

TRANQUILLITY OVER THE SAYAN



FIND TRANQUILLITY AT THE RIDGE BOUTIQUE HOTEL, NESTLED IN THE HEART OF SAYAN, UBUD. DESIGNED BY VISIONARY DUO JESSY PANDUWINATA AND ARI WIRATMA OF ARHPA STUDIO, THIS RETREAT EXPRESSES TROPICAL DESIGN WITH A STRONG EYE FOR THE TIMELESS BEAUTY OF TEAK. WITH ONLY FIVE PRIVATE VILLAS, IT IS CAREFULLY TAILORED TO PROVIDE AN INTIMATE ESCAPE.



Peacefully located on the serene Sayan Ridge, The Ridge Boutique Hotel offers every guest a place back to simplicity and unparalleled service. In the morning, you'll be pampered with delicacies from local farms, while your personal butler will take care of every detail throughout the day. Immerse yourself in the in-house spa and when the sun goes down, enjoy special cocktails at the Sayan Valley bar. Rediscover serenity, anytime. We are happy to take you through this exceptional hotel and hopefully you will already be unwinding yourself after reading this article.

In the heart of Bali lies this hidden gem, a place where the splendour of nature meets artistic landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Welcome to Ubud, a charming town that enchants travellers with its mesmerising views and serene atmosphere. From lush rice terraces to mystical waterfalls, it offers a tapestry of stunning vistas and leaves a lasting impression. No visit in this region is complete without exploring the iconic Tegalalang rice terraces. Whether you traverse them on foot or admire them from a hilltop café, the picturesque landscape will leave you amazed by nature's artistry. Also hidden here are the villas of The Ridge Boutique Hotel. They serve as the perfect gateway to discover the unique charm of Sayan and the vibrant life of Ubud. Thus, every guest discovers a good mix of tranquillity and the vibrant culture of the region if you wish to seek it out. Sayan is not just another location; it is a retreat in the embrace of nature. Rolling hillside, the majestic Ayung River and one of Bali's most





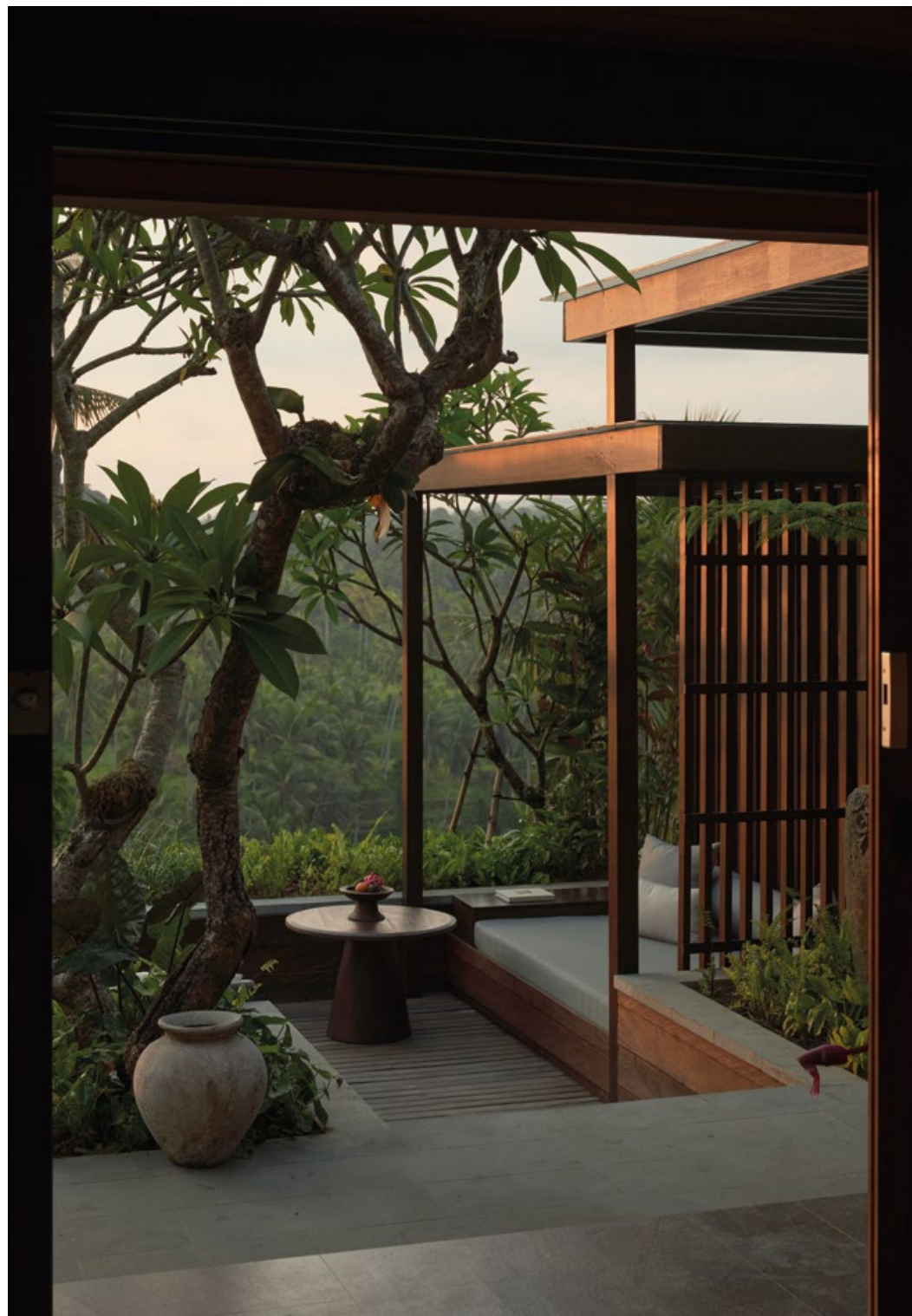
breathtaking views, here you have it all. The peaceful atmosphere that contrasts with the busy streets of nearby Ubud, are just close enough for the hotel's guests to easily dive into the city's vibrant art and culture scene. Sayan and Ubud are not only an exploration of the surroundings, but also an inner, more spiritual journey. The region is dotted with ancient temples and sacred sites, giving you a glimpse into the spiritual practices that form the backbone of Balinese culture. For instance, there is the famous Tirta Empul Temple, known for its holy springs and is a must-see for those seeking spiritual cleansing and renewal. That the hotel The Ridge is perfectly located in this area we don't have to tell you. It is a place where the ancient and the modern coexist, where every moment is a chance to experience the serene and the spectacular. Here you are promised a stay, but also a journey into the heart of the island's enduring charm.

Inside the lush splendour of this serene haven, every corner is infused with thoughtfully designed luxury. All villas sit atop the Ayung River, which gracefully traverses Bali from the northern volcanoes to its final embrace by the Indian Ocean, creating a symphony of tranquillity. It is an invitation to surrender to simplicity, where modernity meets nature. Each villa features exclusive lounges, cabanas and pools, individually designed to enchant with their unique designs. In the villa, the bed, as the beating heart of this space, is carefully positioned as the primary invit-



ing element, symmetrically intertwined with the beautiful architecture around it. The teak lower tables, with their soft, rounded corners, in turn provide a subtle contrast, bringing a touch of softness and visual interest to this sleeping area. These thoughtful choices by design studio Arhpa Studio soften the linearity of the design and enrich the spaces with subtle warmth. An inviting detail that not only caresses the eye, but also creates a sense

Infused with local flavours and prepared with a touch of sophistication



The furniture chosen was made on site by local artisans. For instance, used teak wood and rattan were selected to reflect the artistry of the region. In addition, Arhpa Studio's design team not only added colour-with green accent cushions dyed with natural indigo plants and mango but also embraced an eco-friendly and locally inspired approach to design. Further on, the bar, located on the lowest level of the hotel, acts as the beating heart of social interaction.

of security. Furthermore, the bathroom is a seamless extension of the terrace, where a panoramic view embraces your senses. Here, the design not only transcends the functional aspects of the space, but creates an experience. With this clever integration of inside and outside, it allows guests to enjoy the sensation of an outdoor shower while still enjoying the security of indoors. Also for guests who need a multifunctional space, each room reveals a built-in study desk. This clever design element, conceived for various needs, serves as a comfortable workspace for professional tasks. In the process, a hidden chest of drawers emerges seamlessly, making the desk as elegant as it is functional. Furthermore, the lounges, designed as cooling havens inside, are an escape from the heat of the day without giving up the breathtaking view.

tion. With each step up, the sky reflects into the shimmering waters of the pool, slowly revealing the anticipation of an enchanting view. Draped in marble and heated with teak, the bar exudes immense sophistication. With a diverse selection of wines perfectly paired with the sunset view, it offers a picturesque almost unrealistic experience. Fresh tapas, prepared with care, enrich the evening culinarily and awaken all the senses. The terrace, adjacent to the shimmering pool, invites relaxation and pampering. The outdoor pool also promises an oasis of calm, where guests can enjoy the serene sounds of nature. Hereby, rustic sounds of the Ayung River waft through, providing the perfect background music in this tropical dream. Every villa, every detail, calls for discovery and offers a unique and immersive experience on the way to the bar.



At this haven, teak is used as an inspired art form to create a tropical nest of tranquillity. A careful selection that not only captures the natural beauty of the region, but also creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere, an oasis of calm amidst lush opulence. More than that, each villa has the privilege of containing artworks by a local artist, immersing guests in the creative soul of the island. This design is a sophisticated combination of contempo-

rary aesthetics and deep cultural inspiration for guests. The lush landscape that extends around the villa blends seamlessly with the overall design, creating a lush atmosphere on this enchanting hillside.

SPA OF HEAVENLY PAMPERING

We hear you thinking ‘is there more’? Absolutely. The Ridge also comprises a very extensive spa, a sanctuary of heavenly indulgence beyond imagination. Here, every detail has been designed with the aim of enchanting your senses and enhancing your well-being. Indulge in their tailor-made treatments, per-

fectly tailored to each moment of your journey. From self-indulgence sessions to ancient Balinese spa rituals and herbal remedies, they offer their guests a range of options to suit your needs. Every treatment is infused with Balinese hospitality and expertise. One of their signature treatments is designed to calm your nervous system by combining Balinese and deep tissue massages with their special blended oil. This is followed by the application of a natural body mask or body scrub to gently rejuvenate the skin. For those seeking the ultimate sense of calm and balance, they offer a warm river stone massage. This technique combines deep tissue massage with the energy of river stones to align and harmonise your chakras. They are carefully placed on your energy centres, stimulating the body’s healing capacity and creating a deep calm when the body and mind are in perfect harmony.

Finally, there is their offered gastronomic journey. This begins with an authentic Balinese menu, infused with local flavours and prepared with a touch of sophistication. Here, you let your senses awaken with each delicious bite as you are surrounded by the lush green surroundings of Sayan. Each dish is a masterpiece of culinary art, a tribute to Bali’s rich culinary traditions. The chefs at these exclusive restaurants combine innovation with tradition, making every meal an unforgettable experience. In short, here, a dining experience goes beyond food; a celebration of taste and texture. Whether you opt for a romantic candlelit dinner on your own villa terrace or decide to explore the local culinary scene, every moment at the dining table is infused with sophistication and delight. This is not just another hotel - this is an invitation to embrace the enchantment of Bali, an experience that transcends the boundaries of ordinariness and takes guests on a journey to ultimate luxury and serenity and the true essence of Bali.

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