

Amandari Annual Temple Ceremony 25 – 27 March 2013

Bali has a rich spiritual legacy with a unique form of Hinduism permeating the fabric of its culture. Ceremonies to purify and harmonise relations between the human world, the environment and the world of the Gods are of great importance and take place at temple precincts according to the Balinese calendar.

Purnama Kedasa is such a ceremony commemorating the anniversary of Amandari's temple. It is celebrated annually with the 10th lunar moon in the Balinese calendar. The full moon this year will be on 26 March.

The purpose of the ceremony is to purify and harmonise the resort premises. The ceremony is dedicated to all living forms and elements to ensure happy relations between human, animal and spirit worlds at Amandari.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, 25 March 2013

10:00am: Mendak Tirta (Collecting Holy Water)

Join staff and villagers in a 30-minute procession carrying holy water and ritual tools from Kedewatan Village's main temple back to Amandari's temple. These are used in the purification and odalan (anniversary) ceremonies.

11:30am – 1:00pm: Mecaru (Purification Ceremony)

Join these colourful purification and harmonisation ceremonies led by the village priest. Following the purification ceremony held in the main yard, a small sacrificial cock fight takes place so that the blood that falls on Amandari's soil entertains the spirits and hence protects the resort for the following year.

7:00pm: Children's Dance

Ibu Agung (dance teacher) and her husband, Bapak Agung (music teacher), have been part of Amandari for 20 years. They come daily to the resort to teach the children from villages nearby to dance and play traditional Balinese musical instruments. You can watch the children practise daily between 2:30 and 4:00pm (next to Amandari's Restaurant). Dance and music is performed for the Gods so it is of utmost importance in Balinese culture that children are taught these arts.



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Tuesday, 26 March 2013

Today, the 10th lunar moon signals the start of the auspicious days when purification ceremonies are commonly held in many temples around the island, including the main temple of Besakih. It is a chance for Hindus from all over Bali and beyond to gather and pray.



1:30pm – 4:00pm: The Peak Ceremony

This is the biggest full moon blessing and forgiveness ceremony of the period. A Brahmin Priest chants and asks the Gods to descend and partake in the celebrations, and holy water is sprinkled upon all present. Following the blessing, various dances are performed to entertain the Gods. These include the Baris Warrior Dance, the graceful Rejang Dance, the Sidakarya Mask Dance and Pendet, performed solely by girls and women. Guests are welcome to join the water blessing conducted by the High Priest.



Wednesday, 27 March 2013

2:00pm – 4:00pm: Closing Ceremony

During this last communal prayer, Amandari staff and villagers bring their own offerings to be blessed by the village priests. These are later taken home to be shared by the family.



7pm: Balinese Dances & Music Performance by Yayasan Polosseni

Enjoy five different Balinese dances along with a brief explanation of each performance and how it ties in to Balinese culture and society. Yayasan Polosseni is a foundation which teaches traditional dance and music to young children. The foundation also recorded all the Aman Indonesia CDs. Much of the music can no longer commonly be heard around Bali.



We look forward to welcoming you on these special dates.

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