

Villa Tasi Information

What to bring:

Reusable drink bottle:

We have filtered drinking water stations in the house for you to fill your bottles with as many times as you like.

Sunscreen: Ideally you bring enough from home as it is expensive and hard to find on the island.

Hat: Wearing a hat and sunglasses is highly recommended. You may find some locally made hats but better to bring your preferred style from home.

Cash: You may need more Rupiah than you think. The new ATM only accepts local cards and most places and people will only take cash (motorbike rental, surf boat shuttle, market etc) You can withdraw money from the Melati Minimart in Nemberala with a 24hr turnaround and 5% surcharge. We have safes to safely store your money in. Please use them.

Adapter: for charging your phone and other small electrical appliances that you are planning to bring from home. Indonesia uses CEE7 power, round, two-pronged power outlets common in Europe. Voltage is 230.

Jumper or light jacket: Due to wind, it can get a bit cooler in the evenings.

Torch: There are no street lights so it's a good idea to pack a torch before you head out in the evening. Unexpected power outages can also occur. Octo, our handy man will turn the back up generator on for you.

Environment: Please don't bring anything that is not biodegradable unless you are taking it back home with you.

Water: Water is precious here. Please use sparingly. Our water is brought in by the truck load and gets pumped up into our tank. We have a water heating system in the 2 bathrooms in our main house. Our showers are low pressure. Don't drink or use the water that comes out of the tap to brush your teeth. Use the drinking water from the water stations.

Toilets: Indonesian toilets are not designed to take toilet paper! We are on a local septic system. Please limit toilet paper use to a 'bare' minimum and do not put anything else in the toilet. Use the bins provided for toilet paper.

Washing: Please talk to our friendly staff to get your washing done.

Bed linen: Sheets are changed every 4 days or on request.

Motor bikes: We can connect you to a local rental at Rp75,000/day (including surfboard racks). These bikes are locally owned so you can pay directly to the owner. Any damages will need to be paid for. Be extra careful of the many animals on the road (pigs, cows and goats).

Airport transfer: We will organise your airport pick up and drop off for you with one of the local drivers. Please pay them directly after completing the ride. It's around Rp 400.000 per trip for 4 people including luggage.

Dietary Requirements: Please let us know well in advance if you have any. We will do our best to cater for you, however, please understand that not everything is readily available. Fresh fish is available when the wind conditions allow the fishermen to go out in their boats.

Surfing: Boat transfers to the main breaks can either be organised through us or you can connect to one of the boat owners directly in front of the wave at Nemberala harbour. Best to bring all your own surfing gear like boards, fins, surf leash, wax, booties from home. Surfboard rentals are available on the island.

Internet access: Mobile phone reception is usually good. We recommend that you get an international data allowance before your trip or pick up a local sim card in Bali. Telkomcel is the only provider that works in Rote. There are also a few restaurants that have Wi-Fi available.

Power: We have 24hr power on this part of the Island; however, it hasn't been here that long and can be sometimes unreliable. A large part of Rote is still without power.

The animals: The animals are free range in Rote! The pigs roam the beach at low tide in search of crabs and the goats will eat anything green! You will be able to see horses, cows, pigs and goats passing by Villa Tasi. Please make sure you close the gates properly.

Medical care: West Rote has our local Dr Annie at the local clinic and a hospital up in Ba'a (45mins away). These facilities are not well equipped and are not of the standard of developed countries. There are very good hospitals in Kupang and in Bali. Make sure your insurance covers medical emergencies and take extra care.

Swimming: You can swim right out the front of Villa Tasi or anywhere along the beach at high tide and, at low tide, you can enjoy our beachside salt-water pool and watch the local farmers attend their seaweed gardens.

Sundays: Sunday is a day of rest for the local people. Every village has their own church service that the entire village attends. Shops are closed, so if you

need anything, make sure you get it on Saturday. The local church in Tunggaen, that is located just outside the villa gates, starts their service at 7am. You will hear the church bells.

Villa Tasi operates on a skeleton staff on Sunday so it's a great day to try out a restaurant in the area. Please let our staff know if you are planning to eat out on Sunday.

Village Markets: This is where we buy our fresh produce once a week on Tuesdays. The market starts very early and goes until around 10am. Clothing and many other things are also available and it's definitely worth a visit.

Restaurants & Cafes:

Narrow Restaurant: Nice local & Western food, Gelato, Desserts and Affogatto.

Bekky Boos: Known for their amazing Pizza

Indika Café: A great spot for morning or afternoon tea in a lovely natural garden setting.

Sunset Warung: Local Food

Shipwrecks: A great spot to watch the football with a beer a hotdog and chips.

Seed Resort: Breakfast/morning tea or a great long lunch option

Local Warungs: cheap, traditional eateries

81 Palms Restaurant: Spanish tapas

Nemberala Beach Resort: For their sunsets and Margeritas

Utopia: A bit of a trek but the natural setting and view are so good. So are the breakfasts! And special dinner events. Pre bookings are essential.

Please let our staff know beforehand, should you decide not to have lunch or dinner at Villa Tasi,

Local shops: snacks, beer, lollies, drinks

Minimart Melati & Dolarosa: Cold drinks, ice creams, beer, snacks and some groceries

Wine & Spirits: Sometimes available on the Island when in stock. Cocktails available at Narrow, Seed, Shipwrecks and Nemberala Beach Resort. Best to bring top shelf alcohol over from Bali.

Come with an easy-going attitude and you will love this raw and slow-paced part of Indonesia. That's what makes this place so special.