

Highlights

- **Fri**, 16 Mar 2018: *Ogoh Ogoh* ceremony at each community temple.
- **Sat**, 17 Mar 2018: **Nyepi** - Balinese New Year
- **Sun**, 18 Mar 2018: *Ngembak Geni* on the beach (Local Flea Market).
Life will be back to normal on **Sunday**.



NYEPI - The Day of Silence

Balinese way to celebrate New Year

Friday, 16 Mar 2018

Ceremony will be held at *Pura Bale Agung* from 4 pm, to drive demons away as Balinese are preparing to enter the New Year with celebration of peace.

The day is called *Ngerupuk*. Visitors attending *Pura* (Balinese Temple) must wear Balinese attires. *Ogoh-ogoh* procession will be performed starting from Bemo Corner at 6 pm until Kuta Art Market at 8 pm.

Our restaurant will be open until 10 pm for dinner as we will close slightly earlier. Last order will be at 9.45 pm.

Evening room service will not be available as most of our staff will prepare themselves to go back to their villages starting from late **Friday** afternoon.

LIGHTS, NOISE, ACTIVITIES are **strictly forbidden** between **Saturday** 6 am - **Sunday** 6 am (24 hours).



Balcony Lights

Starting from early **Saturday** morning until **Sunday** morning, your balcony lights must be switched off.

Saturday, 17 Mar 2018

Please be patient with our slow service on **Saturday** (the Nyepi day) because only a few staff are working.

No one is allowed to be out of house starting from 6 am. For Balinese, *Nyepi* is a spiritual effort to seek for freedom from any worldliness. Ultimately, the Hindu believers spend the whole day with meditation, focusing their minds to their inner spirit and the environment as a whole.

Throughout day & night, traditionally no one is allowed to do any other activities, no fire or light, no travelling, no noise. Devoted Balinese Hindu fasts for 24 hours on this day.

Hotel programs

You are welcome to try the ways Balinese do in your own rooms. Indeed, people feel lighter and brighter inner senses after participating correctly. For guests who do not wish to participate, we kindly request your respect for these traditions. **Complete silence must be maintained throughout the day & night.** Our neighbours are dedicated Hindus. They have asked for our tolerance on this *Nyepi* day.

Our front entrance will be blocked throughout the day & night with heavy screens.

Room Lights

Housekeeping will cover your windows with cloth on **Saturday** morning so your room light will not shine through. Please close your curtain at all time in this evening. There will not be any TV nor radio broadcasts for 24 hours throughout Bali.

Meals

Breakfast will be available until 10 am. **Lunch** will only be served with special menu and **last order until 1:30 pm**. Staff will rest from 2 pm until 4 pm. **Dinner** will only be **buffet** style from 4 pm until 6 pm (please purchase your dinner coupons early). We will then have to switch off all of the lights. Due to limited staff on duty, room service will not be available on **Saturday** and all meals will be served in the restaurant only. Normal activities will resume from **Sunday** morning at 7 am.

Swimming Pool

Swimming pool will be open but strictly no noise, please.... Sundecks are not for reserve. Items on sundecks can be removed if unattended longer than 15 minutes.

Massage & Spa

Massage & spa services are available on **Saturday** until 6 pm only (**but no free massage please**). Please book early ahead to avoid disappointment.