



## **Know Before You Go**

### **Information for your Indonesian & Malaysian Joy PLL Trip**

#### **Weather**

It will be warm, humid, and tropical across Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore. Daytime temperatures will range from 82 to 92°F (28–34°C). Evenings will range from 75 to 80°F (24–27°C). Humidity can be high throughout the region. We may experience showers particularly in Indonesia and parts of Malaysia. Showers are typically short but can be heavy, and often in the afternoon.

#### **Sea Conditions**

Generally, calm to moderate. When cruising the South China Sea and Strait of Malacca, conditions are usually smooth but can occasionally be breezy.

#### **Recommended Dress Code**

##### Onboard the Regatta

- Casual yet elegant ambiance throughout the cruise
- Country Club Casual in all evening dining venues; resort wear during the day.
- Guests often dress up slightly for specialty dining.
- Shorts, casual jeans, t-shirts, athletic footwear and sandals are not permitted in The Grand Dining Room, Toscana, or Polo Grill.
- Terrace Café and Waves Grill are resort-casual, so dressy shorts and casual shirts may be worn at these restaurants. Tank tops and swimsuits are not appropriate at the onboard restaurants.

##### On Shore

- Lightweight, breathable fabrics and sun protection.
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Review your shore excursion descriptions

### For Temples & Sacred Sites

- Cover shoulders (bring a scarf or shawl)
- Cover knees (long shorts, capris, skirts, or lightweight pants)
- Remove shoes when required.

### **What to Pack**

#### Essentials

Onboard laundry facilities can be used by all. Soap, dryer sheets, and machines are included. If you are staying in an A Concierge-level cabin or above, laundry service for up to three bags of laundry with up to 20 garments in each bag is included.

- Lightweight clothing (linen, breathable cotton, performance/moisture-wicking fabrics)
- Sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Comfortable walking shoes and sandals
- Lightweight rain jacket or poncho
- Small umbrella
- Insect repellent
- Refillable water bottle
- Swimsuit and cover-up
- Daypack for excursions
- A light layer for air-conditioned ship interiors

Oceania provides pool and beach towels. You can also take them ashore for excursions. However, they must be returned to the ship afterwards.

#### For Consideration

- Electrolyte packets for water bottles on hot/humid days
- Hand sanitizer and wipes
- Keep any prescription medications in original containers

#### Travel & Tech

- Universal power adapter. (Southeast Asia uses varying plug types). Rooms onboard typically have USB or USB-C ports, two 110-volt U.S. outlets and two 220-volt European outlets.
- Portable power bank
- Printed copies of passports and cruise documents

## General Southeast Asia Etiquette

- Smile – it is universally appreciated and often the first form of communication.
- Avoid raising your voice; calm speech is considered polite and respectful.
- Using your right hand for giving/receiving items is customary in Muslim-majority areas.
- Avoid touching someone’s head in Buddhist cultures (Thailand, Indonesia) as the head is considered sacred.
- Modesty is admired, particularly in temples or rural communities.
- Avoid public displays of affection.
- Pointing with your finger or foot can be considered rude.

## Religion and Sacred Sites

You will visit areas with Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, and Christian influence.

- Remove shoes when required (especially in temples).
- Follow posted instructions and guides’ recommendations.
- Photography rules vary -- ask before photographing people or religious ceremonies.

## Food & Water

- Food on the ship is safe.
- On shore, choose reputable restaurants or guide-recommended places.
- Drink bottled or purified water in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. Avoid ice unless you know it comes from purified water.
- Be mindful of spice levels – ask for “mild” when in doubt.
- Try local specialties—laksa (noodle soup), satay (skewers of grilled meat with peanut dipping sauce), nasi goreng (fried rice), Thai curries, tropical fruits (mango, rambutan, mangosteen), and pandan-flavored items (similar to vanilla).

## Safety Tips

Southeast Asia is generally very safe for travelers, but common-sense precautions apply:

- Keep valuables in a secure, zipped bag.
- Be alert in busy markets and transportation hubs.
- Traffic can be fast—use crosswalks where possible.
- For independent exploration, use reputable taxis or ride-hailing apps.

## Local Highlights

- **Bali & Lombok:** Rich Hindu traditions, stunning temples, vibrant crafts.
- **Java (Surabaya & Semarang):** Deep history, colonial architecture, and rich Javanese culture.

- **Malaysia:** A blend of Malay, Chinese, and Indian influences.
- **Phuket & Penang:** Famous for beaches, markets, temples, and world-class food.
- **Singapore:** Ultra-modern, spotless, multicultural, easy to navigate.

### **Currency & Payments**

The cruise ship is cashless. All onboard purchases and services will be billed to your onboard account. You will simply present your Oceania Cruises World Card whenever purchases are made. To activate your onboard account, you will be required to register a credit card during embarkation or at Reception on board. Oceania Cruises accepts American Express, MasterCard, Discover, and Visa. Personal checks are not accepted.

On shore we will encounter four different currencies:

**Indonesia:** Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) – High denomination bills; ATMs common

**Malaysia:** Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) – Cards widely accepted

**Thailand:** Thai Baht (THB) – Great to carry small bills for markets

**Singapore:** Singapore Dollar (SGD) – Highly card-friendly, very modern banking

### **Payment Tips**

- Credit cards are widely accepted at shops, restaurants, and hotels.
- Carry small amounts of local currency for taxis, markets, and small vendors.
- For best exchange rates you can use ATMs in many of the ports.
- Oceania will endeavor to provide exchange services on board, but may instead guide you to local banks or ATMs

### **Tipping Guidance**

Tipping customs in Southeast Asia differ from the U.S. While always appreciated, tips are not universally expected. Below is guidance to help you navigate tipping respectfully in each country.

#### **Indonesia (Bali, Lombok, Java)**

- **Restaurants:** 10% service charge often included; otherwise 5–10% appreciated.
- **Guides:** \$10–\$15 per person per day
- **Drivers:** \$3–\$5 per person per day
- **Porters:** IDR 10,000–20,000 per bag
- **Taxis:** Round up.

### **Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi, Penang, Melaka)**

- **Restaurants:** 10% service charge common; if not included, 5–10% appreciated.
- **Guides:** \$10–\$15 per person per day
- **Drivers:** \$3–\$5 per person per day
- **Taxis/Grab (equivalent of Uber/Lyft):** Round up.

### **Thailand (Phuket)**

- **Restaurants:** 10% for good service; small change at casual places.
- **Guides:** \$10–\$15 per person per day
- **Drivers:** \$3–\$5 per person per day
- **Taxis/Tuk-tuks (3-wheeled open air motorized rickshaw):** Round up.

### **Singapore**

- **Restaurants:** 10% service charge almost always included; no additional tip needed.
- **Guides:** \$5–\$10 per person per day (optional)
- **Drivers:** \$2–\$4 per person per day (optional)
- **Taxis/ Grab (equivalent of Uber/Lyft):** No tipping expected.

### **Onboard Oceania Regatta**

- Gratuities for Oceania onboard staff are included in your trip registration.
- For other onboard purchases such as spa services and drinks outside of your package, you may be charged a 20% service gratuity on your account.
- Additional tipping onboard is optional.
- Shore excursion guides and drivers are not included. You may tip them independently using USD or local currency.

### **Shore Excursions**

You can cancel or make changes to your shore excursions up to 48 hours before the tour starts and receive a refund.

## Port Schedule

### Itinerary = Anchor Port

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Jan 11 Sun	Bali (Benoa), Indonesia	Embark 1 PM	
Jan 12 Mon	Bali (Benoa), Indonesia		7 PM
Jan 13 Tue	Lombok (Lembar), Indonesia	7 AM	5 PM
Jan 14 Wed	Bali (Celukan Bawang), Indonesia 	7 AM	5 PM
Jan 15 Thu	Surabaya, Indonesia	7 AM	4 PM
Jan 16 Fri	Semarang (Java), Indonesia	7 AM	5 PM
Jan 17 Sat	Jakarta, Indonesia	10 AM	8 PM
Jan 18 Sun	At Sea		
Jan 19 Mon	At Sea		
Jan 20 Tue	Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Malaysia	7 AM	5 PM
Jan 21 Wed	Langkawi, Malaysia	9 AM	6 PM
Jan 22 Thu	Phuket, Thailand	7 AM	5 PM
Jan 23 Fri	Penang, Malaysia	8 AM	4 PM
Jan 24 Sat	Melaka, Malaysia	11 AM	7 PM
Jan 25 Sun	Singapore, Singapore	Disembark 8 AM	