

# EXPLORE!

## Gili Isles beach extension

4 days

Indonesia - Trip code GIB

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Why not extend your trip to Indonesia with three nights on the tropical white sand beaches of Gili Trawangan? Located off the coast of Lombok, just fifteen minutes by speedboat from the mainland, lies three islands collectively known as the Gili Isles. Offering excellent snorkelling and diving options as well as idyllic white sand beaches, this is a great way to unwind after an action-packed trip in Indonesia.

## Trip highlights

- ★ **Ombak Sunset hotel** - Enjoy the facilities of this comfortable 4 star Balinese-style hotel located right on the beach, featuring a wellness spa and 40m swimming pool, one of the biggest on the island.
- ★ **Amazing sunsets** - Situated on the west of the island, the Ombak Sunset hotel is one of the best spots on Gili Trawangan to watch the sun going down.
- ★ **Pristine beaches** - Take a walk along the beach that stretches around the island and swim in the warm turquoise waters.
- ★ **Optional activities** - Snorkel coral reefs, rent a bike for the day or take a horse and cart ride to the lively east side of the island.

### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

#### Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

### TRIP PACE:

#### Relaxed

You can enjoy easy-going activities and experiences on these Relaxed pace tours, with opportunities to absorb the sights and immerse yourself in the local surroundings, but still come home feeling relaxed and refreshed.

**GROUP SIZE:****4 - 6**

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

# Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

## DAY 1 - Drive to the coastal town of Teluk Kodek, fastboat to Gili Trawangan jetty. Horse and cart to Hotel Vila Ombak

The Gili Isles are a group of three tiny islands off the northwest coast of Lombok, made up of Gili Trawangan, Gili Meno and Gili Air. The literal meaning of Gili is 'small island.' Gili Trawangan is the largest of the three islands, 3km long and 2km wide. Blessed with picture postcard palm fringed soft white sand beaches and blue waters with coral reefs just offshore, it's an ideal spot to relax and unwind.

The trip starts in Lombok with pick-ups from Senggigi beach and Lombok International Airport. Heading north we travel along the Lombok coast with views of the Bali Sea to the port town of Teluk Kodek. Board a speed boat for the brief 15 minute journey to Gili Trawangan.

There are no cars on Gili Trawangan so on arrival we will be met at the jetty and transferred to the Ombak Sunset hotel on the other side of the island by horse and cart known locally as Cidomos.

Check in on arrival, the rest of the day is free to relax and explore the island.

### Hotel Ombak Sunset

Hotel Ombak Sunset is located on the quite western side of Gili Trawangan, making it an ideal location for families and those looking to get away from it all and spend a few days relaxing after a busy Explore adventure holiday.

The hotel offers a choice of two restaurants, three bars, a 45 meter swimming pool (the biggest on the island) and a day spa all set amongst beautiful tropical gardens, there is a 200 meter private beach just two minutes from the hotel gardens with a good choice of further bars and restaurants on the beach. It also boasts some of the most stunning sunsets in Indonesia.

The rooms are spacious with an open air feel to them. All 152 individually decorated rooms feature plasma TVs with satellite channels, and you can enjoy free WiFi, coffee/tea makers, and free bottled water. The main restaurant serves international cuisine and is open for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner with tables set up close to the beach. Blue Coral Bar is the resort's own bar, serving drinks along with brunch and lunch.


Arriving at the resort is an adventure in itself, the hotels iconic yellow Speedboats run an hourly transfer to and from Lombok to the main harbour at Gili Trawangan which is approximately 1km from Hotel Ombak Sunset. As there are no cars on Gili Trawangan we suggest to take a cidomo (horse-cart) which will cost about Rp.150,000 (just over US\$10).




**Accommodation: Hotel Ombak Sunset** (or similar)

 Standard Hotel

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 Swimming pool available

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 Single room available

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## DAY 2 - Free day to relax on the beach or try snorkelling or diving

The Ombak Sunset hotel is situated on the quieter west side of the island. The beach is located directly opposite the hotel gardens with fantastic views over the sea of Mount Agung-Bali and its volcanic peaks in the distance.

Spend the day swimming, snorkelling or relaxing on the beach, the hotel has a 40m swimming pool, one of the largest on the island. There are several locally run bars and restaurants serving freshly prepared fish and noodles, a perfect spot to enjoy a drink watching the sunset. It's a short stroll across to the other side of the island with a host of lively bars and restaurants and the Gili Trawangan night market.




**Accommodation: Hotel Ombak Sunset** (or similar)


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 Standard Hotel

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 Swimming pool available

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 Single room available

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 Meals Provided: Breakfast

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## DAY 3 - Free day to relax on the beach or try snorkelling or diving

A full day to enjoy the Gili isles. With no petrol vehicles allowed on the island the best way to explore is by hiring a bicycle. It's possible to follow the beach around the island in an hour or two, about a quarter of the track around the island is not paved so be prepared to push your bike at times! The islands are also well known for snorkelling and diving, with extensive coral reefs located just offshore.




**Accommodation: Hotel Ombak Sunset** (or similar)


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 Standard Hotel

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 Swimming pool available

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 Single room available

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 Meals Provided: Breakfast

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## DAY 4 - Free morning. Boat transfer to Teluk Kodek, bus to Lombok International Airport

Check out of your hotel and return to Lombok International Airport via horse and cart, speedboat and bus; an adventure in itself! Here your trip ends - bear in mind it is possible to stay for longer if you want - please enquire.

 Meals Provided: Breakfast

## What's included?



### Included meals

Breakfast: 3



### Transport

Bus  
Boat



### Accommodation

3 nights standard hotel

## Trip information

### Country information

#### Indonesia

##### Climate

Lying on the equator, Indonesia stays hot all year round, with daytime temperatures in the 80's (26°-28°C). Humidity is usually high. The wet seasons are roughly: Java- October to April; Bali- November to May; starting later the further east you travel. Nights are much cooler in the mountains than on the plains. Sea breezes normally keep the coastal strips of the islands from becoming too uncomfortable.

##### Time difference to GMT

+7

##### Plugs

2 Pin Round

##### Religion

Islam, Christian, Hindu

##### Language

Indonesian (official), numerous regional dialects, Sundanese, Javanese and some English.

### Budgeting and packing

## Clothing

The region is tropical (humid) and days can be very hot. Casual clothes are the most practical, whilst tight fitting garments should be avoided. Please bring long skirts, trousers and shirts to cover yourself fully in order to respect local sensibilities and please bear in mind that short shorts are generally unacceptable. If you have a white shirt or blouse please bring it along for the temple experience, but this is not compulsory. Light rain gear and/or an umbrella is excellent in sticky, tropical conditions. A sunhat is essential as is swimwear.

## Footwear

Casual footwear, sandals are ideal.

## Luggage

20kg

## Luggage: On tour

One main piece and a daypack. Remember, you are expected to carry your own luggage on and off the speedboat to the Gili Isles - so don't overload yourself.

## Country Information

### Indonesia

#### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

**Lunch price**

£5

**Dinner price**

£9

**Beer price**

£1

**Water price**

£0.5

#### Foreign Exchange

**Local currency**

Rupiah (Rp).

**Recommended Currency For Exchange**

GBP will often get the best rates, EUR and USD are also accepted

**Where To Exchange**

Always check rates first. Banks and moneychangers usually have the best rates. Exchange is also possible at airports. Always keep receipts.

**ATM Availability**

In major towns.

**Credit Card Acceptance**

In major towns.

**Travellers Cheques**

Travellers Cheques are accepted but require the purchase receipt. Well known brands and higher denominations are recommended.

## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Transport Information

Bus, Boat

### Accommodation notes

#### Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

The Ombak Sunset hotel is situated on the quieter west side of the island, ideal for families. There is a beach directly opposite the hotel, one of the best locations on the island to view the sunset with fantastic views of Mount Agung-Bali in the distance. If you're looking for a more lively night out there are a host of lively bars and restaurants on the opposite East coast which is a ten to fifteen minute horse and cart ride away.

The hotel offers modern air-conditioned Balinese-style bungalows with wooden floors and dark wood furnishings with a terrace overlooking the gardens. There is free Wi-Fi in public areas and a huge 40m swimming pool.

## Essential Information

### FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

#### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### Visa and Passport Information

Indonesia: British nationals travelling to Indonesia for tourism purposes can enter the country without a visa for up to 30 days at certain ports of entry including international airports in Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Bali, Medan, Surabaya and Batam, and sea ports in Batam and Bintan. If travelling on a free visa you must also exit via one of these approved ports.

All passports must have at least 6 months validity remaining after departure from Indonesia.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

### Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

### Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

### **Booking a land only package with Explore**

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### **Joining Tour Abroad**

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## **Insurance**

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## **Flight information**

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

### **Flight Information**

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### **Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore**

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## **Non refundable permits**

## **Indonesia**

### **Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against malaria, tetanus, infectious hepatitis, typhoid and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on Malaria and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Although not compulsory, travellers may wish to immunise themselves against Japanese encephalitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.