

Around Ubud

Half Day Tour

This is a great way to explore the surrounding towns, villages, markets and craft centers in the Ubud vicinity. We'll take rural roads so you also can absorb daily Balinese life and culture. There are many bargains to be found at the various stops along the route.

First stop is **Celuk**, an area is famous for its artistic and skilled silver and gold craftspeople who you will observe as they wield their tools to create traditional and innovative pieces.



Far from the spacious, air-conditioned shops of Celuk, is bustling **Sukawati** Market which houses a treasure chest of traditional Balinese wares, art, and handicrafts designed. Sukawati is also famous for the melodic wind chimes heard all over the island. Across the street is the art market (pasar seni) sells a wide range of merchandise including statues, masks, woven baskets and Balinese ceremonial items that also make for excellent souvenirs.



One could say that modern Balinese woodcarving had its origins in **Mas**. Formerly, carvings were done only by priests for religious purposes and featured exclusively characters from the Mahabarata and Ramayana. During the 1930s, the themes became more realistic and commercialized. Several old masters who made Balinese woodcarving famous throughout the world in the 1930s are still alive and working today in Mas. Their work is carried on by their families in traditional family compounds with carved doors and pillars, impeccably decorated and maintained, themselves fine examples of gorgeous Old Bali art and architecture. Today, you can negotiate for carvings of just about anything, typically from high-quality wood which is smooth and unpainted.



Batubulan is an agricultural village which gained fame for its arts activities including stone carving and Barong Dance. Barong dance is a story telling dance, narrating the fight between good and evil. In this dance they show the Balinese way of acting out mythology. The masks that are used are considered sacred items, and before they are brought out, a priest must be present to offer blessings by sprinkling them with holy water. Batubulan stone carvers skillfully create many of the artistic and adorable items displayed in houses, temples, resorts, hotels, or villas in Bali. In addition to the larger stone items, there are plentiful choices more easily packed into your suitcase.



"All of these Tours are a unique experience within their framework. We recommend you plan not more than two of these excursions together. Please take into consideration your purpose for the chosen tour. If you are looking and not buying you can breeze through these locations. If you are shopping for yourself or business you may want to spend more time and book only one location."

Tour driver fee: US\$ 50 for 2 to 4 persons

Tour Duration: 4-5 hours

Included: Car with air conditioning, Petrol, Parking fees English speaking tour guide/driver

Excluded: Entrance fees, performance fees and Lunch for guest and tour guide

Itinerary: This is a sample schedule, and the tour guide will customize the program to suit your preferences.

Note: It is a nice gesture for you to provide lunch for your tour guide and include him or her while dining with your group. The price for larger groups is generally slightly less expensive.

Estimated Additional Costs	
Places to visit	Price in IDR
Celuk	free
Sukawati Market	free
Mas	free
Batubulan- Barong Dance	100 000
Total (maximum)	100 000/ US\$11

