



**The Weaving Cultures of Bali and Flores, Indonesia  
A Textile Tour with Threads of Life & Jalan Jalan Asia**

**September 16 - 28, 2012**





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The Indonesian archipelago was once the crossroads of the world. For over 3,500 years people have come here seeking fragrant spices. The textile arts have been central in this story of trade, conquest and ancient tradition. Travel through these islands grants us access to one of the most diverse regions of textile art on earth. Spice trade influences juxtapose with indigenous motifs throughout the archipelago: echoes of Indian trade cloths abound; imagery relates to defining aspects of the local environment; history and genealogy entwine. Uses range from traditional dress, to offerings, to the paraphernalia of marriages and funerals.

Our gateway to this world is through the island of Bali, where we steep ourselves in the island's rich traditions during six days in the cultural center of Ubud and three days on the coast of east Bali. Here we will receive insightful introductions to the local culture, see world-class dance troupes, walk through early-morning rice fields, and gain our introduction to the textile arts through the Threads of Life gallery (<http://www.threadsoflife.com>) and the YPBB Foundation (<http://www.ypbb.org>). Visits with master weavers across the island will offer unique insights into the forces at play in the contemporary tradition, enable insight into what Threads of Life and the YPBB Foundation are doing to sustain these traditions, and expose the visitor to some fabulous textiles.

The majority of Indonesia's weavers live beyond Bali, in isolated communities on remote islands, where the forces of modernity have not yet rendered weaving a worthless pursuit. Travelling to the island of Flores, this tour visits the Bliran Sina Cultural Arts Cooperative with which Threads of Life and the YPBB Foundation have been working since 1998 to help weavers re-establish local natural dye traditions and create high-quality textiles that balance their desires for sustainable incomes and cultural integrity. During two days with co-op members, tour participants accompanied by the tour's bilingual guides, will engage with weavers during their daily activities – dye plant harvesting, natural-dye preparation, *ikat* work, or weaving – as an opportunity for personal interaction and meaningful exchange that will be the highlight of the tour.

### **About Threads of Life**

Threads of Life is a certified Fair Trade business that works directly with 1200 weavers across eastern Indonesia to empower women, to commission natural-dyed textiles, and sell the textiles thus produced. It respects fair trade and labor practices, conserves the environment, and improves the lives of low-income textile artisans by increasing their access to markets and resources. <http://www.threadsoflife.com>

### **About Jalan Jalan Asia**

Jalan Jalan Asia LLC is a US-based tour operator specializing in small group and custom vacations to destinations throughout Southeast Asia. Jalan Jalan Asia's travel programs are culturally insightful, educational and leisurely paced, so travelers enjoy a richer and more authentic experience. <http://www.jalan2asia.com>.

## Itinerary

This schedule is subject to change based on Indonesian domestic flight schedules.

### **Sunday September 16, 2012..... UBUD, BALI**

- Arrive Bali. One hour drive from airport to Ubud. Check in to Alam Indah Hotel.
- Group dinner at hotel.

### **Monday September 17, 2012..... UBUD, BALI**

- At the hotel: Introduction to Bali with Darta demonstrating the hundred ways to use all parts of a coconut tree in daily life and ceremony. Darta's wife Suti will demonstrate how to weave the myriad offerings made using coconut fronds. There is a traditional dress demonstration and participants are lent clothes to use during ceremonies we may visit.
- Free for Lunch.
- Workshop featuring batik and natural dyes at the YPBB Foundation studio with Made Pung, the foundation's botanist and natural dyer. Includes preparation of indigo and Morinda dye vats, preparing your own batik sample, walking through the dye garden with Pung to identify various plants used for mordant and other colors, and dyeing your batik. There will also be a backstrap loom and *ikat* tying demonstration by Balinese weaver Ni Komang Darmini who will demonstrate both plain warp face weaving and *songket* supplementary weft work. You will also receive your own small *ikat* frame to practice on during free time throughout the week.
- Group dinner at hotel
- Evening dance performance: the kecak dance by the community of Ubud Kaja.

### **Tuesday September 18, 2012..... UBUD, BALI**

- Meet at Threads of Life gallery for an Introduction to Indonesian Textiles lecture with William Ingram.
- Buffet lunch at Darta and Suti's family home.
- At the home of the leader of the Semara Ratih dance and music troupe we will experience a hands-on introduction to the gamelan orchestra. Intended as a way to understand the complexities of Balinese music, we will nevertheless be producing music together within an hour! Includes a dance demonstration, too.
- Group dinner at hotel.
- Evening dance performance: Semara Ratih, one of Bali's finest dance and music troupes.

### **Wednesday September 19, 2012..... UBUD, BALI**

- All-day tour to visit Klungkung Market and the picturesque village of Sidemen, in the heart of the panoramic valley of the Unda river and home to three of Bali's most important textile traditions. At the Pelangi workshop we will see the production of endek weft ikat. At the homes of weavers in the village we will meet women who use backstrap looms to produce the sumptuous *songket* supplementary weft patterned textiles used across the island as wedding dress for both bride and groom. We will also visit Ida Ayu Ngurah Puniari, author of "Kain Be Bali Sacred Cloth: Meaning and Usage in Balinese Hindu Rituals" (Indonesian Heritage Society 2011), to see and learn about the deceptively simple but ritually important and increasingly rare striped be Bali textiles she weaves. Includes a picnic lunch.
- Free for Dinner



*Ida Ayu Puniari from Sidemen, Bali; one of her songket textiles*

**Thursday September 20, 2012 ..... UBUD, BALI**

- At the Threads of Life Textile Conservation Room, we will see some of the most valuable pieces from Threads of Life's contemporary and historic textile collection, exploring how it documents change over time in the textile arts of the communities Threads of Life works with.
- For those who have been working on their ikat frames throughout the week, today they can be sent to or taken to the YPBB Foundation studio for indigo dyeing. They will then be delivered to you after the Flores field trip.
- Lunch at Rumah Roda.
- Visit Pejeng, near Ubud, to see the Pican Ida natural-dye batik studio and meet its founder Cokorda Agung Pelayun. The studio employs many local women and Cok Agung is an authority on Bali's textile arts.
- Group dinner at hotel.

**Friday September 21, 2012..... MAUMERE, FLORES**

- Depart for airport. 90-minute flight to Maumere, Flores.
- Check in to Sea World Hotel and relax by the sea for the afternoon
- Group dinner at hotel

**Saturday September 22, 2012 ..... WATUBLAPI, FLORES**

- A 30-minute drive from the hotel we visit the Bliran Sina Cultural Arts Cooperative of Watublapi. Established in 1988 to rediscover, sustain, and develop regional art and culture, Bliran Sina is one of the most successful weavers' cooperatives in Indonesia. Their success is based on the sale of their authentic natural-dyed textiles, and their world-class dance and music performance. Our time in Watublapi starts with this performance, during which traditional dance is accompanied by the powerful vocal harmonies and energetic music of gongs and bamboo, homemade violins, banjos, ukuleles, guitars, and bass fiddles.
- After lunch at the cooperative, we continue our immersion into the life of the village. Accompanied by one of the tour's guides, tour participants will spend the afternoon with co-op members to join in their dye plant harvesting, natural-dye preparation, ikat work, or weaving. The aim is to engage on a personal level and increase mutual understanding: bringing pictures of your family, home, and way of life will help you engage in meaningful exchange.
- Group dinner at hotel



*(left to right) Weaver Yustina Neing, the co-op's musicians, and Magdalena Kartini of the Bliran Sina Cultural Arts Cooperative*

**Sunday September 23, 2012..... MAUMERE, FLORES**

- Option 1: The scenic 3½ hour each-way drive to Kelimutu winds through spectacular mountain and coastal scenery, offering a vivid slice of Flores life before the road climbs up to the Kelimutu National Park and its tri-colored lakes. A half-hour hike from the road-head brings us to a viewpoint down into the volcanic lakes, which are usually black, red and turquoise respectively. Includes a picnic lunch.
- Option 2: Using the hotel's dive boat, we travel for the day to the islands, beaches and world class snorkelling sites around Maumere Bay, an area where over 1200 species of fish (<http://starfish.ch/dive/Flores.html>) have been catalogued. Rental of mask, snorkel and fins are included in the tour, and the day includes a picnic lunch.
- Group dinner at Hotel

**Monday September 24, 2012..... WATUBLAPI, FLORES**

- During a second full day in Watublapi we will continue our cultural immersion. There may be more textile work to do, and there will be time to visit the village's ancestral clan houses and participate in the ceremony required before entering one of the houses (except for those who are unmarried or are married but don't have children, for whom entry is taboo).
- Lunch will be served at the cooperative, as will a celebratory closing dinner party with the co-op members, including more dance and music!
- Return to hotel

**Tuesday September 25, 2012..... MANGGIS, BALI**

- Flight to Bali
- Drive to Manggis and check in to the Alila Hotel.
- Group dinner at hotel.



*The geringsing double-ikat textiles of Tenganan, Bali*

**Wednesday September 26, 2012..... MANGGIS, BALI**

- Optional cooking class ([http://alilahotels.com/manggis/cooking\\_school](http://alilahotels.com/manggis/cooking_school)) at the hotel: a culinary and cultural experience with the hotel's senior chef.
- Optional massage at the hotel's world-class spa ([http://alilahotels.com/manggis/spa\\_alila](http://alilahotels.com/manggis/spa_alila)).
- Free for Lunch
- Visit Tenganan, famous for its *geringsing* double-ikat textiles made using a technique employed in only three other places in the world. We will meet weavers in their homes, unravel the complexities of making double-ikat, and see the best pieces the weavers have to offer. During a guided walk of the village's backstreets we will learn about the community's history and unique culture, and see a side of this famous community that few visitors witness.
- Free for dinner.



*(left to right) Seraya weavers Ni Wayan Asmini and Men Sarim, the Seraya coastline, Men Sarim with a poleng textile*

**Thursday September 27, 2012 ..... MANGGIS, BALI**

- Morning visit to the Karya Seni Warna Alam weavers' cooperative in Seraya, a forty-minute drive from Manggis. The cooperative was established by the YPBB Foundation in 2003 and is supported by Threads of Life to continue the production of natural-dyed traditional textiles in east Bali. Starting from just three weavers, the cooperative now has more than forty members, a dye studio, extensive dye gardens, a weaving studio, and a retail store. The visit includes a detailed exploration of natural dye techniques, and the chance to try spinning cotton and weaving for yourself!
- Free for Lunch
- Optional massage at the hotel
- Group dinner at hotel

**Friday September 28, 2012**

- Transfer to airport for international flights back to home country.

## Tour Price: US\$ 3,795

- The tour fee is based on shared occupancy of rooms and a minimum of 10 paying participants. A small group surcharge may be levied if minimum participation is not achieved.
- The tour includes return air travel between Denpasar (Bali) and Maumere (Flores). The price is based on estimated airfare at the time of printing.
- Price includes: breakfast and either lunch or dinner. (Some days you will be free for both lunch and dinner; on others both lunch and dinner are included), two evening performances in Bali, lectures and classes, scheduled local transport and airport transfers. Price does not include: international airfares, excess baggage charges, visa and passport fees, airport fees and departure taxes, travel insurance.

## Optional Single Room Supplement: US\$ 780

A guaranteed single room may be secured for the length of the tour with the payment of an additional single room supplement.

## Tour Leaders



*Chee Choy, Jean Howe, William Ingram, and I Wayan Sudarta*

**Jean Howe and William Ingram** are co-founders and co-directors of Threads of Life. They have been in Asia for over twenty years and lived in Bali since 1993. Between 1990 and 1998 they organized cultural tours to Bali and eastern Indonesia. Their work with Threads of Life since 1998 has combined interests in traditional culture, the textile arts and sustainable livelihood. Jean has lectured on Indonesian textiles at the National Museum of Women in the Arts and the Textile Museum in Washington DC, and the De Young Museum in San Francisco. William is author of *A Little Bit One O'clock: Living with a Balinese Family*. Jean and William will lecture on and coordinate the textile-related activities of this tour. Mail to: [jean@threadsoflife.com](mailto:jean@threadsoflife.com) <http://www.threadsoflife.com>

**Chee Choy** is the founder of Jalan Jalan Asia LLC, a tour company based in Portland, Oregon, USA. Born in Malaysia and now living in the United States, he organizes and leads specialized cultural and culinary tours to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Choy will organize the tour logistics and guide the cultural activities. Mail to: [karipedas@yahoo.com](mailto:karipedas@yahoo.com) <http://www.jalan2asia.com>

**I Wayan Sudarta (Darta)** will be the cultural guide in Bali. He runs small homestay accommodations in Ubud, Bali, and has worked in small-group cultural tourism since 1990. <http://www.rumahroda.com>

## Accommodations

### **Alam Indah, Ubud, Bali**

Alam Indah elegantly combines the feeling and friendliness of a family-run homestay with the comfort and attention to detail of a world-class small boutique hotel. Set in gardens overlooking a river, each room has its own character. By the river, and among the woodlands that line it, a beautiful swimming pool provides a place to be in touch with the natural surroundings. <http://www.alamindahbali.com/>

### **Seaworld Club, Maumere, Flores**

Twenty minutes outside Maumere, on the pristine Waiara beach, Seaworld Club Hotel is the best hotel in Flores. Though basic by Bali standards, the hotel's air-conditioned beach bungalows offer clean but simple accommodations. Quiet, peaceful and laid-back, Seaworld Club lets us unwind from the energy of Bali to embrace eastern Indonesia's slower pace of life. <http://www.sea-world-club.com/indexE.html>

### **Alila Manggis, Manggis, Bali**

One of east Bali's premier hotels, and a luxurious way to end one's stay in Indonesia, the Alila is set around a pool in an extensive coconut grove on the beach of Amuk Bay. Known for its cuisine and service, the hotel provides a reflective space for personal integration of the tour's diverse experiences before beginning the journey home. <http://alilahotels.com/manggis/>

## For more Information contact:

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### September 16–28, 2012

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Group Leaders

Jean Howe and William Ingram of Threads of Life, and Chee Choy of Jalan Jalan Asia LLC are the Group Leaders for this tour.

### Program Dates

The group will meet at Alam Indah, Ubud, Bali, on 16 September 2012.

The program will end at the Alila Manggis hotel, Buitan, Bali, on 28 September 2012.

Optional pre- and post-extensions are available through Jalan Jalan Asia LLC at [karipedas@yahoo.com](mailto:karipedas@yahoo.com).

### Group Size

The tour is based on a minimum group of 10 paying participants. A small group surcharge may be levied for less than 10 participants.

### Tour Price: US\$ 3,795

- The tour fee is based on shared occupancy of rooms and a minimum of 10 paying participants. A small group surcharge may be levied if minimum participation is not achieved.
- The tour includes return air travel between Denpasar (Bali) and Maumere (Flores). The price is based on estimated airfare at the time of printing.

### Optional Single Room Supplement: US\$ 780

A guaranteed single room may be secured for the length of the tour with the payment of an additional single room supplement.

### Included in Tour Price

- Breakfast and either lunch or dinner. (Some days you will be free for both lunch and dinner; on others both lunch and dinner are included)
- Two evening performances in Bali
- Cultural lectures and classes
- Scheduled local transport and airport transfers.

### Not included in Tour Price

- International airfares
- Excess baggage charges on domestic (Indonesian) flights
- Visa and passport fees
- Departure taxes
- Travel insurance. You are strongly recommended to buy travel insurance that includes emergency medical evacuation cover.

### International Airfares

Participants are responsible for booking their own airfares to Bali. Please secure your reservations to Denpasar, Bali, as soon as possible as flights fill quickly. Please inform us of your flight details and travel plans so we can arrange airport transfers upon your arrival in Bali.

### Visas, Visa Fees and Departure Taxes

Participants are responsible for obtaining the appropriate visas for themselves. Nationals of the below listed countries can get a Tourist visa upon arrival at Denpasar airport in Indonesia as they enter the country for a visit of 30 days. Nationals of countries not listed below will need a visa before travelling to Indonesia and should contact the nearest Indonesian Embassy for further information.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR VISA ON ARRIVAL (VOA)

- **Payment of US\$25 per person upon arrival in Indonesia.**
- **Passport must be valid for a minimum of six months as from the date of entry into Indonesia.**
- Onward or return tickets must be shown.
- Must be a national of one of the following countries:

1 Argentina	11 Cyprus	21 India	31 Malta	42 Saudi Arabia
2 Australia	12 Denmark	22 Iran	32 Mexico	43 South Africa
3 Austria	13 Egypt	23 Ireland	33 Monaco	44 South Korea
4 Bahrain	14 Estonia	24 Italy	34 Netherlands	45 Spain
5 Belgium	15 Finland	25 Japan	35 New Zealand	46 Surinam
6 Brazil	16 France	26 Kuwait	36 Norway	47 Sweden
7 Bulgaria	17 Germany	27 Laos	37 Oman	48 Switzerland
8 Cambodia	18 Greece	28 Liechtenstein	38 Poland	49 Taiwan Territory
9 Canada	19 Hungary	29 Luxembourg	39 Portugal	50 United Arab Emirates
10 China	20 Iceland	30 Maldives	40 Qatar	51 United Kingdom
			41 Russia	52 USA

## Payment, Cancellation and Refund Policy

US\$ 500 non-refundable tour reservation deposit per person is required at time of booking to secure your place. Remaining balance per person is due before 60 days prior to the start of the tour.

Cancellation received on or before 60 days prior to the tour start:	Loss of US\$ 500 per person reservation fee
Cancellation received between 60 and 30 days prior to the tour start:	Loss of 50% of total tour cost per person
Cancellation received after 30 days prior to the tour start:	Loss of 100% of total tour cost per person

Cancellation requests must be made in writing or email to [karipedas@yahoo.com](mailto:karipedas@yahoo.com). The date of trip cancellation is the date on which the written cancellation is received. No refund will be made for failure to attend or if you voluntarily leave a tour for any reason after the tour has begun. No refunds will be given for any accommodation, transport, sightseeing, meals or services not used during the tour.

## Payments

### Method 1

The preferred method of payment is via PayPal. Once you have registered for the tour you will be sent an email invoice via PayPal for the Deposit, and later for the Balance.

### Method 2

Please pay the Deposit and Balance by check made out to "Jalan Jalan Asia LLC" and sent to:

Chee Choy, Jalan Jalan Asia LLC  
2903 S.E. Main Street  
Portland, OR 97214, USA

## Fitness

Participation requires generally good health. It is essential that persons with medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known before departure. The Group Leaders reserve the right to disqualify any participant if found physically incapable and/or if participant will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. No refund will be given in such circumstance.

## Health

For peace of mind, please consult your physician regarding medication and vaccinations suggested for travel to Indonesia.

## Itinerary Changes

The Group Leaders reserve the right to change the itinerary for any reason whatsoever, including logistical problems, acts of God, or to take advantage of a special event.

## Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all participants. Travel insurance should, at minimum, provide coverage against personal accident, personal liability, medical expenses, and emergency evacuation. (An emergency air medical evacuation to Singapore can cost upwards of USD 30,000.) Medical care facilities in Indonesia are significantly different from the West and medical evacuation is extremely expensive.

## Participation in a Group Tour

Please be aware that group travel requires compromise to accommodate diverse personalities, preferences, abilities and objectives of group members. Therefore, the tour leader or director may be required, based on his or her experience and upon wishes of the group members, to improvise and exercise his or her judgment and/or make good-faith decisions concerning the management of the tour.

## Limitation of Liability

The Group Leaders only act as agents for the owners, contractors and suppliers providing services and cannot be responsible nor liable for any injury, loss or damage of participant's property, or disruption of program due to circumstances beyond the control of the Group Leaders, such as but not limited to flight cancellations, delays, or acts of God. Any extra cost due to circumstances beyond the control of the Group Leaders will be the responsibility of the participant.

## To Register

Please print and fill out the registration form, and return it by mail, email or fax the following address:

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Further Information and Details Sheets will be sent to you on receipt of the registration.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
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<b>Traveler #1</b>					
Full name in passport, Surname in capitals					
Mailing Address:					
Telephone:		Fax:			
Email:					
<b>Passport and Personal Details</b>					
Nationality				Date / Month / Year	
Passport Number		Issue Date			
Place of Issue		Expiry Date			
Place of Birth		Date of Birth			
Vegetarian (circle yes or no)	Yes	No	Smoker (circle yes or no)	Yes	No
Health or Dietary Restrictions:					
<b>Emergency Contact Information</b>					
Name:					
Address:					
Telephone (day):		Telephone (evening):			
<b>Declaration</b>				(Circle Yes or No)	
I have read and fully understood the <b>Terms &amp; Conditions</b> and agree to abide by them.			Yes	No	
I wish to pay with PayPal and will make a non-refundable deposit of USD 500 to secure my reservation upon receipt of a PayPal email invoice			Yes	No	
I wish to pay by check and enclose a check for the non-refundable deposit of USD 500			Yes	No	
I understand the balance is due by 60 days before the start of the tour and that			Yes	No	
I have signed and am attaching the Waiver, Release of Liability, and Assumption of Risk form			Yes	No	
Signed					

Traveler #1

Date	
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Date / Month / Year

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
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<b>Traveler #2</b>					
Full name in passport, Surname in capitals					
Mailing Address:					
Telephone:			Fax:		
Email:					
<b>Passport and Personal Details</b>					
Nationality				Date / Month / Year	
Passport Number		Issue Date			
Place of Issue		Expiry Date			
Place of Birth		Date of Birth			
Vegetarian (circle yes or no)		Yes	No	Smoker (circle yes or no)	
Health or Dietary Restrictions:					
<b>Emergency Contact Information</b>					
Name:					
Address:					
Telephone (day):			Telephone (evening):		
<b>Declaration</b>				(Circle Yes or No)	
I have read and fully understood the <b>Terms &amp; Conditions</b> and agree to abide by them.				Yes	No
I wish to pay with PayPal and will make a non-refundable deposit of USD 500 to secure my reservation upon receipt of a PayPal email invoice				Yes	No
I wish to pay by check and enclose a check for the non-refundable deposit of USD 500				Yes	No
I understand the balance is due by 60 days before the start of the tour and that				Yes	No
I have signed and am attaching the Waiver, Release of Liability, and Assumption of Risk form				Yes	No
Signed					

Traveler #2

Date	
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Date / Month / Year

## Waiver, Release of Liability, and Assumption of Risk – Traveler #1

The Traveler named here, \_\_\_\_\_ ("TRAVELER") shall understand that participation on any tour involves a certain degree of risk and danger and shall fully and voluntarily accept these risks. The Tour Companies, JALAN JALAN ASIA LLC and THREADS OF LIFE ("JJA & TOL") shall not become liable for any personal injury, property damage, accident, delay, inconvenience, change of itinerary or accommodations, or other irregularity which may occur due to (1) wrongful, negligent or arbitrary acts or omissions on the part of the Suppliers, their agents, officers, directors, and employees or others not under direct control of the JJA & TOL: (2) defects or failures of any conveyance, equipment or instrumentality under control of the Suppliers: or (3) Acts of God or forces of Nature, fire, acts of governments or other authorities, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines or dangers incident to the sea, land and air.

The TRAVELER, by engaging JJA & TOL and making deposit and/or full payment for the travel arrangements specified, acknowledges the position of JJA & TOL as stipulated by the foregoing, agrees to hold JJA & TOL blameless in making any arrangements on the TRAVELER's behalf provided same shall be made through generally acceptable Suppliers at the time of engagement, and further agrees that restitution or damages, if any are claimed, shall be sought directly from the Suppliers. The TRAVELER further agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Suppliers of the services to be performed.

If applicable, as a participant in a group tour, the TRAVELER is aware that group travel requires compromise to accommodate diverse personalities, wants, abilities and objectives of group members. Therefore, the TRAVELER further acknowledges that the tour leader or director may be required, based on his or her experience and upon wishes of the group members, to improvise and exercise his or her judgment and/or make good faith decisions concerning the management of the tour. In this regard, the TRAVELER further agrees to abide by any such decisions.

The TRAVELER, in participating in any tour of developing countries in the Asian region, is aware that the quality standards, hygiene, cleanliness, sanitation facilities, level of infrastructural development, political stability, cuisine, sense of urgency, adherence to schedules, communication styles and skills, and business practices, among other things, may be deemed different, inferior and/or lacking than those found in most developed nations. As such, the TRAVELER further acknowledges and accepts that travel to such areas involves these and other elements of risk above and beyond those that would normally be encountered in industrialized nations. In addition, the TRAVELER also acknowledges that medical facilities or services may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time for the tour the TRAVELER agrees to participate in, and that evacuation, if necessary, and if available, can be prolonged, difficult and expensive.

The TRAVELER further acknowledges that insurance is available that would provide compensation for lost or damaged luggage, trip cancellation, medical expenses, emergency evacuation, and Suppliers' bankruptcy while planning or on the trip.

**As a Client of JJA & TOL, I, as the TRAVELER, have carefully read this document and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between me and JJA & TOL, and sign it of my own free will on behalf of myself and my heirs. By signing this document, it is my intent to release, waive, and indemnify all of the Released Parties from all liability connected with my participation in the tour, and to personally assume all risk of injury or death. To the best of my knowledge, I feel physically and mentally able to assume full participation in the outings and activities in which I will participate. I further state that I do not possess any health problems or physical limitations that my doctor or I feel would restrict my active participation or affect the safety of others on any tour in which I participate. I also acknowledge that I have carefully read the "Booking Instructions & Terms and Conditions", including the section on cancellations and refunds, and agree to all stated conditions therein.**

(Signature of TRAVELER)	(Name of TRAVELER – Print Name)	(Date)

(Signature of Witness)	(Name of Witness – Print Name)	(Date)

## Waiver, Release of Liability, and Assumption of Risk – Traveler #2

The Traveler named here, \_\_\_\_\_ ("TRAVELER") shall understand that participation on any tour involves a certain degree of risk and danger and shall fully and voluntarily accept these risks. The Tour Companies, JALAN JALAN ASIA LLC and THREADS OF LIFE ("JJA & TOL") shall not become liable for any personal injury, property damage, accident, delay, inconvenience, change of itinerary or accommodations, or other irregularity which may occur due to (1) wrongful, negligent or arbitrary acts or omissions on the part of the Suppliers, their agents, officers, directors, and employees or others not under direct control of the JJA & TOL: (2) defects or failures of any conveyance, equipment or instrumentality under control of the Suppliers: or (3) Acts of God or forces of Nature, fire, acts of governments or other authorities, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines or dangers incident to the sea, land and air.

The TRAVELER, by engaging JJA & TOL and making deposit and/or full payment for the travel arrangements specified, acknowledges the position of JJA & TOL as stipulated by the foregoing, agrees to hold JJA & TOL blameless in making any arrangements on the TRAVELER's behalf provided same shall be made through generally acceptable Suppliers at the time of engagement, and further agrees that restitution or damages, if any are claimed, shall be sought directly from the Suppliers. The TRAVELER further agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Suppliers of the services to be performed.

If applicable, as a participant in a group tour, the TRAVELER is aware that group travel requires compromise to accommodate diverse personalities, wants, abilities and objectives of group members. Therefore, the TRAVELER further acknowledges that the tour leader or director may be required, based on his or her experience and upon wishes of the group members, to improvise and exercise his or her judgment and/or make good faith decisions concerning the management of the tour. In this regard, the TRAVELER further agrees to abide by any such decisions.

The TRAVELER, in participating in any tour of developing countries in the Asian region, is aware that the quality standards, hygiene, cleanliness, sanitation facilities, level of infrastructural development, political stability, cuisine, sense of urgency, adherence to schedules, communication styles and skills, and business practices, among other things, may be deemed different, inferior and/or lacking than those found in most developed nations. As such, the TRAVELER further acknowledges and accepts that travel to such areas involves these and other elements of risk above and beyond those that would normally be encountered in industrialized nations. In addition, the TRAVELER also acknowledges that medical facilities or services may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time for the tour the TRAVELER agrees to participate in, and that evacuation, if necessary, and if available, can be prolonged, difficult and expensive.

The TRAVELER further acknowledges that insurance is available that would provide compensation for lost or damaged luggage, trip cancellation, medical expenses, emergency evacuation, and Suppliers' bankruptcy while planning or on the trip.

**As a Client of JJA & TOL, I, as the TRAVELER, have carefully read this document and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between me and JJA & TOL, and sign it of my own free will on behalf of myself and my heirs. By signing this document, it is my intent to release, waive, and indemnify all of the Released Parties from all liability connected with my participation in the tour, and to personally assume all risk of injury or death. To the best of my knowledge, I feel physically and mentally able to assume full participation in the outings and activities in which I will participate. I further state that I do not possess any health problems or physical limitations that my doctor or I feel would restrict my active participation or affect the safety of others on any tour in which I participate. I also acknowledge that I have carefully read the "Booking Instructions & Terms and Conditions", including the section on cancellations and refunds, and agree to all stated conditions therein.**

(Signature of TRAVELER)	(Name of TRAVELER – Print Name)	(Date)

(Signature of Witness)	(Name of Witness – Print Name)	(Date)