

## **Things to Take and Not to Take**

Innoculations are not mandatory.

Liquor allowance is 1 litre per person. If you take more you will be required to pay the customs official a “bribe”. Anything is usually welcome. You could try the theory that has worked for different things whereby one is in the hand luggage and one is in the hold.

All International currencies are accepted so taking your local money will give you exchange rate. Large notes have a better rate of exchange than small notes. Google a currency website for latest exchange rate.

Please Note: There is NO official exchange house on the island. You can exchange money but the rate is not so good. We recommend that you take about \$400 per week for activities and eating out. (A main course being NZ\$6-8 lunch from \$1 - \$5).

The airport has ATM machines in the baggage claim area and there are exchange houses directly the other side of customs. The ATM machine gives (dependent on bank charges) approx. 100 rupeah (NZ18cts) in the dollar more than the exchange house which is about 200rp NZ(36cts) per dollar less than in the town.

There is a US\$25 “visa on arrival” payable in the immigration hall. There is never a problem just best to have the right money in U.S. – Obtainable at a New Zealand airport before you leave. Keep Rp100,000 for your Indonesian departure tax payable in emigration hall before you leave.

Clothing- no matter what time of year it is it is truly a “backless and strapless climate. Synthetic fabrics DO NOT work at all - especially in the day .Take your 100% natural fabrics wherever possible. Lycra and Spandex o.k. at night.

Rubber thongs are the order of the day for your feet – the majority of outings you will be required at some point to walk over sand – leather gets wrecked.

Jewellery – only take what you can wear – it is a casual island.

Beach towels – these are provided by Villa Atas –

Electricity – 220Volt –(same as NZ) but a different plug configuration. Adapters provided by Villa Atas.

Hair Dryer – provided by Villa Atas.

Iron – ask your staff

Mosquitoes are not a problem at Villa Atas and for the most part on the island but it is always a good idea to have a tube of "off" with you when going to some of the restaurants along the beach – just in case. Otherwise ask the restaurant staff to light incense and put under the table – before you get bitten.

Food – the locals live on fresh fruit , fresh vegetables, chicken and a small tuna fish. These are all readily available. Bread is also available.

Cheese is a luxury and not available on the island. If travelling from NZ you might like to pack a block in your bag.

If travelling with children their favourite cereal could be good.

If travelling from Bali – you might like to go to a supermarket and pick up snack or "light meal" food.

If overnighing at Palm Garden in Sanur town ask your hotel for Hardy's supermarket.(3 blocks away). This is open until 10.00p.m. enquire re opening times

If overnighing "Ananda Beach hotel" there is a convenience store just up the road.

The bottom line is tho' – nobody has died of starvation – this information is purely for those that may like to stay "at home" rather than eating out all the time.