

Turtle Conservation and Rehabilitation in Indonesia



Introduction

The turtle conservation projects are located on the picturesque islands of Nusa Penida and Lombok, two gems near Bali. Launched in 2013 in Nusa Penida, the program has now expanded to Lombok to broaden its impact and safeguard sea turtle populations, a vital natural resource.

The Two Projects: Nusa Penida and Lombok

Nusa Penida

Located just a 45-minute speedboat ride from Bali, Nusa Penida is renowned for its rugged hills, pristine beaches, and world-class diving spots. By joining this project, you will contribute to protecting sea turtles by identifying species, collecting eggs, monitoring nests, and helping hatchlings make their way safely to the ocean. Activities also include cleaning beaches, maintaining tanks, and raising awareness among local communities.

Lombok

Only two hours by speedboat from Bali, Lombok offers a different experience with its untouched nature and welcoming local communities. This project focuses on protecting sea turtles by working closely with locals, helping to reduce poaching, and educating communities on marine conservation. Volunteers will engage in tasks such as monitoring nests, collecting eggs, identifying turtles, and occasionally witnessing hatchlings' journeys to the sea.

Why These Projects Matter

Sea turtles play a crucial role in maintaining healthy marine ecosystems, including sustaining seagrass beds and coral reefs. These habitats provide food and shelter for countless marine species, underscoring the importance of their protection.

What to Expect

Both projects require participants to adapt to basic living conditions but offer unique opportunities to immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the islands, with beaches right at your doorstep. After fulfilling and rewarding days, you'll also enjoy recreational activities and camaraderie with fellow participants.

How to Choose?

Nusa Penida: Ideal for those seeking a vibrant island environment with opportunities for diving and active community life.

Lombok: Perfect for volunteers looking for a more remote, nature-focused experience with an emphasis on working closely with local communities.

Schedule

Sunday

Welcome the new arrivals. You will have lunch and receive a short introduction on the beach to familiarize yourself to this new exciting setting. After that, you will get to know more about the island, about the supermarket, ATM etc.

Monday to Friday

After having breakfast, you will see a presentation about the Turtle Conservation project and also receive a project briefing which will help you to understand the do's and don'ts at the project. After that you will engage in the typical activities you are supposed to do throughout the week such as feeding the turtles : cleaning the tanks, catching live food for turtles, cleaning the beach, collecting seaweed , create turtle toys, provide medicine for injured turtles if there are any...

Food Arrangements

Indonesian food is tasty and diverse and you can expect to experience a myriad of flavours and meals during your stay. Typical dishes included Mie Goreng (fried noodles and vegetables), Nasi Goreng (fried rice and vegetables) or Gado Gado (mixed vegetables with a satay sauce). For those who do not eat meat, Indonesian cuisine uses a lot of tofu and tempeh (soybeans), some western dishes would also be available. Breakfast will include pancakes, fresh fruit, toast etc.

Facilities

- ATMs: There are many ATMs close to the accommodation.
- Internet use: Wifi is available in the house, but it is recommended to bring a local SIM card with mobile data in case of an outage or to communicate from outside the accommodation.
- Personal Sim card for your mobile: You can buy one at the local shop. The prices for SIM cards at the airport are higher, and the team can help the youth acquire local SIM cards at a better price in the city.

Additional Information

Regarding money, it is possible to exchange currency at the airport or withdraw cash from an ATM near the center in Nusa Penida. However, there is no need to bring a lot of money as meals and activities are provided.

The main language of communication with other participants will be English.

Accommodation

Accommodation is in dormitories with a maximum of six people, with a swimming pool and a canteen on-site. Lockers are available for valuables, with a refundable €5 deposit for the keys.

Meals are a mix of local and Western dishes.

Essentials to pack

- A hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Walking shoes
- A reusable water bottle
- A rain jacket (K-way)
- A towel
- A small backpack
- Long clothes to protect from mosquitoes