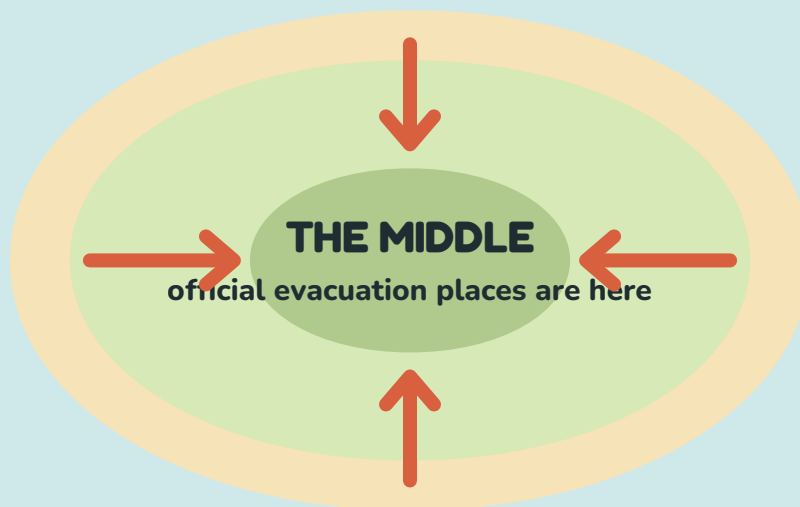


If the ground shakes on Gili Air

Everything you need to know about earthquakes and tsunamis, made simple. Read it once now. Keep it by your bed.

BEACH ALL AROUND = DANGER ZONE IN A TSUNAMI



Simple picture, not to scale. Lombok is across the water to the east.

The one rule to remember

Big shake, or a shake longer than you can count to 20? Walk away from the beach to the official evacuation places in the village centre. Right away. Do not wait for a siren or a message.

Small shakes are normal

Lombok and the Gili Islands sit in an active earthquake zone. Most quakes here are small or very deep and nobody gets hurt.

Gili Air has no hill

The island is flat and low. In a tsunami there is no hill to climb, so you walk to the **official evacuation places** in the village centre (page 4).

No cars on the island

Everyone moves on foot, by bicycle or horse cart. In an emergency, **walk**. Leave bikes and carts so the paths stay clear.

It happened before

In August 2018 a strong quake hit North Lombok. Thousands of visitors left the Gilis by boat. A fake evacuation message also caused panic. Trust only official news.

How strong is the shake?

Little wobble

Lamps sway, a glass rattles. Stay calm and stay where you are.

Strong shake

Hard to stand, things fall off shelves. Get down, cover, hold on.

Long shake

Lasts 20 seconds or more, even if gentle. After it stops, walk inland to an evacuation place.

How to count: say slowly "one Gili Air, two Gili Air..." If you reach twenty and it is still shaking, that is a long shake.

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When it shakes: where are you?

Do this while the ground is moving



In bed

Stay in bed. Lie face down and cover your head with a pillow. Wait until it stops.



Inside a room or restaurant

Get down under a strong table and hold a leg. Stay away from windows, mirrors and shelves.



Outside on a path

Move away from walls, coconut trees and power lines. Crouch down and cover your head.



On a bicycle

Stop, get off, and crouch away from walls and trees. Leave the bike to the side.



On the beach

Protect your head. When the shaking stops, if it was strong or long, walk inland straight away.



Swimming or snorkelling

Get out of the water and walk inland. Do not stay to look at the sea.



On a boat at sea

Stay out in deep water and do not come to the shore. Follow the captain and wait for the all clear.



Diving

Stay with your dive guide. Come up slowly and safely, never rush to the surface. Stay on the boat away from shore.

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Tsunami: nature warns you first

If you notice ANY of these, go now



A big or long shake

Strong shaking, or shaking that lasts 20 seconds or more, near the sea.



The sea runs away

The water pulls back fast and the seabed or reef shows. Never walk out to look.



A loud roar

A sound from the sea like a train or a jet plane.



An official warning

A BMKG alert on the Info BMKG app, a siren, the beat of a kentongan (bamboo drum), a mosque announcement, or a message from our team.

What to do

1

Go inland now. Walk fast but do not run or push: the lanes are narrow and in 2018 people were hurt in the rush. Hold children by the hand.

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Go to an official evacuation place in the village centre (see the map on the next page). If the sea is already coming, climb to the top floor of the nearest strong concrete building that has no new cracks.

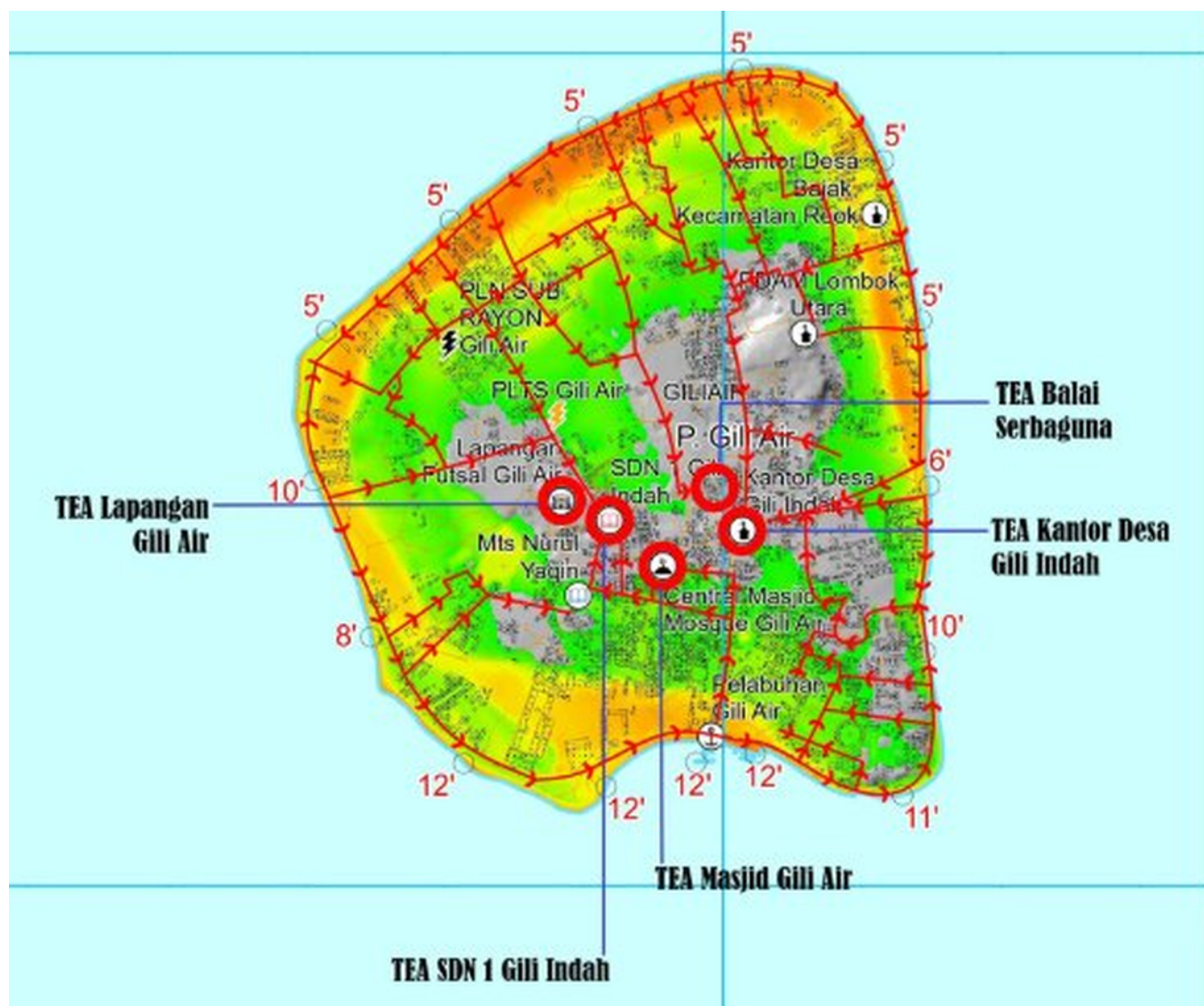
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Stay there for hours. Waves can come many times and the first is often not the biggest. Wait for the official all clear.

Time matters: the official map shows a tsunami could reach Gili Air's north and east beaches in about 5 minutes, and the south in about 12. Do not stop to pack. Help children and older people first.

Where to go: the official map

Evacuation map of Desa Gili Indah, BNPB and Lombok Utara, 2023



The 5 official evacuation places

- Lapangan Gili Air the sports field
- SDN 1 Gili Indah the primary school
- Masjid Gili Air the main mosque
- Kantor Desa Gili Indah the village office
- Balai Serbaguna the community hall

All five are close together in the village centre, marked with red circles. Red arrows on the map show the paths to them.

Reading the map

- Red: water could be more than 3 m deep
- Yellow: 1 to 3 m
- Green: less than 1 m
- Grey: outside the flood zone

5', 8', 12' on the coast = minutes until a wave could arrive at that beach. North and east: about 5. South: about 12.

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Look for these signs on Gili Air

You will see them along the paths around the island



JALUR EVAKUASI

EVACUATION ROUTE

BPBD LOMBOK UTARA

GREEN SIGN Jalur Evakuasi, Evacuation Route. The arrow points the way to an official evacuation place in the village centre. If you ever need to go, follow the green arrows.



YELLOW SIGN Zona Rawan Tsunami, Tsunami Zone. When you see this sign, you are in an area the sea could reach in a tsunami.

Make it a game

On your first walk around the island, look for these signs together. Spot the yellow ones near the beach and follow one green arrow to see where it leads. Then everyone in your group knows the way.

Who put them here?

BPBD, the North Lombok disaster agency, and the Lombok Utara government. They are official, so you can trust them.

Yellow means you are in the danger zone. **Green** shows you the way out.

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Official tsunami alerts

BMKG, the Indonesian weather and quake agency, uses three levels



WASPADA (advisory)

Wave expected: under 0.5 m

Stay out of the sea and off the beach. No need to evacuate.



SIAGA (watch)

Wave expected: 0.5 to 3 m

Evacuate. Walk to an official evacuation place.



AWAS (warning)

Wave expected: more than 3 m

Evacuate immediately. Walk to an official evacuation place now.

BMKG sends a first warning within about 5 minutes of a quake. If the shake is strong or long, do not wait for it.

After the shaking stops



Shoes on first

There may be broken glass and fallen tiles. Grab phone, passport, water and medicine.



Check yourself and others

Help anyone hurt. Do not move someone badly injured unless they are in danger.



Stay out of cracked rooms

Do not go back into a room with new cracks until our staff say it is safe.



Text, do not call

Phone lines get busy. Send short messages so calls for help can get through.

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The next hours and days

Aftershocks and staying safe

Expect aftershocks

After a strong quake, smaller shakes can continue for days or weeks. Each time: get down, cover, hold on. If one is strong or long, walk to the evacuation place again.

Trust only official news

BMKG, the North Lombok disaster agency (BPBD Lombok Utara), the police and our team. Ignore forwarded messages from strangers, even if they look official.

Keep by your bed



- Shoes or sandals
- Phone and a charged power bank
- Torch
- Passport or a copy
- Bottle of water
- Your medicine
- Light jacket

Leaving the island



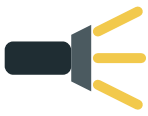
Only leave if the authorities say so

After a strong quake, boats may stop running. If an evacuation is ordered, official boats take people to Lombok or Bali, as in 2018, and queues can be long. A small boat in rough or strange water is more dangerous than staying on dry land. Follow our staff, and tell your embassy and travel insurer where you are.

If the lights and phones go out

What we learned from 2018

In August 2018, power and running water stopped across Gili Air within seconds. Water towers fell, phones could not be charged, and mobile signal was weak or only worked near the harbour. People ran to the beach in the dark, rumours spread fast, and the harbour became chaotic. This page is about doing better.



Light first

Keep your phone torch for emergencies. We have lanterns and torches at the meeting point.



Texts get through

When calls fail, a short WhatsApp or SMS often still works. In 2018 the best signal was near the harbour.



Our notice board

We write official updates in English on a board at our meeting point, and refresh it every hour. Check it before you believe a rumour.



Save your battery

Send one message home saying you are safe. Then low power mode, and airplane mode between checks.



Bottled water only

Taps may stop or be unsafe. In 2018 some visitors got dehydrated. We keep a reserve: ask us.



Carry some cash

Card machines and cash machines stop without power. Keep some rupiah with you.

About boats. In 2018 some travellers paid in advance for private transport that never came, then paid again. Use official evacuation boats and follow our staff. Never pay a stranger in advance.



Numbers and words that help

Save these in your phone now

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Emergency in Indonesia. Free, any phone, any time.

No answer or no signal? Island help is often faster: message us or come to our meeting point, our staff will get help. Ambulances cannot reach Gili Air quickly, there are no cars here.

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Ambulance	118 or 119	Medical emergency
Fire	113	Fire
Search and rescue (Basarnas)	115	Sea rescue, people trapped. Can send a rescue helicopter from Bali
National disaster agency (BNPB)	117	Disaster information
BMKG (quake and tsunami info)	196 or WhatsApp +62 852 8019 6196	Official status of a quake

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Meeting point:	_____
Nearest evacuation place:	Lapangan Gili Air, the sports field

Get the Info BMKG app

Free on Android and iPhone. Turn on notifications to see quake size and tsunami alerts within minutes.

Useful words

Tolong! Help! Gempa Earthquake
Aman Safe Bahaya Danger
Dokter Doctor Naik Go up

Sources: Official evacuation map of Desa Gili Indah (BNPB and Kabupaten Lombok Utara, IDRIP programme, September 2023), BMKG (bmkg.go.id), BPBD DIY tsunami guidance, ESDM Geological Agency on the North Lombok fault, BNPB statements on the 2018 Lombok earthquake. Prepared October 2026.