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# ANALYSIS OF FACTORS INFLUENCING THE INTEREST OF FOREIGN TOURISTS TO REVISIT BALI

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### **ABSTRACT**

Bali Province is not endowed with natural resources to drive its economy, but rather relies heavily on tourism as its leading sector in achieving economic growth. Against the backdrop of Bali's heavy dependence on tourism, it is necessary to conduct an analysis on how to survive the fierce tourism competition. There are mainly four strategies for attracting investments, tourists and industries into a region, namely: image, which is a set of beliefs, ideas and expressions that a person has towards a region; attraction marketing, which is attraction of a tourist destination; infrastructure marketing, which is the availability of facilities and infrastructures that can attract people, investments and capital; and people marketing, which is a strategy to market a region by marketing the attitudes of its people: how open the local community is to foreign influences (people, investments, industries and products). This study finds that image, infrastructure marketing, attraction marketing and people marketing have positive and significant effects on the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali. The results of this study provide a comprehensive picture for the government and related parties in formulating tour packages to attract foreign tourists to revisit Bali.

**Keywords**: revisit interest, image, infrastructure, attraction and people marketing

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### INTRODUCTION

The tourism sector along with contribute other sectors to the development of Indonesia's economy. Development in tourism provides jobs, income opportunities, as well as bolster the developments various infrastructures which leads to the growth of Indonesia's Gross Domestic Product. Indonesia is

an archipelago with long stretches of seas and coastlines making it one of the most coveted tourist destinations in the world. As a benchmark of the development of Indonesia's tourism, below is the comparison of tourist visits in Indonesia and its neighboring countries.

Table 1. The Development of Tourist Visits to ASEAN Countries (in Thousands)

Countries	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Thailand	19,098	22,354	15,568	15,095	15,231
Malaysia	24,714	25,033	25,716	27,437	25,721
Singapore	13,171	14,491	15,568	15,095	15,231
Indonesia	7,650	8,044	8,802	9,435	10,047
Vietnam	6,014	6,848	7,572	7,874	7,944
Philippines	3,917	4,273	4,681	4,833	5,361

Source: Asean data, 2017

Indonesia ranks fourth position in terms of the number of foreign tourist visits compared to neighboring countries below Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore while ranks only slightly above Vietnam. This fact should serve as a wake up call for the government and related agencies to accelerate the development of Indonesian tourism going forward.

The Indonesian tourism has been growing significantly each year as can be seen from the steadily growing number of tourist visits in recent years. This increasing tourist visits consequently will have a significant impact on the increase of the local community's income.

Table 2. The Growth of Tourist Visits to Indonesia

Year	Indonesia	Growth (%)	Bali	Jakarta	Riau Islands
2012	8,044,462	5.16	2,949,332	2,125,513	1,767,439
2013	8,802,129	9.42	3,278,598	2,313,742	1,859,066
2014	9,435,411	7.19	3,766,638	2,319,295	1,973,425
2015	10,406,291	10.29	4,001,835	2,377,226	2,037,673
2016	11,519,275	10.27	4,927,937	-	1,920,232
2017	14,039,799	21.88	5,697,739	-	2,074,534
2018	15,806,191	12.58	6,070,473	-	-

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, 2018

The enormous potentials possessed by Indonesian tourism are inseparable from the role of Balinese tourism. As can be seen from the table above, around 40 percent of foreign tourists visiting Indonesia was contributed by tourists visiting Bali. This is inline with the statement from the Minister of Tourism Arief who "Bali Yahya stated that contributes around 40 percent of the total foreign tourist visiting Indonesia. When a travel warning is issued against Bali, its impact will only affect Bali but Indonesia" (Tribunnews.com, 2017). The second highest tourism potential is held by Jakarta which contributes around 30 percent, the third is the Riau Islands (Karimun, Bintan, Batam, Tanjungpinang) around 20 percent, the fourth position is held by Yogyakarta, while Bandung is in the fifth.

2019. President In Ioko Widodo revealed that the government was targeting 20 million visits foreign tourist (merahputih.com, 2017). In order to achieve this target, the supports from various parties were crucial, including those from tourism businesses. The President through The Ministry of Tourism launched a program to create ten new "Bali"s or ten priority tourist destinations, with the emphasis on improving the performances of other destinations in

Indonesia to replicate Bali's tourism, capable of attracting six million tourists and increasing significantly each year. Ten destinations set as the new "Bali"s will possess distinct characteristics and uniqueness and are not necessarily less attractive compared to Bali. As for now, the government has agreed to focus on accelerating the development of four destinations out of the ten new "Bali"s. The development is realized through building homestays, restaurants, souvenir shops and SME centers. These four new destinations Lake Toba. Borobudur. are Mandalika and Labuan Bajo.

Bali Province is not endowed with any natural resources such as minerals, oil and gas unlike other regions in Indonesia. To drive its economy, Bali Province relies heavily on tourism as its leading sector in achieving economic growth and development. Bali is famous for its beautiful natural landscapes, as well as its uniqueness in culture, customs, history, festivities (kite festivals, cultural festivals, beach festivals, agricultural festivals, local festivals in various cities and regencies,

painting and musical festivals) and various traditional ceremonies have become the main attractions for the visiting tourists. The beautiful natural landscapes of Bali have been recognized worldwide and crowned as the best destination in the world according to TripAdvisor in 2018 above of Paris. The hospitality and friendliness of Balinese people, coupled with the safety of the island provide a greater sense of security and comfort among visitors. In addition to natural factor, the human factor resource also play influential role in the development of Balinese tourism. Uniqueness in culture and customs, the availability of tourism supporting infrastructures, tourist destinations and attractions supported by a good promotion and marketing system are highly needed in order to increase tourist visits to Bali. The increase in tourist arrivals leads to the development of tourism and its supporting infrastructures in Bali, details of which can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3. The Number of Balinese Tourism Businesses, 2017

No	Types of Tourism Business	Units
1	Accomodation	4,883
2	Restaurant/Diner	2,217
3	Travel Agent	371
4	Travel Agent Branch	23
5	Travel Agent MICE	9
6	Retirement Travel Bureau	9
7	Bar	426
8	Tourism Water Sport	237

Source: Bali Province Tourism Office, 2017

The growth of the tourism sector as a leading sector also boosts the development of other sectors, such as agriculture, manufacturing, services, manufacturing and others. Bali's economic enormous dependence on the tourism sector calls for the necessity to conduct an internal analysis of strengths and opportunities as well as weaknesses and threats of tourism in Bali (Rahyuda, 2003). Miscalculations in formulating Balinese tourism products will lead Balinese tourism to the point of stagnation. According lack Erawan (2003),the anticipations in forms of tourism

policies will trap tourism into stagnation and the possibility of the Doxey hypothesis coming into effect, which illustrates the stages attitude changes of local people towards tourism development in their area. The first stage is the initial stage, also known as the "euphoria" stage, where tourists and investors are welcomed with enthusiasm. The next stage is "apathy" stage, where tourists are accepted as given (taken for granted), and where contact with tourists is more formal. The next stage is the annoyance stage, which already the stagnation stage, where local people feel apprehensive

about the tourism industry. And lastly, the final stage is the antagonism stage, where the aggravation of the local community is expressed openly, tourists are seen as nothing but trouble makers.

The changing dynamics in world markets and the increasingly international intense tourism competition requires the right strategy to maintain tourism in Bali sought-after as most favorable destination for tourists. The improvement of tourist safety in Bali, image promotions promotions, (roadshow media relations, and cultural diplomacies) and product improvements (transportation, facilities and infrastructures) will provide better comfort and positive impressions for visiting tourists and boost their interests to revisit in the future.

According to Kuncoro (2014), there are four strategies that can be implemented to attract investments, people (tourists) and industries into a region; namely: image, which is a set of beliefs, ideas and expressions that a person has towards a region; attraction marketing, which is

attraction of a tourist destination; infrastructure marketing, which is the availability of facilities and infrastructures that can attract people, investments and capital; and people marketing, which is a strategy to market a region by marketing the attitudes of its people, i.e. how open the local community is to foreign influences (people, investments, industries and products).

Tourists may either arrive in Bali independently or organizedly via travel agents. The purposes of their visits are either traveling, business, work or education. Those who go on a vacation or travel to Bali, in addition to recreational purposes, also aspire to experience the beauty of Bali which is famous worldwide. Bali has long been wellknown for its image as the paradise island and the island of a thousand with temples, rich various attractions, such as beautiful natural landscapes, history, shopping, cultural attractions, building monuments and statues, museums and various other attractions that lure tourists to visit Bali. The comfort in a tourism destination is not solely

determined by its attractiveness alone, rather it must also supported by adequate infrastructures to provide greater convenience for visiting tourists. Adequate roads and transportation, the environmental quality, safety, accommodations and restaurants, and visitor / tourist services are several important factors increasing tourist visits to Bali. The deteriorating traffic congestion in Bali recently will adversely affect the tourism sector as well as other sectors if not solved immediately. A good waste management also needs to be prioritized to prevent further deterioration of environmental quality, since a good and clean environment provides better tourist comfort and thus prolonging their stay in Bali.

The hospitality and friendliness of Balinese people in interacting with foreigners visiting Bali has been well-known since a long time ago. The honesty of the people is based on a very famous Hindu concept "*Karmapala*", which is the cornerstone in people marketing to attract more tourists to visit Bali.

This provides a sense of security that is difficult to find elsewhere despite having natural beauty beyond Bali.

The image, infrastructure, attraction, and people marketing of Bali has become an invaluable asset "Taksu" that makes Bali a favorite destination. tourism This evidenced by the enthusiasm of numerous tourists who are not satisfied with visiting Bali once, but rather choose to come multiple times enthusiasm (repeater). This interest of tourists to revisit Bali and the influencing factors behind it is an interesting topic to study.

When compared to previous researches, this research has several improvements. 1. The research subjects in previous researches were limited to general tourist perceptions only, whereas in this study the research subjects covers the perceptions of foreign tourists regarding the factors influencing their interest to revisit Bali, 2. The research object in this study is more comprehensive and extensive, whereas in previous researches objects are narrower and limited only to one tourism destination or

certain tourist accommodation 3. This study regresses the relationship between foreign tourists' interest to

revisit Bali and the factors that influence it.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Multiple Linear Regression Analysis is an analysis that aims to determine the effect of a variable on another variable where there are linear relationships between two or more independent variables (X1, X2, ....... Xn) and a dependent variable (Y). The ordinal data in this study was manipulated by upgrading it into a higher measurement scale, which is the interval scale. This was done, in addition to avoid violating the norm, also to meet the normal distribution requirement in parametric testing. The estimation model used is as shown in the following equation:

# $Y' = α + image β_1 + infrastructure β_2 + attraction β_3 + people β_4 + ei$

Note:

Y' = the interest of foreign tourists to revisit

Image = the island of the gods image in the eyes of tourists

Infrastructure = marketing infrastructure vector consisting of roads and transportation, environmental quality, accommodation facilities, restaurants, and tourist services in Bali

Attraction = attraction vector consisting of natural beauty, history, natural tourism destinations, manmade tourism destinations, monuments and statues in Bali

People = people vector consisting of friendliness, honesty, openness to tourists, quality of human resources in Bali The stages of the analysis are as follows:

# a. Model Fit Test (Goodness of Fit)

In order to ensure unbiased prediction results, the model must be assured to be valid and violate does not the assumptions of the least squares method. For this reason, the detection or testing of classical assumptions includes: 1) normality test, 2) heteroscedasticity test.

## 1. Normality Test

The normality test aims to examine whether the residuals of the regression model constructed are normally distributed or not.

Testing steps:

1) Hypotheses formulation:

Ho: the residuals tested are distributed normally
H1: the residuals tested are

not distributed normally

- 2) Determine the level of significance
- 3) Testing criteria:Ho is accepted if p. value ≥ level of significanceHo is rejected if p. value < level of significance</li>

# 2. Heteroscedasticity Test

Heteroscedasticity test aims to is whether there test inconsistency of variance of residuals in the regression model from one observation to another. A good regression model does not contain symptoms of heteroscedasticity or has a homogeneous variance. The Gleiser test and the Park method are used to detect the presence of heteroscedasticity in the model.

### b. Test of Model Parameters

# 1. Test of Simultaneous Significance (F-Test)

The F-statistics test is used to determine whether all

independent variables included in the model have simultaneous influence on the dependent variable (Kuncoro, 2001: 98). If the F-statistics value is greater than the F-table, then be can said that variables independent simultaneously influence the dependent variable (Imam 2006). To test the Ghozali, the hypotheses, F-statistics value is used with the following criteria (Imam Ghozali, 2005):

- Quick look: if F value is greater than 4 then H<sub>0</sub> can be at a 5 percent rejected confidence level, in other words accepting the alternative hypothesis, which states that all independent variables simultaneously and influence significantly the dependent variable
- b. Compare the calculated F value with the F value in the table. If the calculated F value is greater than F table, then  $H_0$  is rejected and Ha is accepted.

# 2. Test of Significance of Individual Parameters (t-Test)

The t-test basically shows the extent of the influence of one explanatory variable individually in explaining the variation of the dependent variable (Kuncoro, 2001: 97). tis used to test the test significance of the relationship between X and Y variables, whether the X1 and X2 variables affect Υ actually variable individually or partially (Imam Ghozali, 2006). The method of conducting the t-test is follows:

- Quick look: if the degree a. of freedom (df) value is 20 or more and the confidence level is 5 percent, then H<sub>0</sub> can be rejected if the t value is greater than 2 (in absolute term). In words accepting other alternative hypothesis, which that an independent states variable individually influence the dependent variable.
- b. Compare t value with critical values according to the table. If the calculated t-

statistics value is higher than the t-table, accept the alternative hypothesis which states that all independent variables individually influence the dependent variable.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Descriptive Statistics of Research Variables
  - 1. Characteristics of Respondents by Age

Table 4. Characteristics of Respondents by Age

Age Groups	Frequency	
17-24	45	
25-33	30	
34-41	6	
42-49	6	
50-57	7	
58-65	5	
66-73	1	
Total	100	

Source: Primary data (processed), 2019

Based on Table 4, foreign tourists visiting Bali are dominated by young tourists aging from 17 years to 33 years which is 75 percent. While older tourists, ranging in age from 58 years to 73 years, are only 6 percent. This indicates that Balinese tourism is more attractive to young tourists.

Judging from the age trend of tourists visiting Bali which is dominated by young tourists and in order to be able to capture this opportunity, innovation and creativity are required in designing tourism packages that are suitable for this age segment, without compromising tourism products that are suitable for older age groups.

# 2. Characteristics of Respondents by Number of Visits to Bali

Table 5. Characteristics of Respondents by Number of Visits to Bali

Number of Visits	Number of Tourist
1	34
2-7	58
8-14	5
15-21	2
22-28	0
29-35	0
36-42	0
43-51	0
52	1
Total	100

Source: Primary data (processed), 2019

Respondents who made first time visits to Bali to Bali were 34 foreign tourists, while 76 others were repeater tourists who had visited Bali multiple times. The highest number of foreign visits to Bali are tourists who have a number of visits in the range of 2 to 7 visits, as many as 58 people. There is even one respondent who has visited Bali up to 52 times.

# 3. The Sources of Information Regarding Balinese Tourism

Table 6. Sources of Information Regarding Balinese Tourism

Information Sources	Frequency
	1 ,

Friends	63
Electronic Media	13
Printed Media	10
Internet Media	53
Others	14

Source: Primary data (processed), 2019

Most respondents received information about Balinese tourism attractions from friends or colleagues, as many as 63 respondents. The satisfaction of visiting tourists becomes a high priority in developing Balinese tourism, considering that word-of-mouth (WOM) marketing is

still the highest source of information about Bali. According to Hasan (2010), word-of-mouth are compliments, recommendations and customer comments regarding their experiences on services and products that really influence their decisions or buying behaviors.

# 4. The Internet Media Used to Obtain Information regarding Balinese Tourism Table 7. Internet Media Used to Obtain Information regarding Balinese Tourism

Internet Media	Frequency
Facebook	48
Instagram	68
WhatsApp	36
Trip advisor	21
Line	7
Others	1

Source: Primary data (processed), 2019

The robust growth of internet media also has a positive impact on the development of Balinese tourism. From the respondents' answers in the Table 7 above, it can be seen that 53 respondents received information about Bali from the internet media. The existence of social media makes it

easy for tourists to obtain information about Bali. According to Van Dijk in Nasrulah (2015: 11), social media is a media platform that focuses on the existence of users who facilitate activities and collaborations. Therefore, social media can be seen as an online medium (facilitator) that enhances the relationship among users while at the same time serves as a social bond.

The selection of the right social media on the internet, attractive contents and interactions with followers in promoting Balinese

tourism will lead to the increase of tourist visits. From the interview results with respondents, Instagram is the most widely used social media by foreign tourists visiting Bali, followed by Facebook and WhatsApp.

## b. Estimation Results

## 1. Estimation Equation Model

The estimation results indicate that all independent variables used in the model affect the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali. Based on the estimation results, the following equation is obtained:

Y' = -0,485 + 0,196 image + 0,062 infrastructure + 0,071 attraction + 0,299 people + ei

**Table 8. Summary of Regression Model Estimates** 

Variables	Coefficients	t-stat	Sig
	(B)		
Image	0.196	2.088	0,039
Infrastructure Marketing	0.062	2.016	0,047
Atraction Marketing	0.071	2.431	0,017
People marketing	0.299	4.185	0,000
R <sup>2</sup>	df		F
0,430	95		17.910

2. Coefficient of Determination
Value

The coefficient of determination is used to measure the percentage of

variation of dependent variable in a multiple linear regression model can be explained by independent variables (Priyatno, 2008). From Table 8, it can be seen that the coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) is 0.430 which means that 43 percent of the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali can be explained by independent variables in the model (X variables), while the remaining 67 percent can be explained by other variables outside the model.

# 3. Tests of Model Parameters3.1 Simultaneous SignificanceTest (F-test)

The F-statistics test is used to determine the effect of all the independent variables (X) included in the model in simultaneously influencing the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali (Y). It can be from Table that calculated F value of 17.910 is greater than F-table of 3.17 which means that H<sub>0</sub> can be rejected at 5 percent confidence level. In other words, an alternative hypothesis is accepted, which states that all independent variables; image,

infrastructure marketing, attraction marketing and people marketing simultaneously and significantly affect the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali.

# 3.2 Test of Individual Parameter's Significance (tTest)

The t-test was conducted to test the significance of the relationship between an independent variable (X) and a dependent variable (Y), to determine whether X1, X2, X3, X4 and X5 variables individually or partially affect Y (Imam Ghozali, 2006). t-test indicates the extent of influence of each independent variable: image, infrastructure marketing, attraction marketing and people marketing partially and significantly on the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali. It can be seen immediately from Table 8 that the significance levels in this study are all under 0.05 at 5 percent confidence level, thus H<sub>0</sub> can be rejected. In other words the alternative hypotheses are accepted, which state that all independent variables; image, infrastructure

marketing, attraction marketing and people marketing partially and significantly affect the dependent variables which is the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali.

In this study, all significance values fall below 0.05 (5 percent), namely; image with a significance value of 0.039, infrastructure marketing with a significance value of 0.047, attraction marketing with a significance value of 0.017 and people marketing with a significance value of 0.000.

### DISCUSSION

# a. THE DESCRIPTION OF BALINESE TOURISM

Balinese tourism is famous worldwide for its wide variety of tourist attractions that have drawn many foreign tourists over the years. Bali is one of the islands in the Indonesian archipelago and geographically lies between Java and Lombok islands. The majority of its inhabitants are Hindu which offers uniquenesses to their arts, culture and customs, making Bali a culture-based tourism destination.

For Australian, Japanese and other foreign tourists alike, Bali is known as Island of the Gods and Island of a Thousand Temples.

Bali is one of the favorite tourism destinations famous all over the world for its tropical natural beauty and various tourism activities available to be enjoyed by tourists. Bali possesses beautiful coastlines, charming lake views, mountains, hills. valleys and rice fields. Various attractive tourism activities and products are offered for tourists ranging from sightseeing, culinary, wedding organizer, hiking, water sports, diving, surf school to night lives such as bars and night clubs.

# b. THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BALI

Balinese tourism was developed for the first time since the arrival of the Dutch sailors on the island of Bali in 1597 led by their ship captain, Cornelius Houtman. When Dutch ships intended to leave Bali, many of the ship's crews were reluctant to leave Bali because they were too fascinated by the

prosperity, art and culture of the Balinese people.

The lasting image of Bali as paradise island began in 1920 after several foreign journalists wrote articles about Bali. One of them is an American journalist who wrote a book called The Last Paradise. The moniker triggered tourists to start visiting and arriving in Bali. (tatkala.com, 2017).

Balinese pre-independence tourism began in Ubud Village Gianyar Regency in 1930, where many foreign artists chose to settle in the area. Tourism continued to develop well after the independence in 1963, marked by the establishment of the Bali Beach Hotel by President Sukarno on Sanur Beach Denpasar City as the center of tourism development in the surrounding area.

In the 1970s - 1980s, Balinese tourism began to expand, the Balinese population began to be aware of the existence of tourism, marked by the construction of infrastructures and the emergence traditional accommodations (pensions and inns) around Kuta, Sanur and Legian. These traditional tourism accommodations are developing along with the rapid growth of Balinese tourism.

Balinese tourism grew rapidly in the 1990s. This is indicated by the number of lodging rooms in Bali that grew rapidly from 8,000 rooms in 1980 to 20,000 rooms in 1990 and grew even more to 30,000 rooms in 1997, a stark contrast from a mere 500 rooms in 1970 (BPS, 2017).

Table 9. The Number of Hotel Rooms in Bali Province 1970-2017

Year	Number of Rooms	Year	Number of Rooms
1970	500	2000	29,892
1981	2,451	2001	29,925
1982	2,596	2002	28,637
1983	3,039	2003	-
1984	3,063	2004	28,641
1985	3,065	2005	31,678
1986	4,015	2006	31,566
1987	4,712	2007	30,175
1988	4,814	2008	33,178
1989	4,961	2009	29,346
1990	5,604	2010	32,892
1991	5,604	2011	33,911
1992	5,604	2012	36,837
1993	10,897	2013	38,173
1994	13,945	2014	42,872
1995	14,268	2015	44,657
1996	13,938	2016	-
1997	14,625	2017	94,222
1998	16,371	2018	78,801

1999 22,254

Source: BPS of Bali Province (2017)

2004, In Balinese tourism experienced a significant downturn in term of tourist visits. This was caused by the bombing bv terrorists known as the Bali Bombing 1 in 2002 and the Bali bombing 2 in 2004.

In 2017 Bali was awarded as the best destination in the world, defeating 24 other tourism destinations. Bali island in Indonesia has become a favorite destination for tourists looking for relaxation and adventures (TripAdvisor, 2017).

# c. Analysis of the Factors Influencing the Interest of Foreign Tourists to Revisit to Bali

# 1. The Influence of Balinese Tourism's Image on the Interest of Foreign Tourists to Revisit Bali

Image is a set of beliefs, ideas and expressions held by a person regarding a region (Kuncoro, 2014). Image is an implication of a lot of information related to a region. For example, people recognize Pattaya as a center for prostitutions in Thailand, the image of Ponorogo with its Reog dance, Madura with its bull racing and Irian Jaya with the Koteka. To communicate the image of an area, several methods can be used: slogans, image positioning and visual symbols.

Bali has had an image as paradise island since 1936 after several foreign journalists wrote about Bali in the media. One of them is an American writer named Hickman Powell who wrote a book called Bali: The Last Paradise. The moniker caused tourists to start visiting and come to Bali Island (Powell, 1936). Other than having the image as Paradise Island, Bali is also known as Island of the Gods and Island of a Thousand Temples.

The regression results of the study indicate that Bali's image had a positive and significant influence on the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali.

Table 10. The Image of Bali

No	Statements	Score
1	Bali is The Island of Gods	402
2	Bali is famous as The Island of a Thousand Temples	419
3	Bali is The Paradise Island	448

Source: Data processed, 2019

The results obtained from interviews with foreign tourists visiting Bali, as shown in Table 10 indicates that in tourist's point of view Bali is best known as the Paradise Island as can be seen from the highest score obtained compared to other images. As stated by a tourist from France about his opinion on the most interesting and memorable thing in Bali (Sylvie, 2019):

"Paradise island is a very memorable and interesting place"

# 2. The Inflence of Infrastructure Marketing on the Interest of Foreign Tourists to Revisit Bali

The t-test result indicates that infrastructure marketing partially has a positive and significant effect on the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali. Infrastructure is one of the bases for Balinese tourism

marketing. The availability sufficient infrastructures is a major consideration for tourists when visiting Bali. The availability of supporting infrastructures for Bali tourism includes: restaurant facilities, shopping centers, hotels, transportation and roads, parking areas, meeting facilities and others.

The result of this study is in line with the research conducted by Blazeska (2018) which found that there is a significant influence of the tourist infrastructure on satisfaction of tourists visiting Ohrid. Khadaroo (2007) investigated the effect of transport infrastructure in developing a tourist destination. The results showed that American / European and Asian tourists are sensitive the to transportation infrastructure on the island.

**Table 11. Infrastructure Marketing** 

No	Statements	Score	
1	There are many choices of restaurant with various kinds of	427	
1	dishes in Bali		
2	There are many shopping centers in Bali	396	
3	Bali provides a variety of accommodation options	392	
4	Living in Bali feels safe and comfortable	385	
5	Bali has a good traffics and sufficient roads	214	
6	Bali has a good meeting facilities (MICE)	353	
7	Bali has a good tourist services	402	
0	Tourist destinations are easily accessible by various kinds of	001	
8	public transportations	321	
0	There are many spacious parking spaces in Bali's tourist	200	
9	destinations	290	
10	Every road in Bali has a good quality	241	

Source: Data processed, 2019

From the interview results, respondents gave the highest score for restaurant facilities compared to other supporting tourism infrastructures. In other words, most tourists really enjoy various

restaurants and their culinaries. An opinion from an Australia tourist regarding Bali's infrastructure he liked the most in an interview (Jacquis, 2019), stated that:

"really like The Food, balinese people, the weather, and the shopping centers"

Transportation infrastructures (adequate and quality roads) both received the lowest scores of 214 and 241. This indicates that the attention given by the government for transportation infrastructure is inadequate. In order to maintain the sustainability of Bali's tourism, the construction of adequate road infrastructure to reduce congestion should be given a priority in the development planning, both at the province and regency levels.

Tourists complaints regarding transportation infrastructures can be seen from several recommendations presented in the interview with Piay (2019) from Thailand and Jacub (2019) from Germany, such recommendations are as follows:

"The roads must be improved. The government needs to improve their regulations especially regarding cleanliness and roads. You need to keep the beaches clean and the traffic jam needs to be fixed. The traffic is so crowded. Bali needs to fix it."

Another complaint that disturbs foreign tourist vacation the most, obtained from the interviews with respondents regarding Bali's tourism objects and public places in Bali, is related to cleanliness. This must receive urgent attention from the government and related agencies as well as public awareness to keep the environment clean. Recommendations related to cleanliness were made by Yuka (2019) from Japan and Sally (2019) from England in their interviews:

"Sunsets and sunrises in Bali are great! But don't forget to clean the beach, cleanliness regulation should be created, because the people pay less attention on cleanliness, cleanliness needs to be improved and serious regulations must be created, please keep Bali clean, improve cleanliness and traffic management"

# 3. The Influence of Attraction Marketing on the Interest of Foreign Tourists to Revisit Bali

Attraction is an important reason for tourists, investors, and capital to enter a specific region. There are a lot of components of tourism travel, for example: transportation and accommodation are demands that are generated from the needs of consumers to enjoy what a destination has to offer, either in the sense of something to do or to see. The attractiveness of Balinese tourism objects is divided into artificial attraction and natural attraction.

Figure 1. Attraction Marketing

	PLACES	EVENTS
NATURAL ATTRACTIONS	River, Cave Beach	Local Festivals
ARTIFICIAL ATTRACTIONS	Monuments and Historical Buildings	Traditional art (dances and singings)

The results indicate that atraction marketing has a positive and significant effect on the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali.

Attraction is the reason for tourists, investors and capital to enter a particular place (Kuncoro, 2014).

**Table 12. Attraction Marketing** 

No	Statements	Score
	Artificial Attractions	
1	Bali has good museums.	352
2	Bali has good monuments.	388
3	There are many beautiful large statues in Bali.	433

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Bali has beautiful zoos	368
Bali has attractive water sports venues (rafting, canoing, etc)	430
Bali provides many relaxation and fitness facilities (Spa)	434
Bali has many amazing places for trekking and camping	401
Bali has an Enchanting Rice Terraces	425
Natural Attractions	
Bali has beautiful beaches.	465
Bali has beautiful mountains.	420
Bali has beautiful mountains. Bali has beautiful lakes.	420 400
	Bali has attractive water sports venues (rafting, canoing, etc) Bali provides many relaxation and fitness facilities (Spa) Bali has many amazing places for trekking and camping Bali has an Enchanting Rice Terraces  Natural Attractions

Source: Data processed, 2019

The beautiful beaches with their sunsets and sunrises received the highest score, which indicates that this natural attraction is still the favorite among foreign tourists visiting Bali. Bali has a beach lines that famous worldwide are including; Kuta, Legian, Sanur, Nusadua. Pandawa, Canggu, Candidasa, Lovina, Tulamben, Amed, Virgin Beach, Tanah Lot, Kedungu, Soka and Medewi Beaches.

The high interest of tourists regarding beautiful beaches can be seen from several comments made in the interviews with Robert (2019) from Belgium and Michael (2019) from Scotland, as follows:

"Beaches and surfing are very cool, Recomended places to visit is Tanah lot temple, the vegan and vegetarian food options, visiting the beaches and scuba diving as well as enjoying the night life in places like Single Fin and Potato Head. The sunset and sunrise on the beaches are unforgettable"

For artificial attractions, foreign tourist respondents favor the beauty of the large statues in Bali Province the most. Bali has a unique sculpture art that does not exist in other regions in Indonesia. Almost every corner of an area, in fact almost every crossroads are decorated with large statues uniquely made by Balinese artists. This makes Bali unique and attracts the attention and interest of tourists to visit Bali.

The tourist interests regarding these large and beautiful statues are expressed in the interviews with Robert (2019) from Belgium and Michael (2019) from Scotland, as follows:

"the most amazing, memorable and interesting place is the GWK Statue."

4. The Influence of People

Marketing on the Interest

Foreign Tourists to Revisit Bali

This research found that people marketing has a positive and

significant effect on the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali. The attitudes, competence and openness of the people, as well as the good governance by the local government influence tourists to visit Bali. This in line with the research conducted by Johan (2016) in form of a comparative study regarding vacation experiences of senior tourists which stated that senior tourists really appreciate cultural experiences, competitive prices and the hospitality of the people.

**Tabel 13. People Marketing** 

No	Statements	Score
1	The Balinese people and Balinese tourism professionals are	
	friendly and trusthworthy	
2	Every tourism workers in Bali has a good quality and skills	382
3	Bali government policies for tourism sector can be trusted	371
4	The Balinese are very open to every tourists who come to Bali	434

Source: Data processed, 2019

From the scores obtained from respondents, it can be seen that the openness, friendliness and honesty of the people and the professionalism of the tourism professionals are the most important factors influencing tourists to return to Bali. As stated by respondents in the interview with

Marie and Scott (2019) from Germany:

"The people are very kind, really impressed by the hospitality of the people. I like the people, their kindness, and their hospitality"

Jhingan (2012) stated that sometimes the people's decision to visit or invest is based on the openness of the people that are not business-averse. The hospitality, professionalism and the quality of Bali tourism professionals are the main drivers behind tourist visits to Bali.

# d. The Most Influential Factor on the Interest of Foreign Tourists to Revisit Bali

People marketing is the single most dominant independent variable influencing the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali, as seen from the highest beta coefficient (0.299) compared to the betas of other independent variables. Friendliness, honesty, openness of the community, professionalism of the workforce and the government of Bali are the factors that mostly influence the interest of foreign tourists to revisit to Bali. Nevertheless, all four factors above

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## **CONCLUSION**

Image, infrastructure marketing, attraction marketing and people all have positive and marketing, significant effects on the interest of foreign tourists to revisit Bali. People marketing is the most dominant independent variable influencing the interest of foreign tourists to return to Bali. Identification of variables that can foster the interest of tourists to revisit Bali is expected to provide a picture to various related parties and can serve as a reference in decision making. Policy formulation by related agencies can be aligned with the findings in this research so that its implementation can conducted be optimally.

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