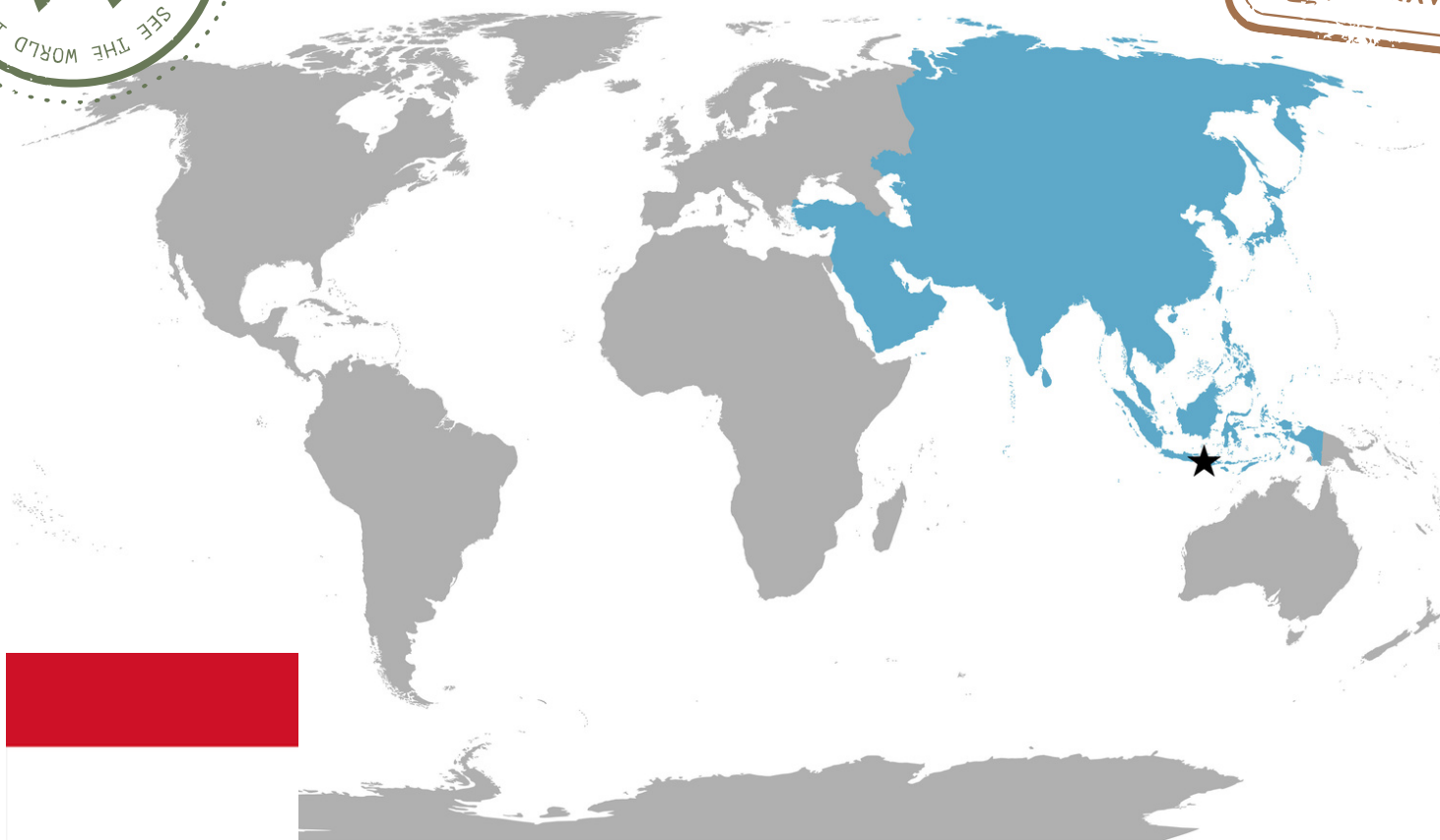




BALI

Selamat Datang di Indonesia



Indonesia is a country in Southeast Asia situated between the Asian and Australian continents and between the Pacific and Indian Oceans

SURFING

Bali is a major world surfing destination.

[Check out the best surf breaks in Bali.](#)

DIWALI

Although most of Indonesia's population are Muslim, Hinduism is the primary religion observed in Bali.

Bali is famous for its celebration of Diwali, which marks the Hindu New Year.

[Learn about Diwali.](#)

GAMELAN

Gamelan is the traditional music of Bali.

[Listen to the beautiful sounds of Gamelan and learn more.](#)

WHEN IN BALI

- The traditional greeting is the “sembah salute.” The palms are joined together and positioned vertically against the chest, and the words “Om Swastiastu” (a Balinese greeting) are normally said. This greeting should be used when entering a Balinese home.
- You should always remove your shoes before entering a home and even some shops will ask you to do so.
- Watch out for daily offerings - canang sari - placed on the streets and beaches. Don't step on them! These small trays are offered to the gods throughout the day.
- It's considered rude to point a finger at another person. If you want to call to someone using your hand, always wave your fingers downward.





READ ALOUD

Kancil and the Crocodiles by Sang Kancil - story read with Woodland family, The Wertenbroek's

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

My Night in the Planetarium by Innosanto Nagara

Tari The Little Balinese Dancer by Pamela Noensie, Garretta Lamore

Gecko's Complaint: A Balinese Folktale, by Ann Martin Bowler

MAKEPUNG

In West Bali you can find Makepung, a water buffalo race where bulls decorated in colorful banners and crowns race down a track.

[Watch Makepung](#)



Bali, Indonesia

INDONESIA

The archipelago of Indonesia comprises of over 17,000 islands and each one of those inhabited have their own customs, beliefs, and values. There's a range of more than 300 ethnic peoples all over Indonesia, with 700 different languages spoken.

SAY HELLO

In Bali, both Bahasa Indonesia and Balinese are spoken. Say "hello" two ways:

- salam | sa-lam | Bahasa Indonesia
- om suastiast | Om SwASTi AStu | Balinese



LET'S EAT!

In Bali, rice is a meaningful part of the culture in addition to the yummy dishes it provides. You can find all kinds of rice! White rice. Red rice. Black rice. Fried rice. Sticky rice. Vegetables with rice. Rice Bubbles cereal. Rice pudding. And one of the most delicious: Nasi goreng; a traditional dish of fried rice, vegetables, and meat skewers. Everyone has rice with just about every meal.

Lawar is a dish created from a mixture of vegetables, coconut and minced meat mixed with rich herbs and spices. [Try the recipe.](#)