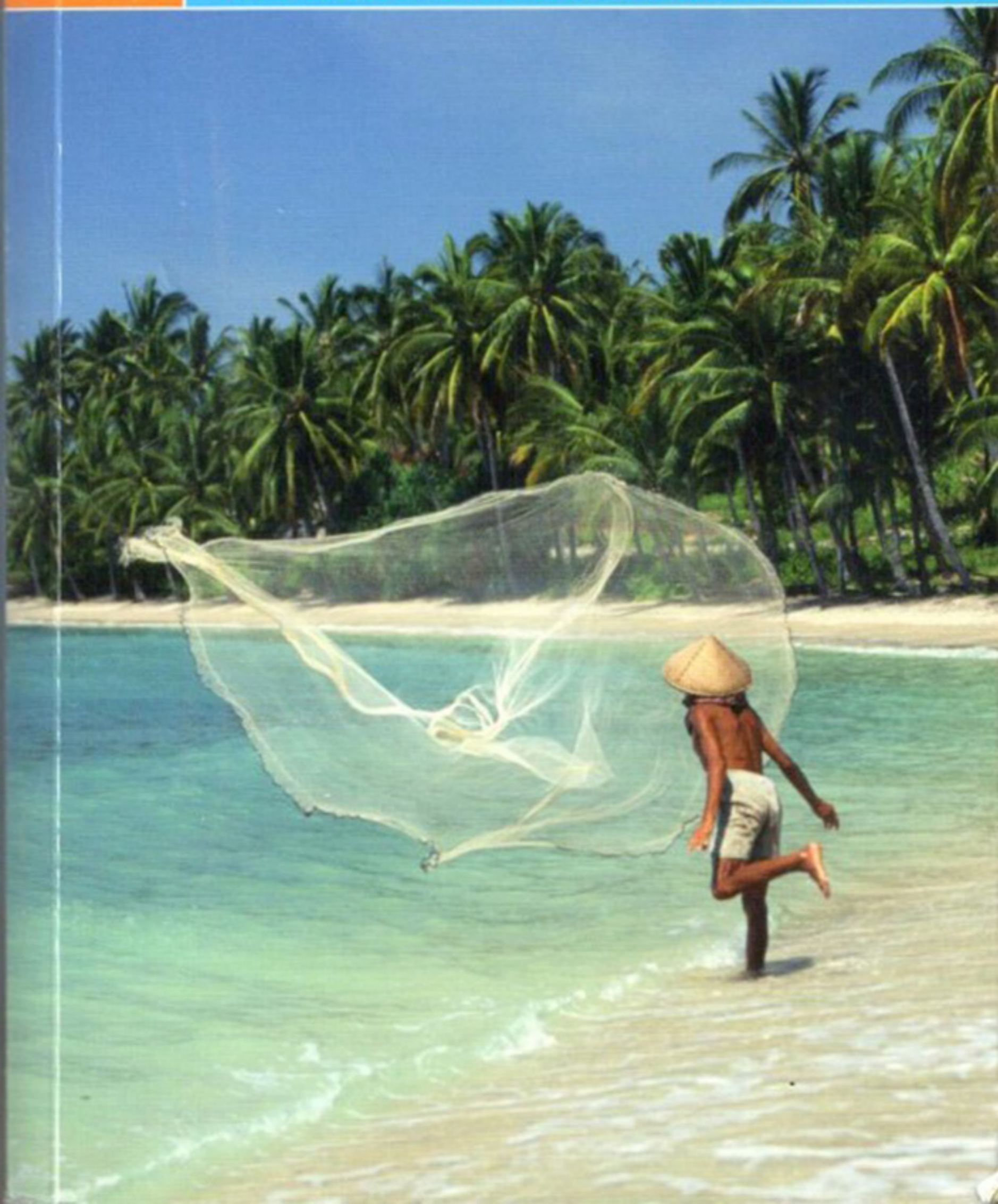




THE ROUGH GUIDE to

Bali & Lombok

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Le-Caca Jl Yoga Perkanthi ☎ 0361 708066. Excellent dining plates created from fresh produce in the stylish restaurant of an American chef, formerly of three-star Michelin restaurants including Spain's *El Bulli*. Think fine dining with a twist – ceviche (Rp90,000) or barbecue octopus with Asian gazpacho (Rp70,000) – and expect to eat three plates/person. The garden is a lovely spot for a pre- or postmeal drink. Daily noon–midnight.

Ayana Semapura Jl Raya Uluwatu 33 ☎ 0361 999 9428. A no-frills local place with a long menu of Chinese and Indonesian dishes – mostly chicken or seafood, with the likes of *ayam goreng* (fried chicken) with spicy sambal and *ikan bakar* – all priced Rp19,000–25,000. Daily 9am–9pm.

Belayan Jimbaran Puri Bali, Jl Yoga Perkanti ☎ 0361 701605. A hotel restaurant that's unbeatable for classy beachfront dining. No surprise a restaurant named "fisherman" showcases local fresh seafood; expect the likes of pan-fried prawns with a pulp of tamarind sauce

and fried garlic (Rp130,000). Daily noon–11pm.

The Rock Bar Ayana Resort and Spa, Jl Karang Mas Sejahtera ☎ 0361 702222. Perched 20m above the waves at the base of the Bukit cliffs, this is one of Bali's most celebrated bars with queues to match. Expect the crowd to arrive by inclinator car, arrive by 5pm at least for sunset and leave early(ish) to avoid return queues. Still, it's impressively arranged over several terraces with DJs stoking the atmosphere later on. Mon–Thurs 4pm–1am, Fri–Sun 4pm–3am.

Sundara Southern beachfront, also via Jl Bukit Permai ☎ 0361 708333. You can lose a day at this glamorous beachside bar/restaurant; there's a 50m infinity pool above the waves, a bar for cocktails and international cuisine in a spectacular restaurant; from posh pizzas (around Rp140,000) and *Wagyu beefburgers for lunch to a fine-dining seafood dinner menu*. Now preferred to *The Rock Bar* by some of the style cognoscenti. Daily 11am–1am, food 11.30am–2.30pm & 6–10.30pm.

SHOPPING

Jenggala Keramik Jl Uluwatu II house ☎ 0361 703111, @jenggala-bali.com. The flagship store and factory of this ceramic specialist offers sophisticated and

simple designs, as well as table linen, cutlery and knick-knacks. Daily 8am–8pm.

SPA TREATMENTS

Thermes Marins Spa Ayana Resort and Spa ☎ 0361 702222, @ayanaresort.com. This spa has garnered numerous awards; its two *Spa on the Rocks* treatment rooms surrounded by sea are the subject of many a

photograph. You'll pay dearly, though: basic massages start from \$116 for 1hr 15min, while a 2hr signature seven *Chakra Dhara Ayurvedic/aromatherapy* massage treatment costs \$262. Daily 9am–10pm.

Garuda Wisnu Kencana (GWK)

Jl Raya Uluwatu, Badung • Daily 7am–10pm • Rp40,000; children Rp30,000, plus parking: Rp5000/Rp10,000 scooter/car • ☎ 0361 703603, @gwk-culturalpark.com

Off the main Jimbaran–Uluwatu road, the monumental **Garuda Wisnu Kencana** cultural park, or **GWK** (pronounced "Gay Way Kah"), is a massive project that's still being carved out of the hillside but welcomes visitors nonetheless. The focal point is a towering copper statue of the Hindu god Vishnu astride his sacred vehicle, the half-man, half-bird Garuda – when complete the 146m, 4000-tonne monument should be quite a sight. At the time of research the god's head and chest stood 20m high. Critics have deplored the commercial rather than religious motivation of the venture and muttered about Bali as a Hindu theme park – a comment that resonates with concerns about the "touristification" of Balinese culture (see p.339). Even partially constructed, the statue is an eye-opener and the park itself (and restaurant) offers views to southern Bali's coast.

Balangan

Given its proximity to the luxury resorts of Jimbaran – even the hulking resort of Dreamland, just around the headland (see box, p.86) – **BALANGAN** is a surprise.

It's the bit the developers haven't got round to yet; a backpacker escapist fantasy writ large with little except a glorious strip of white-sand beach, palm trees

and ramshackle surfer warung that cling to the cliff. The shallow reef offshore powers a