

Adventure begins on Singapore Airlines.
Gracious staff tends to details
making the journey absolutely exceptional.
Difficult to remember better experience
where every expectation exceeded.
Staff seems to anticipate needs.
With smile, customer's wants met.
You make the adventure complete.

Dedicated To:

Memo: Bagua written for Connie Go, Zarina Shah, and Jeffery Chew, Singapore Airline stewardesses and steward on flight from Los Angeles, California to Singapore.

First Visit In Singapore

9-9-2000

Botanical Gardens, piece of paradise.
Brilliant colors reach toward sky.
Thousands of orchid varieties flourish
in this Garden of Eden.
Grounds kept in pristine condition.
Light breaks through jungle canopy.
Beams dance off gentle petals.
Magic flows through this place.

Paul, Tai Chi Sword Master

9-10-2000, Singapore

Sword carves through heavy air.
Decisive thrust leads torso lunge.
Paul pivots, defending rearward attack.
Side step repositions for slash.
Sword whistles through strong air.
Blade guided to horizontal position,
edge facing skyward, body low.
Legs spring, repositioning for attack.

42 Form Tai Chi

9-10-2000, Singapore

Movement controlled throughout 42 positions.
Komodo dragon peers above grass.
Wrists flick, Tai Chi Master
glides through his daily Kata.
Each movement executed with precision.
Powerful breath forms strong foundation
for next move decisively delivered.
Traditions shared with friends today.

King Fishers Welcome

9-10-2000, Singapore

Call of King Fishers heard
as we pass under trees.
Blue backs, black ringed necks
support powerful, rapier sharp beaks.
Curious birds fly by overhead,
as if to welcome master
whose demonstration of timeless techniques
reveals century old Chinese mysteries.

Balinese Eyes

9-11-2000

Magic appears in Balinese eyes.
Flowing silk and gentle smiles
become one to explore mysteries.
Beautiful children gift precious glances
welcoming visitors to island paradise.
Weavers create magic in silk.
Gentle fabric formed into rainbows.
Beauty shared with distant visitors.

Four Seasons Resort, Liquid Magic

9-11-2000, Bali

Fountain splashes into private pool
creating a natural liquid music
which brings peace to soul.
Gardenia blossoms float in water.
Their fragrance adds sensual touch
to pleasant night, moon struck.
Villa walls hold night shadows
till mornings light liberates them.

Mysterious Tropical Fruit In Bali

9-11-2000

Mysterious fruit is torn open.
Soft orange colored surface breached,
revealing gray gelatin, seed filled.
First impression, is this edible,
or have I fractured imitation?
Tentatively, spoon probes strange interior.
Tongue prepares for quick rejection.
Great surprise, sweet nectar pleases.

Hindu Creations

9-11-2000, Bali

Bali filled with Hindu traditions.
Life unfolds in gentle way.
Cultural values, long family traditions.
Crafts created with spiritual consideration.
Palm leaves are deftly woven
into special gifts, freely given.
Magic is this islands way.
Creations soothe the travelers' soul.

Gentle Smiles

9-11-2000, Bali

Gentle smiles greet weary travelers.
Dark eyes sparkle, speaking volumes.
Soft light caresses beautiful ladies
who have come to welcome.
Silk creations add native flavor.
Graceful movements mark islands pathways
as ladies dance in paradise.
Great start to Bali vacation.

Mangy Dog

9-11-2000, Bali

Mangy dog strolls into banquet
as if an invited guest.
Terrible itching requires frequent scratching.
Critters plight is vivid reminder
Of conditions shared with natives.
Poverty bends backs and souls.
Subsistence is anything but assured.
No guarantee does life bring?

They Will Always Be With Us

9-11-2000, Bali

There will always be poor.
God reminds, poverty will persevere.
We should always be grateful
for the abundance we enjoy.
The human condition requires attention.
No child should suffer hunger.
We should be grateful givers
marking life's journey with generosity.

Harmony Sought

9-11-2000, Bali

God works in mysterious ways.
Universe continuously works toward harmony.
Sweet, sour, yin and yang.
Life characterized by constant change.

Spirit requires life continually improving,
growing in understanding of principles.
Man constantly miscalculates his importance
by demanding dominion over life.

Morning Breaks In Bali

9-11-2000, Bali

Morning light touches doves back.
Gentle cooing marks its pleasure.
Other bird voices join daylight
celebration, songs never heard before.
Bali paradise punctuated with color,
marking heavens touch on island.
Clouds under belly holds beams
of light as sun rises.

Waves Race Toward Death

9-11-2000, Bali

Ocean swells rush toward beach
following journey over Pacific Ocean.
Moon's orbit and winds prompting
have created each distinctive shape.
Rhythmically, every swell begins transformation
as shallow water dictates form.
Waves born in universal alchemy,
ordaining explosive death on beach.

Bamboo Glows

9-11-2000, Bali

Bamboo glows in morning light.
Daytime critters celebrate night's departure
following tenuous darkness, future uncertain.
Bougainvillea glow in rooted celebration,
each plant shaped by destiny.
Hibiscus shine bright red, silently
marking pools perimeter with presence.
Birds' serenade, branch to branch.

Equatorial Splendor

9-11-2000, Bali, Indonesia

Orchids mark Bali, tropical celebration.
Gentle petals hold colorful palate
marking God's presence in paradise.
Dove voices note tropics beauty
with cooing sounds, heaven made.
Green, tropical canvas creates background

for splendid splashes of color,
shades formed in equatorial splendor.

Passion Fruit

9-11-2000, Bali, Indonesia

Passion fruit is tropical mystery.
Burnt orange surface, easily torn
revealing gentle soft, white interior
with a spongy surface containing
gelatinous treasure with tadpole appearance.
Spoon attempts to remove contents
treasure slips to side of
utensil, finally fragrant taste taken.

Ocean Rafting, Indonesian Style

9-12-2000, Lembongan Island, Indonesia

High-speed powerboat ride
departs Benoa Harbor, Bali, Indonesia,
Lembongan Island our final destination.
Crystal seas marked by swells.
Craft carves foamy swath as
wake follows boat toward island.
Arrival comes 30 minutes later.
Lembongan experienced for first time.

Equatorial Sun

9-12-2000, Lembongan Island, Indonesia

Palms spread their serrated leaves
producing abundant shade on equator.
Gentle sea breezes bring relief
from intense tropical, Indonesian sun.
music wafts from under palapa.
Fresh seafood served by islanders.
Flower filled trees sway gently.
Intense colors punctuate clear skies.

Low Tide Makes For Troubled Departure

9-12-2000, Lembongan Island, Indonesia

High tide leaves Lembongan Island,
making departure quite a challenge.
Glass bottom boat dispatched to
retrieve us and deliver guests
to boat moored at sea.
Even shallow-water boat had
problems departing the waters edge.
Finally, transfer accomplished without incident.

Ocean Raft Returns From Lembongan Island To Harbor

9-12-2000, Bali, Indonesia

Powerful boat returns from Lembongan.
Seas have changed throughout day.
Currents and wind torment ocean,
creating potentially hazardous boating conditions.
Three engines generate 750 H.P.,
driving boat over and through
huge swells and incoherent seas.
Spray soaks us on return.

Pacific Rim Adventure

9-12-2000

Day spent on Indonesian Island
only 3 ½ hours from Australia.
Hard to imagine journeys end.
We travel to native village
tomorrow morning to see artisans
spinning their silk and carving
exotic woods from deep forest.
Day following, we return home.

Beautiful End To A Perfect, Indonesian Day

9-12-2000

Fabulous end to terrific day
comes at hands of masseuses.
Two come to our room
to give Jeri and me
a massage in our villa.
A lobster dinner follows later
served by Indonesians, with wine.
Minstrels arrive to serenade us.

Indonesia, An Island Of Contrasts

9-12-2000

I can hardly imagine suffering
going on in East Timor.
Independence comes at high price.
Three United Nations officials killed
while trying to bring peace
to this former Indonesian province.
Nationalists attempt to stop cessation
while civilians killed by hundreds.

Last Night In Bali

9-14-2000

This night will be remembered.
Departure banquet experienced, Bali style.
Beautiful ladies dressed in silk
served Indonesian cuisine with grace.
Their smiles melted our hearts.
This G.M. send off special.
All dealers and wives blessed
to experience this tropical paradise.

Last Morning In Bali

9-15-2000

Final morning starts at 5:00 A.M.
Waves lap at resorts base.
Birds strain to be heard.
Naked Indonesian stands in surf
while pack of dogs play
in sand, off corral beach.
Day sounds begin to replace
bird voices as sun breaks.

Waves Break On Bali Shore

Green tree branches lean seaward.
No strong winds prevail here.
Breaking waves speak to seashore
in tones born miles away.
Equatorial splendor paints Bali Island
with strokes from God's palate.
Indonesian people are most gracious,
with smile always leading conversation.

Lives Shattered By Blast

9-14-2000, Jakarta, Indonesia

Bomb goes off in Jakarta.
Explosion kills fifteen, wounds hundreds.
Car bomb planted in garage
of the Indonesian stock exchange
located in the capital's heart.
Blast marks protest of trail
of president Sunharto for corruption.
Lives torn asunder by terror.

Long Trip Home

Return starts from Bali airport.
Our next destination is Singapore.
As our plane approaches Singapore,
Singapore Island is surprisingly small.
Hundreds of ships cue up

for their entry into port.
Docks filled with massive containers.
Ship arrives every three minutes.

Return Journey Begins

9-15-2000

Flight from Bali to Singapore,
first leg of long trip.
We change planes in Singapore.
Boing, 747, flying business class,
delivers an appreciated comfort level
as we cross above ocean
on our way to Tai Pai.
Next flight flies to Los Angeles.

The Irony of Time

9-15-2000, Between Tai Pai and Los Angeles

Plane flies into times face.
Returning from West to East.
We find ourselves in Thursday
for full forty-eight hours.
September fifteenth lasts two days.
Body struggles to manage stress.
Mind attempts to comprehend time,
flying back into spent hours.

We Have Much To Be Grateful For. Thank You.

We are grateful for vacation.
Singapore and Bali our destinations.
Clark team generated outstanding performance,
adding to tradition of winning.
All team members worked to potential
maintaining focus throughout the contest.
We look forward to adventure
and meeting new G.M. friends.

Thank you Lord, and Clark Chevrolet team, General Motors and Chevrolet.