

Nusa Lembongan

Bali · Indonesia

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Nusa Lembongan is a small island off the southeast coast of Bali. It is about 4 km long. Most visitors arrive by a short boat ride from the mainland and stay a few nights.

The island suits beach, diving and snorkelling trips and slow days. Seaweed farms cover the shallows near the villages. Sheltered bays and cliff viewpoints are close together, so you can see much of the island on foot or by bike. Nightlife is quiet compared with the busy Bali resorts.

When to visit

The dry season, from about May to September, is the best time to visit. Skies are clearer and rain is lighter. Sea conditions are usually good for diving and snorkelling. This is also the busiest period, so book boats and rooms early.

The wet season runs roughly from December to March. Rain can be heavy and some days are grey. Waves can be rough on the exposed south coast. Boat crossings can be cancelled in bad weather.

Plan around **Nyepi**, Bali's day of silence, usually in March. No boats run to or from the island for the day, and the island is very quiet with little power. Book your crossing the day before or after.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	25° / 24°	29 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
February	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	25° / 24°	28 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
March	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	30° / 31° Feels like 35°	25° / 24°	29 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
April	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	30° / 31° Feels like 35°	25° / 24°	24 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
May	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	25° / 24°	20 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
June	Good Good for watersports	29° / 30° Feels like 32°	24° / 23°	17 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
July	Good Good for watersports	28° / 29° Feels like 31°	24° / 22°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Good Good for watersports	28° / 29°	23° / 22°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
September	Good Good for watersports	29° / 30° Feels like 32°	23° / 22°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
October	Fair Fair for watersports	30° / 31° Feels like 34°	24° / 23°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
November	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	30° / 31° Feels like 35°	25° / 24°	25 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
December	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	25° / 24°	29 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Devil's Tear is a rocky cliff on the southwest coast. Waves crash into a rock channel and throw up large sprays. The spray is biggest when the swell is large. Keep a safe distance from the edge.
- B Mushroom Bay is a sheltered, sandy bay with beach cafes. It is the easiest place on the island for a calm swim and for snorkelling close to shore.
- C Dream Beach is a small white-sand beach below the cliffs, with a cafe above it. Currents are strong, so swim only if you are experienced.
- D Yellow Bridge is the narrow suspension bridge to Nusa Ceningan. Cross on foot or by bike, and take care on the bridge.
- E Mangrove Forest is a mangrove forest on the northeast coast. Local boat or kayak trips go through the channels.
- F Jungutbatu Beach is the main beach and village waterfront, where most boats arrive. It is good for sunsets and has many restaurants.
- G Gala-Gala Underground House is a hand-dug underground house of tunnels and rooms. It is a short stop for something different.

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What to experience

- Snorkel or dive: Lembongan is a base for dive trips and courses. Reefs and manta rays are a short boat ride away. Snorkelling is good near Mushroom Bay and the mangroves.
- Watch the sunset: Evenings are quiet and warm. Good spots include the beaches on the west side and cafes above the cliffs.
- See a seaweed farm: Farmers plant and harvest seaweed in the shallows by hand. Most of it is sold for use in cosmetics and food. Look from the shore and keep out of the working areas.
- Take a mangrove tour: Paddle or float through the channels in the north. Mornings are cooler and quieter.
- Walk the coast: A cliff walk from Dream Beach towards Devil's Tear gives sea views and wave spray on a rough day.

Day trips

Nusa Ceningan and Nusa Penida are the two nearby islands. Both are easy to add to your stay.

- Nusa Ceningan: Cross the Yellow Bridge on foot, by bike or by scooter. Cliff viewpoints, small cafes and seaweed farms are on the other side.
- Nusa Penida: A larger island with dramatic cliffs and beaches, reached by a short boat ride from Lembongan. See Nusa Penida Island for the island itself. Roads are rough and distances are long, so a full day is best. Many travellers join a guided tour.
- Snorkelling or diving trips: Boats run from Lembongan to reefs around Nusa Penida and Nusa Ceningan. Manta rays are seen at Nusa Penida all year, and ocean sunfish (mola-mola) are seen from about July to October. Book with a dive centre that has good safety standards.

Where to explore

- Nearby island: Nusa Penida Marine Protected Area covers the protected waters and island next to Lembongan.
- Elsewhere on Bali: Bali is the main island. Most trips to Lembongan start there.
- Before or after your stay: Seminyak has beach clubs and restaurants. Ubud is the cultural centre inland, with rice terraces and temples. Denpasar is the provincial capital, near the airport.

Getting there

- By air: Fly to Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS) near Denpasar. There is no airport on the island.
- By boat from Bali: Most fast boats leave from Sanur and take about 35 to 45 minutes. Some also run from Serangan, Benoa and Padang Bai. Book in advance online or through your hotel, and check which pier your boat uses.
- Arrival: Most boats land at Jungutbatu beach. Some land at Mushroom Bay. Boats often dock on the beach and you may wade through knee-deep water, so pack light and wear shorts.
- From Nusa Penida: Short boat transfers connect the two islands. Ask at the harbour for local boats.
- Island fee: Foreign visitors pay a small island fee on arrival, about IDR 25,000. Keep a card and some cash ready.
- Weather: Crossings can be cancelled when the sea is rough, so allow a buffer before flights.

Getting around

- On foot: The island is small. Coastal paths and village lanes link most hotels, beaches and restaurants. Walks between main spots often take under an hour.
- Bicycle: Rental bikes are cheap. Some roads are hilly or rough.
- Scooter: Rentals are common. Roads are narrow and uneven, so ride slowly. Wear a helmet and do not ride without a licence or insurance that covers it.
- Transfers: Pick-up trucks and drivers take guests and luggage from the harbour to hotels. Agree the price first.
- Boats: Local boatmen run between Jungutbatu and Mushroom Bay when the sea is calm.
- Nusa Ceningan: Reach it over the yellow suspension bridge, on foot, by bike or by scooter.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The island is small and coastal paths link many places, but some roads are rough and hilly.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Bicycles are easy to rent, but some roads are uneven and steep.

Food & drink

Food here is simple and fresh. Grilled fish, nasi goreng and seafood are common. Many warungs (small family restaurants) serve cheap Indonesian dishes in the villages.

Good areas to eat are the waterfront around Jungutbatu and the beach cafes at Mushroom Bay. Try a local warung in the village for lower prices. Tipping is optional. Alcohol is sold in tourist areas.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Gado-Gado · gado-gado
A vegetable salad with tofu and tempeh, dressed in peanut sauce.

Padang rice · nasi padang
A dozen or more small dishes brought to the table at once; you pay only for what you eat.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Krupuk · kerupuk
Deep-fried prawn or fish crackers, a common side at nearly every meal.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Martabak · martabak manis
A thick, folded pancake filled with chocolate, cheese, or nuts, sold from street carts in the evening.

DRINKS

Kopi Tubruk · kopi tubruk
Coarsely ground coffee steeped directly in the cup, Indonesia's everyday way of drinking coffee.

SIGNATURE DISHES

Nasi Goreng · nasi goreng
Indonesia's everyday fried rice, usually with egg, chicken, and a fried cracker on the side.

Satay · sate
Skewered, grilled meat served with a peanut or sweet soy sauce.

Rendang · rendang
Slow-cooked beef in coconut milk and spices, originally from West Sumatra.

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Safety & health

Nusa Lembongan is generally safe, and serious crime is rare. Take care of valuables in unlocked rooms.

- Sea: Currents and rip tides are strong on the south and west coasts. Dream Beach and nearby beaches are for strong swimmers. Mushroom Bay is calmer.
- Boats: Check that boats carry life jackets. Avoid crossings in rough weather.
- Scooters: Falls are the most common injury. Wear a helmet and avoid riding at night.
- Health: There is a small clinic on the island. For serious problems you must return to Bali. Dengue spreads by mosquitoes, so use repellent.
- Water: Drink bottled or filtered water. Most hotels provide refills.
- Cash: There are a few ATMs, and card use is limited. Carry enough cash.
- Drugs: Drug laws in Indonesia are strict and penalties are severe.

History

Seaweed farming became a main local industry on Lembongan. You can still see the farms in the shallows today. Tourism then grew, with divers, surfers, beach hotels and day visitors from Bali.

Most villagers follow Balinese Hinduism. Small temples stand on the cliffs and in the villages. Ceremonies on the island follow the Balinese calendar, and visitors should dress modestly near temples.

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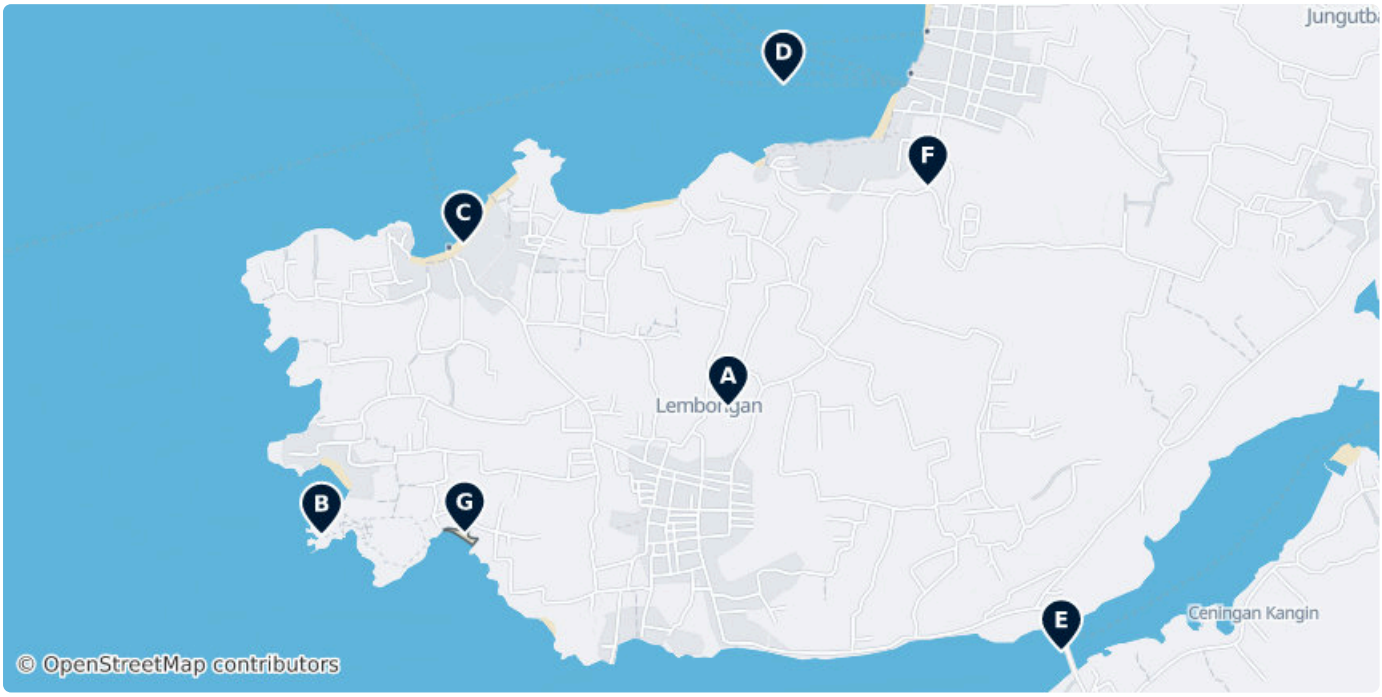
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LANGUAGES
Indonesian

TAP WATER
Not safe to drink

Nusa Lembongan's Unmissable Gems

Nusa Lembongan features a landscape of limestone cliffs and coral-rich waters southeast of Bali. The island is defined by dramatic coastal features like the blowholes at Devil's Tear and the calm, crescent-shaped Mushroom Bay. Divers frequent Crystal Bay for its marine biodiversity, while the iconic Yellow Bridge links the island to neighboring Nusa Ceningan. Elevated viewpoints provide vistas over Jungut Batu village and traditional seaweed farms, with Mount Agung often visible across the strait.





A Nusa Lembongan

This island has a great sound among the divers. No wonder, the crystal clear water hosts a rich abundance of species.

80771, Indonesia (-8.68709, 115.44112)



B Devil's Tear

If you want to witness the power of the sea, this is the place to go. See how strong waves hit the reefs and be amazed by the splashes.

80771, Indonesia (-8.69076, 115.42934)



C Mushroom Bay

This crescent-shaped beach with fine sand and relatively calm waters is located on Nusa Lembongan island near Bali.

Jalan Raya Jungut Batu, Nusapenida, Indonesia
(-8.68243, 115.43345)

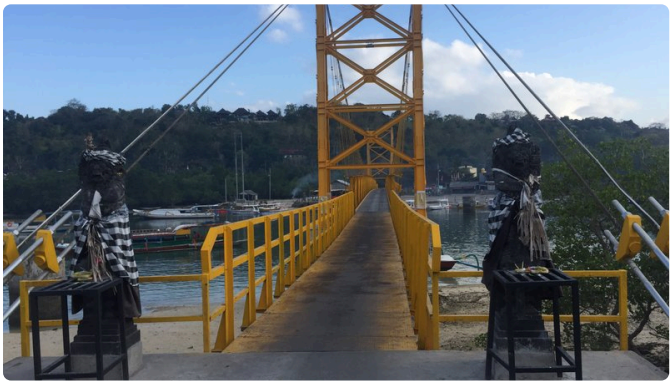
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D Crystal Bay

This spot is one of the most popular diving locations in Bali. Being rather shallow, it is ideal even for those beginning with diving.

Indonesia (-8.67783, 115.44272)



E suspension bridge

Also known as the Yellow Bridge, this narrow suspension bridge connects Nusa Lembongan to the neighboring island of Nusa Ceningan. It serves as a primary transit point for pedestrians and scooters.

Indonesia (-8.69408, 115.45077)



F View over Jungut Batut

This elevated vantage point offers a panoramic view of Jungut Batu village, the island's main coastline, and traditional seaweed farms. On clear days, Bali's Mount Agung is visible across the water.

Jalan Raya Jungut Batu, 80771, Indonesia
(-8.68079, 115.44690)

G Dream Beach

A secluded white sand beach bordered by limestone cliffs. It is known for its turquoise waters and strong shore break, making it a prominent spot for coastal views and sunbathing.

80771, Indonesia (-8.69070, 115.43348)

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