KUBAN – KUBU

Staying Power

It’s not just Seminyak that has the monopoly on villas and the villa lifestyle: there are surprising villa finds where you wouldn’t expect in downtown Kuta and Tuban.

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VILLA KUBU

Hipsville Seminyak is replete with villas, but Villa Kubu stands out from the crowd.

Established in 1999 with just one villa, Australian-owned Villa Kubu has organically grown villa by villa, expanding to 17 individual pool villas in a private walled compound. Not only is each spacious villa unique, they reflect the island’s ever-changing tastes and trends — from traditional Balinese to lavish Mediterranean. Hidden away from the main drags, Villa Kubu provides a private retreat, removed from, yet with access to, central Seminyak. “Kubu” translates as “home from home” — an apt name for all of these private residences, surrounded by high walls. Hearty breakfasts cooked to order by personal butlers in fully equipped kitchens; luxurious king-size beds and soft furnishings; and comfy daybeds are just a taste of homely comforts.
Kubu’s relaxed island living style, with open-air dining-living areas, in-room dining service, ample pool with thatched bale and in-house entertainment centre (pre-programmed iPods, flat-screen TVs, etc.), encourage private entertaining and spending some quality family-time. A Kubu signature are the lavishly tended, Bali-style, gardens — resplendent with lotus ponds, weathered statuettes and rock gardens, mature palms and exotic blooms, plus strong environmental and wellness commitment.

One-bedroom villas are the ultimate romantic retreat, while two-bedroom villas accommodate four guests. Larger groups or families should book palatial three-bedroom villas, or limited side-by-side connecting villas, forming two to four-bedroom options. A recently built one- and two-bedroom villa also join up for a spacious three-bedroom option.

Alternatively, Villa Lataliana, Villa Kubu’s latest creation 300 metres from Seminyak Beach, offers a magnificent two-bedroom and five-bedroom luxury pool villa complex within tree-studded Indonesian vernacular design. Book these separate villas to form a palatial seven-bedroom option: the ultimate in villa escapism, yet still with Kubu’s renowned personal service.

Villa rates (from US$245++) include daily housekeeping, Wi-Fi Internet and 24-hour security.

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