



Surfcamp Lombok Pre-arrival Information

It's not long now until you'll be sitting on a surfboard in the sparkling waters on the Indian Ocean, enjoying the unforgettable experience of Surfcamp Lombok!

Payment information

- **Payment is made through PayPal or bank transfer.**
- Please pay the **deposit** of 200 €/person **within 10 days** of booking.
- The remainder is to be paid with cash or card upon arrival to the camp. If you bring cash please bring in the local currency. (All card payments have a service charge of 3%.)

How to get to the camp

The Surfcamp is located in **Gerupuk village**, which looks out across Gerupuk Bay (sometimes spelt Grupuk Bay). The village is about 20-30 minutes from Kuta (Lombok), in the south of Lombok. Transportation to the Surfcamp is **your own personal responsibility**.

We strongly recommend you **arrive in the area** a day or two before camp starts, so you're rested and ready to go! You can **get in contact with other guests through our Facebook page**, to plan your trip together, share taxis, etc.

Air transport

*Please note: Lombok only has **one airport**, in Praya. Since its relocation a few years ago some airline companies still refer to it as Mataram Airport.*

- **Direct flights** to Lombok are available from some countries. Alternatively you can fly via **Jakarta** or **Bali**. There are several flights a day from both places; the most popular airlines are Garuda Indonesia and Lion/Wings Air. We suggest you book at least a few days in advance.
- If you're **carrying a surfboard** the airlines will charge you for extra weight, but the fee is quite modest; one surfboard usually costs around Rp45,000-60,000 (approx. 3-4€).

Travelling from Bali

- **By air:** The flight from Bali is only 25 minutes and costs around Rp300,000 (approx. 25€), depending on the time of year. The most popular airlines are Garuda Indonesia and Lion/Wings Air.
- **By ferry:** Ferries leave Bali from Padang Bai harbor. We recommend you arrange a **package deal** from a travel agent in Kuta (Bali). This will include a bus from Kuta to the harbor at Padang Bai, the ferry ride to Lembar harbor in Lombok, and a bus ride to Kuta (Lombok).



- The **cost** of a standard package from Kuta (Bali) to Kuta (Lombok) is about **Rp300,000** (approx. 20€) and the journey will normally take about 10 hours. (Flying is definitely the quickest and easiest option – unless you're up for some adventure!)

Arriving at the airport

- You can take a **taxi** direct from the airport to Gerupuk village. We suggest you order a taxi at one of the **service desks** in the arrivals hall. The ride will take about **45 minutes** and cost a maximum of **Rp200,000** (approx. 13€).

Directions from Kuta (Lombok) to Gerupuk and the Surfcamp

Most taxi drivers know Surfcamp Lombok, but if yours doesn't:

- Ask the driver to **go through Kuta and past the Novotel**.
- About **5 minutes** later, after a short, steep hill you will see signs to **Gerupuk**, directing you to **turn right**.
- About **15 minutes** later you will arrive in the fishing village of Gerupuk. You may be required to pay a **small fee** on entering the gate.
- **Follow the road through the village** for about 1km. When you have a white wall on your right and the beautiful bay on your left, you're almost there.
- You will find us nestled between the hills, by the water, a big bamboo house with a skatebowl out the front!
- If in doubt – **ask anyone in the street**, everyone knows where the Surfcamp is :)

Arriving at the camp

- We ask you to **please send an email** to bookings@surfcampinfo.com when you know what time you will be arriving at the camp, so we can coordinate your arrival and introduction.
- We ask you to arrive **between 12:00 and 16:00** on the first day of the camp, to be ready for our welcome and introduction at **18:00**. **Please note** that late arrivals can cause inconvenience to staff and fellow guests, as we all need to wait for you. Arriving in the area a day or two earlier can help prevent this.
- On the **second day**, your course will start with instructions on all **safety precautions** we have in place, together with details of the **basic surfing techniques** and water exercise we teach. We will not take you out into the surf before these first demonstrations have been completed.



General travel information

Visas

Please check with the Indonesian embassy in your country and ensure you have the appropriate visa to enter the country.

Sweden: www.indonesiskaambassaden.se

UK/Ireland: www.indonesianembassy.org.uk

Australia: www.kbri-canberra.org.au

USA: www.embassyofindonesia.org

Vaccinations and medical supplies

Consult your **doctor** or local **travel vaccination center well before travelling** to ask which vaccinations and medications you might need. We have never heard of any confirmed cases of malaria in the area, but **dengue fever** is present in the area. Protect yourself from mosquitos with long-sleeved clothing and repellent.

Consider that you are travelling in quite a **remote** part of Indonesia, in a **warm climate** where **minor cuts** can quickly become **infected**, and where many people get some kind of **stomach upset** during their first weeks here. We do have a medical room at the camp but since supplies are hard to get here we appreciate if you bring your own. See our checklist of “What to bring”.

ATMs

There are **no ATMs in Gerupuk**, but there are **several in Kuta** (Lombok). The local currency is Indonesian Rupiah (Rp100,000 = approx. 7€).

Phone access

Indonesian **SIM cards** and **credit/refill** (‘pulsas’ in Indonesian) are cheap and easy to get, just make sure your hand phone is **unlocked** before you leave home. In Gerupuk you will get the best coverage with a **simPATI/Telkomsel** SIM.

Internet access

If you are using an **Indonesian SIM**, you can buy a data package and connect to the internet through your **phone**. Our camp manager can help you with this.

There is **no wi-fi access** at the camp. It’s sometimes possible to access the internet at one of the **local restaurants**, but the connection is quite unreliable. Alternatively you can rent a scooter from the camp and go to Kuta (15-20 minutes’ ride), where there are many cafes with wifi.



What to bring:

- Rash vest** – for modesty and sun protection.
- Sunhat** – ideally for both land and water.
- Sarong** or light sheet – to cover up at night: You can purchase sarongs here for a few Euros.
- Flashlight** – a **headlamp** is particularly useful. You will probably experience some power cuts!

A basic first aid kit containing:

- Dissolvable rehydration tablets**
- Q-tips** (cotton buds)
- Disinfectant** (eg. alcohol wipes, Betadine, antimicrobial cream)
- Waterproof plasters** of various sizes
- Diarrhea tablets** for emergencies!
- Antibacterial Ear drops** (when being in the water several hours/day it is quite common to experience a mild form of ear discomfort. This can easily be helped by rinsing the ears daily and by using eardrops.)

Toiletries:

- Bath towel**
- Shampoo + soap**
- Toothbrush + toothpaste**
- Refillable **water bottle**
- A good **book** for chill out time!
- Skateboarders** – we have a skate bowl! Bring your own skateboard or borrow from us. If you have any **old skate gear** you'd like to donate to the camp, we let the local kids use this to learn to rip in the bowl!
- If you **still have space in your bag** our western staff would **love** if you can bring chia seeds, quinoa, any kind of nuts or salty licorice... ☺
- And last bit not least...Bring a **positive attitude**, an **open heart** and **excitement for your surfing adventure!** :)