

YPI Asia Newsletter



What's happening at YPI Asia? The latest updates!

The new semester is well underway, and with another large group of students joining us, we can safely say that 2026 is shaping up to be a great year.

More and more students are finding their way to YPI Asia, and we're seeing that growth especially on Bali and Lombok.

Of course, this growth also means that our team needs to grow with it. That's why we've welcomed a new colleague to the team! This allows us to continue providing our students with the support and personal guidance they know and expect from YPI.

We've also added several new accommodation options over the past few months. This means even more great places for students to stay during their internship – from social accommodations where you can live together with other students to options offering a little more privacy.

And of course, the new semester needed a proper kick-off... so we hosted our well-known Opening Party once again! With a large group of new students, music, drinks, prizes and, most importantly, plenty of good vibes, it was a great way to start the new semester.

In this newsletter, you'll find the latest updates from Indonesia! If you have any questions about internships or volunteering, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

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Intern in Jakarta

Jakarta may not be the first choice for most students, but every semester there are students in Indonesia's largest city.

Daan is currently doing his internship at a large IT company, while Ethan is starting his internship at House of Padel this month.



Opening Party

Saturday, September 5th was time for our now well-known semester Opening Party!

What made this one extra special was that, alongside our own YPI students, we also had many students from other agencies and universities on the guest list. The result? An amazing turnout!



Interns Isa & Jet

This semester, Isa and Jet have joined us as interns, helping us create fun videos for our social media channels.

Isa and Jet are also writing their own magazines about their experiences in Bali! You can find their magazines at our stand during the Go-Abroad Fair in Utrecht.



Go-Abroad Fair Windesheim

Looking for an internship in Indonesia? We'll be at the Go-Abroad Fair at Windesheim in Zwolle on October 6th!

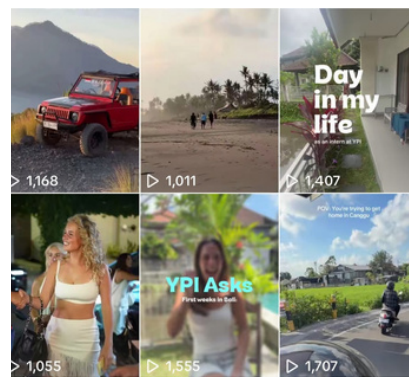
A former student will be there to share more about the opportunities with YPI in Bali, Lombok and Jakarta. See you in Zwolle!



Kintari Foundation

A new partner in Lombok! For students studying Social Work, Education and Pedagogy, we have added a new internship partner.

Kintari Foundation welcomed several students last semester, and currently two students are doing their internship there! Curious to see what a day at Kintari Foundation looks like? Click [here](#) to watch the video!



YPI on TikTok

Besides Instagram, we've also been sharing lots of new videos on TikTok.

We've noticed that TikTok is becoming important alongside Instagram and our website. Recently, we've received several applications from students who discovered YPI through our TikTok videos.

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Welcome Venya

Since September, Venya has joined the YPI Asia team! She visits our internship partners, helps students whenever needed and joins us on fun activities and trips.

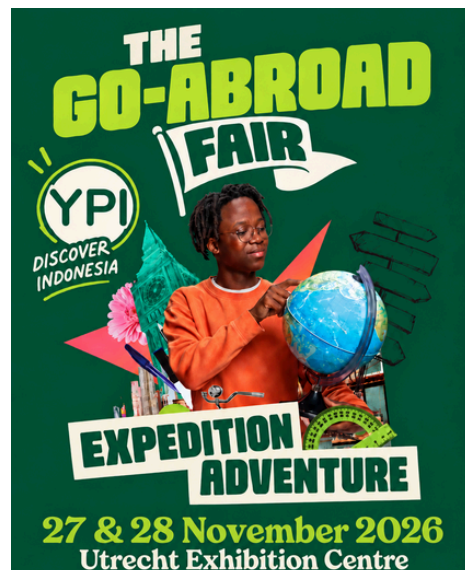
Venya studied Hospitality and also spent six months in Miami as part of her studies!



Another year!

Good news! We've renewed our partnerships with Facides Dione and Villa96 for another year.

This means we can continue working together over the coming year to create great internship opportunities and new possibilities for students.



Go-Abroad Fair in Utrecht!

At the end of November, we'll be at the Go-Abroad Fair in Utrecht once again! We'll be there to inspire as many students and young people as possible about all the opportunities Indonesia has to offer. Will we see you there?



Planning 2026

Exciting weeks are coming up for our students in Indonesia! We'll be climbing several more volcanoes, and the YPI Padel Tournament is also coming up later this month.

Of course, our Komodo trips are back, and once the rainy season arrives, we'll be heading out for rafting and ATV adventures with all our students!



Whats up next?

It's October! That also means that part of our team is already working on the first semester of 2027.

We're reaching out to schools, attending fairs and giving presentations. And, of course, making sure there are plenty of great accommodations and internship opportunities available for next semester.

Recent reviews!

Birre Amersfoort (2026)

"An incredibly helpful internship agency! They helped me with both finding an internship and arranging accommodation. After my first week, I had to switch internship placements due to unforeseen circumstances. Thanks to YPI Asia, I had a new suitable internship within just a few days!"

Jort Gouda (2026)

"A great organization to work with. Everything was well organized, and they were always available for any questions or problems."

Cathelijne Achterkamp (2026)

"I'm very happy with the support throughout my internship. Great value for money! I'm happy with my internship, my housemates and all the activities YPI organizes."



What does a month in Bali or Lombok cost?

A question we often get is: how much money do you actually need as a student in Indonesia?

As a guideline, you can expect to spend around €750 to €1,200 per month. Your total budget mainly depends on your accommodation, lifestyle and how many trips and activities you do.

Food & Drinks

Good news: food and drinks can be very affordable in Indonesia. You can often eat at a local warung for just a few euros, and fresh juices, coffee and nasi goreng are also easy on the budget.

Accommodation

Your accommodation is an important part of your monthly budget. We offer student accommodation from €250 to €450 per month. You'll have your own bedroom and bathroom, while sharing the pool and kitchen with other students.

Trips & Activities

Of course, you'll want to explore as much of Indonesia as possible during your internship. Think surfing, diving, waterfalls, boat trips, volcanoes and weekend getaways. The more you explore, the higher your monthly budget will be.

Alcohol is a little more expensive...

While food and many everyday expenses are affordable, alcohol is relatively expensive. Drinks at popular bars, beach clubs and restaurants can quickly increase your spending.

In short: with around €750–€1,200 per month, you can live comfortably as a student in Bali or Lombok. If you mainly eat locally and keep an eye on your spending, you can keep things quite affordable. Want to go on adventures every weekend, eat out regularly and visit the best spots? Then you'll likely be closer to the higher end of the budget.

Tip: Always keep a little extra money aside for unexpected expenses. And remember: you don't have to spend money every day to have an amazing time. The cheap warungs, beautiful beaches, sunsets and spontaneous adventures are often the moments you'll remember the longest!

Did you know?



Did you know Bali has its own calendar?

Besides the calendar we use, Balinese people also follow the Saka and Pawukon calendars. That's why Nyepi, the Balinese Day of Silence, falls on a different date each year.

Why do you see offerings everywhere?

The small baskets filled with flowers, rice and incense are called canang sari. They are made daily as part of Balinese Hindu traditions.

Did you know Lombok is known as the "Island of a Thousand Mosques"?

In many places, you can hear several mosques calling people to prayer at the same time.

Did you know Jakarta used to be called Batavia?

The city has a long Dutch colonial history. You can still see clear traces of this in Kota Tua.

Did you know there's one day on Bali when you have to stay home?

During Nyepi, people stay at home, the streets are empty and no travel is allowed. Even Bali's airport closes for the day.

So: no scooter, no Gojek, no beach day... just 24 hours of peace and quiet.

Did you know Lombok is right next to Bali, but culturally quite different?

Bali is predominantly Hindu, while Lombok is predominantly Muslim. You notice the difference almost immediately when travelling from one island to the other.

Did you know Mount Agung is the highest mountain in Bali?

The volcano is around 3,000 metres high and is considered a sacred mountain by many Balinese people.

Did you know Lombok is about the same size as Bali, but has far fewer inhabitants?

This makes many parts of the island feel much quieter, and the traffic is generally much more relaxed than on Bali.

Did you know the Gili Islands officially belong to Lombok?

So when you're on Gili Trawangan, Gili Air or Gili Meno, you're actually not on Bali.

Did you know Jakarta is absolutely huge?

The city itself has millions of inhabitants and is one of the world's largest metropolitan areas.

Did you know Jakarta has its own speciality: Soto Betawi?

A rich soup from Betawi cuisine, the traditional cuisine of Jakarta.

Did you know... white clothes?

You can leave home on Bali wearing a crisp white T-shirt and come back 20 minutes later with a completely new colour palette thanks to rain, mud and scooter traffic.

Did you know... taking it easy?

"I'm going to take it easy this weekend" is one of the least reliable sentences a student in Indonesia can say. 😊

Why is an internship in Indonesia so valuable?

An internship in Indonesia is about much more than gaining work experience. You're stepping outside your familiar environment and getting the chance to grow both professionally and personally.

A completely different culture

You'll learn to work and live in an environment that's different from what you're used to. From different working habits to new traditions and social customs, you'll learn to adapt and gain a broader perspective on the world.

Work experience that stands out

An international internship looks great on your CV. It shows that you're independent, willing to take initiative and able to adapt to a new environment.

Improve your communication skills

You'll often work with people from different backgrounds and communicate regularly in English. This not only improves your language skills, but also teaches you how to communicate effectively with people who think and work differently.

Personal growth

Living on the other side of the world for a few months helps you get to know yourself better. You become more independent and confident, and learn how to find solutions when things don't go exactly as planned.

New people, new connections

During your internship, you'll meet local colleagues, other international students and people from all over the world. Some of these connections might even turn into friendships for life.

And yes... you're living in Indonesia!

After your internship day, you can take a surf lesson, visit a waterfall, watch the sunset or discover a new island at the weekend. In short, an internship in Indonesia gives you more than just work experience – it gives you stories, friendships and experiences you'll probably remember for years to come.

And why arrange your internship with YPI Asia?

Because we've been working from Indonesia for 13 years! With more than 300 students every year, we know exactly what you need to get the most out of your internship while also enjoying your time in Indonesia.



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