

Batujimbar is one of Bali's most outstanding private luxury villas - and a magical wedding venue. Originally the home of famed Australian artist Donald Friend, and epitomising Bali style architecture, the villa boasts a colourful history and a celebrity guest list featuring monarchs and rock legends. Traditional pavilions house eight bedrooms and multiple living and dining areas full of antiques, artefacts and heirloom paintings. To look after you is a team of staff including villa manager and private chef. A 20-metre pool, gym and tennis court rest within the meticulously designed one-hectare gardens, which have direct access onto Sanur Beach.

Villa Batujimbar is 150 metres from Jalan Danau Tamblingan, Sanur's main street, where we found plenty of souvenir shops, fashion boutiques, good restaurants (both local and international), 24-hour convenience stores and ATMs. Also within five minutes walk is the well-known Cafe Batujimbar, which we highly recommend for lunch, the famous Jenggala store which sells locally made ceramic tableware, and Hardys Supermarket. Worth a visit is Museum Le Mayeur (4km), showcasing the artwork of the famous Belgian painter Jean Le Mayeur de Merpres, who moved to Bali in 1932 and lived in Sanur until his death. Interesting temples include Pura Segara, made entirely of coral and Pura Belanjong, housing the island's oldest example of writing. The 9-hole Bali Beach Golf Course is just 3 kilometres from the villa and numerous watersport activities are available on the beach.

Just beyond the villa's garden door is the beach, which is great for swimming at high tide. There's a cycle / footpath that runs along the foreshore and 200 metres to the left we found a cafe that was just the spot for coffees and fresh juice in the day time, and cold beers at days end with the mighty Mount Agung in the distance.

Features and amenities

Location

Batujimbar Estate, Sanur, South-east Bali, Indonesia.

Capacity

16 adults and 2 children (9 bedrooms: 8 with king-size beds, 1 with small twins). 2 additional beds available for an extra charge.

Living areas



Open-sided living pavilion; Lembu Bale lounge; poolside veranda; garden dining bale with table for 10; air-conditioned dining room with table for 12; beachfront bale; study and sitting room below master bedroom.

Pool

20 x 7 x 1.75 metres.

Staff

Villa manager; butlers; housekeepers; cook; gardeners; engineer; security. Masseuses and babysitters available on request (extra charge).

Dining

A wide variety of Balinese, Indonesian and international dishes are available for in-house dining.

Communication

Fixed line PABX phones in all rooms; wireless broadband internet access.

Entertainment

Satellite channel TVs, Bose speakers.

For families

A baby cot, high chair and toys are available on request.

Sports

Full-size tennis court (rackets and balls supplied); and 2 canoes.

Transport

Car and driver on standby for up to 8 hours at a special daily rate of USD35++ (excludes petrol).

Weddings and events

Weddings and special events for up to 180 people (standing) and 150 people (sitting) can be arranged with prior notice.



Additional facilities

Barbecue grill; in-room safes; generator back-up; air-conditioning in all bedrooms.

Property area

3,000 sqm (villa), 5,100 sqm (land).

The layout

Indoor living

- Ocean-side living pavilion with soaring vaulted roof and multiple seating areas
- Antiques-filled, fan-cooled living pavilion on the upper level of the Lembu Bale, reached by wide steps from both the pool and ocean side
- Air-conditioned dining room seating 12 in the Longhouse
- Additional garden living area in the Pool Pavilion, with kitchenette

Outdoor living

- 20-metre swimming pool with large terrace furnished with loungers and sunshades
- Open-sided dining bale with antique marble table seating ten
- Relaxation bale set in water gardens
- Beachfront bale with views across the ocean towards Nusa Penida
- Tennis court

The rooms

Beachfront master suite

- A grand, two-storey master suite, situated close to the ocean
- Study and sitting area on the ground floor with 4-seater table and bar area
- Upper floor bedroom with high thatched roof, teakwood flooring and antique rugs
- Furnished with an ornate, king-size, four-poster bed and a comfortable sofa



- Large flat-screen TV
- Private furnished balcony overlooking the ocean
- WC adjoining the bedroom and a full bathroom on the ground floor

The longhouse

- Two air-conditioned, master bedrooms opening onto the water garden terrace
- Each with a super-king four-poster bed and large dressing area
- Ensuite bathrooms with walk-in rain shower
- Both rooms have 40-inch satellite TVs, safe and bar fridge

The bali pavilion

- Two interconnected air-conditioned bedrooms with king-size beds
- Ensuite bathrooms with alfresco showers
- Both have private walled gardens with doors leading to the main garden.
- Beautifully adorned with antique Balinese doors and windows
- Both rooms have 40-inch satellite TVs, safe and bar fridge

The pool pavilion

- Two split-level air-conditioned guest suites with individual access from the garden
- Upper-level bedrooms with king-size beds and treetop views
- WCs and washbasins adjoin each room
- Ground-level dressing areas, bathrooms with showers and statement bathtub
- Spiral staircases lead to bedrooms above
- Both rooms have 40-inch satellite TVs, safe and bar fridge

The family pavilion

- One king-bedded room and one with small twin beds (suitable for children)

- On second level of a building by the villa entrance
- Both rooms air-conditioned, king room equipped with TV
- Rooms share a bathroom with separate WC and shower
- Ideal for a family or for a group of kids

Location

Villa Batujimbar accords guests an extraordinary location right on the edge of Sanur Beach: a private gate leads directly from the villa gardens onto the footpath that stretches the length of the white sand swimming beach in both directions. Privacy and peace are the promise of its privileged setting within the exclusive Batujimbar Estate, yet just 150 metres away is the buzz of Jalan Danau Tamblingan, Sanur's main street, with its throng of restaurants, bars and boutiques. Guests may pick up Bali's famous Jenggala ceramics (originally created in the villa's grounds decades ago), enjoy an espresso at Cafe Batu Jimbar, snack on sushi at Ryoshi, or dance to live music at Three Monkeys - all within a five-minute walk. There's a good choice of water sports along the beach, a nine-hole golf course within a few kilometres, and the delights of dive- and surf-spot Nusa Lembongan a half-hour boat ride away.

Places of interest

- Sanur Shops 0.15 km
- Bali Beach Golf Course 3.00 km
- Seminyak 15.00 km
- Denpasar Airport 15.00 km
- Kuta 17.00 km
- Bali Marine Park 21.00 km
- Ubud 24.00 km
- Candidasa 52.00 km