



**know before
you go**



radiantly alive
raw food chef
certification course

packing and preparing

Below are some suggested items to bring.

Casual and comfortable clothes. Daytime temperatures are generally in the 80's (F) and nights in the upper 60's- mid 70's (F).

Kitchen aprons (three).

Chef's knife

Comfortable footwear (flip-flops, Crocs, open air shoes, etc. are practical).

Beach/pool necessities, including swimsuit, hat and sun screen.

Yoga clothes (for optional classes).

Toiletries.

Natural mosquito repellent (also available locally).

Any special medications/treatments you may need.

Class notebook, personal journal, pens.

Electric adapter (two round pins, 220 volt).

Refillable sports water bottle (not glass).

Alarm clock.

If you forget something, don't panic - virtually all the items above can be purchased in Ubud.

We recommend you pack light, as there is great shopping for clothing, artisan goods and other items in the shops and markets around town.

REQUIRED: Required reading for the course - please bring this copy with you.

Conscious Eating by Gabriel Cousens



money

The Balinese currency is the Indonesian rupiah; the exchange rates are always fluctuating, and the current exchange value can be found at: <http://www.xe.com>.

If you change money in your own country, make it a small amount (US\$50 or so) as rates will be better here than abroad. If you change money at the Denpasar airport, be aware the rates there are also poor. A total of 500,000 rupiah should be enough for all of your initial needs, including your transportation from Denpasar to Anahata. Once you arrive in Ubud, we can direct you to establishments with good rates and integrity.

ATMs that accept bank cards and credit cards from all over the world are common. Be certain to notify your bank/credit card company that you will be using your card in Bali (Indonesia). American Express is not widely accepted.

If you bring US dollars, be sure they are printed in 2001 or later and in excellent condition. \$100 bills get the best exchange rate. US\$ Traveler's Checks can be exchanged for rupiah, though with a lower exchange rate.

Rates are approximately:

- 1 US Dollar = 10,000 rupiah
- 1 Japanese Yen = 125 rupiah
- 1 Euro = 15-16,000 rupiah
- 1 South African Rand = 1,200 rupiah
- 1 Australian Dollar = 8,000 rupiah
- 1 Singapore Dollar = 8,000 rupiah
- 1 Canadian Dollar = 9,000 rupiah
- 1 Swiss Franc = 10,000 rupiah

ADDITIONAL/OPTIONAL EXPENSES

- Accommodations (price ranges varies)
- Transportation – If you have ridden automatic or manual scooters/motorbikes, this is the most convenient way to travel (500,000 IDR/month rental). Private transport to and from town or other areas in Bali can be arranged. Share a ride with others to save. Example rates: Anahata/Ubud center: 50-100,000IDR/one way. Full day rate: 400,000IDR.
- Spa treatments - massages, craniosacral, Reiki and more. Costs range US\$5-60 depending on the session. Spas in Ubud center have inexpensive prices.
- Laundry – Laundry “drop off/pickup” services with 24-48hr turnover times are in Ubud. Approximately US\$5-10/week.
- Excursions during free time. Trips to the beach, volcano, etc. are at your own cost. Cost US\$10–50. All meals are included on off-days.
- Organic super foods, top quality supplements, raw food cookbooks, Bali exclusives and more will be available. Costs vary.
- Gratuity for resort staff - 100-200,000IDR (US\$10-20)
- Shopping – Ubud offers bountiful opportunities for shopping, from clothing, handicrafts, art, souvenirs and more.
- Airport Departure tax - 150,000 rupiah (must be paid in rupiah).



communication

In order to get the most out of the experience, we *highly* encourage you to minimize your contact with the outside world (work, family, friends). The more you can place emails, phone calls, business, relationships on hold during the month to focus on you and your experience, the richer and greater the benefits.

Mobile Phones:

You can bring your mobile phone to Bali and buy a pre-paid SIM card which allows you to make calls and send and receive text messages. Basic SIM cards typically cost approximately 100,000 rupiah (US\$10), the bulk of which is usable credit. US citizens require tri-band phones with GSM capability to be able to make calls in Indonesia. New, cheap mobile phones can be purchased for around 400,000 rupiah (US\$40).

Internet

Internet access is widely available in Ubud, and cheap, with varying connection speeds.

No electronic or communication devices are permitted in yoga shala or during class time.



travel and visa

Please be proactive and learn about visa requirements particular to your own home country in advance of actual travel as possible.

To enter Indonesia, your passport must have a minimum of 6 months remaining validity from the date of your prospective DEPARTURE FROM Bali.

30-Day Visa-On-Arrival (VOA)

For purposes of the trainings, you are entering as a tourist and can do so with the Visa-On-Arrival, which is available to most nationalities, and is good for 30 days including your arrival and departure dates.

30-Day Visa-On-Arrival (VOA) with 30-Day Extension (60 Days Max)

If you are attending both the Level I & II courses together, or wish to stay longer than 30 days (new as of January 2010), you can extend your 30-day VOA for another 30 days, good for a total of 60. We can help arrange this for you via an agent in the third week of the Level I training. This cost is approximately US\$70 and due at time of extension. You will not need to leave the training or handle any special paperwork.

Social Visa – 60 days to 6 months

This is an easy process you can set up in person or by mail with your local Indonesian consulate/embassy. Application information and required forms are available from the local embassy website. You cannot obtain this visa in Indonesia and must apply for it before arriving.

The Social Visa is good for 60 days and extendable each month up to 6 months. The visa is valid for social, cultural, and religious visits, which include visiting family/relatives and organizations, and exchange visits between academic, art, or sports institutions.

In addition to your passport, passport photos, the application and fee (information provided on the embassy website), you'll need to submit a sponsor letter from an Indonesian National. ***We are unable to provide a sponsor letter.*** However, many local agencies in Bali are able to provide these letters for visiting tourists.

These agencies can arrange a letter for a minimal fee.

Bali Mode:
www.balimode-biz.com/contactus.php

PT Ide Bali
011 62 361 728483
www.djs-tour.com/baliide.html
djstour@dps.centrin.net.id

Other Visa Info:

Make 2 complete copies of all travel documents (visa and passport). Leave one at home and accessible to family or friends, and bring one along with you in a location separate from originals.

Departing Indonesia

When departing from Indonesia, you will be required to pay officials a 150,000 rupiah (cash) departure tax before proceeding to your gate.

Passengers who overstay any visa period for a short period of time can be processed immediately at the airport by paying US\$ 20 (IDR 200,000/day) upon departure.

travel to bali

Although Jakarta, the national capital, is the gateway airport to Indonesia, there are also many direct flights to Bali. The only airport in Bali, Ngurah Rai Airport (DPS) is also referred to as Denpasar. In addition to direct flights, it may also be worth your time to look for deals that connect through Jakarta, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Hong Kong (to name a few).

Here are just a few airlines that fly to Bali:

- Singapore Airlines
- Thai Airways
- JetStar
- Eva Air
- Qantas Airways
- Qatar Airlines
- Cathay Pacific
- AirAsia
- Garuda Indonesia
- KLM Air

For trainees flying from the North America, we recommend these travel agents for good rates:

Dusti Travel
1604 Franklin Ave
Nashville, TN 37206
615-650-2882/800-342-4114
615-650-2881-fax
www.dustitravel.com

Borneo International
360 Post Street, Suite #404
San Francisco, CA 94108
PHONE: (415) 291-8435
FAX: (415) 291-8437
TOLL FREE: 1-800-2BORNEO
Email: Travel@borneousa.com or Travel2@borneousa.com

Airport Immigration & Customs

Upon arrival at the International terminal in Denpasar, you will be directed to Immigration officials where you will queue in either the Visa On Arrival line (and purchase your visa), or the line for visas secured in your own country ahead of time. After clearing immigration, retrieve your bags and then go through Customs. This is usually a very simple process. There are ATMs in the Arrivals Hall and money-changers after Customs.

Airport Taxis

A convenient, fixed fare taxi counter can be found just outside the airport doors. Simply show them the address of your pre-booked accommodations, pay the counter for your ticket, and proceed to the designated taxi. Cost: approximately 300,000 IDR (\$30)

Airport Private Transport

There will be drivers asking if you'd like private transportation to Ubud. Be sure to confirm the price before getting into the vehicle. Negotiating is welcome. Cost should range between 250-350,000 IDR.

Directions (through Ubud) to Anahata Resort:

As with much of the island, landmarks are frequently referenced in lieu of proper street names and addresses. The following directions should be sufficient for any driver not familiar with the area.

- Drive to Ubud, pass Monkey Forest Sanctuary to the center of town.
- Turn right on the main road - Jalan Raya Ubud.
- Continue to the Arjuna statue at the next main intersection. Go 'straight' through the intersection (you'll veer slightly to the right of the statue to continue going straight down the narrower road behind it).
- You'll pass "Maya Ubud Resort" on the right (a well known landmark). Continue down the winding, bumpy road and hill, over the bridge, and up the winding hill.
- At the 'T-intersection' turn left.
- Continue along this road for another few miles. Pass the first village which will take you through massive sweeping rice fields and then enter into another village - continue...
- Keep a look out for a sign on the left that says "Anahata Villas & Spa Resort" – turn left here.
- Continue straight down road. Anahata will be directly ahead.

Class Location

Anahata Villas & Spa Resort
Br Umah Anyar, Pejeng Kaja
Tampak Siring, Gianyar
80571 Bali, Indonesia
<http://www.anahataresort.com/>
Tel: +62 361 8987 991 or +62 361 7453 267

first and last days

First Day of Course

The chef training begins with registration and orientation sessions on Sunday September 25, at Anahata. You may arrive between 1 and 4pm to register; early registration is not available. We suggest you arrive after lunch, as dinner will be the first meal available.

Registration is a simple process and all you need to do is walk into the hotel lobby. You will receive some materials needed for the course, handle any unpaid balances or airport transportation fees, and have the opportunity to mingle with other trainees, or walk around the property.

The meeting with the raw chef trainees will be at 4:30pm at Anahata; this follows with the first group meeting for the yoga trainees, raw chef trainees and Radiantly Alive, which begins promptly at 6pm; dinner will be immediately afterwards.

Last Day of Course

Important to know - the training ends *late afternoon on the final day*. Please schedule your flights accordingly, so that you are not leaving early or missing classes.



ubud lodging

We do not handle any accommodation bookings. There are many possibilities, including long stays at bungalows, and short-term room or house rentals. Below are some recommended options for hotels and bungalows. This is by no means a comprehensive list, as many accommodations are available in Ubud. Most can be found online; reviews on Tripadvisor.com can be helpful. All accommodations are central and within 10 minutes walking distance of town unless otherwise noted.

If you choose to stay at a bungalow/hotel during the course, be sure to request a special rate for your extended stay. Negotiating prices is often welcome. Alternatively, if you have time, an early arrival in Ubud would give you a few days to check out house/room rental options around town.

Budget (Under \$25)

Ubud Bungalow	* www.ubudbungalow.com
Ari Guest House*	+62 085237163942
The Yoga Lofts*	Britt@yogawithbritt.com +62 81 237 868786 USA +1-503-429-2801
Melati Cottage	www.melati-cottages.com
Jati 3 bungalows	www.jati3bungalows.com
Brata1 Guesthouse	boykas3000@yahoo.co.id +62 81 236 31197
Nirwa Homestay	balimitra2001@yahoo.com + 62 81 236 284413

Low-Mid Range (Under \$40)

Nick's Homestay & Pension*	www.nickshotels-ubud.com
Sawah Sunrise Bed & Breakfast*	sawahsunrise@yahoo.com +62 361 318 2740
Swasti Bungalow	www.baliswasti.com/en/galerie.html
Matahari Lumbung's B&B	aida_hasan55@hotmail.com +62 85 935 22 0009 (not central)

Mid Range (\$35-70)

Honey Moon Guest House*	www.casalunabali.com/honeymoon-guesthouses
Nick's Hidden Cottages*	www.nickshotels-ubud.com
Desa Sanctuary, The Village*	www.sanctuarythevillage.com (not central)
Kumara Sakti*	www.kumarasakti.com (not central)
Gardenview	www.baligardenview.com
Tegal Sari	www.tegalsari-ubud.com
Cendana Cottages	www.cendanaresort-spa.com

Mid-High Range (\$45-150)

Biyukukung*	www.biyukukung.net/index.php
Arma Resort*	www.armaresort.com
Green Field Bungalows*	www.greenfieldubud.com
Ananda Cottage	www.anandaubud.com (not central)
Balispirit Hotel	www.balispirithotel.com (not central)

Luxury (\$150 and up)

Ibah Luxury Villa*	www.ibah-bali.com (not central)
Waka di Uma	wakadiume.com (not central)
Maya Ubud Resort & Spa	mayaubud.com (not central)

Late Night Arrivals

If your flight arrives late in the night, it may be more convenient to stay near the airport and come to Ubud the following day. Below is a recommended option that offers free airport shuttle service. The hotel can arrange taxi service to Ubud.

The Radiant Hotel & Spa in Seminyak
<http://theradianthotel.com/>
resv@theradianthotel.com
+ 62 361 752106

Location closest to training (walking distance)

Tanah Merah Resort
Jalan Melayang, Ubud
Tel: +62 361 898 7952 | +62 361 898 7954
Email : info@tanahmerahbali.com
<http://www.tanahmerahbali.com/>

Private Accommodations

Listings for houses and rooms can be found at the sites below. Alternatively, several Ubud restaurants have public notice boards with many 'For Rent' listings available. Bali Buddha and KAFE are the best options to look for posted listings.

http://www.balispirit.com/resorts/bali_house_for_rent_sale.html
<http://jakarta.craigslist.org/hhh/>
<http://balifinds.com/ad-category/accomodation/>
<http://www.ubudproperty.com/>

Note: Anahata is on the east side of Ubud - opposite direction of Penestanan and Sayan.

good health

Vaccinations

Routine vaccinations should be current; these include tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles-mumps-rubella and varicella. No other vaccines are required to enter Bali. Any additional vaccinations are optional and are left to the individual to decide whether to pursue them. There is no malaria in the main tourist areas of Bali.

Medical Care

In the case of minor illnesses or injuries, there are several international medical clinics that cater to tourists in the local Ubud area and closer to the airport. These clinics typically do not accept insurance (though you may be reimbursed through your insurance provider) and are relatively inexpensive. If situations require extreme medical emergency care, patients are evacuated to Singapore. Due to significant cost evacuation care, it is advisable to check this coverage is included on your medical plan.

Insurance

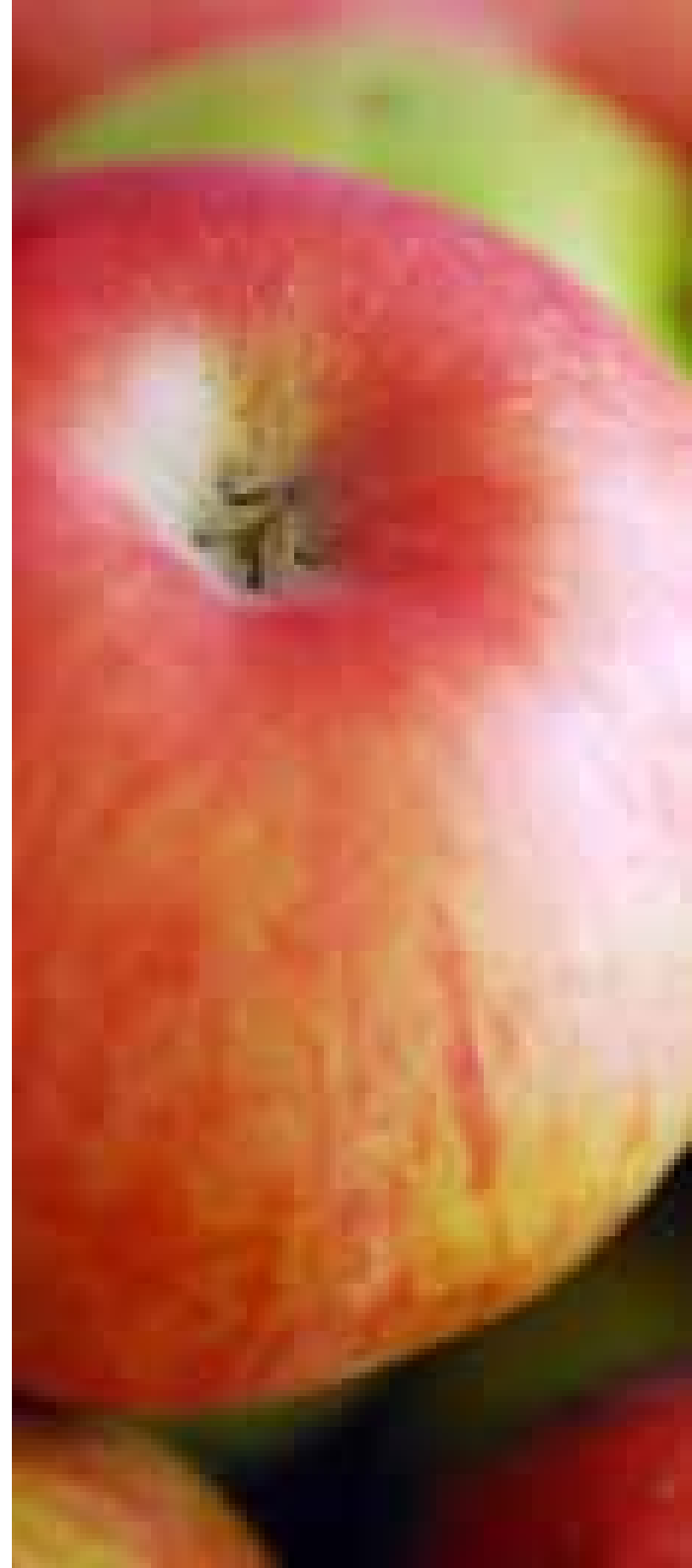
It may be worth to be comprehensively insured to cover all costs and consequences of medical treatment, repatriation, damage/theft/loss of personal belongings, recovery of course fees and flights booked or needed in the event of cancellation or early departure.

Drinking Water

Bottled water is provided at the resort. To minimize plastic waste from disposable water bottles, please bring a (non-glass) refillable sports water bottle. Virtually all establishments in Bali use bottled water for drinking purposes.

Raw Food Kitchen

The Bali staff that works with Radiantly Alive is well trained in food and safety handling. The chefs and kitchen teams will work together and lead by example to ensure that our kitchen meets a high level of western hygiene standards.



around ubud and other information

Ubud activities

For those who arrive several days before the training, there is plenty to do in Ubud - from shopping, to museums, to temples, bike trips, and more. Lots of information and suggestions can be found on the internet.

Yoga Classes - Radiantly Alive at Taksu Spa

The Radiantly Alive yoga center at Taksu Spa hosts many daily yoga classes in a wide range of styles, including Vibrant Living Yoga, Vinyasa, Yin Yoga and more. The class schedule and teacher list can be found on our site. Studio is on Jln Hanoman (see website or map below).

Restaurants

Ubud boasts a high number of restaurants that vary in price, style and quality. Below are recommended personal favorites:



1. Clear Café
2. Bali Buddha
3. KAFE
4. Little K -at Balispirit
5. Soma
6. Sari Organik - in the ricefields, follow small sign on Jalan Raya. Go up big hill and enter ricefields on left.
7. Juice Ja

Tipping

Tipping is not part of Balinese or Indonesian tradition. If you are coming from a tipping culture, try to resist the urge to tip everyone. And, most local workers are poorly paid, so if the service is good, it's appropriate to leave a little extra. Save tipping for the times when it's deserved rather than expected.

Restaurant staff do not expect tips and won't take offense if you pay the stated bill amount. You are also welcome to slightly round up the bill and not take back the small change or leave a little if the service was good (though not the 15-20% American rates). Many restaurants add on an extra 10% service tax to the bill (though it's unknown if the workers ever see it).

Transportation

Taxi cabs do not expect tips either, but will try their best to avoid giving you change, hoping you will allow them to keep the extra. Private drivers keep their entire fare and also don't expect to be tipped. Though if drivers or porters offer unusually good service or handle extra-heavy bags, it's courteous to offer something.

Other Services

Those performing body treatments in spas are typically not paid well, so a little extra is appreciated if the service was good. This goes for any guides you may use for the day as well or someone who runs a special errand for you.

Training and Resort

Anahata's staff goes to considerably extra lengths to graciously accommodate our group for the month. You will have close contact with many of the smiling faces at the desk, cleaning your villas and in the restaurant as well as many working behind the scenes. If you would like to tip the staff, we suggest that you do it once at the end of the training. We'll be collecting a pool of tips so that it can be divided among them evenly. They greatly appreciate it.

Shipping

Because of the unreliability and expense of shipping to Indonesia, we discourage it unless absolutely necessary. If you need to send an urgent package, we suggest you use DHL. Fed Ex does not deliver to the resort and you'd have to pick it up at their office during business hours in Ubud. Unless it is a document you're shipping, you'll also almost always be expected to pay customs and brokerage fees when it arrives. This may be a considerable amount, based on the charges we've seen before.

If sending via DHL or Fed Ex, please use:

Your Name
C/O Anahata Spa & Villas Resort
Br Umah Anyar, Pejeng Kaja
Tampak Siring, Gianyar
Bali 80571
Indonesia
62 361 8987 991