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The Ubud Writers Festival

THOUGHTS, WORDS AND SIGHTS IN BALI



Includes

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with Robin de Crespigny
22–30 October 2017 (9 days)



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TOUR LEADER

Robin de Crespigny is a Sydney film-maker, writer, producer, director and a former Directing Lecturer at AFTRS Film School. While living in New York she discovered a passion for film-making and returned to set up her own production company. In 2008 Robin began a screenplay about an Iraqi refugee who became a people smuggler to save his family. This led to the publication three years later of "The People Smuggler", which became 2012's highest selling Australian book in the Sydney Writers' Festival, won *Best Non-Fiction Queensland Literary Award*, *Human Rights Award for Literature*, and was a *Walkley Book Awards* finalist.

Join acclaimed Australian writer and film-maker Robin de Crespigny for the 2017 Ubud Writers & Readers Festival in Bali, and explore also some of the wonderful temples and gardens of this island paradise.

Held annually in Bali's artistic and cultural heartland, the Ubud Writers Festival has become Southeast Asia's largest and most renowned cultural and literary event. This engaging four-day event brings together Indonesian and international writers on a world stage for conversation and connection across cultural divides.

Of course no visit to Bali would be complete without also exploring the island's many beautiful temples and gardens. Discover some of the island's most enchanting public and private gardens, including royal water gardens, traditional domestic compounds, botanic gardens and nurseries.

At a glance...

- Spend four stimulating, entertaining and enriching days at the 2017 Ubud Writers & Readers Festival
- Enjoy talks, discussions, interviews and exclusive special events in the company of Australian film-maker and writer Robin de Crespigny, author of *The People Smuggler*
- Discover the beauty of Balinese gardens and temples
- Stay in two of the most captivating locations on this island paradise



Tirta Gangga Water Palace © schnobby WikimediaCC



Pura Taman Ayun Temple (Temple of the Beautiful Gardens)

Itinerary

Sunday, 22 October 2017 Australia – Bali (Sanur)

Depart Australia on Virgin Australia flights to Denpasar. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Sanur and join Robin and your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. **D**

Monday, 23 October Sanur

In the morning visit a selection of gardens designed by the late Made Wijaya, who lived in Bali since the early 1970s and is the island's best known landscape architect. As well as designing several hundred gardens all over the world, he wrote several best-selling books on tropical gardening.

Continue to the Bajra Sandhi Monument in Denpasar, a monument to the struggle of the Balinese people, with a circular walkway containing dioramas of Bali's history.

After lunch, visit a traditional compound garden. Many Balinese families still live in traditional walled compounds where the eldest son settles in the family home when he marries. The layout is strictly prescribed and includes a family temple, ceremonial building, honeymoon building, kitchen, rice drying building and other buildings within a combination of vegetable and ornamental gardens.

This evening is at leisure. **B L**

Tuesday, 24 October Sanur

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the East of Bali where we visit the Tirta Gangga Water Palace. Meaning 'holy water of the Ganges' in Balinese, Tirta Gangga was created by the late Raja of Karangasem in 1946 after a visit to Versailles Palace, but it was destroyed almost entirely by the eruption of nearby Mount Agung in 1963. It has been lovingly rebuilt and restored and has an air of royal magnificence. The centrepiece of the palace is an eleven-tiered fountain, and many beautiful carvings and statues adorn the gardens.

Afterwards, visit Kerta Gosa Temple (the former Royal Courts of Justice) in Klungkung, and Besakh Temple at the foot of Mount Agung. Enjoy lunch in the attractive mountain village of Rendang before returning to Sanur through Bangli and the Kehen temple. This evening is at leisure. **B L**



Wednesday, 25 October Sanur – Ubud

Check out of your hotel and depart Sanur for Ubud. En route visit the Bali Orchid Garden stopping briefly at local nurseries on Jalan Hangtua. The hectare of landscaped tropical gardens of the Bali Orchid Garden provides a peaceful, relaxing environment where exquisite orchids bloom throughout the year.

Continue to the Pura Taman Ayun Temple (Temple of the Beautiful Gardens), dating back to 1634 and consisting of a forecourt, central court and spacious inner court. The temple is surrounded by a moat with lotuses, giving it the feel of a garden sanctuary.

After lunch, continue to Ubud, arriving in the mid-afternoon.

This evening attend the gala opening event of the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival followed by an exclusive dinner with the authors participating in the festival. **B L D**

Thursday, 26 – Sunday, 29 October Ubud

Attend all four days of the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival. With over 200 events involving more than 170 speakers, 100 partners and supporters, and hundreds of spectators from all around the world, enjoy a range of in-depth discussions, lively panel debates, literary lunches, workshops, poetry sessions, film, and music and cultural performances.

Each morning of the festival join Robin for an early-morning discussion over breakfast of the previous day's events and a preview of the events of the day ahead. Your festival pass will entitle you to join most of the events scheduled during the day, while there is also a range of optional ticketed events (additional charges apply).

On day 4 of the festival there is a festival closing party followed by a farewell dinner. **B** daily; **D** on 29 October

Monday, 30 October Ubud – Depart Bali

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax or join an optional day-time excursion. After a late checkout, enjoy dinner and then transfer to Denpasar Airport for an overnight flight to Australia on Virgin Australia. **B D**

Tuesday, 31 October Arrive Australia

Arrive in Australia in the early morning.



Tour prices

Per person, twin-share	AUD 4,850
Single supplement*	AUD 850
Deposit per person (at time of booking)	AUD 500
Reduction without airfare	- AUD 700
Final payment due	15 August 2017

*Single travellers may request to share. Please advise at time of booking.

Tour code SB1712

Fitness level Moderate

Please see booking conditions for fitness level definitions.

Your hotels

Sanur – Tandang Sari★★★★

Ubud – Honeymoon Guesthouse★★★★

NB. Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted

Tour price includes

- Return flights on Virgin Australia in Economy Class (Business Class upgrade available on request)
- Eight nights' accommodation including breakfast daily (B)
- Meals (L=Lunch, D=Dinner) as per itinerary. Local beer and soft drinks included
- Transfers on arrival and departure in Bali if travelling on group flights
- Visa on arrival with customs and immigration assistance
- Comprehensive sightseeing including local guides and entrance fees as per itinerary
- 4-day Festival Pass (includes access to all panels, conversations, discussions, talks and more)
- Festival gala opening event followed by an exclusive invitation-only authors' dinner
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Hotel portorage (one piece per person); airport portorage NOT included

Tour price does not include

- Airport transfers on arrival and departure if not travelling on group flights
- Meals not indicated in itinerary
- Wines and other alcoholic beverages
- Items of a personal nature, including telephone, laundry, mini-bar etc.
- Airport portorage
- Travel insurance



Honeymoon Guesthouse, Ubud © Robin de Crespigny

You can find the full terms & conditions on the Renaissance Tours booking form. They can also be found at www.renaissancetours.com.au/booking-conditions or we would be happy to post you a copy on request.

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- Please complete, sign and return this Booking Form, along with a copy of page one of your passport (international tours only and deposit).
NOTE: Flight bookings cannot proceed without passport copy. This is an airline security requirement.
- Complete credit card authority (if paying by credit card) OR forward a (deposit) cheque (made payable to Renaissance Tours).
- Upon receipt of your Booking Form and deposit, you will receive confirmation of your place on the tour(s) from Renaissance Tours.

Tour name

Tour code

Personal details – Passenger 1

Title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr or Other)

Hon

Family name (as in passport)

Given names (as in passport)

Preferred name

DOB

Email

Mobile

Phone

Address

State

Postcode

Country

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS / ALLERGIES

Yes

No

MEDICAL DECLARATION

What medical conditions do you currently have and/or have you received treatment for in the past three years? (e.g. stroke, heart, respiratory and psychiatric conditions). **Attach extra pages, if necessary.**

The purpose of seeking this information is to assist Renaissance Tours in determining the suitability of a tour participant for a particular tour. The information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE DECLARATION (Please tick)

I have read, understood and confirm that I meet the:

MODERATE

ABOVE AVERAGE

CHALLENGING

fitness level to participate on this tour.

Personal details – Passenger 2

Title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr or Other)

Hon

Family name (as in passport)

Given names (as in passport)

Preferred name

DOB

Email

Mobile

Phone

Address

State

Postcode

Country

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Yes

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Booking conditions

- I have read, understood and accept the **Booking Conditions** on page 3. I have enclosed the deposit and understand that the balance of the tour cost must be paid at least 60 days prior to departure (45 days prior for domestic tours) or my reservation may be cancelled.

Sign here

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Booking form

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Travel details – Passenger 1

AIRFARE – WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A QUOTE FROM US?

Yes No

Economy Premium Economy Business Class First Class

CITY OF DEPARTURE

Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Perth Other

FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER

AIRLINE SEAT PREFERENCE

ACCOMMODATION

Double Twin Single If single, would you like us to arrange twin-share?

TRAVEL INSURANCE – WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A BROCHURE?

Yes No

PRE/POST TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Please advise if you would like Renaissance Tours to organise any pre/post tour arrangements (e.g. earlier departure, later return, additional accommodation/flights, etc)

NEXT OF KIN (Emergency contact only)

Name

Relationship

Daytime contact ()

After hours contact

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR?

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTER? Yes No

Travel details – Passenger 2 (only fill if different from Pax 1)

AIRFARE – WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A QUOTE FROM US?

Yes No

Economy Premium Economy Business Class First Class

CITY OF DEPARTURE

Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Perth Other

FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER

AIRLINE SEAT PREFERENCE

ACCOMMODATION

Double Twin Single If single, would you like us to arrange twin-share?

TRAVEL INSURANCE – WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A BROCHURE?

Yes No

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Payment

Payment by cash, cheque, direct deposit, American Express, MasterCard and Visa is accepted. 1.5% service charge applies to payment made by MasterCard and Visa. 3% service charge applies to payment made by American Express. Payments for some international airfares can be made by credit card without a service fee. Please check for details.

AMOUNT CREDIT CARD CHEQUE CASH EFT

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY

Cardholder's name

American Express MasterCard Visa

Cardholder's number

SIGN

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Account name: Renaissance Tours

BSB: 062-032 / Account: 2800 4163

Swift code: CTBAU2S (use for transfers from overseas)

Expiry (month/year)

DATE

Travel agent

Booking form

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FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE

Most of our tours require a **MODERATE** level of fitness.

However, in certain destinations (e.g. Silk Road, Central Asia, Outback Australia, tropical destinations) or in certain seasons (e.g. mid-winter, mid-summer) or because of the nature of travel (eg. remote rail), certain tours will require an **ABOVE AVERAGE** or **CHALLENGING** level of fitness.

If you (or we) have any doubts about your level of fitness, you may be required to have a doctor's appraisal. This would require your doctor to read the itinerary of your chosen tour, including the fitness level, and provide you (and us) with a written confirmation of your ability to participate.

MODERATE

for the overall benefit of the group, all tour members must possess a moderate level of mobility, including the ability to:

- negotiate airports and railway stations without wheelchair assistance
- use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities)
- undertake walking tour of 1-2 hours duration, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces
- stand for long periods in museums and other sites
- embark / disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance
- handle your own luggage

ABOVE AVERAGE

In addition to the above, tour members must also be able to:

- Undertake walking tours of 2-3 hours
- climb staircases of 100 or more steps

CHALLENGING

In addition to the above, tour members must also be able to:

- Handle extremes of temperature (e.g. below 0 or above 35 degrees)
- handle extremes of altitudes (e.g. 4000 m and above).

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is highly recommended that you are covered by travel insurance for domestic tours.

However, it is a condition of travel that you are covered by comprehensive travel insurance for international tours. You can make your own arrangements or your travel insurance can be arranged by Renaissance Tours. In either case all participants must provide the following information no later than 60 days prior to commencement of travel:

- a copy of your travel insurance policy (or details of master policy)
- the emergency telephone number of your insurance company
- next of kin emergency contact.



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1. TOUR PRICES

Prices quoted in our tour information are based on exchange rates, cost of services and applicable taxes at the time of publication. Prices may be subject to change in the event of significant currency fluctuations or the introduction of new taxes, up until final payment is received. In the event of a price increase, whether because of a currency fluctuation, increase in taxes or a correction in advertised prices, we will advise you and you have the option of accepting the amended prices, inclusions and booking conditions or withdrawing from the tour and receiving a full refund of all monies paid. Once final payment is received, all prices (excluding air taxes) will be guaranteed and no surcharges will apply.

2. PAYMENT

Your final payment is due 60 days before departure (45 days prior for domestic tours). Failure to make your final payment by the due date may result in cancellation of your booking and loss of deposit. We reserve the right to charge a late payment fee in the event of late booking and/or payment to cover additional communication and other expenses.

For tours that include international flights, the international airfare payment is due 120 days before departure.

3. FLIGHT BOOKINGS AND FARES

Renaissance Tours will use its best endeavours to ensure that all flight prices are correct at the time that they are quoted. However, once a deposit is paid on an air fare, it guarantees that a booking is being held for you, it does not guarantee the fare and applicable taxes.

The fare and taxes can only be guaranteed when the flight booking has been paid in full and a ticket has been issued. Flight bookings cannot be transferred.

4. CHANGES

a) Changes by You – Because of additional communication and other expenses, we reserve the right to charge an appropriate administration fee per amendment to your original booking. While every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate changes and additional requests their availability cannot be guaranteed.

b) Changes by Us – While we will use our best endeavours to operate all tours as advertised, by entering into this contract the Client accepts that it may prove necessary or advisable to vary or modify a tour or its contents due to prevailing local conditions. We reserve the right at any time to cancel or change any of the facilities, services or prices described in the brochure (including flights, transport, accommodation or other arrangements) and to substitute alternative arrangements of comparable monetary value without compensation.

If a service or facility becomes unavailable due to circumstances beyond our control ('force majeure') and no alternative arrangement of comparable monetary value is available, we will substitute the best alternative available and will refund the Client for any cost saving or charge the Client for any additional costs incurred. 'Force majeure' includes any event which Renaissance Tours or its suppliers could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid (e.g. advice against travel from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, epidemics, health risks, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes imposed by cancellation or rescheduling of flights by an airline or main charterer, the alteration of airline or aircraft type). Renaissance Tours is not liable for any penalty charges associated with 'supersaver' type connecting rail or air fares, in the event of a change to a holiday departure time, date or airport.

5. SUBSTITUTION OF CLIENT

If any member of the party is prevented from travelling because of the death, injury or serious illness of the passenger, close relative or friend, redundancy or jury service, it may be possible to transfer the booking to another suitable person (acceptable to Renaissance Tours) provided that written notice is given at least one calendar month prior to departure. An administration fee of \$100 + GST per person will be levied plus any costs imposed by our suppliers. Airlines may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

6. CANCELLATION

a) Cancellation by You – Cancellation charges will be applied as shown below, calculated from the day written notification is received by Renaissance Tours. In addition to the charges shown below airlines may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

International Tours

60 days or more
59 – 45 days
44 – 31 days
30 – 15 days
Less than 15 days

Forfeit of deposit*
25% of tour cost
50% of tour cost
75% of tour cost
100% of tour cost

Domestic Tours

45 days or more
44 – 31 days
30 – 15 days
Less than 15 days

Forfeit of deposit*
50% of tour cost
75% of tour cost
100% of tour cost

* Includes any flight deposit paid.

The above cancellation charges include applicable GST.

In addition to the above cancellation charges, the full insurance premium together with any existing administration fees is also payable in the event of a cancellation by the Client. If the reason for cancellation is covered by the insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

b) Cancellation by Us – We reserve the right to cancel a tour for any reason (such as failure to reach minimum tour participant numbers). Except for *force majeure* (as outlined in clause 4b) or the Client's failure to pay the final balance, we will not cancel a tour less than 60 days before departure for international tours and 45 days before departure for domestic tours. Unless the Client fails to pay the final balance, we will return all monies paid, excluding payment for travel insurance and administration fees. No compensation will be paid in the event of cancellation by Renaissance Tours. A full refund of monies paid for tour costs will be the full extent of our liability. Airlines may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

7. PASSPORTS, VISAS AND VACCINATIONS

It is your responsibility to be in possession of a passport valid for 6 months after the date of your return to Australia. You are also responsible for obtaining all necessary visas, inoculations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the tour. Information about these matters or related items is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Renaissance Tours.

8. ILLNESS OR DISABILITY

Anyone suffering from illness or disability or undergoing treatment for any physical or medical condition must declare the true nature of such condition at the time of booking and make arrangements for the provision of any medication or other treatment which may be required during the tour. Failure to make such disclosure will constitute a breach of these booking conditions and result in such persons being excluded from the tour in which case all monies paid will be forfeit.

9. LOCAL LAWS

All participants of the tours we operate are expected to obey the laws and regulations of the countries visited and any failure to do so will relieve Renaissance Tours of all obligations that they may otherwise have under these booking conditions.

10. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT

If you have a complaint about any of the tour arrangements, you must bring it to the attention of the tour leader or other representative of Renaissance Tours at the time so that they may use their best endeavours to rectify the situation. It is only if we are made aware of any problems that there will be the opportunity to put things right. Any complaints must be made in writing to Renaissance Tours within 28 days of the completion of the tour.

11. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

All bookings are accepted on the understanding that the Client appreciates that travel does involve some risk and that they undertake all tours of their own volition.

i) Renaissance Tours accepts liability should any part of the tour arrangements booked with us not be supplied as described in the brochure(s) and not be of reasonable standard. In such a case, we will pay reasonable compensation if the Client's enjoyment of the tour has been adversely affected but will pay no compensation if there has been no fault on the part of Renaissance Tours or our suppliers and the reason for the failure in the tour arrangements was the Client's fault, the actions of someone unconnected with the tour arrangements or could not have been foreseen or avoided by Renaissance Tours or its suppliers even if all due care had been exercised.

ii) Our acceptance of liability to pay compensation pursuant to clause 11(i) is limited, in the case of air travel, rail travel, sea travel or hotel accommodation, to the amount set out in the provisions of, respectively, the Warsaw Convention as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955, the 1961 Berne Convention, the 1974 Athens Convention and the 1962 Paris Convention.

iii) Our acceptance of liability in clauses 11(i) and 11(ii) above is subject to assignment by the Client to Renaissance Tours of the Client's rights against any agent, supplier or sub-contractor of Renaissance Tours which is in any way responsible for the unsatisfactory tour arrangements.