

FREE GUIDE

How to Get to Bali Right Now

The Middle East flight disruption explained —
and every safe alternative route to the island you love

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First, a reassurance.

If you have been following the news about Middle East airspace and wondering whether your Bali trip is still possible — it is. The disruption affects flight routes through Dubai (Emirates), Doha (Qatar Airways), and Abu Dhabi (Etihad). It does not affect Bali. The island is open, beautiful, and receiving record numbers of visitors right now.

The solution is simple: fly through a different hub. This guide shows you exactly which airlines and routes are completely unaffected, organised by where you are travelling from.

Bali is not the problem. The transit hub is. Change your route, not your destination.

Emirates via
through any
airlines are

AUSTRALIA — Direct flights. Zero Middle East exposure. No action needed.

Australian travelers have the simplest situation of anyone in the world right now. Every major Australian city has direct flights to Bali that have nothing to do with the Middle East. There is no reason to cancel or postpone.

■ Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide — DIRECT FLIGHTS

Via Direct to Bali (DPS) • Qantas / Jetstar / Virgin Australia / Garuda **6–7 hrs direct**

Multiple daily departures. Fly direct with no connection needed.

■ Perth — DIRECT FLIGHTS

Via Direct to Bali (DPS) • Jetstar / Garuda / Qantas **3.5 hrs direct**

Perth is the closest Australian city to Bali. Shortest international flight.

■ Darwin — DIRECT FLIGHTS

Via Direct to Bali (DPS) • Jetstar **2.5 hrs direct**

The shortest flight from Australia to Bali. Direct and unaffected.

USA — Route through Singapore, Tokyo, Hong Kong, or Seoul

All of the following routes completely avoid the Middle East. Total journey time to Bali is typically 20–25 hours depending on your departure city.

■ New York (JFK / EWR)

Via Singapore (SIN) • Singapore Airlines **~22 hrs**

Direct JFK to Singapore, then just 2.5 hours to Bali. Highly recommended.

Via Hong Kong (HKG) • Cathay Pacific **~22–24 hrs**

Excellent service and frequency from both JFK and Newark.

Via Tokyo (NRT) • ANA / Japan Airlines **~24 hrs**

Smooth connection. Japan Airlines is outstanding.

■ Los Angeles (LAX)

Via Singapore (SIN) • Singapore Airlines **~20 hrs**

Nonstop LAX to Singapore. The best single option from the West Coast.

Via Tokyo (NRT/HND) • ANA / Japan Airlines / United **~20–22 hrs**

Many daily departures. Excellent connection to Bali.

Via Seoul (ICN) • Korean Air / Asiana **~21 hrs**

Great value. Korean Air flies ICN to Bali direct seasonally.

■ San Francisco (SFO)

Via Singapore (SIN) • Singapore Airlines / United **~20 hrs**

Multiple daily options SFO to Singapore. Outstanding airline.

Via Taipei (TPE) • EVA Air / China Airlines **~21 hrs**

Excellent value. EVA Air is consistently highly rated.

■ ■ Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Miami, Boston, DC, Seattle

Via Tokyo (NRT) • ANA / Japan Airlines / United ~22–25 hrs

Most US cities have multiple daily flights to Tokyo with smooth Bali connections.

Via Seoul (ICN) • Korean Air / Asiana ~22–24 hrs

Korean Air serves many US cities direct to Seoul. Great service and value.

Via Istanbul (IST) • Turkish Airlines ~24–26 hrs

Turkish Airlines is fully operational worldwide. Istanbul is a spectacular stopover city.

ITALY — Turkish Airlines via Istanbul or Singapore Airlines

■ ■ Rome (FCO)

Via Istanbul (IST) • Turkish Airlines ~16 hrs

Fully operational. Istanbul is a beautiful city for a layover.

Via Singapore (SIN) • Singapore Airlines ~17 hrs

Singapore Airlines from Rome is excellent. 2.5 hrs to Bali from SIN.

■ ■ Milan (MXP / LIN)

Via Istanbul (IST) • Turkish Airlines ~15–16 hrs

Fastest route from Milan. Fully operational from both Malpensa and Linate.

Via Singapore (SIN) • Singapore Airlines ~17 hrs

Singapore Airlines from Malpensa. Premium and highly recommended.

■ ■ Venice (VCE) / Naples (NAP)

Via Istanbul (IST) • Turkish Airlines ~16 hrs

Direct from Venice and Naples to Istanbul. Fully operational.

UNITED KINGDOM & EUROPE — Turkish Airlines or Singapore Airlines

■ London (LHR / LGW)

Via Singapore (SIN) • Singapore Airlines

~18 hrs

Singapore Airlines from Heathrow. Premium, reliable, highly recommended.

Via Istanbul (IST) • Turkish Airlines

~16 hrs

Fully operational. Among the best airlines in the world for long haul.

Via Kuala Lumpur (KUL) • Malaysia Airlines

~17 hrs

Good value. Kuala Lumpur to Bali is just 2 hours.

■ Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris, Zurich, Vienna, Stockholm

Via Istanbul (IST) • Turkish Airlines

~14–17 hrs

Usually the fastest European option. Fully operational from all major European cities.

Via Singapore (SIN) • Singapore Airlines / Lufthansa / KLM

~16–18 hrs

Singapore Airlines or codeshare partners from most European hubs.

■ Barcelona / Madrid

Via Istanbul (IST) • Turkish Airlines

~15–16 hrs

Direct from both Barcelona and Madrid to Istanbul. Fully operational.

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Three things to do before you rebook

- **Check your airline's rebooking policy first.** Most carriers affected by the disruption — Emirates, Qatar, Etihad — are currently waiving change and cancellation fees. Call before assuming you'll pay a penalty.
- **Consider making Istanbul your stopover.** Turkish Airlines is fully operational and Istanbul is one of the world's great cities. Add a night or two and turn a disruption into a bonus destination.
- **September, October, and November are Bali's best months.** If you can't rebook immediately, consider shifting to autumn. Dry season, far fewer crowds, and often lower accommodation prices than the July–August peak.

What you need before arriving in Bali

Bali has a few simple requirements for all visitors. A licensed local driver like Made will make sure you arrive prepared.

e-VOA (Tourist Visa)	Apply online at molina.imigrasi.go.id before departure. Takes about 10 minutes. Costs approximately USD 35.
Tourist Levy	Pay the USD 9 Bali tourist contribution at lovebali.baliprov.go.id before arrival. Straightforward online payment.
Temple visits	Bring or wear a sarong and sash at sacred sites. Made carries spares for guests who forget.
Passport condition	Passport must be undamaged and valid for 6+ months beyond travel dates. Indonesian immigration strictly enforces this.

Ready to come to Bali?

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