

ISSUE 01

Bali Sun

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A photograph showing a natural rock archway in the foreground, framing a view of the ocean. The arch is made of dark, jagged volcanic rock. The ocean is a deep blue-green color, and a small white boat is visible on the horizon. The sky is clear and blue. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

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This is a short trip to Bali, Indonesia.
This is filled with amazing nature, local
traditions and beautiful UNESCO spots.

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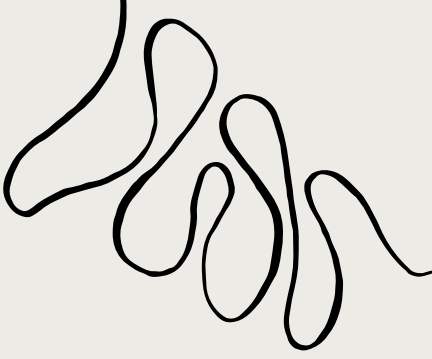


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INTRODUCTION



This is my first photo zine. The reason why I started a zine is because I want to have an archive of my photos in one place. You could also say this is my travel blog - let the images speak for itself with minimal text

The first location I chose is Bali, Indonesia. This is the first country where I took my Fujifilm X-M5 for vlogging and photography. I was using a film simulation that I found online and it turns out really great. The vibrancy of the color under the Bali sun was incredible.

Therefore, I titled my first zine as 'Bali Sun'.

MALINI ULUWATU

We found this restaurant online with a really great view. It is a cliff side restaurant with a pool.

It is such a beautiful place to do photography and cinematic shots. The architecture, the cliff side, and nature was amazing.

We had Steak with seafood and Carbonara pasta - very flavourful. Especially, with the view of the ocean.

It's best to make a reservation and make sure you book for that cliff side table.



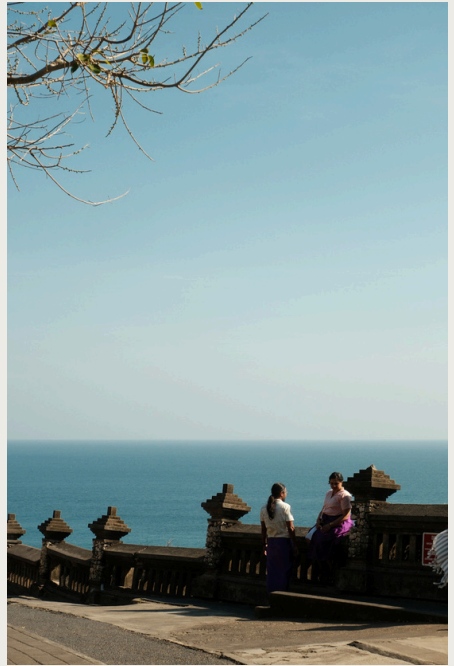


ULUWATU TEMPLE



Walking around Uluwatu Temple was very interesting. There are many things happening at once. Monkeys were everywhere - very cute BUT scary too. We have to wear a sarong and sash before entering the area. Some guests have their own tour guides, however for us, we did a DIY.

Another amazing place to do photography. Also, one thing that I want to witness is the traditional dance. We're fortunate to get a sunset timing for the Kecak fire Dance. The contrast of the sun setting and fire dance was wow.





MY GEAR



Bali is the first country that I traveled with my Fujifilm X-M5 and I was using the kit lens Fujifilm XC 15-45mm f/3.5-5.6 OIS PZ.

With the bright and harsh light of Bali. It's more than enough to capture amazing photographs.

However, by the time I am doing this zine I have traded this camera to a better hybrid camera which is Fujifilm X-S20.

It's a lot better for videography/vlogging and Photography. It's also has an EVF which is what I've been yearning for the entire time with the X-M5.

However, if you're into content creation - vlogging and you don't mind not having an EVF or IBIS then Fujifilm X-M5 is one of the best cameras to get because of its Fujifilm recipes and form factor. The colour science is amazing straight out of the camera, its compact and light as well.

GWK CULTURAL PARK



Since my first trip to Bali in 2022 I was always curious what was that huge statue across the beach from Jimbaran. Only 3 years later, was I able to venture around the park.

The statues are bizarrely upscaled. You have no idea how huge they are until you're standing right in front of it. The limestone carving of the walls makes you feel you're in a huge maze.





We get to participate with the traditional Canang Creation.

This is their daily Balinese Hindu offering. You'll often see it outside their doorways or sidewalks. This is to show gratitude to the Gods.

It's made out of woven palm leaf tray and with each element the host will share what it represents.

In the end, you'll have this colourful tray filled with flowers, leaves or incense among many others.

BALI UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES TOUR



Bali have a list of sites that falls under the UNESCO World Heritage. This tour is super popular. One thing that I will never grow tired of is the amazing architecture of the temples. I've never seen anything like it. I think this tour is a **MUST DO** if you ever visit Bali.



Bali Breakup Curse

Legend has it that if you visited this place with your partner and you're unmarried... You will breakup.

Do you believe in that?









MOUNT BATUR



This is my 2nd time in Mount Batur. The first time was back in 2022 and we hiked the active volcano on foot. This time we took the 4 wheel drive experience. It was a lot convenient and relaxing.

Breakfast is served for us and no monkey stealing our food. Lol. We waited until the sun rises and eventually headed to the Black Lava Field.

Although the location of the 4WD parking is not as high as the hiking spot, it is still an amazing view.

Another MUST DO activity in Bali for sure!





THANK YOU!



This is my 3rd time in Bali. Would I still go back? Definitely. There are many more sites to see on this beautiful island. It is one of the best places to visit if I want a quick weekend getaway. It's filled with so much culture and nature. I want to capture it again.

Lastly, thank you for checking out my first photo zine. I will definitely make another one very soon!

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