

## Agents Get Busy In Bali & Beyond



Wine and coffee tasting, an ATV experience, and island hopping were some of the experiences for agents on the Air New Zealand and Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism famil, offered in conjunction with Creative Economy Bali and Lombok.

It's the first official famil the two industry bodies have jointly run and Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy representative for Australia and Oceania, Ira Yulianti says it's time to take agents to other destinations within the archipelago.

"We wanted them to get a taste for Bali, then to Lombok for a different

view of what there is to see and do here," she says.

Kiwi's rank in the top 10 of visiting nationalities to Bali and Yulianti says with some guidance, this ranking could shift. "If agents can see how easy it is to get off island and the type of hotels and activities there are in Lombok, then this will filter through to clients," she adds.

### ... Good Clean Fun



The agents got to sample different types of locally-produced coffee, sampled Balinese cuisine (with a Bintang or two), got wet and muddy on an ATV adventure and 'thrown' some clay during a pottery class.

Taking the wheel at Rusters Pottery school is Flight Centre's Tim Ueese and Crystal Vercoe from House of Travel who discovered that there's a lot more to Bali beyond the beaches.

## Amongst The Vines



Wine tasting is what Flight Centre's Scott Eddington expected to find in Bali, but a tour of the locally-produced facilities at Sababay has convinced him this is a must-do for clients. "A pleasant surprise find and after the tour there are tasting options, relax in the garden with a picnic basket or lunch inside," he says. And for the wine, Eddington (pictured above) says 'very good indeed'.

## A Muddy Adventure



Being unable to drive did not deter GO Holiday's Tim Ueese from having a go on a Keep All ATV adventure while on the Bali famil. After a quick training run with the professionals, Ueese took to the muddy waterways and rocky tracks like a duck to water. The ATV trails travel through rice paddys, inside a cave, under waterfalls and through mud-filled tunnel tracks. For 90 minutes the group let off some steam and all said it was awesome. Ueese recommends clients bring a change of clothes because mud is guaranteed, but says it 'was the best of fun'. See more [HERE](#).

## Kiwis Still Love Bali



Maintaining a strong relationship with the New Zealand trade has helped cement continued growth in Kiwi visitors to the Double Six Hotel Seminyak, says assistant director of sales, Ega Purnama Alamsyah.

Kiwis are the second largest market for the 146-room beachfront hotel and Alamsyah says it is expecting more bookings following Air New Zealand's announcement for a year-round service.

"Kiwis love the location; far enough away from the beach clubs of central Seminyak, yet close to shops and local activities," he adds. The property features a rooftop bar, a 120-metre-long pool, a Spa and fitness centre and two restaurants, The Plantation Grill and Suzie-Q. See more on the hotel [HERE](#).

## Pre-departure Info

Before clients head to the airport, remind them to complete the on-line Visa on Arrival (VOA), Tax Levy and customs forms for entry into Bali. The VOA ([imigrasi.go.id](http://imigrasi.go.id)) gives clients a 30-day tourism B1 visa for IDR500,000 (NZD52); the Welcome to Bali Tax Levy takes about five minutes to complete and costs IDR150,000 (NZD16). For details see [HERE](#). Both of these should be done a few days in advance. The free customs form is available three days before arriving into Bali. Clients will receive a QR code on their phone or can print it out ready to be scanned before exiting the terminal. See more details [HERE](#).

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