WHAT SETS US APART IN BALI?

This is a unique adventure where rides will take you on a cultural journey into the mountains and hills of authentic Bali. Each day you’ll pedal past iconic hillside temples, along vibrant green rice paddies with fragrant flower-petal offerings placed everywhere. The riding is a fun-mix of singletrack, doubletrack and dirt roads that link up villages and settlements through regions that see few tourists. At the end of the ride you’ll experience what Bali is known for: it’s beaches, surfing, diving, yoga, tasty cuisine, great hotels and it’s notoriously generous and genuinely warm inhabitants. Riding Bali is so much more than just a fun-in-the-sun riding adventure - it’s an experience, a mood and a tropical state of mind.

OUR GUIDES

Spending time with local mountain bike legend Ketut Sukarta and our driver is one of the great highlights of this truly wonderful holiday. In Bali you’ll be pampered and cared for like no other mountain bike adventure.
The following is a ‘general’ outline for Island of Gods trip. Big Mountain reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.

**Arrive in Denpasar, Bali. Transfer to Ubud.**
We will pick you up from Denpasar airport and transfer to your hotel in Ubud, the cultural heart of Bali. For those who’ve brought their bikes you can build them up this afternoon. Tonight we’ll enjoy a welcome drink at the cozy Delicious Onion bar and a three-course dinner at the Warung Enak restaurant. Sleep in Ubud at the Hotel Greenfield, in “Bali Adat” rooms.

**Ride Ubud Loop, explore Ubud.**
With a relaxed start to the day, you’ll have some time to adjust to the heat and surroundings. Today’s ride starts from the hotel and heads into the hills around town on a mix of dirt roads, broken pavement and fast singletrack to rural settlements and the village of Keliki, through scenic rice paddies, forests and settlements ending up back at the hotel. Sleep in Ubud at the Hotel Greenfield.

**Transfer to Penulisan. Ride Batur Crater and hot springs soak.**
During this morning’s transfer we visit the Tirta Empul temple, where the Balinese come to bathe in the sacred waters for healing and spiritual merit. From the trailhead at 1700m we drop down on dirt road, doubletrack and finally singletrack through cool pine forests. We’ll ride along a high ridge with superb views of the crater. We keep dropping down through mango plantations and finally across a massive lava field from the 1997 eruption to lakeside hot springs. Sleep in the town of Penelokan at the Lakeview Hotel, “Deluxe room”.

**Ride from Batur along the remote flanks of Mount Agung to the east coast.**
Today’s ride starts at the edge of the Batur crater and drops down for eight kilometers on doubletrack before a 10 kilometer climb to a mountain pass between Mount Abang and Mount Agung. Finally we drop down and traverse on an extremely remote part of the island through settlements that rarely see tourists and cashew plantations to the seaside town of Jungutan. Upon arrival, you might want to grab a pair of fins and get wet - the snorkel opportunities right in front of the hotel are amazing with a coral garden, a drop off and the famous Liberty ship wreck all right there in front of you. Sleep at Hotel Mimpi Tulamben, “Patio Room”.

**Sunrise from a “jukung.” Ride from Pidpid to Perasi beach, massage on the beach.**
Join a local fisherman early this morning on his jukung (traditional, small fishing boat) to watch the sunrise. This is optional of course; sleep in if you wish! After breakfast, we transfer to our trailhead in Pidpid. Start today’s ride traversing the flanks of Mount Agung via a network of singletrack trails that weave through shady coconut and bamboo groves. Then we continue through stone cutting villages to the ruins of a water palace at Jatiluwih and through some of the finest rice paddies scenery in Bali and finally we drop down to a beautiful white sand beach where a cool refreshing drink and a massage for everyone awaits. Optional visit to the beautiful Tanah Lot temple, where the Balinese come to bathe in the sacred waters for healing and spiritual merit. This evening we’ll enjoy a drink and sunset at the famous Tanah Lot Temple followed by an idyllic Indonesian goodbye dinner at The Royal Tugudome.

**Transfer to Bedugul via Badung market. Day off bikes (optional short ride).**
Give those tired legs a rest as we transfer east to the west with a visit to the busy and colorful market in the capital, Denpasar. At Pasar Badung market there’s food, traditional artifacts, spices, fabrics, silver and much more. It is hectic, it is crazy, it is a culture shock for most. Our English speaking guide will take you around and explain to you daily life in the city, show you the best places to buy silver, batik, spices, etc. After a very traditional lunch we move on to Bedugul, where calmer and cooler climate reigns. Sleep in village of Bedugul at the Puri Tugudome in the Bale Sutra private venue.

**Ride Bedugul to Tabanan. Sunset at Tanah Lot and final dinner at Royal Tugudome.**
We start from Bedugul at 1000 m. above sea level and drop down on a mix of singletrack and doubletrack trough vegetable plantations with beautiful views of Lake Beratan. We continue to the village of Jatiluwih, famous for it’s rice field views which is designated a UNESCO cultural heritage site. This evening we’ll enjoy a drink and sunset at the famous Tanah Lot Temple followed by an idyllic Indonesian goodbye dinner at The Royal Tugudome in the Bale Sutra private venue. Ride length: 35 km (500 m. descent). Sleep at the Hotel Tugu, “Dedari Suite.”

**Transfer to Denpasar Airport. Good-bye!**
This morning we’ll depart after breakfast for transfers to Denpasar Airport for your flight home. Or, prolong your holiday and relax for another week on beautiful Bali.
BIKE AND EQUIPMENT

The perfect bike for this trip is a cross-country or all-mountain dual suspension bike with hydraulic disk brakes. All participants are required to have their bikes in excellent working order before the trip begins. Also required: helmet, hydration pack and eye protection. All participants are required to bring extra brake pads, tubes, a patch kit, and any other parts specific to your bike. We will send you a detailed list of required equipment and clothing before departure. A variety of performance bike rentals are available. Please inquire with us if you would like more information.

SUGGESTED BIKE FOR THIS TRIP:
TREK FUEL EX 9.8

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

- Expert English speaking local leadership.
- Airport transfers on scheduled arrival and departure days.
- All transportation with private driver including boat trip on traditional “jukung” boat.
- Trail snacks, fruit, water & re-hydration drinks on riding days.
- Hotel accommodation (hotels as above or similar).
- All breakfasts & all lunches (except day 1 & day 8 lunches).
- Special welcome dinner at Warung Enak & goodbye dinner at Tugu Hotel.
- One full body massage.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED?

- International airfare; personal travel and medical insurance.
- Visa upon arrival.
- Optional tipping to leaders and local staff.
- Airport taxes and excess baggage charges (if any).
- Your bike and related equipment needed to ride.
- Personal items like drinks and snacks.
- We recommend $20-30 CAD per day for lunches and extras.

VIDEO EDITING SERVICES

Big Mountain has partnered with Chop Shop who will sort through up to 2GB’s of your raw footage to create a custom edit. Get a killer Big Mountain intro and 10% off through us.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The technical ability required for the Bali Bliss trip is rated as Level I-II. This trip is for those who have been riding consistently for at least a year (or more) and who are keen to improve their riding skills. In other words, you’re comfortable on singletrack and motivated to improve. The beauty of the trip is that you will ride with locals and on most days you can ride more, or less, depending on how you’re feeling. Please ask us if you’re interested in a private trip where we can tailor the riding specific to the level needed.

For fitness level this is a Level I-II trip. The accumulation of multiple, long days of riding will add up. The better shape that you’re in, the more fun you’ll have.

LODGING AND FOOD

We’ll stay in very comfortable hotels during the trip – most with pools, all amenities and beautiful gardens. Please notify Big Mountain Bike Adventures if you have any special dietary needs.

CLIMATE

Bali is hot and humid. When you arrive you’ll wonder how you are going to ride comfortably. There’s no doubt that your first ride in Ubud is a hot one but then the rides mostly take place at higher elevations where the temperature is much more comfortable. And, you’ll get used to the heat after a day or two. Depending on the time of the year you visit, it can rain in Bali so bring a light rain shell.
YOUR SAFETY

All participants must ride safely and within their limits daily as mountain biking is a dangerous sport with risks and hazards. Most accidents occur at the beginning of a trip due to jet lag, fatigue and unfamiliarity of trail conditions and obstacles; it is imperative that riders especially take it easy at the beginning of the trip. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted while riding. Participants will remain hydrated and rested throughout the trip. Riders will be responsible for their daily bike checks and keeping bikes in good working condition. Everyone is ultimately responsible for their own well being on our trips. Our guides have basic first aid training and if a serious injury is suspected, will call local search and rescue and/or an evacuation helicopter at the cost of the participant. The majority of our trips take place in remote regions with limited evacuation options. Personal medical travel insurance is mandatory on all trips.

THE NEXT STEPS

Call us toll free at 1-866-894-0220, or +1-604-902-1807 for international guests or email at info@ridebig.com to confirm there’s space on this trip. If Skype is preferred please send us an email to arrange a meeting. We like to speak to everyone interested in joining our trips. This helps ensure everyone signing up is well matched for the group!

Make sure you have read and understand our Terms and Conditions and also our Waiver. Both found on our website under registration.

To confirm your spot please complete our secure online Registration Form found on our website.

Once your online registration form has been received, we’ll send you detailed pre-departure information, for review, to ensure you’re well prepared for the adventure ahead.

PAYMENT

Once you’ve completed our online registration form and we’ve confirmed that we have the needed number of riders to proceed, we’ll collect a $750.00 CAD deposit that is refundable up to 14 days after registering (outside of 90 days before the trip departure), afterwards your deposit becomes non-refundable. At 90 days prior to the departure, the full trip balance will be collected. Please review our Terms & Conditions for full details on payment, cancelation and refund policies. Please note that while our land costs are quoted in the destination country’s preferred currency, the balance and deposit are processed in Canadian dollars. The exchange rate is based on the daily rate quoted using the Bank of Canada. If you are paying with credit card and reside outside of Canada, you may incur a foreign transaction fee. If you wish, there’s the option of paying with a wire transfer or you can also send us a cheque. Please contact us anytime to discuss your options.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

The single supplement is an additional fee for solo travellers who wish to have their own rooms during the trip. If riders agree to share a room with someone of the same gender BM will pair you up. If there isn’t another single participant of the same gender available, you will automatically have your own room and incur the additional single supplement fee.

REFERENCES

We’ll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travellers.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at 1-866-894-0220 or email info@ridebig.com if you have any questions or need any additional information. We are here to help!

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Since 2001 Big Mountain Bike Adventures is the pioneer of performance mountain bike adventures to destinations worldwide. Our itineraries are designed by local professional guides and Big Mountain travel experts and lead by the very best local leaders available. Our mission is to deliver safe, quality trips with the best customer service - ensuring a trip of a lifetime.