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10 Elements of a Luxe Bali Getaway

Many travellers prefer to enjoy Bali in rustic simplicity. But for the jet-set few, there's nothing like wandering through the Island of the Gods in high grandeur and luxury for the finest and most exclusive experiences imaginable. **By Kat Efenio**



Sunset at Alila Villas Uluwatu

Infused alcohol, flavoured ice cubes and home-churned gelato are the house signatures at **Kudeta**, one of Bali's most famous bars. The Kuve Margarita (US\$13) is a top favorite mix of gold tequila shaken with lemon sorbet. Kudeta's Sangria jugs (US\$56) are served pitcher-style with your choice of white or red wine mixed with fresh lemon, lime, orange, cinnamon sticks and club soda, poured over their homemade apple-flavoured ice cubes. (www.kudeta.net)

Potato Head is the latest gem of Seminyak beach, with its stylish interiors and unique cocktails menu. Try the house special, the 'Kookaburra' (US\$13) which is a combination of Potato Head's exciting lemongrass gin and home-made vanilla sugar mixed with mouth-watering mint leaves and fresh lime. All cocktails are layered with the house's magical passion fruit and vanilla foam. (www.ptthead.com)

Nestled in Bali's chic New Kuta Beach district is the stylish **Klapa** lounge. The Black Label range (US\$12) includes the 'Black Label Insider' which is a combination of Johnnie Walker Black Label, sweet vermouth and dry vermouth served on the rocks, and the 'Black Label Blaze' which has vodka



Nirwana Bali Golf Club

shaken with lychees and lime. (www.klapa-newkutabeach.com)

6 Insider's Tips

Bali is one of the world's most famous destinations for sun, sea and sand. The island boasts many enticing beach districts perfect for tanning, relaxing and doing just about anything! Lounge by the well-loved beaches and golden sunsets of Nusa Dua, Jimbaran, Seminyak and Uluwatu, or sink your feet into even whiter beaches with thinner crowds at Sanur, Lombok, Padangbai and Pasir Putih to name a few.

For thrill-seekers, the island offers a myriad of water sports adventures from kayaking to surfing. Give yourself an adrenaline rush with Bali's active recreations such as parasailing, fly fish, banana boat, jet skiing, water skiing, wakeboarding, windsurfing and white water rafting.

Don't miss a chance to explore Bali's beautiful scenery with the island's nature and adventure tours perfect for families. Take a walk in the 60-acre forest and see 140 free-roaming Barbary macaques at the **Sacred Monkey Forest Sanctuary**. See hundreds of animals from more than 50 species and some rare and endangered ones at the **Bali Safari** and **Marine Park**. Take the kids to the **Bali Zoo** where they can feed lions, tigers and crocodiles and learn about the natural habitat of more than 350 animals. For more family fun, book nature adventures such as botanical garden tours, elephant safari rides, dolphin tours, trekking, walking and mountain cycling around Bali's scenic locations.

Immerse yourself in Bali's rich culture and traditions starting with tours to the picturesque temples around the island. Journey to the historic town of Ubud and catch some cultural shows, ceremonies and rituals including traditional Balinese dance performances and gamelan music classes.

Go on a life-changing wellness retreat with rejuvenating holidays combining yoga and meditation, detox treatments and raw food diets. It's a perfect atmosphere to relax your mind, refresh your body and renew your spirit while enjoying the beauty of Bali's natural surroundings.

Explore the local culinary scene and enjoy Bali's authentic taste with guided gastronomic tours all over the island. Experience restaurant and market tours, private cooking classes and get access and special dining arrangements in some of Bali's famous dining destinations.

5 Exquisite Greens

The challenging course and scenic seaside setting of **Bali Golf and Country Club** makes it a unique 18-hole, par 72 course featuring two contrasting nine holes. The front nine plays through hilly rainforests and the back nine vies against coconut groves and sand-dunes by the beach. (www.baligolfandcountryclub.com)

Set in an extinct volcano, **Bali Handara Kosaido Country Club** is one of the world's most beautiful golf courses. The championship 18-hole course tests golfers's skills on mountains, rainforests and lush

green fairways with stunning lakeside views. (www.balihandarakosaido.com)

Nirwana Bali Golf Club, nestled in lush landscapes fronting the Indian Ocean is one of the most difficult 18-hole courses in the world. Novice and professional golfers will be tested for accuracy and consistency by the course's unique features such as three holes situated along oceanside cliffs and terraced rice paddies. (www.nirwanabalgolf.com)

Overlooking Dreamland beach with its picturesque sunsets is **New Kuta Golf**, a championship 18-hole course with manicured fairways and lush water features. The course presents a challenge for golfers of all skill levels with four sets of tees for each of the 18 holes, creating a great variety for both beginners and low handicappers. (www.newkutagolf.com)

Bali Beach Golf Course enjoys a great location in the heart of beach paradise Sanur. Golfers will need to exercise accuracy and patience as they play through clusters of trees planted in the course area, while constant head winds and water hazards inject more difficulties. (www.balibeachgolfcourse.com)

4 Unique Experiences

Bali is a big dining destination with many interesting experiences for you to try - from picnics on rice fields to luxury tented high teas, including the staple sunset dining by the beach and private lunch in secluded spots complete with customised menus.

Most resorts complement your stays with a personal butler, who will gladly arrange all your trip essentials including your every whim and fancy. Services are tailored to suit your needs whether you require guided tours or private yoga sessions followed by beachside massage treatments.

Enjoy a scenic tour of Bali on horseback or aboard an antique horse-drawn carriage. Take a ride through lush rice fields to a long stretch of white sandy beach just in time to watch the sun set.

Get around the island like a local in your bicycle, but make the experience more special by arranging pit stops with your butler, where you can have afternoon snacks or meditation sessions amid rice paddies.



Nammos Beach Club at the Karma Kandara

3 Bespoke Travel Planners

Urbane Nomads' travel mixologists create themed journeys with unique itineraries. Go on a luxurious 12-day Bali escapade highlighting one-of-a-kind dining experiences complemented by a side trip to the undiscovered island of Sumba. (www.urbanenomads.com)

Lightfoot Travel expertly blends personalised itineraries with bespoke luxuries. Indulge in a seven-day six-night getaway with exclusive tours complete with lavish accommodations at three luxe Aman resorts in Bali. (www.lightfoottravel.com)

Experience the best of Bali with **Horizon & Co's** nine-day luxury Indonesia adventure. The special itinerary includes a quick tour to the city of Surabaya, combining nature and culture with five-star accommodations and private chartered transfers. (www.horizon-co.com)

2 Swanky Rides

Cruise Bali in style from the comfort of your private yacht. **Bali Cruises** (www.balicruises.com)

com) lists several companies offering sailing expeditions and private charters to your destination of choice. Enjoy Bali's coastal beauty with tailor-made cruises aboard **Amanresorts'** (www.amanresorts.com) luxury vessels.

If you're pressed for time or you simply want a grand entrance, book a private helicopter and see Bali from a different perspective. **Bali Go Round** (www.bali-go-round.com) offers scenic tours around the island as well as private charters to and from different hotels, resorts and golf courses.

1 Private Beach Club

A slice of paradise lies hidden in the south of Bali, where pristine white sand and clear turquoise waters blend with the bluest skies and dazzling sunshine. **Nammos Beach Club** is a private retreat accessible only by a cable car, which takes you on a scenic ride down 100m of a soaring limestone cliff. A chic Greek-inspired lounge completes your exclusive experience with a delectable fare of fresh seafood, wood-fired pizzas and signature cocktails. (www.karmakandara.com) **INSPIRE**