

Bali

a Shamanic Initiation

March 19—April 1, 2017



What would your inner demons look like if they manifested right in front of you? What frightening things would your inner voices say when an entire country goes silent, nothing moving, no distractions from yourself? What would you say to every person you needed to ask for forgiveness for your wrong doings or thinking? Inviting the answers to these questions to take shape, come to life in the external world, is a shaman's initiation — an initiation critical for purification and transformation.

Bali's annual ceremony of Nyepi and the surrounding days become your cremation ground.

Come throw yourself upon it. Feel again the liberation of your soul! **Are you ready?**

What is Nyepi?

Every ancient wisdom tradition has its 3 day / 3 night sacred initiation of purification and rebirth. Nyepi, the old world's vernal New Year occurs in conjunction with the Spring new moon creating a potent portal of resurrection. Within this sacred island container, we will use our Mystery School skills and shared experiences to create a time of reawakening for ourselves and each other. And like the Balinese people, we will dedicate our experiences to the renewal of humankind.



For three days and three nights, the initiations around Nyepi unfold:

Melasti: Purification of the island itself and everything on it begins when sacred objects are taken to the sea (where life itself began) to be purified.

Ogoh Ogoh: Art objects created as expressions of inner demons are taken out of hiding, paraded for all to see and burned in the ceremony on the eve of Nyepi.

Nyepi: Day of silence when the entire island does not talk, eat, drink, travel, come out of their homes as they intentionally create a stillness capable of softening the hardened heart and opening the soul.

Labuh Brata: All day visitation with family and friends to ask for forgiveness of past mistakes and wrong doings.

And in Addition to Nyepi.....

Experience Bali through the eyes of David Patten and the soul of the Balinese people.

Visit Sacred Temples: (tours and rituals)

- Tirtha Empul
- Besakhi
- Tanah Lot
- Gunung Lebah/Champuan

Experience the Balinese Culture: (from the inside out)

- Purification rite led by Pedanda (high priest)
- Local art: batik, mask carving, dance, music
- Rituals: coming of age, cremations, tooth-filing

\$3895 land cost includes...

Lodging, breakfast, six group dinners, entrance fees, temple guides, tips, all group activities, all transportation and your expert, personal guide and fellow graduate Pat Talbot.

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Experience every moment as an invitation to return to yourself. Open your heart. Be liberated. Come alive... again!