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NYEPI, THE DAY OF SILENCE

Wednesday, March 6

TAWUR KESANGA AND OGOH OGOH FESTIVAL

The night before the day of Silence, Wednesday, March 6, the local communities will stage an "Ogoh Ogoh", a cultural parade with the villagers performing as giant puppets (effigies).

This is an event not to be missed!

The purpose of this parade is to frighten away and confuse the bad spirits and the negative forces of the underworld that are an intrinsic element in Balinese Hinduism. An Ogoh Ogoh is made from a wood frame with bamboo stripes intricately weaved.

To witness this special parade please contact the Concierge Desk to purchase vouchers for round trip transportation.

Please note during these ceremony from **18.00 to 21.00**, there is limited access for cars, and taxis will not be readily available. For guests wanting to dine outside the resort we recommend that you dine in close proximity to the resort and that you respect the traditions during this sacred time. Please observe the commencement of Nyepi at 12 midnight when you should be back in the resort.

Thursday, March 7

NYEPI, THE DAY OF SILENCE

March 7 marks the first day of the Balinese New year 1941 called Nyepi. According to the Hindu Belief, Nyepi is a day of complete silence without any noise, traffic, fire or lights. It is a day of stillness in the physical and spiritual worlds.

For the Hindus, Nyepi is a day spent in total silence, meditation, fasting and introspection, reflecting on the past year's events. Hindus believe the law concerning Nyepi is Catur Brata Penyepian (four ascetic practices), which are :

AMATI GENI

(no fire, which is both literal and symbolic of mental and physical obstacles)

AMATI KARYA

(no activities, a precondition to meditation)

AMATI LELUNGAAN

(no going out of the house or compound)

AMATI LELANGUAN

(no entertainment)

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DO'S AND DON'T'S

As Conrad Bali is an international resort, the government permits us to service our guests, however activities are limited, with reduced lighting and minimal noise.

In order to respect the tradition, please take the following into account:

- If you leave the resort on Wednesday, March 6, make sure you are back before midnight.
- Switch off all balcony lights from dusk on the evening of Thursday, March 7 and please keep the window curtains closed.
- Please keep the light and movement to an absolute minimum and use the flashlight available inside your desk drawer.
- There will be no access to use the beach area on Thursday, March 7
- You only uses the hotel facilities (pools) until sunset on Thursday, March 7 for safety reason as lighting will be minimal.
- You will not be able to leave the resort until 6.00 on Friday, March 8.
- During this 24-hour period, the Ngurah Rai International Airport will be closed for all flights.
- Offices and commercial establishments are closed whilst the island stays silent.

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