

Things to do –

By Lady Lunchalot

With daily temperatures and humidity being high, you will notice the locals begin their day early and slow down as it goes along. The majority of the world siestas between 2 and 4 – here's your chance to do as well!

Please note – It is always advisable to take your swimmers with you as you never know when you will get caught and need a dip to get you to the next spot.

About your Island and Island Neighbours. Lembongan is the first of a group of 3 islands with neighbours Chenigans and Nusa Penida. Chenigans is smaller again than Lembongan and is connected to Lembongan by a swing bridge from Lembongan Village. Nusa Penida is a large island separate from Chenigans by an extremely deep channel that is home to some quite spectacular snorkeling.

Orientation Tours – you can either hire self-drive motorbikes or ask for a guided tour. Motorbike hire – just go to the first shop at the bottom of the headland and ask Made. He will sort it out for you. There are always motorbikes available so no need to book. Ask the Housekeeper if you are unsure. She will arrange it.

For an extensive half day guided tour by motorbike ask our housekeeper to telephone Jabba for you. You will need to give a little notice for this. Lunch at mangroves is good on this tour. Don't forget to ask him to take you up Cennigans hill

Round the Island by boat –include as many stop offs as you like for snorkeling plus have lunch at either Mangrove Cafe (if tide is in) or Mushroom Beach Café if the tide is low. For full day - get the housekeeper to call Capt. Nemo for you. Charges are between Rp400,000 – Rp500,000. for 2 -6 people

Walks / Walk and Ride excursions

If you turn left onto the path you will quickly come to our little beach called Coconuts. Behind the shop on the other side of Coconuts Beach is a pathway that winds its way over the headland, to Tamarind Bay.

There's good swimming this end of the island and Blackies Warung at the other end is a good stop for refreshments and a swim. They also do good local food. If a longer walk is on the agenda then ask at Blackies for directions to get you over the next headland which brings you into Mushroom Bay which again has good swimming and here you can park yourself on the beach in front of the Bali Café which is very close to the other end and they will bring you cold beers and wine whilst you swim and sunbake until your lunch is served when you can go up into the restaurant (still in the sand).

To get home from these walks are the options of setting off to walk again either back along the headlands or up over the hill which bring you into the back of the Villa, by requesting the restaurant transport which depending on how many of you would be a motorbike ride or on the back of a Bimo. You can also prearrange or telephone Capt Neo to pick you up in his boat.

Restaurant transport – free. Capt Nemo – see "Need to know" sheet

The alternative to walking or riding is to go both ways by boat.

For Sunsets any of the restaurants along the Beach are good for sunset views with the further along you go the more full frontal the viewing. If the tide is low it is an easy walk along the

beach. And an especially beautiful when the moon is full. A special sight is seeing the seaweeders coming in poling their full boats silhouetted against the sunset.

For those wanting further adventure Capt Neo will arrange a mornings fishing. It is not uncommon to catch Mahi Mahi or you may want him to take you to the big island of Nusa Penida where you can hire motorbikes. Nusa Penida being home of our local King (of Klung Klung) has the best roads in the Bali area.

For an easy day, directly out front of the Vila are pontoons that sit between the two reef surf breaks. A 5 min ride in the boat to the pontoon will see you catch the action on the waves or be resting spot for the snorkelers. Jus tell the boatman when you want to be picked up.