



BALI



Welcome to Bali!



Before we dive in, meet Archie and his friends, the Intrepid Explorers. They are five adventurous Aussie kids who travel the world on missions to recover stolen artefacts or protect endangered species. This time, they are headed to Bali. Before landing, they have decided to read up on the region's geography, history, and wildlife, and we hope you have fun learning with them!

And the adventure does not stop there. On our website, www.thelittleexplorersjournal.com, under the resources page, we've also shared fun resources from their journey, including landmarks, more wildlife facts, quizzes, games, and activities to keep your kids learning and having fun every step of the way.



Where is Bali?

Bali is an Indonesian island located between the islands of Java and Lombok in Southeast Asia. It covers about 5,780 square kilometres and is known for its volcanic mountains, lush rice terraces, tropical forests and beautiful beaches.



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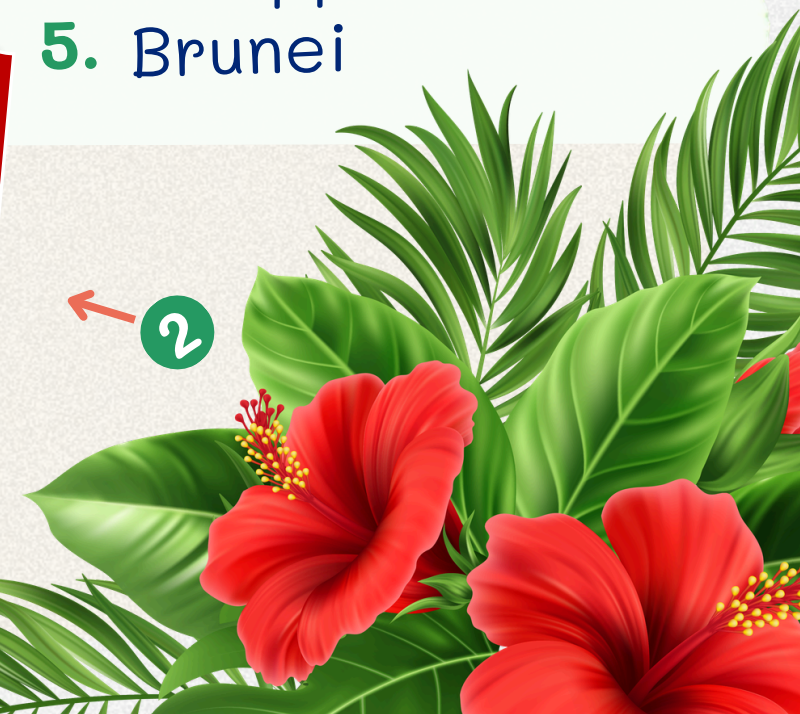


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4. Philippines
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Bali Country Profile



Capital City: The capital of the Bali province is Denpasar

Population: Approximately 4.2 million (2026)

Currency: Indonesian rupiah

Official Language(s): Balinese, Indonesian (Bahasa) and English



Geography of Bali

Bali may be a small island, but it has a surprising variety of landscapes! In the north, mountains and volcanoes rise above the island, including Mount Agung, Bali's highest volcano. Around the mountains, you'll find lush forests, waterfalls and famous green rice terraces. The island is surrounded by warm tropical seas, with beautiful beaches and coral reefs along its coastline. Bali also has rivers that flow down from the mountains, helping to water the rice fields and forests. In the south, where many of Bali's towns and beaches are found, the land is generally flatter and more developed. Bali's warm, tropical climate means the island stays green for much of the year, with plenty of sunshine, rain and humidity helping its plants grow.



Mount Agung
(3,014 meters).



Lovina beach



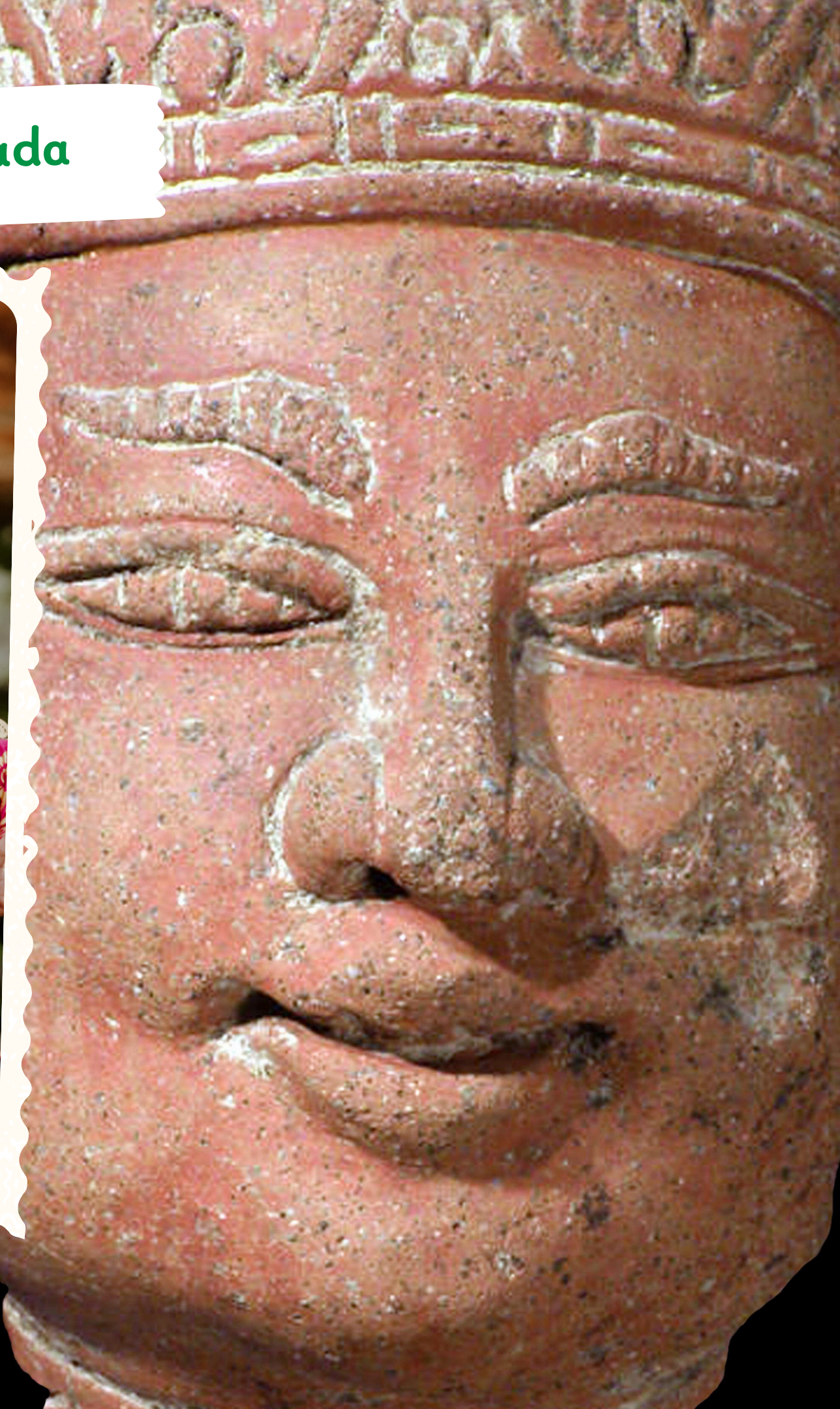
Tegallalang Rice terraces



History of Bali

People have lived in Bali for thousands of years, with people arriving from nearby parts of Southeast Asia and later from Java and other Indonesian islands. By the 8th century, Hindu and Buddhist ideas had spread to Bali, and Hindu kingdoms later became an important part of the island's culture. In the 1300s, Bali came under the powerful Majapahit Empire, whose famous commander Gajah Mada made the Palapa Oath, promising to bring many Indonesian islands under Majapahit rule. In the 1500s, Europeans began arriving, and the Dutch eventually took control of Bali. During World War II, Japan occupied the island from 1942 to 1945, and after the war, Indonesia declared independence in 1945, with the Dutch officially recognising it in 1949.

Gajah Mada



Wildlife in Bali

From the forests and mountains to the coral reefs and warm waters around the island, Bali is home to some fascinating animals. Long-tailed macaques swing through the trees, while colourful Bali starlings, found only on Bali, fly between the branches. Bali is also home to many species of snakes, including the Javan spitting cobra, pythons and tree snakes, as well as monitor lizards, flying foxes and tiny tree frogs. Around the coast, green sea turtles swim through the warm ocean, while colourful fish, coral and even manta rays can be found in Bali's clear waters.



Bali Starlings



Bali's Natural & Cultural Wonders

Bali is full of places that tell us about the island's history, culture and natural environment. Tanah Lot is one of Bali's most famous Hindu temples. Built on a rocky sea shrine, the temple is believed to have been established in the 16th century by the Hindu priest Dang Hyang Nirartha, who travelled around Bali spreading Hindu teachings. Today, Tanah Lot is an important religious site and is especially famous for its setting on the coast. The Tegallalang Rice Terraces show how Balinese farmers have shaped steep hillsides into layers of rice fields using subak, a traditional irrigation system that has been used for centuries. Mount Agung, Bali's highest volcano, rises more than 3,000 metres above sea level and is considered a sacred mountain by many Balinese Hindus.



Culture and traditions in Bali

One of the most important parts of Balinese life is religion. Many Balinese people are Hindu, and you can see this in the island's thousands of temples and shrines. Families often make small daily offerings called *canang sari*, using flowers, leaves and rice to show gratitude to the gods. Bali is also famous for its colourful ceremonies and festivals. During celebrations, people may wear traditional clothing, visit temples, make offerings, play music and perform dances that tell stories from Hindu legends. Balinese dance is known for its careful hand movements, expressive eyes and detailed costumes. Music is another important part of Balinese culture. Groups often play *gamelan*, an ensemble of gongs, drums and other instruments, during ceremonies, dances and special events. You might also see the traditional Barong dance, where performers tell a story about the battle between good and evil.



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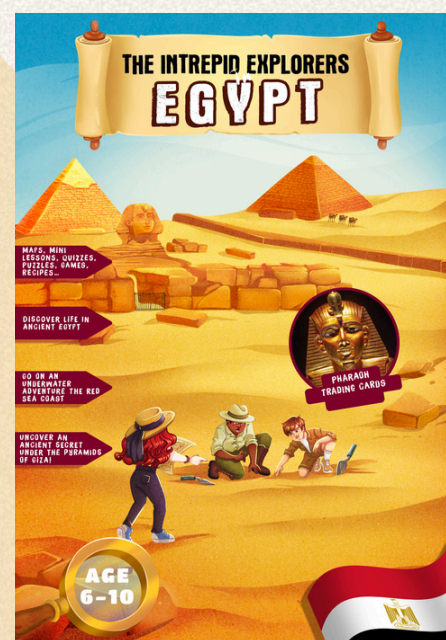
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