SPICE ROADS
CYCLING

ROAD

BOROBUDUR TO BALI BY ROAD BIKE

Tour Code
IDN-JBR

13 DAYS
12 NIGHTS

Destinations	1
Tour Meets Tour Ends	Yogyakarta Ubud
Fly in to Fly out of	Yogyakarta International Airport (YIA) I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS)
Group Size Minimum Age	4-16 riders 18 (on scheduled departures)

ACTIVITY PROFILE

11 Cycling days	**1005** km Total cycling distance
91 km Avg distance / day	**1305** m Avg climbing / day

PRICING

Price	US$ 4,100 to US$ 4,295
Bike Hire (Carbon Road Bike)	US$ 550
Single Supplement	US$ 725 to US$ 835

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ SpiceRoads jersey
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Support vehicle
- ✓ Guide(s)
- ✓ Meals (as indicated)
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Snacks and drinks
- ✓ Entrance fees

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Airport pick up
- ✗ Airport drop off
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Tips

DEPARTURES

There are no scheduled departures for this trip at the moment. Please contact us to arrange a private departure.

TRIP PROFILE

Our average distance per day is 91 km (the maximum daily distance being on Days 4 & 5, with options up to 128 km), while the average elevation gain is +1306 m/day (the maximum gain is on Day 4, with up to 2700 m). On Day 1, we will transfer out of Yogyakarta to Borobudur and ride back to the city on a nice warm-up. The following three days are much more challenging, but we have an easier Day 6 to rest our legs somewhat. Days 7 to 12 are between 60 and 100 km. Days 11 and 12 feature significant climbing on Bali, with 1670 and 1770 m of elevation gain respectively.

The trip is fully supported, and your guide's expert knowledge of the area and terrain means that you always know what is coming up in terms of distance and difficulty. This makes a tremendous difference, as does the constant supply of water and refreshments along the way.

Suitability: This is a challenging cycling tour that caters to experienced road cyclists with good physical fitness. You should be comfortable with daily climbing of +1500 m or more over consecutive days, and be able to handle your bicycle well on narrow roads with steep descents and hairpin turns. You should also be comfortable manoeuvring your bike in period areas with plenty of traffic. While the days vary in difficulty, and the tour includes a couple of relatively easy days, each day of riding will bring challenges, potentially with extreme conditions such as extreme heat, intense sunlight, and rain along the way. Of course, we will always have support vehicles available in case you need a lift!

Biking Conditions: The rides are chosen to be ideal for cycling, and we strive to avoid busy areas. However, sections of these islands are very populated, meaning that sometimes we will come across heavy traffic, both on intercity roads and within the urban areas themselves, meaning we need to navigate among numerous vehicles and other obstructions. Road surfaces are generally tarmac, but may include some rough broken asphalt and occasional gravel sections. Steep, extended descents on mountain roads mean that control of the bike and ease with braking will be a must.

Accommodations: Hotels and resorts have been selected to heighten the experience, blending traditional and contemporary hospitality, remaining true to the local culture while ensuring rejuvenating and enjoyable stays. In Java, we have chosen a mix of coastal resorts and urban hotels that give us glimpses of the island's many sides. We will also stay at an eco-resort that is a functioning dairy and plantation, as well as a luxurious property. In Bali, meticulously-designed resorts will accentuate the beauty of the island's seashore, its dramatic volcanic peaks, and finally an elegant, hushed refuge in enchanting Ubud.

Day 1: Meet in Yogyakarta

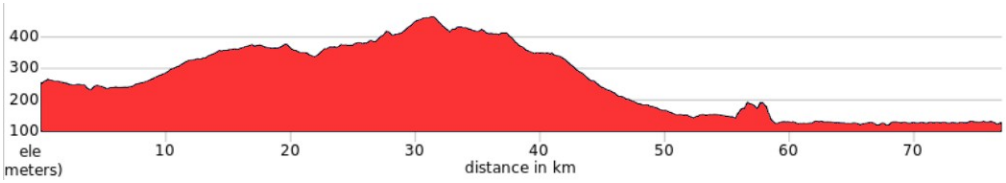
Upon arriving in Yogyakarta, head to our hotel in the centre of town, and enjoy a walk around the city's markets, historic districts, and museums. This evening, meet your guides for a welcome dinner and briefing about the journey ahead.

The Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta Dinner

Day 2: Yogyakarta - Borobudur - Yogyakarta

This morning, we'll head out early by van to visit Borobudur, the stunning 9th century Buddhist temple that was abandoned under volcanic ash and jungle until rediscovery in the 19th century. We'll tour through the temple, taking in its ornate carvings and extraordinary engineering, then take off from this auspicious location on our first ride! Riding back to Yogyakarta, we'll pass by the Hindu temple of Prambanan (also 9th century) and the Hindu-Buddhist Ratu Boko (from the 7th century). After this day of cycling and sightseeing in spiritual locales, we finish back in Yogyakarta.

The Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

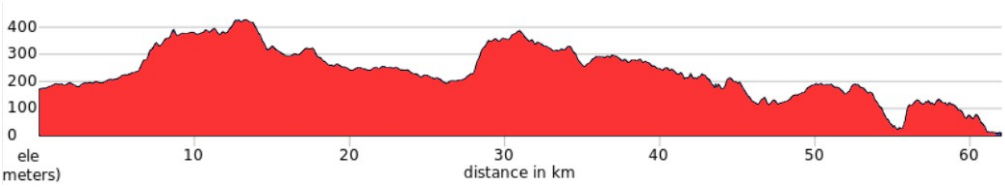


Ride 68km +519m -640m

Day 3: Yogyakarta - Pacitan

This morning, we'll leave Yogyakarta, transferring out of town about 90 minutes to the provincial town of Semanu. Heading into the countryside, we'll climb steadily for the first 15 km through rice fields and forested sections, then coast along a gradual descent for 20 km. We turn southward with a bit of climbing, then roll down towards the coast through villages tucked away into the trees. The ocean comes into view as we finish our ride at the beach and surfing area of Watu Karung, where we will stay the night at a beautiful resort.

Desa Limasan Resort Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

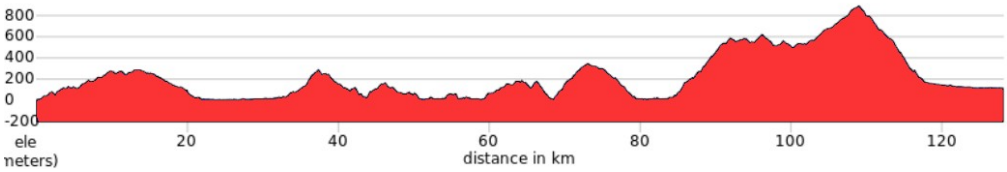


Ride 107km +1740m -1862m

Day 4: Pacitan - Tulungagung

Awake to the roar of the breakers a short distance away as morning sun lights up the beach and the small islands nearby. We will cycle straight from the resort today on a challenging ride of 100 km or more, depending on your inclination and appetite for climbs. We will skirt the coastline for large sections, ducking inland, crossing bridges high above river valleys, and emerging for spectacular views over coves and beaches. Bustling towns will keep things lively along the way. From approximately 85 km, ride up a volcanic mountain, reaching an altitude of almost 900 m ASL over a stretch of 25 km. Take in the views to surrounding peaks, then negotiate a steep descent of 10 km and a final flat section into the small town of Trenggalek.

Hotel Tugu Blitar Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

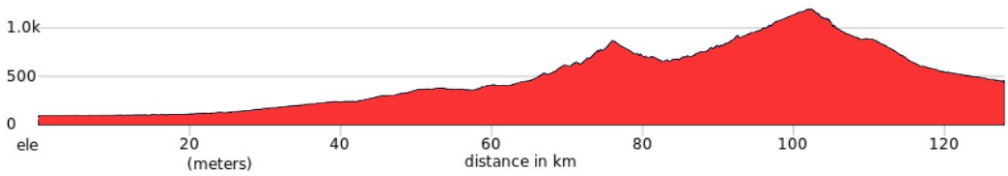


Ride 100-128km +2779m -2672m

Day 5: Tulungagung - Malang

As locals go about their morning routine in this small town, we'll ride out into the countryside once more, beginning another long route where we can ride to our heart's content (albeit with a little less climbing than the previous day). This ride has few undulations, just steady, gradual ups and downs. We ride across intricate patchworks of farm plots that thrive in the fertile volcanic soil, barely noticing our long, sweeping ascent that peaks at the 76 km mark. By now we are in lush, scenic valleys on small roads, surrounded by the fascinating nature of East Java. Where the jungle opens up, we'll have awe-inspiring views to great mountains in the distance. We'll then climb still a bit more, circling around Mt. Kawi, to reach an elevation of 1200 m just past the 100 km mark. The final 25 km are a descent once more into the sizable city of Malang, where we will stay the night in the centre.

Hotel Tugu Malang Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

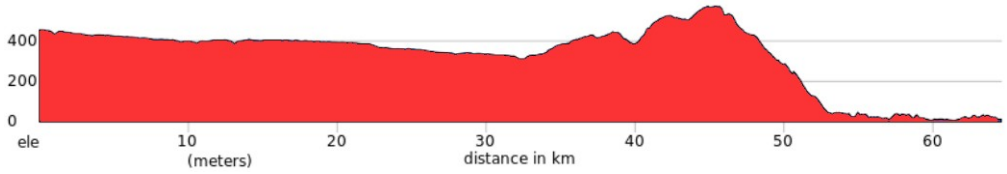


Ride 128km +1831m -1467m

Day 6: Malang - Goa Cina Beach

Our Indonesian journey is rich in contrasts, and today's ride is a prime example: we'll pedal due south out of raucous Malang and head for the open coast once more. It's a bit of a break for our legs, as we have a lengthy, gradual descent to start, followed by some light climbing for 13 km, then a quick 8 km descent to the southern coast. Compared with last night's urban setting, this windswept, seaside location feels lost to the outside world: our resort tonight offers spectacular views over the rocky shoreline and scattered islands that act as breakwaters for this isolated community at Goa Cina Beach. Enjoy this exhilarating location for the evening, perhaps trying the local seafood!

Villa Asmara Hills Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



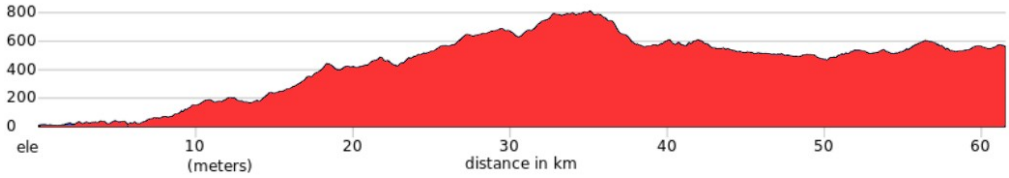
Ride 65km +604m -1074m

Day 7: Goa Cina Beach - Tumpak Sewu Waterfall - Lumajang

Our ride begins with views onto the ocean and the large island of Sempu, which lies just off the coast. We gradually make our way inland along small paved roads, perfect for road cycling. We are once more in the wild side of Java, passing through tiny villages surrounded by dense jungle, with the sounds of rushing streams and various creatures reaching us out of the foliage. After climbing gradually for 35 km, we enjoy some downhills and rolling terrain that eventually lead us

to the awe-inspiring Tumpak Sewu Waterfall, a tiered cascade on the Glidik River flowing down from the volcano Semeru, Java's highest peak, which we can spot in the distance. It's a substantial hike to reach the waterfall, so once we have returned, we will transfer to our central hotel in the town of Lumajang.

Gajah Mada Hotel Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

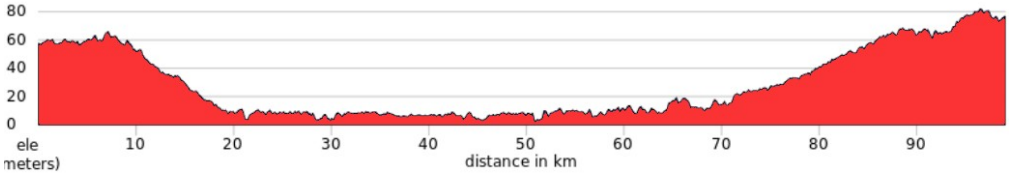


Ride 62km +1588m -1037m

Day 8: Lumajang - Papuma Beach - Jember

Today's ride takes us around a large crescent shape, first south out of Lumajang, then east along the coast, and finally north up to Jember. This is a much more settled region, largely made up of farming and fishing villages. We descend for much of the first 20 km. Reaching the distinctive black sand beaches of south-eastern Java, we hug the coastline for a long, relaxing 45 km stretch that will certainly be a change from the previous days of climbing. We'll see the large island of Barung, made up of volcanic rock covered with dense jungle, just offshore. Turning north, the final 35 km will be a gentle climb on smooth tarmac roads through charming little communities, ending in the city of Jember. Our stylish hotel in the middle of town will make for a fun evening.

Luminor Hotel Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

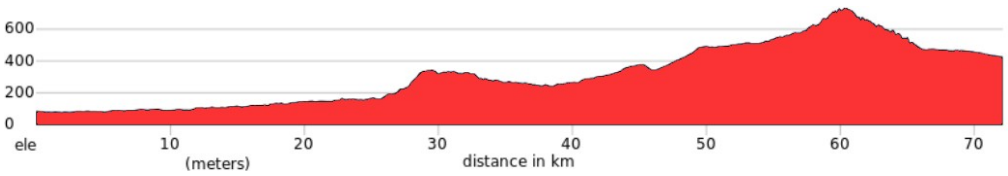


Ride 99km +362m -343m

Day 9: Jember - Kalibaru

Today's route is a circuitous and interesting one, winding its way across rivers and around ridges of volcanic mountains. It's largely flat until around the 25 km mark, when we begin our first moderate climb of the day, surrounded by contrasting scenery of jungle and open farmland. First, we'll make our way out of Jember, with a fairly flat start until our first climb starts at about 20 km. From there, we'll cruise downhill for a spell before our extended 23 km climb up to 736 metres ASL along a tree-lined road which should offer some shade and opportunities to rest along the way. We'll finish with a descent to our resort for the evening. A classic property that fits perfectly into its hushed natural setting. Margo Utomo holds a dairy farm and plantation that began in the 1940s. These operations continue to this day (they even make their own mozzarella cheese on site!), so this is a chance to explore the history and ongoing agriculture of the region, all while enjoying the pool, terrace, and wonderful gardens.

Margo Utomo Eco Resort Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ride 72km +983m -642m

Day 10: Kalibaru - Banyuwangi - Menjangan

This morning, we will say goodbye to our charming agro-culture resort and transfer around 45 minutes to the town of Genteng. From here, we will ride through a string of small villages as we near the more populous east coast of Java. However, there are plenty of serene sections, and we pass over a number of pretty rivers that empty into the ocean near here. After around 76 km, we will reach the ferry that takes us across the strait to beautiful Bali! The passage across the strait takes just over an hour. Disembarking, we will ride an easygoing 25 km into the island paradise; once we have left the port, the roads are noticeably quieter. Our destination is Menjangan, which means “deer” in Balinese, so named for the many deer who used to swim across to Menjangan Island every spring. Our resort is designed and built to accentuate the surrounding natural beauty, the perfect introduction to Bali!

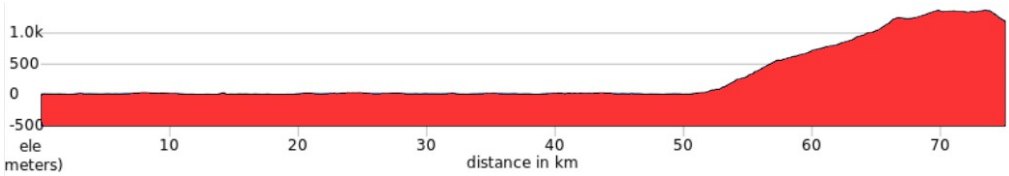
Menjangan Dynasty Resort Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Ride 100km +520m -681m

Day 11: Menjangan - Bhuana Sari

Departing Menjangan, we ride along the less-populated northern coast of Bali. The first 50 km are tarmac with no climbing, rolling blissfully with the open sea on our left, and dramatic mountains and jungle on the right. It’s a quintessential Balinese experience, soon to be followed by another: we turn inland and begin an 18 km climb with a gain of about 1300 m, to the water-filled volcanic caldera of Buyan Lake. Here, we will cycle the last short leg up to our stunning resort, set into the mountainside, overlooking vast tracts of pristine jungle and the volcanic peaks in the distance. Take in the view and breathe in the mountain air, take a dip in the pool, or go for a little hike on the trails. This will be a special evening in this sacred place, truly a piece of paradise!

Giriwood Hotel and Villa Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

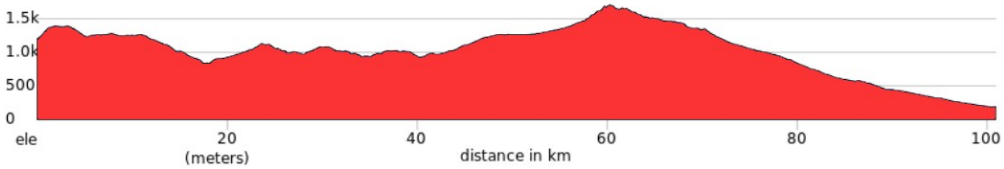


Ride 75km +1670m -484m

Day 12: Bhuana Sari - Ubud

We ride along Bali's volcanic ridges, with lush jungle and lakes sweeping off in breathtaking fashion in every direction. The light is constantly changing on these slopes, the interplay between sunshine and clouds making for a sublime shadow play. We make our way up and down a series of significant climbs that are generally not too steep. Reaching a maximum elevation of 1700 m, we begin descending along the flank of the gigantic Mt. Batur. A pause is a must here to take in this sublime scenery. We then descend for 41 km into Ubud, a vibrant town of Hindu temples, lovely shops selling handicrafts, and quaint sidestreets, intersected by rushing streams in hushed valleys. Our resort here is tucked away in a quiet district, with a design that honours beautiful Balinese styles. There is. a luxuriant pool at its heart, the perfect finishing point for our great cycling journey. We’ll gather in this special atmosphere for our final dinner of the tour and reflect on the experience of this unique, dazzling road bike tour.

Rama Phala Resort Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ride 101km +1770m -2786m

Day 13: Departure from Ubud

After breakfast, we will say our goodbyes; from here, you can continue your stay in Ubud, explore other parts of Bali, or head to the Denpasar Airport for your departing flight, full of memories of this grand journey!

Breakfast

Disclaimer: The adventure cycling tours we operate often go beyond the beaten track, and the countries where we ride are not always predictable. Due to these reasons, it is occasionally necessary to reroute or update itineraries. Our guarantee is that we will not change a trip unless for safety or to improve it. Our listed hotels are always accurate at the time of writing, but should we have to change any hotel, it will always be for a similar or better one.

NUTS & BOLTS

Bikes

Because some people can't imagine going on a trip without their own beloved bicycle, we do not provide them as part of this tour. However, you can hire bikes locally for the price listed in the tour pricing section.

If you bring your own bike, please make sure it is a road bike in good mechanical order, and that you bring any specialty/spare parts that might be needed for your model of bike.

Bike Repairs

Basic spares and tools are carried by the guide and on the support vehicle, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. Carrying a basic tool kit, a spare tube and a pump while riding is recommended.

Safety

Wearing a helmet is required on all our biking adventures and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle. Your tour leader is trained in first aid and emergency rescue, but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore compulsory that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour.

Guides

You will be led by a local English-speaking guide and if the group is 9 people or more we will add another guide to the tour. All our guides are well informed in the history, culture and religions of the area where you are biking and are skilled at passing that knowledge on to you. Your guide is also medically trained and an experienced cyclist, able to handle most minor repairs en route.

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Passports and Visas

Visa On Arrival and Online Visas

Citizens of 80+ countries can enter Indonesia with a Visa-on-Arrival (VoA) which grants single-entry for up to 30 days. To be eligible for a visa-on-arrival you must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a passport from the countries approved for visa-on-arrival. Please see the full list here.
- Your Passport must be valid for 6 months since date of entry.
- You must have a return or onward ticket (which indicates the date of departure from Indonesia).
- You must pay a Visa-on-Arrival Fee of 500,000 IDR (around 35 USD).

Visa-on-Arrival can be procured upon arrival in Indonesia but if you would like to save time then you can apply for and receive your visa by doing it online ahead of your departure. Here is the official website to do so. **We suggest doing this as you will save time on arrival.**

Here is a useful link that summarizes the information on visas to Indonesia.

All Indonesia Digital Arrival Card

All international passengers travelling to Indonesia will be required to complete the All Indonesia application before departure (from 3 days prior up to the day of departure) in their country of origin.

1. Guests should register on the official website or via the app available on Google Play & App Store.
2. Select "Status": Choose 'Foreign Visitor (WNA)' to begin the process.
3. Complete traveller information: Fill in the form with personal details (full name, date of birth and nationality) and travel information (date of arrival, destination and flight number).
4. Provide travel details: Select mode of transport and provide the address of the first hotel in Indonesia.
5. Declare health and customs information: Answer a few questions for the health and customs declaration.
6. Review and confirm: Ensure all the information provided is accurate and submit the form.
7. Receive QR code: Upon successful submission, a QR code will be generated. This code should be downloaded and saved (a screenshot is recommended) to be presented to immigration officers upon arrival.

Please note that this arrival card is not for the Visa on Arrival or the Bali Tourist Tax; those remain separate processes.

Bali Tourism Levy

In Bali, payment of a tourism levy is required before entry. Once paid online, a voucher will be sent to you by email for you to present on arrival in Bali. Official website for tourism levy information and payment.

Health

Recommended vaccinations include typhoid, polio, tetanus and Hepatitis A. A certificate for Yellow Fever is required if arriving from an infected area within the prior six days. The more remote areas may be considered malarial areas. Please check with your doctor prior to departure for the most recent information.

Weather

Indonesia is a vast archipelago affected by a series of weather patterns, and depending on which island you are on, the weather can be hot and wet or hot and dry. Indonesia's monsoonal climate usually means short heavy downpours rather than all-day, never-ending rain.

Located 8 degrees south of the equator, Bali is home to a tropical climate with constant temperatures during the day ranging from 28 C to 30 C at sea level, although the humidity varies throughout the year. It is highest during the rainy season which is from December to March and gradually reduces to its lowest level from May to September, when a beautiful dry cooling breeze blows across from Australia.

Lombok also has a tropical climate similar to Bali's, with the only variation being the rainy season starting earlier, and is from October to April.

Sulawesi has a warm tropical climate with wet and dry seasons lasting approximately six months each. The dry season is from April to October and the wet season is from November to May. Sulawesi enjoys year-round temperatures averaging at least 30 C.

Food

Meals are included as per the itinerary where B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner. Most meals are local Indonesian dishes and feature noodles, rice, curries, and soups. Any special dietary

requirements can also be catered for as well. Please let us know at the time of booking.

Drink

Keeping you completely hydrated is a job we take very seriously. Cold water, some energy-restoring local fruit and soft drinks are included in the tour price. We are riding in a Muslim country and though beer is available, it might not be served in some restaurants. If you choose to purchase some beer please note it is NOT included in the price.

Solo Travelers

SpiceRoads does not require you to pay a surcharge for traveling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveler of the same gender and if we can not match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. The cost of the single supplement is listed above.

Extra Expenses

We recommend that you tuck away a few extra dollars, perhaps US$10, for incidentals. It is customary to tip local tour guides and drivers, however, the amount you give should be dependent on the level of service you receive. As a general guide we suggest US$3-4 per person per day is appropriate.

Money

The official currency in Indonesia is the rupiah (Rp). Foreign currencies are not generally accepted. ATMs are widely available in cities and towns and touristy places have lots of moneychangers as well as banks. Banks usually have better exchange rates, though moneychangers may offer the best rates for cash. Credit cards can be used for larger purchases, in international hotels.

GENERAL BOOKING INFO

If this is the tour for you here's what you need to do to confirm your place:

FLEXIBLE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Booking a SpiceRoads cycling adventure is easy and we try to do everything possible to make sure you have full flexibility and peace of mind. We do not require a deposit to hold your place on a tour and once full payment has been made your money is protected in our client account and you have the flexibility to cancel or change your booking if needed.

CONFIRMING YOUR BOOKING

Just complete our online booking form or send your booking details offline (email or post), and we will confirm your participation. No deposit is needed to confirm your place on a SpiceRoads tour.

You are advised to read our Booking Conditions in full before you make your payment and should you require further clarifications of any of the conditions below, please email us or call our office.

TRIP STATUS

There is a minimum number of participants (usually 2) required to enable the trip to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to Depart'. Once a trip is guaranteed to depart you are free to book your flights and make other travel arrangements. If the trip status is 'Limited' will mean we have only a small number of spaces available for booking. If you are unsure about the trip status, please email us or call our office.

BOOKING ONLINE

From the tour page, click the 'Book Now' link. All departures for this tour will appear, just select the date you'd like to travel. For the next steps, you'll need to know the names of the people travelling. If you wish you can also provide extra details such as passport numbers, height (for bike hire), or you can add that later by logging into Manage My Trip (we'll set up an account for you automatically if you don't already have one). Our system will contact you from time to time to fill in the missing information, as it will be required before departure. However, if the trip that you are booking offers a child discount, you will have to fill out the date of birth of each rider (so we can calculate the appropriate discount).

If you are having any problems please send us an email, or give us a call (+66 026 3295) and one of our travel specialists will assist you with your booking.

BOOKING OFFLINE

Just call us or send an email indicating which trip you want to join and we will happily send you a list of questions and process your booking for you.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

We do not require a deposit or full payment to book a place for you on a tour.

The balance of the tour's cost (final invoice) will need to be paid 60 days before the departure date with fees for any bicycle rental(s), single supplement(s) and extra hotel nights.

In the case where a booking is made when there are less than 60 days until the tour departure date, the tour's cost should be paid in full within 72 hours of receiving an invoice from SpiceRoads. Payment can be made by credit card using our online payment gateway or by bank transfer. When making payment online you will need to confirm that you have read these booking conditions during the "checkout" process, which equates to agreeing to the terms of services and stipulations as indicated in this document.

In all cases, tour fees need to be paid "in full" before participation in a tour. No person(s) will be allowed to join a tour without fully settling their invoice and receiving a confirmation number from SpiceRoads.

The exception can be made for last-minute miscellaneous fees that can be paid locally (visas, additional local hotel bookings, etc.) can be settled on the day of arrival.

FULL FLEXIBILITY FOR TOUR CANCELATIONS

If the tour is cancelled or postponed by SpiceRoads because we didn't make the trip numbers and the tour can't run, we will make a full cash refund (by bank transfer or on your credit card).

If the tour is cancelled for any other reason, including due to Covid related travel restrictions, we will give you a full credit (with no deductions for admin or any other small-print item) to use on any SpiceRoads tour with no time limit. (Exceptions being flights, special permits and other non-refundable items and these will be advised when booking the trip).

Before paying for your tour, you can cancel your booking with no charge and up until 40 days before departure, you can change your booking to another travel date or move your booking onto another SpiceRoads tour with no charges.

If you need to cancel after you have made full payment, please see our cancellation policy.

Loyalty Riders Club

For those who have been on several long tours with us, we reward customer loyalty by offering repeat customers a special discount off the tour price (excludes single supplement and bike rental). If this is your fourth scheduled tour or more you will receive a 5% discount. If this is your eighth scheduled tour or more we will extend a 10% discount. The discount will be reflected in your online booking, but please contact us if any questions. Loyalty discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Note: Only tours of 7 days or more will be applicable for a loyalty discount.

International Flights

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Once your tour is Guaranteed to Depart you can book your flight. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made. Please claim any losses from your travel insurance that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

Newsletter

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