

Rip Curl School of Surf

Frequently asked questions

When are courses available?

The Rip Curl School of Surf courses are scheduled as follows:

8am – 10.30am, 10.30am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Courses levels are dependant on the tides...

- Beginner courses are held on mid tides adding safety and ease to the learning process.
- Advance course our held on the high tides offering more comprehensive conditions and powerful waves.
- Reef trips are generally held in the morning departing from the school at 7.30am to be in the water by 8am, returning to the school by 11am.
- Privates will be scheduled dependant on the level of the surfer and the according required conditions.
- Children's privates are generally held on the low tide, due to the shallow water and small waves.

What time do I get picked up?

- **Nusa Dua, Tanahlot and Sanur** pick up times would be one hour before the scheduled course time.
- **Jimbaran** pick up times would be 45 minutes before scheduled course time.
- **Kuta, Legian and Seminyak** pick up times would be 45 to 30 minutes before the scheduled course time.
- **Ubud** transport is available at an extra charge. Pick up times for Ubud would be 90 minutes before the scheduled course time. Tanah Lot pick up time would be 1 hour before scheduled course time.

Students will be picked up by our air-conditioned transport and are required to wait in your hotel lobby.

What is included in the price?

The Rip Curl School of Surf will provided air-conditioned transport to and from your hotel, the use of a Rip Curl Rash shirt, Rip Curl surf shorts, changing room facilities, individual student lockers, 44+ SPF sunscreen for the arms and legs, full block zinc cream for the face, Gath surf helmet, soft top epoxy surfboards ranging from 7'6 to 9'9, drinking water during the entire course and restaurant lunch is included with every 2 courses taken.

Goody Bag: each student will receive a goody bag from the Rip Curl School of Surf on completion of the course including a certificate of surfing, stickers and a t-shirt (t-shirt not included with 1 course or half day package).

Where are the courses held?

Rip Curl School of Surf has two locations for courses:

1. Introductory and intermediate courses are held at the Legian beach located at the bottom of Jalan Double Six (Jalan Arjuna), chosen for its safety and relatively un-crowd waves, with its sand bottom beach break it is the safest spot in Bali for learning to surf.
2. Advanced and Reef course are held at Canggu, we utilize two separate reef breaks the first being Old Man's reef, named for it's big slow rolling waves, best suited for long boards and first time reef surfer. The second being Tugu reef offering a longer more powerful wave with perfect lefts and rights. Parking and facilities are found in front of the Tugu Hotel.

Both of these reefs have been select due to there large channels, offering easy entry and exiting points, unhidden paddle routes, easy resting points, both reefs are lava rock formation, not live coral.

How do I know I will be safe?

For every five students in a course at the Rip Curl School of Surf there is at least one person assisting or instructing (5:1 ration of student to instructor). The school records all of there incidents and accidents; be it a pump on the head or a broken board. These incidents and accidents are then analyzed and changes are made to the curriculum to prevent such incidents from reoccurring. Surfing is a sport that carries minimal risk, so training and correct equipment is the key to a safety. The Rip Curl School of Surf selects its equipment and trains there staff to minimize all risk. All beach staffs are required to pass CPR and senior first aid courses yearly, all of our instructors are certified International Surf Instructors and current bronze medallion lifeguard holders (the same standards and requirements set by the Australian and New Zealand authorities).

Can you guarantee that I will be a surfer at the end of my course?

Due to the complexity of the courses, if a student is unable to complete an exercise to a satisfactory level than this would hinder there progression to the next course, so the Rip Curl School of Surf offers a free repeat of a course if a student is unable to correctly complete the required skill. The school also offers free usage of the surf board after the course, on the same day, and we have found that students would rather practice on there own rather than repeat a course. The instructors also happy to come in earlier or stay latter if it means a student can progress to the next level.

What are the age restrictions on learning to surf?

Children under the age of 12 years old are required to take private lessons (50% discount from regular price for children under 12 years old), due to the amount of personal attention a child requires and also a 2.5 hour course can be very tiring for a big kid let alone a little one. We have developed a special curriculum for the under 12 year's old private which progress the child through the same skills and knowledge as our regular curriculum but in less time and more fun. Our insurance covers anyone taking part in a course at Rip Curl School of Surf between the ages of 6 and 65, however we have been known to teach kids as young as 4 and big kids as old as 78.