

Bob – The God Of All Islands

We have no idea, if **he** really shot the sheriff or still chases his buffalo soldiers in the hereafter... but one thing we know for sure: no matter on which island paradise you end up in this world, you'll realize that our old buddy **Bob M.*** will be ever present. This is also the case in Indonesia, where you can linger at the beach while listening to smooth classics like „I Shot The Sheriff“, „No Woman, No Cry“ or „Buffalo Soldier“. Whether we are beach-bumming in touristy areas or isolated spots, we can hear the **island god's** sounds literally everywhere. There are always some of these old beat boxes nearby, which are covered with dust and bleached by the sun. So, is there a problem with all of this? In fact, NO – not at all, because we love it! **Bobby's** reggae sounds make our days extremely pleasant, tranquil and relaxed – even without the smoke. He fits to the beach atmosphere; you can calm down, fall asleep under a palm tree, let your thoughts wander or just sit in the sand while gazing at the ocean and letting the sand fall through your fingers.



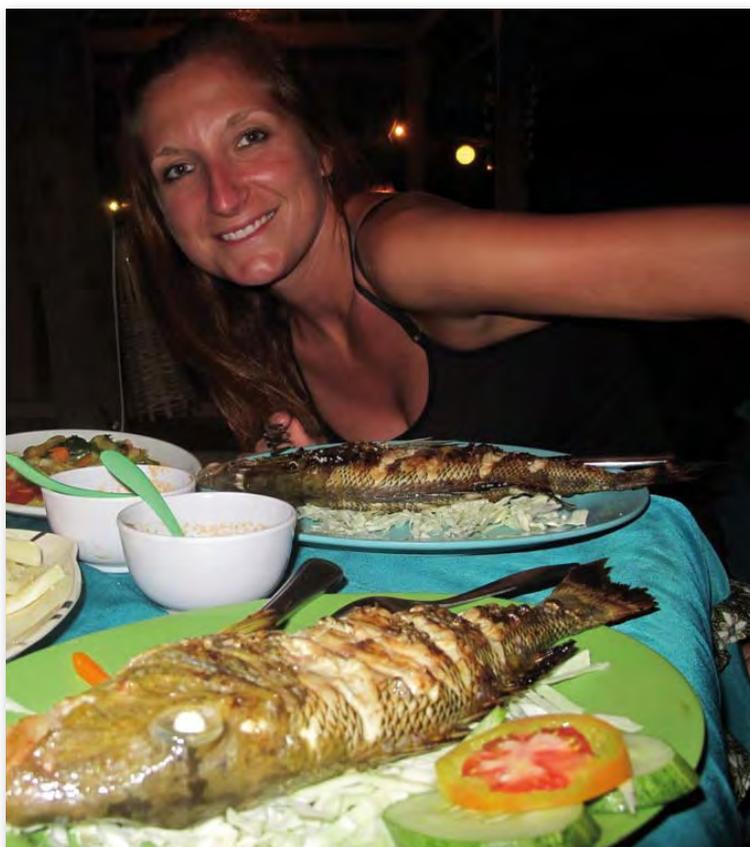
Okay then, after this intro we guess you know, right? Exactly, at the moment we are taking a vacation during a *vacation*. We are recovering (this should not sound negatively) from many busy traveling months and we take things slower. We want to end our wonderful

journey by having us pause and reflect upon so many special moments. Our trip was not only rich of experience – it was exciting, thrilling and educational, but also at times exhausting with a lot of ups and several downs.

Hence, our island hopping tour in Indonesia is fabulous and better than we'd ever expected. We are so happy we have chosen this destination as our last stop. After India, China, Nepal, Vietnam, continuously engaging in exciting activities, trekking here and there, hectic cities, awful fumes, honking, loud noise, diseases, cultural shocks, interesting adaptation phases and other typical world trip experiences, the time for rest and relaxation at this point feels so right.

During our last 4 weeks, we are no longer planning any major sightseeing or cultural discovery tours. No, because we either do *nothing* or only the bare essentials (the bare essentials in our point of view), for instance:

- going diving with manta rays and water snakes...
- ... or snorkeling with cute Nemos,
- sleeping,
- indulging in long beach walks,
- climbing volcanoes,
- reading,
- cycling to the next village to vainly search for a *Magnum® Almond* ice-cream,
- getting pampered with massages,
- hiring scooters for cruising around a beautifully green and hilly landscape,
- relaxing on bungalow terraces while cute geckos drop their tiny little feces on our foreheads,
- eating delicious and fresh seafood,
- swimming in the crystal clear and turquoise ocean waters,
- or laying in hammocks while surfing in the internet,





Wow, all of these things are very tempting and we almost feel like extending our trip again! Hey, no worries, :-) we will definitely not do so, because we are still very excited and happy to see and *feel* home very soon! So much indeed, that we already ordered lunch for the day of our arrival. Things like sweet mustard, German sausages, pretzels and good cheese can certainly not be missing on this day. (FYI, we haven't been living back home for several years now, so maybe one can understand our desire for Bavarian specialty foods.)

Alright, let's come to an end: We can highly recommend Indonesia to anyone who loves SE Asian beaches and relaxed atmospheres. Coming a couple weeks before the high season begins is especially worth it. You can soon convince yourself by looking at the pictures in our photo gallery. Other than that, we just wanted to let you know that we are healthy and well. And, apparently, it was about time to give you a boring interim-report – a story a bit different from others – no talks about cultural adventures, poverty, political problems or adrenalin-kicking activities... :-).

Beachscene on Gili Meno



Sunset on Nusa Lembongan