



# Bali, Indonesia

The island of Bali is a province of Indonesia situated just 8 degrees below the equator. Sometimes the island is referred to as The Island of a Thousand Temples, The Island of Gods or Bali Dwipa. It is located right next to Indonesia's cultural and economic center, the island of Java. Today they are separated only by the 2.4 km wide Bali Strait, but in the past, the two islands used to be connected. Because of this, Bali still has Asian vegetation. Tropical forests and mountains cover a great deal of Bali's 5,632 km<sup>2</sup> of land area. The island is located in the Ring of Fire and its highest mountain, Mount Agung (3,142 m) is also an active volcano. After being dormant for 53 years, Mount Agung erupted again in November 2017. Thanks to its volcanic nature and heavy rainfall Bali is a prosperous agricultural region which mostly focuses on the production of rice crop and coffee.

Bali and the surrounding islands were first inhabited during the Paleolithic age by early Homo erectus. The relevant history of the island, however, begins in 800 BC when a true Balinese civilization was created. The island was heavily influenced by the early Indian and Chinese cultures, as well as Buddhism and Hinduism. Between the 11th and 16th centuries, Hindus from Java conquered Bali three times. This solidified the Hindu religion on the island. After the last conquering dynasty from Java was overthrown by Muslims in 1478, many artists, musicians and dancers fled to Bali and their activities led to the peak of Balinese cultural development. To this day Bali remains the only Hindu province of Indonesia.

The people of Bali first came into contact with the Europeans in 1597 when a Dutch ship arrived on the island. They kept returning in later years with the intention of making Bali a Dutch colony. After over two centuries of bloody battles for the island, Bali finally became part of the Dutch East Indies. Not long after, however, the island was taken over by Japan during WWII. When the war ended the Japanese left, and the Dutch tried again to gain control of the island. After a battle in 1946 which the Balinese army lost, the Dutch proclaimed Bali part of the State of East Indonesia. It took another three years for the Netherlands to finally accept Indonesian independence. On December 29th, 1949 Indonesia finally became a free Republic.

Bali quickly recovered from the events that took place during the first half of the 20th century. In the 1970s the Balinese people turned to tourism as the prime source of their income. Ever since then, the tourism industry has been booming. Today Bali is one of the most unique and desirable holiday destinations in the world.

Source: [http://www.baliglory.com/2012/10/bali-history-about-island-god.html#Bali\\_Geography](http://www.baliglory.com/2012/10/bali-history-about-island-god.html#Bali_Geography)

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## Vocab Match

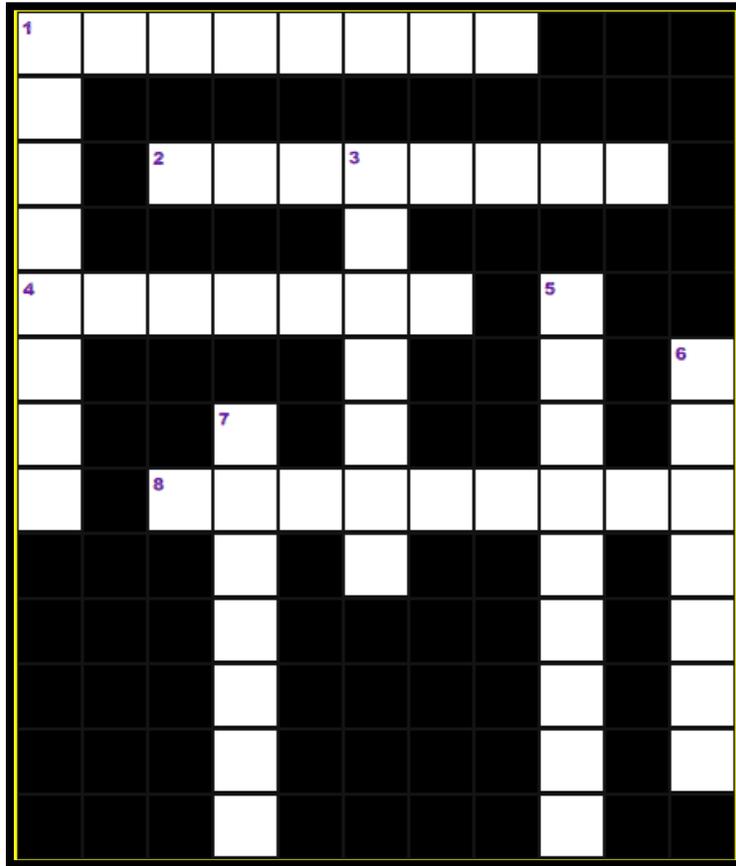
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Word	Answer	Definition
1. situated	1. ____	a. verb- to publicly announce something
2. dormant	2. ____	b. verb- to fight and win land, or something of value
3. prosperous	3. ____	c. noun- something you want or plan to do
4. inhabit	4. ____	d. adjective- wanted by many people
5. solidify	5. ____	e. adjective - successful
6. conquer	6. ____	f. verb- to live in a place
7. dynasty	7. ____	g. adjective- located
8. intention	8. ____	h. verb- to become or make strong
9. proclaim	9. ____	i. noun- rulers from the same family or a time when a group is ruled by the same people
10. desirable	10. ____	j. adjective- not active

## Discussion Topics

1. What do you think are the good points of living on a tropical island?
2. What do you think are the negative points of living on a tropical island?
3. What do you know about Hinduism?
4. What are popular foods from your hometown?
5. Where would you like to go for a holiday?

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## Hints!

### ACROSS

- 1 located
- 2 publicly announce something
- 4 not active
- 8 something you want or plan to do

### DOWN

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- 3 to fight and win land, or something of value
- 5 wanted by many people
- 6 rulers from the same family or a time when a group is ruled by the same people
- 7 to live in a place

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## **Quiz**

**1) Where is Bali located?**

a. south of the equator b. west of the equator c. north of the equator d. east of the equator

**2) Bali is known as the island of how many temples?**

a. 100 b. 10,000 c. 1,000 d. 1,000,000

**3) How long was Mont Agung quiet?**

a. 35 years b. 15 years c. 13 years d. 53 years

**4) What foods are famously made in Bali?**

a. rice and coffee b. coconuts and strawberries c. beans and toast d. chocolate and alcohol

**5) What religion is the island of Bali?**

a. Buddhist b. Muslim c. Hindu d. Christian

**6) Why did artists move to Bali?**

a. Muslim invasion b. good museums c. good art supplies d. good wages

**7) How many times did Hindus conquer Java between the 11th and 16th centuries?**

a. 1 b. 3 c. 2 d. 5

**8) Who were the first Europeans to arrive in Bali?**

a. the French b. the Portuguese c. the Irish d. the Dutch

**9) When did Indonesia become independent?**

a. 1949 b. 1994 c. 1939 d. 1993

**10) What is the main income of Bali today?**

a. mobile technology b. fishing c. exports d. tourism

# Key

<b>Matching</b>	<b>Quiz</b>
1. j	1. a
2. g	2. c
3. e	3. d
4. f	4. a
5. h	5. b
6. b	6. a
7. i	7. b
8. c	8. d
9. a	9. a
10. d	10. d

**PROJECT:** Plan a 2 week dream holiday. Include time of year, packing list, travel plan, activities, sightseeing locations, tours, hotels, foods and restaurants.