Necklaces beaded or polished shells		5000	-	10000
Petrol (Gasoline) per litre		4500	-	5000
Placemats Woven		5000		
Photo prints (digital)		1000	-	1500
Photo Memory Stick Card to disk		25000		
Perfumes Blk Mkt		15000		
Photos onto a CDR		25000		
Placemats Wooden		12000		
Singlets (Billabong, Quicksilver, Rip Curl, Nike)		20000	-	30000
Sarongs Short (basic printed)		15000	-	20000
Sarongs Long (detailed embroidered)		25000	-	40000
Singlets Bintang printed		15000	-	25000 (depending on size)
Shirts Collared		20000	-	30000
Stubby holders		4000		
Sandals Leather		25000	-	40000
Sunglasses Oakley, Chanel, Dior etc (NOTE 2)		20000	-	30000
Thongs / Sandals Footwear		25000	-	35000
Tops (Paul Frank)		25000	-	30000
T-shirts (Billabong, Quicksilver, Rip Curl, Nike)		25000	-	35000
Watches Blk Mkt Copies (battery powered)		30000	-	40000
" " " " " (automatic – self wind)		70000	-	90000
Wallet Leather Billabong		15000		
Wrist Bands Leather (pk of 4)		12000		

NOTE 1: Bracelets aren't really made with our gold coins, they exchange the coins for rupiah..... it's worth more that way to them.

NOTE 2: Black Market brands (i.e. Billabong / Roxy / Oakley etc...) are kept under counter so ask shopkeepers if they have stock.

NOTE 3: Unlike Hong Kong etc...Bali is not a place to buy cheap mobile phones... but it's a great place to swap/sell your old one.

RESTAURANT MEALS

Depends on the type of restaurant and menu, but as a guide :

IDR / RUPIAH

Meals - Entrée average (more for seafood)	25000	-	50000
Meals - Mains average price (more for seafood)	45000	-	85000

BALI TOURIST SEASONS

LOW SHOULDER FEB - JUN & OCT - NOV

HIGH SEASON JUL - SEP

PEAK SEASON DEC - JAN

ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS

Since 2006 MyBaliGuide.com has been supplying News & Information for Travellers to Bali. Now joining forces with Booking.com (the world's largest accommodation booking site) and thru our sister site BaliRoomFinder.com we can now offer My Bali Guide members access to fantastic deals on Hotels & Villa Accommodation in Bali, Lombok & the Gili Islands as well as Cheap Flights to Bali and the very best deal on Bali Car Rentals.



LINKS TO HANDY INFO - MAPS AND GUIDES FOR BALI

Why not print a copy of this list and a few maps and take them with you.
Try these links for handy maps, guides and information:

BALI AIRPORT INFO: <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=1062>
 BALI INFO WEBSITE: <http://www.mybaliguide.com>
 BALI SHOPPING GUIDE: <http://www.baliroomfinder.com/#!/guides/c1pna>
 BALI NAVIGATOR MAP: http://www.balinavigator.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=73&Itemid=66
 BALI THINGS TO SEE & DO: <http://www.baliroomfinder.com/#!/guides/c1pna>
 BALI CAR HIRE: <http://www.baliroomfinder.com>
 BALI RESTAURANT GUIDE: <http://www.balieats.com/search.cfm>
 BALI TRAVEL FORUM: <http://www.balitravelforum.com>
 BEST DRIVER IN BALI: <http://www.baliexploretours.com>
 CHARITIES WE SUPPORT: Bali Kids: <http://balikids.org/> John Fawcett Foundation (Bali Eye) : <http://www.balieye.org>
 GPS NAVIGATION IN BALI: <http://www.balinavigator.com>
 TOURS AROUND BALI: <http://www.baliexploretours.com/>
 WEDDINGS IN BALI: <http://www.baliweddingsinternational.com>

AIRCRAFT SEAT LAYOUT: <http://www.seatplans.com/airlines>
 BALI BIG GIRLS FASHIONS: <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=606>
 BALI COOKING SCHOOL: <http://www.bambooshootsbali.com>
 BALI DENTIST DR (RUDY): <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=255>
 BALI HOLIDAY CALENDAR: <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=707>
 BALI TIME & WEATHER: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=761>
 BALI WEATHER DAILY: http://weather.yahoo.com/forecast/IDXX0019_c.html
 BALI WEATHER CLIMATE: http://weather.yahoo.com/climo/IDXX0019_c.html
 BALI WINE-BEER-SPIRITS: <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=749>
 BEST TRAVEL DEALS: <http://www.baliflightfinder.com>
 CALENDAR TRIP PLANNER: <http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/?year=2011&country=29>
 GARUDA AIRLINES SITE: <http://www.garuda-indonesia.com/index.php>
 LEARN SIMPLE PHRASES: http://www.seasite.niu.edu/indonesian/percakapan/indonesia7days/indo7days_fs.htm
 MAP BALI TOWN/VILLAGE: <http://www.wurli.com/bali/images/Maps/Bali-Map.jpg>
 MAP BEDUGAL HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/bedugul.htm>
 MAP CANDIDASA: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/candidasa.jpg>
 MAP CANDIDASA HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/candidasa.htm>
 MAP DENPASAR: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/denpasar.jpg>
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 MAP JIMBARAN HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/jimbaran.htm>
 MAP KINTAMANI HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/kintamani.htm>
 MAP KUTA / LEGIAN: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/kutalegian.jpg>
 MAP LEMBOKAN HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/lembongan.htm>
 MAP NUSA DUA-JIMBARAN: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/nusadujimbaran.jpg>
 MAP NUSA DUA HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/nusadua.htm>
 MAP SANUR: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/sanur.jpg>
 MAP SANUR HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/sanur.htm>
 MAP SEMINYAK: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/seminyak.jpg>
 MAP SINGARAJA-NTH BALI: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/northcoastbali.jpg>
 MAP UBUD: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/ubud.jpg>
 MAP UBUD HOTELS: <http://baliwww.com/bali/roomfinder/ubud.htm>
 MAP WEST COAST: <http://www.balitravelink.com/images/map/west-bali.jpg>
 MEDICAL CENTRE (SOS): <http://www.sos-bali.com/>
 MEDICAL CENTRE (BIMC): <http://www.bimcbali.com/>
 MONEY EXCH RATE: <http://au.finance.yahoo.com/currency/convert?amt=1&from=AUD&to=IDR&submit=Convert>
 POWER PLUG ADAPTERS: <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=74>
 PLUS SIZE CLOTHING: <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=606>
 SAFARI & MARINE PARK: <http://www.mybaliguide.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=viewnews&id=275>
 SCHOOL DATES (AUST): <http://australia.gov.au/topics/australian-facts-and-figures/school-term-dates>
 SIZE CONVERSION CHART: http://www.coastshop.com.au/tourist/clothes_sizes.htm
 SURF REPORTS FOR BALI: <http://www.baliwaves.com/>

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THINGS TO DO (and NOT TO DO) IN BALI

THE "DO" LIST

DO go to the [Bali Safari & Marine Park](#)
 DO go to the [Monkey Forest in Ubud](#)
 DO take the kids to [Waterbom Park](#)...they'll have a ball
 DO get a Massage
 DO buy some copy DVD's
 DO buy a fake watch
 DO buy some fake perfume
 DO buy a leather jacket
 DO see a [Barong](#) or [Kecak](#) or [Legong](#) Dance
 DO see a shadow puppet show
 DO go to [Ubud](#)
 DO eat some Satay...no..... eat many satays...they are the best
 DO go [White Water Rafting](#)
 DO buy some silver jewellery in [Celuk](#).
 DO drink some Bintang.....no..... drink much Bintang
 DO have an Arak Attack cocktail.....no.....have many cocktails
 DO buy a T-shirt with "Fu*k The Terrorists" printed on the front even if you never wear it again it will make you feel good.
 DO change money at the Kodak shops, and bank exchange tellers, the small back street guys aren't worth the risk.
 DO try a swim up bar in one of the resorts, it's heaps of fun.
 DO take sunblock and use heaps of it.
 DO go on the [Submarine Tour](#)
 DO ask first before you take a picture of somebody.... its common courtesy.
 DO go to [Tanah Lot Temple](#) and get "blessed" by the priests (check tides as this only happens at low tide)
 DO eat seafood at [Jimbaran Bay](#)
 DO see the black sand of [Lovina Beach](#)
 DO go to [Poppies](#) in Poppies Lane 1 for lunch (or dinner).
 DO try and go see the [Bombing Memorial](#) ...a time to reflect...a time to remember...a time for respect...We Won't Forget
 DO take a trip to [GWK Park](#) (Mandala Garuda Wisnu Kencana) the views are breathtaking and the size of the statues awesome.
 DO check out Filos Pages before you leave for the most comprehensive of Bali travellers information: www.filosbali.net
 DO smile at everyone who smiles at you....
 DO take all your spending money in cash!! Don't bother with a visa card in Bali...why ?? in Bali..... "CASH is KING".
 DO go on an ocean cruise, do go snorkelling and I highly recommend a trip up to Lovina Beach to see and feed the dolphins..
 DO go on Volcano Tour, and stop and have lunch at the crater rim....truly awesome views.
 DO get a fake tattoo just before you come home and freak out your mum/kids/hubby etc. They look great and really realistic !
 DO try Arak. Arak is a Bali rice wine, (40% alcohol) so don't drink too much, but it's a really great drink with fruit juice (punch)
 DO drink many Bintang. [Bintang](#) takes a couple to get used to but once you get the taste for itlookout !
 DO start your shopping in an area that is fairly busy (like Poppies Lane II or Legian st) they are not so desperate and not so pushy.
 DO hire a "Blue Cab" for short distance travel – they are metered and so cheap half the time your tip will be more than the fare
 DO book your holiday for 10+ days...it takes 4-5 simply to unwind and get into "Bali Mode".
 DO post your [JBR](#) (Just Back Report) on the [Bali Travel Forum](#) (BTF) so that others can share your experience.
 DO go to Poppies Lane 1 & II to shop...you won't have to leave this street to get just about anything you want or need.
 Fixed price shopping is also recommended if you don't feel good about bartering ([see Fixed Price Shop List here](#)).

For detailed list of tours, attractions and activities in Bali see:

DON'S 101 THINGS TO SEE & DO IN BALI



THE "DON'T DO" LIST

DONT step on the offerings on the footpath, please be respectful.
 DONT fall for the money changing magicians, they have all day long to practice their slight of hand. If you see an exchange rate from a money changer on the street that looks too good to be true, then it probably is "too good to be true".
 DONT do anything in the resort (ie. use internet, hire DVD player, burn CD's, make phone calls) its a big rip off, you can get all of these things much cheaper in the many shops outside your hotel at a fraction of the price the hotels charge.
 DONT freak out about the roads. There are road rules, (even if they aren't obvious). Respect other drivers/riders and be patient.
 DONT get sucked in by someone who calls out a price for some thing (especially if it sounds really cheap) once you show interest the price will start to go up. Pick what you want, ask the price, then start bargaining, anytime the process is any different to that, don't get yourself into it simply walk away.
 DONT get stuck with hair braiding hawkers wanting to braid hair in the street, they would grab our girls hair and are a lot harder to get away from, so get braided early on, cut it short or tie it up well. If a hawker says "I sell this watch for 350000 normally" reply either "But I'm not Japanese" or "yeah maybe to a first timer", they will laugh and realise you are not "an easy touch".. Japanese tourists mostly just pay the first price, they hardly ever bargain. The Balinese are very friendly and genuine people, but they are only too happy to sell something to you for too much if you are happy to pay too much, if you're not sure about a price, show your discomfort they will pick it up straight away and will become much more reasonable.
 DONT be afraid to go into a shop with a price in mind and if they wont give it to you for near that price walk away. There are no doubt a hundred shops with the same thing, so the next time you put your price up a little bit. Once the battering is over with usually they are so keen to get to know you and ask many questions.
 DONT forget to take a small medical kit. Include things like Aqua ear drops, Stingoze, Mercurochrome, Band Aids, and pain killers.

As you can see there are many more DO's than there are DON'Ts in Bali.....and if it's your first holiday in Bali I will guarantee it won't be your last...once you make that first step you'll get "Hooked on Bali" just like the rest of us.

DVD MOVIES

After advice on the BTF we placed our order with Helgi via email before we left for Bali and he supplied us about 300 DVD's and 150 PS2 Games. They are all great quality so we are totally satisfied. He is a really nice guy and also hires DVD's players at about a quarter of the price inside the hotels. Usually he has deals like buy 10 get 3 free / buy 100 get 30 free etc..... ask him. Send him a list before you go to Bali and he will deliver to your hotel room when you arrive (pay in rupiah). I have been dealing with Helgie now for several years and highly recommend his services and quality of merchandise. He now also supplies DVD's on harddrives so no lugging movies home in suitcases. Email Helgie at : mcshop@hotmail.com or mcshop_bali@yahoo.com, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mcshop>, Twitter: www.twitter.com/mcshopbali

BIG GIRL FASHIONS

Gone are the days when Bali catered only for the supermodels and size 6-8. Today more and more stores are stocking larger sizes for the cuddly ladies (and the big guys). More info [HERE](#)

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SHOPPING ETTIQUETTE

When shopping the stalls and markets just adopt the friendly practice of saying no thank you (tidak!, terimah kasih) or sorry, no money (sing lapis). Be firm but sympathetically friendly. Keep walking as though you are on a mission. Don't look at the goods they are offering unless you are really interested. Keep your sunglasses on so they cannot see your gazing eyes. Keep your money in a bum bag draped in front of you, wallets in back pockets are real targets as is opened handbags, only take with you the money you intend to spend for that day plus say 20%. Some hawkers get too close and when they do it is time for you to move on. Walk off as though you are looking for something or someone you are with is up the road. Don't make promises like I will come back "maybe tomorrow" or "maybe later." You will regret it if you run into that person again, to them you had made a promise and they will hold you to it. Don't get into a slanging match with the hawkers if things get heated simply walk away. Don't be intimidated by them. Talk to them you will find that after the bargaining is over with they are very keen to chat and share a joke with you.

THE LAST WORD ON PRICING & SHOPPING

I have had mail from some experienced Bali travellers and forumites who tell me that they have purchased some of the items on my list cheaper than I have quoted or that they can get transport a bit cheaper from this guy or that guy. But to those experienced Bali Travellers I ask one simple question "how much did you pay the 1st time you went to Bali". I think that most of you would agree, if you were a Bali Virgin again and you paid the average prices that are listed in this guide first up you would have to be pretty chuffed with yourself.... wouldn't you ? If you would like to contribute to the price guide please contact us via: admin@mybaliguide.com

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

A very special thank you to the many My Bali Guide (MBG) and Bali Travel Forum (BTF) contributors (and many more that I have plagiarised over the years) for making this InfoGuide possible. As well as keeping tabs on items that my family and I purchase on our regular trips to Bali (about 4 times a year), I also constantly troll Bali related websites and the various Bali forums for news, recommendations, links and shopping prices, so please keep posting your experiences, shopping price lists and your JBR's (Just Back Reports), they are so helpful in keep these lists up to date.

Also, please make sure you take a look at a wonderful "old school" website called "Filo's Guide" you will find it located [HERE](#). Sadly our good friend "Filo" (Bill Fitch) passed away in March 2009, but not before sharing his Bali experiences and travels with literally thousands of us. It was Bill who spurred me on to create this Bali Price Guide and in memory of Bill and as a legacy to his works we will continue to host "Filo's Guide" on our website. It is the most comprehensive Bali info site on the net and it merely begins where I finish off.

Another very helpful Bali information website is [Michelle's Bali](#) so be sure to take a look at these sites also.

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