

INDONESIA CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU GO

Beaches, cheap food and fun await you – but don't forget the boring but important stuff. Make sure you've checked off these must-dos before boarding a plane to Bali or Indonesia.

To do

- Passport:** Is it up to date?
- Visa:** Australian passport holders don't need a visa to visit Indonesia for up to 30 days as a tourist, but you'll need one if you plan to stay longer.
- Vaccinations:** Have you checked which shots you may need?
- Travel insurance:** Are you covered?
- Safety:** Have you registered your travel plans with smartraveller.gov.au and checked the latest safety advice on the region you're travelling to?
- Money:** Have you told your bank you're going overseas and do you know how you'll be paying for things in Indonesia?
- Booking:** Have you booked accommodation for at least the first night?
- Transport:** Do you know how you'll get from the airport to your accommodation?
- Getting around:** Do you know how you'll get around Indonesia, and do you need to pre-book any tickets?
- Driving:** If you're planning on driving a car or motorcycle, do you have the appropriate international licence and are you familiar with the local road rules?
- Phone:** Have you switched off data roaming and voicemail? If you're planning to use a local or travel SIM, is your phone unlocked?
- Apps:** Have you downloaded offline maps, travel apps or the [CHOICE Indonesia travel guide](#) onto your mobile?
- Medication:** Have you checked that your regular medication is legal to bring into Indonesia?

To pack

- [Tickets](#)
- [Money](#) (cash and cards)
- [Passport](#)
- A copy of your [travel insurance](#) details
- A list of [emergency contacts](#) at home and in Indonesia
- [Chargers](#) and an adaptor
- [Mosquito repellent](#) and mosquito-proof clothing
- [Modest clothing](#) for visiting villages, towns and mosques
- Any regular medication (in original packaging, with prescriptions)

IMPORTANT:

Some Australian prescription medications (including strong painkillers such as morphine and codeine, sleeping pills and medications for ADHD) are considered [illegal narcotics](#) under Indonesian law. Other medications such as paracetamol, antidiarrhoeals and antibiotics won't be a problem but if you're at all concerned about your medication, check with the [Indonesian embassy](#). For a fee, the Indonesian embassy can write you a Certified Letter of Approved Medicines; however their website warns: "The letter is neither for legality purpose nor providing guarantee that you will be exempted from any checks and legal consequences that may arise."



Tip: No matter where you travel, you should carry all medications (even vitamins) in their original packaging, along with their original prescription. It's also a good idea to carry a letter from your doctor explaining what the medications are (using generic names), and what they're for and dosage instructions.