

BEST VILLAS



1 THE SAMAYA BALI ★★★★★

Offering a five-star luxury beachfront experience coupled with Balinese hospitality in the upscale beach resort area of Seminyak, The Samaya also features a convenient location on the famous Jalan Kayu Aya, with among Bali's best restaurants and sunset chill-out spots within easy reach. Resort guests enjoy direct beach access, and luxury villas feature modern and chic interiors with their own full-size private swimming pools. Enjoy 24-hour butler services and in-villa dining options, or dine with ocean views at Breeze Restaurant. A full range of treatments awaits at the beachfront Spa at The Samaya.

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2 THE LIGHT EXCLUSIVE VILLAS & SPA ★★★★★

Featuring a collection of luxurious one, two, three and four-bedroom private pool villas, The Light offers a secluded place to retreat in the upscale beach resort area of Seminyak. The spacious villas are fitted with modern amenities, and come complete with a private pool, living and dining area, and a full kitchenette. An onsite restaurant adjacent the resort's lobby serves a fine selection of western and Indonesian cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner with regular cultural night shows, while a dedicated spa facility delivers soothing traditional Balinese and Indonesian treatments.

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3 SEMINYAK ICON ★★★★★

The Seminyak Icon presents a collection of private pool villas in Seminyak that seamlessly blend in with the resort's tropical Balinese gardens and offers a relaxed vibe throughout. The one, two and three-bedroom villas feature modern amenities, with living spaces and rooms that overlook the garden and large swimming pools bordered by sun decks and parasol-shaded loungers. Rejuvenating spa treatments await at its spa suites, and couples can celebrate intimate moments with a candlelight dinner in the privacy of their own villa.

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BEST LUXURY 5-STAR HOTELS



1 AYANA RESORT & SPA BALI ★★★★★

As one of Bali's most prestigious five-star resorts, Ayana features luxurious guestrooms, suites and villas, paired with world-class facilities set over 90 hectares of tropical gardens. The resort enjoys dramatic views over the Indian Ocean, and is home to the unique and famous Rock Bar, a premier sunset venue that combines an unmatched rock and cliff base setting with signature cocktails, exceptional views and chill-out music. Ayana offers soothing treatments delivered in lavish settings such as a spa on cliff rocks, and the excellent Thermes Marins Spa thalassic facility.

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2 W RETREAT & SPA BALI ★★★★★

The W is an ideal choice for those who want to be in the middle of the trendy Seminyak scene, with rows of the island's hippest boutiques, restaurants and nightspots, all within walking distance. However, it is an enclave on its own, designed to fulfil all your needs for a stylish escape away with its signature Whatever/Whenever service. Perks inside the rooms include the signature W Bed with plush pillow-top mattresses, high-tech entertainment centre with BOSE surround sound systems, and privilege access to WooBar, one of the hippest lounges in Seminyak, as well as the beachfront Starfish Bloo restaurant, serving pan-Asian food in ultra stylish decor.

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3 GRAND NIKKO BALI ★★★★★

A five-star Bali resort located on top of a towering cliff south of the main Nusa Dua hub, the Grand Nikko offers its guests gorgeous views over the Indian Ocean. The resort is perfect for families, as well as those looking for a private getaway. Guestrooms and villas are full of luxury and comfort, and some feature private balconies with great ocean views. Four large swimming pools that are intricately connected provide great leisure time, and covered tennis courts are lit at night. The beachfront is also home to the island's only camel safari site.

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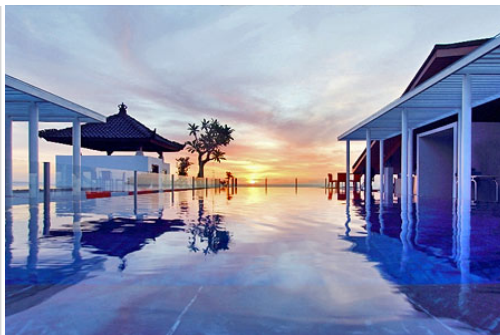
BEST BUDGET HOTELS



1 BLISS SURFER HOTEL ★★★★

This fun and colourful four-star hotel in Legian is the only surfer-themed hotel on the island with the coast of Kuta and Legian within an easy 10-minute transfer west of the hotel. The surfer-chic interiors of the hotel reflect to the guestrooms, which are filled with colourful surfing-themed artworks and collages, together with used surfboards as installations and murals depicting the art and soul of surfing. Bombura Resto and Bar serves international and local cuisine, and the Surf n Meet Meeting Room and Surf Corner Business Centre caters to business travellers.

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2 BEST WESTERN KUTA BEACH ★★★

This hip and fun three-star retreat on Jalan Benesari is within walking distance to the Kuta beachfront. Its colourful window panels exude the fun and vibrant character of the hotels rooms, services and facilities. The lobby features a freeform reception counter and sharp-cut ceilings and throughout the premises you will find a refreshing modern minimalistic design. Guestrooms and suites feature light wood with combinations of bright, purple, green, orange and blue themes. The Triple S Rooftop Bar & Lounge at the fifth floor offers dramatic ocean views, and a rooftop swimming pool allows you to enjoy a dip against the Kuta sunsets.

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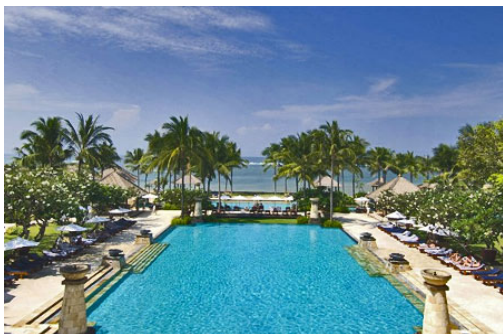


3 THE 101 BALI LEGIAN ★★★

While not a beachfront hotel, The 101 is only a short taxi ride to the coasts of Kuta and Legian, and within only a half-hour stroll to the legendary Poppies Lane II and the grand Kuta Beachwalk dining, shopping and entertainment complex. The famous nightlife venues of Legian are all within walking distance along the same street. The hotel's collection of guestrooms and suites feature a trademark stylish and modern minimalistic design with pastel colours. Recommended for youthful travellers, the hotel features a Rooftop Dine & Music Lounge and Sky Pool Bar beside the great rooftop swimming pool.

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BEST FAMILY HOTELS



1 CONRAD BALI ★★★★★

Gracing the eastern coast of the Tanjung Bena peninsula, Conrad Bali covers 6.8 hectares of beachfront with lush tropical gardens and multiple swimming pools. The family-friendly five-star resort features a dedicated kids club with full schedules of fun activities, and the resorts lagoon pool and sand area provide a safe space inside the resort for the whole family to enjoy. Conrad Bali has a collection of guestrooms and suites in four low-rise wings, all with panoramic views of the ocean, lagoons, resort or gardens. Jiwa Spa features 10 treatment rooms and five garden pavilions where guests can enjoy a soothing range of treatments.

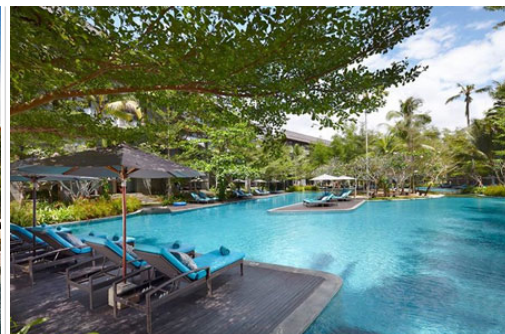
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2 THE WESTIN RESORT NUSA DUA BALI ★★★★★

The Westin Resort Nusa Dua offers modern luxury guestrooms and suites with ocean and pool or garden views. The Westin signature Heavenly Bed promises a great sleeping experience, while guests with toddlers can also opt for the Heavenly Crib, featuring fitted bottom sheets and white flounced dust ruffles and a 100% white cotton thermal blanket. Interiors feature subtle touches of Balinese inspired art pieces and fabrics. The resort grounds comprise gorgeously landscaped tropical gardens, and three large pools include a saltwater pool and a 12m kids slide. The Westin Spa offers parents treatments at the spa, and outdoors on sea-view massage gazebos.

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3 COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT NUSA DUA BALI ★★★★★

This five-star resort on the southern border of the exclusive Nusa Dua complex is right next to one of the island's premier golfing grounds. The Bali Collection shopping complex, Museum Pasifika and The Bay at Nusa Dua, which houses a great collection of restaurants in one location, is within 10 minutes drive to the northeast. The family resort features all the amenities you need for a cosy stay in Nusa Dua, and while not right on Nusa Dua beachfront, it does have its own beach club facility on the popular peninsular coast, a swift and easy transfer from the hotel. Those with kids will find a peace of mind with a great kid's club facility adjacent the resort's gorgeous lagoon pool.

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WHAT TO SEE IN BALI

“ Our 10 Best Things to Do in Bali take you straight to the ‘can’t miss’ cultural treasures and famous landscapes found all around the magical island of Bali. There are innumerable temples, historical sites, and spots of natural beauty spread across eight regencies. This narrowing-down of choices will get you discovering the best of Bali in no time. ”

1 BESAKIH TEMPLE

Besakih Temple, also known as the 'mother temple' of Bali sits on the slopes of Mount Agung, at a lofty 1,000m. Besakih is the largest of all the Balinese temples. Eighteen separate sanctuaries belonging to different caste groups surround the three main temples dedicated to Shiva, Brahma and Vishnu. [Read More...](#) **Location: Eastern Bali**



2 TANAH LOT TEMPLE

Tanah Lot must be the island's most iconic temple. This temple is perched on top of a huge rock, and surrounded by the sea with waves constantly crashing on to its base. As among Bali's most important sea temples, Tanah Lot pays homage to the guardian spirits of the sea. The temple serves as foreground to the most picturesque sunsets. [Read More...](#) **Location: Tabanan**



3 ULUWATU TEMPLE

Uluwatu is among the Bali's most important sea temples, perched on a cliff edge in the southwestern Bukit peninsula. Here you can catch dramatic sunsets such as at Tanah Lot, Uluwatu also features an open amphitheatre close by, where sunset kecak fire dances can be enjoyed. A monkey forest also borders the temple grounds. [Read More...](#) **Location: Uluwatu**



4 TEGALLALANG RICE TERRACES

Ubud is famous for its scenic expanses of rice fields. And the paddies with the best vantage point are just up north from the main Ubud centre, along the road of Tegallalang. Here, roadside stalls and art shops offering items and curios of all kinds line the street, as well as small restaurants offering diners great views. [Read More...](#) **Location: North of Ubud**



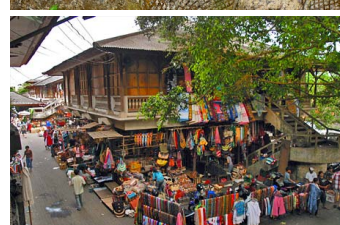
5 UBUD MONKEY FOREST

On the fringes of the Ubud main centre, Ubud Monkey Forest is one of Bali's several grey long-tailed macaque-inhabited forests and perhaps the best known. Also known as the Sacred Monkey Forest of Padangtegal, and by its official designation as Mandala Wisata Wenara Wana, Ubud Monkey Forest is a place of scientific research as well as a site of spiritual and cultural aspects with temples sanctified by the local villagers deep within its grounds. [Read More...](#) **Location: Ubud**



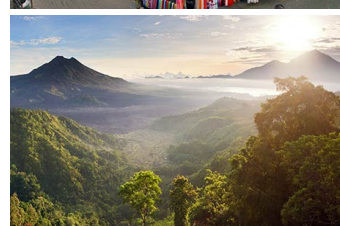
6 UBUD ART MARKET

The Ubud Art Market, locally referred to as 'Pasar Seni Ubud' is located opposite the the Puri Saren Royal Ubud Palace and is open daily. Here you can find beautiful silk scarves, lightweight shirts, handmade woven bags, baskets or hats; statues, kites and many other hand-crafted goods. [Read More...](#) **Location: Ubud**



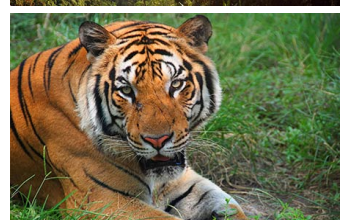
7 KINTAMANI AND MOUNT BATUR

Kintamani, located in the Karangasem Regency, is home to Mount Batur and the Caldera Lake. A favourite stopover on tour itineraries to this region is Penelokan, which aptly means 'scenic stopover'. The still-active Mount Batur volcano has erupted about 24 times since 1800, each time reshaping the surrounding landscape. [Read More...](#) **Location: North-western Bali**



8 BALI SAFARI AND MARINE PARK

Bali Safari & Marine Park is Bali's largest animal theme park. The park is home to over 60 species, all roaming freely within their enclosures built to closely mimic their natural habitats. Bus safaris take visitors on tours 'around the world', and animal talent shows are held regularly. Aquariums holding exotic fish specimens are nearby. [Read More...](#) **Location: Gianyar**



WHAT TO DO IN BALI

“ Our Bali Top 10 tours present you with select excursions from Bali's treasure trove of attractions. Travellers to the island will find stunning beaches, expanses of terraced rice fields, together with a wealth of historical sites, temples, art and the culture that Bali has long been known for. The various highlights located across eight different regencies continue to attract visitors with different sights to suit any preference. ”

1 HIGHLIGHTS OF BALI TOUR

KLUNGKUNG - DURATION: 9.30 HOURS

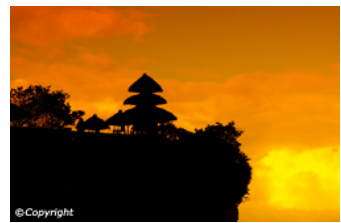
This not-to-miss tour offers an introduction into Bali's vibrant heritage. It takes you to see three fascinating sites: Kertha Gosa, an 18th century royal court with magnificent Kamasan-style ceiling paintings; Besakih Temple, Bali's largest temple complex; and Gunung Kawi, an 11th century temple featuring stone shrines carved into both sides of a valley. [Book now](#)



2 ULUWATU CLIFF TEMPLE, FIRE DANCE AND BEACH DINNER

ULUWATU - DURATION: 6 HOURS

This stunning combination of sunset, temple, cliff-top setting and visual arts make for a memorable experience in Bali. Uluwatu Temple is among the significant sea temples on the island located on Bali's southern peninsula. Grey long-tailed macaques inhabit the region, and the Kecak fire dance performance adds an exotic appeal at sundown. [Book now](#)



3 THE AMAZING TANAH LOT EXPERIENCE

TABANAN - DURATION: 5 HOURS

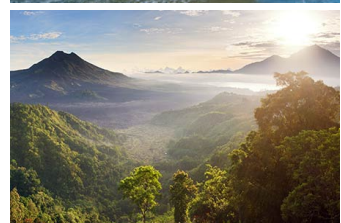
This tour highlights the best of Bali's west, starting with Pura Taman Ayun, which dates back to the 17th century. Next is the Alas Kedaton monkey forest with its tall nutmeg trees. Tanah Lot temple as last stop, is built atop a huge rock with waves crashing against its rock base. Add sunset, and you'll easily have one of Bali's most iconic views. [Book now](#)



4 UBUD DISCOVERY AND ACTIVE VOLCANO TOUR

CELUK, MAS, UBUD AND MOUNT BATUR VOLCANO - DURATION: 9 HOURS

A delightful blend of tradition, art, nature and spirituality defines the true essence of a Bali experience, and this is what you will get from this tour. Visit the Barbutan art village and delight in the spectacle of the Barong and Keris dance, a story telling dance detailing the fight between good and evil. [Book now](#)



5 BALI ELEPHANT RIDING TOUR

TARO - UBUD - DURATION: 6-7 HOURS

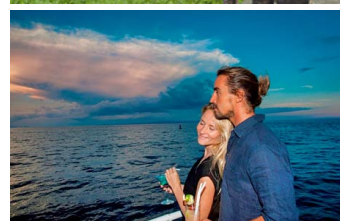
This elephant riding tour invites you to traverse through traditional villages and wander along tropical jungle paths. The gentle giants will take you on a steady stroll through refreshing scenery, then visit a botanical garden that houses one of the island's largest collections of orchids and palm trees. [Book now](#)



6 SUNSET DINNER WITH BALI HAI CRUISE II

BENOA HARBOUR - DURATION: 3 HOURS

There's no better way to spend a balmy tropical evening than on Bali Hai's evening Dinner Cruise. As the sun goes down, set off on a relaxing cruise around the harbour. Take in the cool night air on the top deck, enjoy live entertainment by the famous strolling trio Batakos Singers or a troupe of cabaret dancers. [Book now](#)



7 WHITEWATER RAFTING AT AYUNG RIVER TOUR

UBUD - DURATION: 6.30 HOURS

Ayung River runs through Bali's heartland, home to among the island's most fantastic landscapes. Ayung features Class II and III rapids, winding through deep valleys, cascading waterfalls, dense tropical rainforest jungle and ravines. An excellent lunch is served on a terrace river café at the end of the trip. [Book now](#)



8 ANIKA COOKING CLASS

KUTA - DURATION: 8 HOURS

Anika Cooking Class shows you some insights into local heritage cuisine through traditional techniques and exotic ingredients. After an exciting day in the kitchen and learning how to select ingredients at a traditional market, you will soon master the art of combining and balancing various flavours to create an array of unique tastes. [Book now](#)



WHAT TO EAT IN BALI

“ Thousands of islands with different cultures make up Indonesia, so no wonder its food is just as diverse. To complement the holiday experience on Bali, you would not want to miss out on its assortment of dishes. These include lawar, bebek betutu, the Balinese sate version known as sate lilit, and the island’s famed Babi guling. The Balinese have a rich collection of snacks, cakes and desserts for your sweet tooth too! ”

1 SATE VARIETIES

Sate (or “satay”) are marinated, skewered and grilled meats, served with spicy sauce, and may consist of diced or sliced chicken, goat, mutton, beef, pork, fish, tofu, eggs or minced blends. Bali’s own variant is sate lilit, made from minced beef, chicken, fish, pork, or even turtle meat, which is then mixed with coconut, coconut milk, and a rich blend of vegetables and spices. Wrapped rather than skewered around bamboo, sugar cane or lemongrass sticks then grilled, sate lilit can be enjoyed with or without sauce.



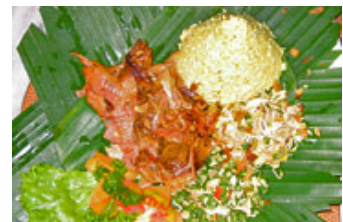
2 NASI AYAM AND NASI CAMPUR

Bali’s own take on ‘chicken rice’, nasi ayam and nasi campur can be found served at many warungs (small eateries) and restaurants throughout the island. The dish is mainly white rice served with many different elements of Balinese delights, from a bit of babi buling or betutu as the main meats, together with mixed vegetables and a dab of the iconic spicy hot sambal matah – sometimes served with a bowl of soup. For those who do not want it too spicy, simply ask for it without the sambal.



3 BEBEK AND AYAM BETUTU

Betutu is an iconic Balinese favourite, consisting of a whole chicken or duck stuffed with traditional spices, wrapped in banana leaves, then enveloped tight in banana trunk bark before it’s baked or buried in a coal fire for 6 to 7 hours. The result is a rich and juicy, succulent feast with all meat easily separated from bones. Betutu is the Balinese slow-cooked luscious equivalent of babi guling for ‘non-pork eaters’.



4 BABI GULING

Babi guling is an all-time favourite, consisting of spit-roast pig stuffed with rich traditional spices and vegetable mixes such as cassava leaves, slowly ‘rolled’ over (hence its name, guling means ‘to roll’) a coal fire. The crisp brown skins are prized, while the meat is a tender and juicy treat. At first the dish was a communal treat only during special festivities and ceremonies, but now babi guling can be found widely served at warungs and restaurants specialising in this dish.



5 JIMBARAN SEAFOOD

The line-up of beachside cafés on Muaya beach in Jimbaran Bay typically serves grilled fresh caught seafood, ranging from shrimp, clams, crabs, calamari, lobsters and a wide assortment of fish. But in terms of taste, the secret lies in each of the café owner’s recipes of barbecue sauce and condiments – usually in the form of homemade sambal, which has collectively become known as “sambal seafood – Jimbaran style”. From sweet-sour blends to the typical hot and spicy... tasting is believing!



6 PEPES AND TUM

Pepes is an Indonesian Sundanese cooking method using banana-leaf as food wrappings. The small package is sewed with thin bamboo sticks at both ends, and either steam-cooked, boiled or grilled. It is most commonly used to prepare fish as “pepes ikan” or meat, chicken, tofu or vegetables. Tum takes on a different form, with the wrapping folded and stitched at one top end, and usually steam-cooked. The banana-leaf wrapping provides a special aromatic appeal to the cooked blend.



7 LAWAR

Lawar is a traditional mix containing fine chopped meat, vegetables, grated coconut and spices. Sometimes, and in some areas, lawar is prepared using fresh blood mixed with the meat and spices to strengthen the flavour. Lawar are usually served immediately after preparation as it cannot be kept long. There are two main types of lawar, white and red. The white version usually does not contain any meats or blood.



8 TRADITIONAL DESSERTS & CAKES

Traditional cakes are collectively referred to as Jajanan Pasar (traditional market cakes), originally used to accompany ceremonial offerings, but now have found their way to the markets as daily coffee time favourites. The varieties abound, but the ingredients usually include rice flour, glutinous rice, sugar, coconut and tropical fruits. Wajik, pancong, jaja batun bedil, bubuh injin, godoh, pisang rai, and kelepon are typical varieties.

