**2024 Calendar of events - INDONESIA**

**Galungan**

**Date**: 28 February & 9 March 24

**Location**: Bali

**Description**: Galungan, one of the most important Balinese festivals, is the culmination of celebrations held in honour of the creator and ancestral spirits. According to Balinese-Hinduism, the creator of the universe is Ida Sang Hyang Widi. During these celebrations, it is believed that spirits of the ancestors return to the earth, thus marking the start of a number of Balinese festivals.

**Link: N/A**

**Pasola**

**Date**: 11 February – 1 March 24

**Location**: Sumba

**Description**: Pasola is a traditional ritualistic event held in Sumba, Indonesia. This mounted spear-fighting competition takes place annually, usually in February or March, coinciding with the arrival of "nyale" sea worms. Riders engage in a mock battle, throwing blunt-tipped spears, showcasing both skill and horsemanship. Pasola holds deep cultural and spiritual significance for the Sumbanese people.

**Link: N/A**

**Nyepi**

**Date**: 11 March 24

**Location**: Bali

**Description**: The day of silence, no one is allowed to go outside of the hotel, streets or beach. Bali completely shuts down for a day, airport included.

The evening before Nyepi, you may find a parade through the streets of Bali with locals carrying large Ogoh-Ogoh statue.

**Link: N/A**

**Semana Santa**

**Date**: 2 – 9 April 24

**Location**: Flores

**Description**: Semana Santa, or Holy Week, is a significant religious event observed in Flores, Indonesia. The week-long celebration, leading up to Easter, involves elaborate processions, reenactments of biblical events, and religious rituals. Flores' Semana Santa is known for its unique blend of Catholic traditions and local cultural elements, drawing pilgrims and tourists alike.

**Link:** <https://www.indonesia.travel/gb/en/event-festivals/semana-santa-solemn-easter-holy-week-rites-in-larantuka-east-flores#:~:text=Larantuka%2C%20East%20Flores-,Semana%20Santa%3A%20Solemn%20Easter%20Holy%20Week%20Rites%20in%20Larantuka%2C%20East,here%20as%20%E2%80%9CSemana%20Santa%E2%80%9D>.

**Bale Nagi**

**Date**: 11 – 15 April 24

**Location**: Flores

**Description**: Festival Bale Nagi Flores Timur 2023, in Kabupaten Flores Timur, Nusa Tenggara Timur, showcases Flores' vibrant culture with a unity theme. The event features a lively parade, cultural performances, and torch lighting. Over 5,000 participants contribute, offering stand-up comedy, theatrical acts, and a blend of traditional and contemporary music. Environmental and health initiatives, along with unique local cuisine and crafts, enhance the immersive experience. The festival captures the essence of Flores Timur's rich cultural heritage.

**Link:** <https://www.indonesia.travel/event/id/categories/cultural/warna-warni-budaya-di-Festival-Bale-Nagi-2023>

**Idul Fitri/Lebaran**

**Date**: 9 – 10 April 24

**Location**: Mainly Java.

**Description**: Idul Fitri marks the end of fasting in the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims across the world.

Travel during this week in Java is not recommended due to heavy traffic and lack of suppliers availability.

**Link: N/A**

**Bali Art Festival**

**Date**: 15 June - 13 July 2024

**Location**: Denpasar

**Description**: The Bali Arts Festival brings the island’s cultural scene to life for a whole month of daily exhibitions, performances and an array of art-related activities. The festival usually starts on the second Saturday of the month and finishes on the following one.

During this time, visitors to Bali can get a look at some of the best artwork at the Taman Werdhi Budaya Arts Centre in Denpasar. Many towns will be decorated with traditional bamboo and coconut decorations to celebrate this festival and many outdoor stages and pavilions are erected so that the vast array of talent can be viewed all over Bali. On these stages, you will be treated to dances, puppetry and musical performances.

**Link**: <https://disparda.baliprov.go.id/en/>

**Ubud food festival**

**Date**: 30 June – 2 July 24

**Location**: Ubud

**Description:** The Ubud Food Festival 2024 in Indonesia celebrates the nation's diverse cuisine for three days. With over 12,000 attendees, it features culinary experts, chefs, and food enthusiasts. The festival offers cooking demonstrations, competitions, masterclasses, and panel discussions. Taman Kuliner on Raya Sanggingan Road is the main venue. The opening night party showcases the best restaurants. Established in 2015, the festival emphasizes Indonesian heritage, emerging artists, and diverse themes, making it a must-visit for food enthusiasts.

**Link:** <https://www.ubudfoodfestival.com/>

**Makepung Bullock Races**

**Date**: July 24

**Location**: Jembrana regency (north west Bali)

**Description:** Bull racing is an age-old tradition across generations in Bali, and the Makepung Bullock Races (aka Negara Bull Races) is one of the most popular bull races on the island. A interesting in the Makepung race are buffaloes and trains or carts that are decorated attractively with a variety of beautiful and attractive traditional Balinese ornaments and accessories, including Jockeys who also use traditional Balinese clothing. In each race, the number of participants reach 500 pairs of buffalo divided into 2 teams and 4 classes. The Makepung race is also enlivened by staging traditional arts, especially Jegog Art which is the mascot of Jembrana Regency in the field of arts.

**Link:** <https://disparda.baliprov.go.id/makepung-gubernur-cup-2019/2019/06/>

**Java Balloon Attraction**

**Date**: 3-4 August 24

**Location**: Wonosobo

**Description:** Wonosobo showcases its cultural and touristic appeal with the successful Java Balloon Attraction, featuring 25 tethered hot air balloons, the event blended tradition with innovation. The balloons, accompanied by traditional dances and a dreadlock procession, created a vibrant spectacle.

**Link:** <https://bob.kemenparekraf.go.id/en/322487-wonosobo-gelar-java-balloon-attraction-2023/>

**Bali Kite Festival**

**Date**: July / August 24

**Location**: Sanur

**Description:** The Bali Kite Festival is an annual festival held on the island from July to October. The event highlights Bali’s unique culture, drawing thousands of visitors each year.

The timing of the kite festival in July and August is key, as this marks the start of the windy season in Bali. In addition to this, both months are peak season for tourists, which means that attendance is full, making it a fun and interactive festival.

Once the dates are set, locals gather to compete with foreigners in kite flying. If you head down to the beach to watch or take part, you will see a sky filled with kites of all shapes, sizes and colors soaring above the crowded beaches.

**Link:** <https://www.google.com/search?q=bali+kite+festival&oq=bali+kite+festival+&aqs=chrome.0.0i512j0i22i30l4j0i15i22i30i625j69i60.2349j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:3435ba51,vid:yQBoA292FUg>

**Baliem Valley Cultural Festival**

**Date**: 8-10 August 24

**Location**: Baliem Valley, Indonesian Papua

**Description:** This is a special occasion where all various tribes from the highlands of Wamena and the Baliem Valley such as Dani, Lani and Yali gather together to celebrate their annual Baliem Valley Festival. In this festival there will be many shows performed by various tribes which mostly present the simulations of war between tribes, families and some traditional dances from various tribes in Baliem and Wamena. he tribal war simulation will be held for two days performed by around 26 groups of 30-50 fighters. This battle scene is accompanied by traditional Papuan music called Pikon. Pikon is a musical instrument made of wood that produces sound when blown. The sound created a beautiful relaxing music. Not many people can play this instrument because it requires special expertise.

**Link: N/A**

**Moto GP, Grand Prix of Indonesia 2024**

**Date**: 27 – 29 September 2024

**Location**: Mandalika Lombok

**Description:** The Grand Prix of Indonesia 2024 at Mandalika International Circuit offers MotoGP™ Official Ticket Packages for a memorable experience from September 27 to 29. Choose from various seating options and VIP hospitality, including unique activities like Team Garage Access and Rider Meet & Greets.

**Link:** <https://motogppremier.motogp.com/2024-motogp-indonesia>

**Kuningan**

**Date**: 25 September & 5 October 24

**Location**: Bali

**Description**: Kuningan is a Balinese Hindu ceremony which involves offerings to ancestors, symbolizing gratitude and protection. People dress traditionally, visit temples, and make symbolic offerings, marking a time when ancestral spirits return to heaven.

**Link: N/A**