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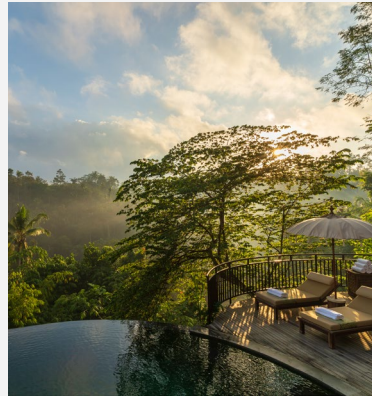
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In every temple, there are days called '*odalan*' or days of anniversary of the temple. The ceremony will either be lasted in just one-day for the small one or a larger ceremony and stretching over several days. These occasions are most important for the communal harmony of the Balinese, where whole villages will descend upon to pray.

There will be an *odalan* take place in our resort by the sea, Komaneka at Keramas Beach. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, 12th November 2019. This is a small ceremony that will only be celebrated for one day occasion. The ceremony will be attended by the family of Komaneka, especially those on duty at Komaneka at Keramas Beach. This is an important moment that can bring togetherness to each individual with the others and of course with God Almighty.

It is open for you to come to the *odalan* and also taking pictures of the temple and the occasion. Every attendant must wear Balinese traditional costume and you may ask to borrow at the front desk if you do not have one. However, women in period are not allowed to enter the temple.

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## 10 THINGS TO DO IN UBUD

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### 1. Ubud Traditional Art Market

Located right in front of Ubud Royal Palace, the traditional market is perfect to find souvenirs to be brought home. There are two main areas within Ubud's traditional art market, western and eastern regions. On the west part of the art market is a place to get merchandise, Balinese clothes, sculptures, and Balinese painting. While on the eastern part of the market is selling daily needs such as sugar, raw eggs, coffee, tea, and rice. East part of the market well-known as Ubud morning market, due to it is open only in the morning.

### 2. Monkey Forest Sacred Sanctuary

If you visit Ubud and have not been to the Monkey Forest Sacred Sanctuary then your Ubud tour may not that complete yet. The Ubud Monkey Forest is located at Padang Tegal village, well known as a home to over 700 grey long-tailed macaques. Inside the forest there are several ancient temples with guardian statues covered in moss. Tourists are recommended not to wear any loose jewelries or clothing or sunglasses as the monkeys may easily snatch them.

### 3. Kecak and Legong Dance at Ubud Royal Palace

Witness the beauty of Balinese dance and take parts on the religious and artistic expression among the Balinese people. There are some places in Ubud that performing Balinese dance such as Kecak Dance, Legong Dance, Barong Dance, Topeng Dance and Ubud Royal Palace is one of the place who performing the spectacular dance daily.

### 4. Visit the Neka Art Museum

Neka Art Museum is located at Jl. Raya Sanggingan Ubud and known as the pioneer of art museum in Bali. Offering an excellent introduction to Balinese art, this impressive museum displays its top-notch collection of works in a series of pavilions and halls. Neka Art Museum featured almost all the legendary of Balinese art including Nyoman Lempad, Affandi, Arie Smit, Johan Rudolf Bonet and many more.

### 5. Campuhan Ridge Walk Trekking

If this is your first time to Bali yet to Ubud, you will hear many people talk about "Bukit Cinta" that promises breath-taking rice-paddy view along the pathway of lush rice paddy. Campuhan Ridge Walk is one of the closest and most scenic places in Ubud that you can walk to from the paved town footpaths. Campuhan ridge offers a nature trail that is hidden between the Jalan Raya Ubud main road and the Gunung Lebah Temple complex, following the Campuhan River upstream.

### 6. Purification Tour to Tirta Empul Temple

Tirta Empul is one of the most sacred temple in Bali and until now the site is the legendary setting of a traditional tale about good versus evil which it is also a national heritage site. A visit to Tirta Empul temple should be listed as your Ubud bucket list as it is located only 20-minutes' drive from Ubud centre and the temple is very famous with its holy water spring for purification bath where a total of 13 elaborately sculpted spouts line its edge from west to east.

### 7. Ayung River Rafting

For those who are keen on adventurous activities, gear up for an exhilarating inflatable raft ride down Bali's most famous white water river, Ayung. With various starting points near the village of Kedewatan, a kilometre northwest from Ubud, along the rafting journey you will be spoiled by the famous stone carving with the story of Ramayana and Mahabarata. Our Komaneka at Tanggayuda is located much closed with the meeting and drop point, meanwhile you could also experience this adventurous session by contacting our Front Desk at Komaneka properties.

### 8. Tegenungan Waterfall

For nature lovers, Tegenungan Waterfall offers breathtaking view with easy trek with the stairs down. Use comfortable clothes and sandals or a good pair of shoes are always recommended. There are some incredible spots for taking pictures in Tegenungan, from beautiful bridge, waterfall backdrop and river background you can experience them all at once.



## 9. Tegalalang Rice Terrace

Travellers to Ubud will never miss this iconic Balinese View. With only 20 minutes drive to the north, the Tegalalang Rice Terrace offers the beautiful landscape of centuries-old cooperative irrigation system (known as Subak). This tourist spot offers also many souvenir stalls with various ornamental woods and handicrafts.

## 10. Cooking Lesson

Traveling is always related to a culinary adventure. Discover how wonderful Balinese ingredients combined to produce a remarkable dishes through the Komaneka experience. At Komaneka, we provide sumptuous culinary adventure and you can also learn on how to prepare a sensational dining for lunch or dinner with Komaneka's culinary champions.

## ARTS & CRAFTS



### *MEGAMENDUNG* - INDONESIAN BATIK

Chinese influence plays a heavy part in the Indonesian history, not only because there are a big number of Chinese population in many cities in Indonesia, but also because they bring their culture that somehow assimilate with local culture. This process left its mark in architecture, cuisine, dance, songs and fashion. Including *batik*.

According to the history, Cirebon, a city in the coast of Java was famous for its harbor that was packed with merchants vessels from all over Indonesia and abroad. Sunan Gunung Jati, one of the Islamic leaders in Java, established the kingdom of Cirebon known as Kingdom of Pakungwati. He was the only Sunan (Islamic leader) to have become a king.

Sunan Gunung Jati was married to a Chinese princess named Nio Ong Tien, an important figure in developing the strong artistic force in the Cirebon court. She put an attention to the arts, especially ceramics. The classic ceramics motives from China are heavily influenced batik motives. Hence, came the blend of Cirebon-China *batik* motives, with ornate phoenixes, peonies, cranes and a mythical beast combining aspect of the lion, dragon and bird. One of the most famous Cirebon *batik* motives is *Megamendung*. Literary means dark clouds, *megamendung* suggested rain, and therefore life, for an often parched land. This cloud motif is also combined with roosters hidden among a tracery of leaves and vines. This motif is dominated by layers of blue with different shades. Dark blue refers to dark rain clouds, the life-giver, while pale blue symbolize the brighter hope in the future.

At Komaneka Bisma, you can find *Megamendung* in every suite room and in our restaurant. While at Komaneka Keramas Beach, the *megamendung* pattern decorate the wall of the Hilltop Two Bedroom Pool Villa. It is with pride that we collect and offer the best of Indonesian *batik* and craft.

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