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Strong Appeal For Adults-only Retreat



Kiwis looking for an adults-only retreat in Bali are discovering the recently-opened Sanna Ubud, says resort general manager Yuda Adnyana. "We opened Dec 2023 and already there is traction from the New Zealand market," he says. Guests are welcomed with a blessing ceremony, which Adnyana says 'purifies the body and soul, and then whisked to one of the 31 private pool villas.

Asian Fusion Dining



For Asian meals with a twist direct clients to Suzie-Q restaurant at Double Six Hotel Seminyak. The bite sizes dishes are designed to be mostly shared and allow diners to taste an array of culinary flavours. Four plates each are recommended, but then there is dessert. See **HERE**.

The property features a restaurant overlooking the pool and jungle valley, a wine bar, scheduled yoga classes and a five-room spa. An outdoor elevator will soon be operational to transport guests to and from the spa.

The resort has been awarded the Lifestyle 'Best Luxury Honeymoon Retreat Award 2024'. Dotted through the grounds are intimate nooks ready to be set up for a 'romantic celebration, and then there's the villa, which is bursting with floral heart displays. More HERE.

Lunch in The Jungle



Bali's lush landscape, bright green paddy fields, and tangled jungle is perfect for clients really needing to relax. There are lots of spots where diners can sit and eat surrounded by luxuriant greenery such as the eco-friendly Wedja Restaurant in Mas. See more **HERE**.

Farm-To-Table Offering



Agents on the Air New Zealand and Tourism Bali famil were impressed with the permaculture organic garden at the Kappa Senses Ubud (pictured). The 2000m² farm grows a range of herbs, vegetables, fruits and more. The new luxury resort incorporates five philosophies to travel differently, to embark on a meaningful journey and to embrace in-depth sensorial experiences spanning wellness and culinary. See details HERE.

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The Bale Gourmet, one of three restaurants at Kappa Senses Ubud, offers a selection of fresh baked sweetmeats, French pastries, savoury servings and tea or coffee with its Afternoon Tea Time menu. Available to in-house and day guests, the tray is designed to serve two, and is priced from IDR200,000 pp.

Visa, Double Check

Urge clients to take extra care when filling in the Visa on Arrival (VOA) form in Bali, says Flight Centre's Scott Eddington. Speaking from experience, he stresses the importance of checking your passport details are entered correctly. "...one mistake in my passport number meant I was declined access through the arrival e-gates and had to join the long queue for a new VOA, and pay again," he says. If all details are input correctly, the time taken from disembarking to clearing immigration via one of the 30 e-gates should be no longer than 15 minutes.

Ubud & Cassowaries



Sanctoo Suites and Villas offer a welcome sanctuary from the bustling beachside hotspots of Bali. Located about 20 minutes south of Ubud the property hosted the Kiwi agents for three nights.

Flight Centre's Scott Eddington enjoyed his daily laps in the pool and a 10km run through the local villages. Breakfast is at Cassowary Restaurant, complete with two resident roaming cassowaries.

The staff is passionate about animal welfare and always on hand to chat to guests about their breakfast companions. Each of the 29 suites and 12 villas and grounds have an African savannah feel fused with elements of Bali. The property also features an open-air restaurant, the Wantilan Restaurant by Sanctoo, private yoga classes with a resident yoga instructor, and a wellness spa. See more HERE.

Getting There

Air New Zealand flies yearround to Bali operating between five and seven flights per week between Apr and the end of Oct; three flights per week for travel from Nov to mid-Feb; and two flights per week mid-Feb until the end of Mar.

Services are operated by Air NZ's leased 777 aircraft as well as NZ's 787-9 Dreamliner. The operating aircraft type can be identified in the GDS via their designators of 777 and 78N, adds NZ.

