Villa Sarasvati, Bali



| RATING | |
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| VALUE | 9.0 |
| LOCATION | 10 |
| SLEEP QUALITY | 9.0 |
| CLEANLINESS | 9.0 |
| SERVICE | 8.0 |
| ROOM | 9.0 |
| TOTAL SCORE | 9.0 |

Price: US\$650 - 1045 per night Country: Indonesia City: Bali Hotel Type: Luxury, Luxury villa Stars: 5 stars PROS: Great location, walking distance from restaurants and bars, 10-minutes from beach, plenty of space, modern yet Balinese

CONS: Nothing I can think of, really!

Verdict

All in all, Villa Sarasvati was one my favorite places to stay in Bali. I didn't find any flaw in this villa — it ticked every thing I had on my list, including a terrific location and quiet and green surroundings.

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Looking for a comfortable villa that's within walking distance from restaurants and shops? It's quite hard to hunt down a place with such close conveniences, but Villa Sarasvati definitely ticks all the boxes for those looking to explore Bali on foot. This villa is perfect in every sense of the word with respect to location as it's just steps from hip cafes in Canggu and a 10-minute walk from Berawa Beach.

Built on a rare patch of land in Canggu that overlooks lush green rice paddies, this four-bedroom villa is contemporary in design but still oozing plenty of Balinese character. Its interior is inspired by Indonesia's cultural heritage, as seen from the teak wood furniture, the thatched roof, batik textiles, lotus ponds and ponds (rice field shelters). Because of the owner's love for antique, you'll also find that every corner of the villa is decorated with a piece of beautiful artwork that seems to have a story to tell.

Location

Villa Sarasvati may be tucked in a quiet location, surrounded by rice fields and lush foliage, but you'll be surprised to find that it's just steps from popular restaurants and Bondi-beach-style cafes. Many of the best hangouts in Canggu, such as Milk & Madu and Cinta Cafe, are literally just at your doorstep. Besides that, Berawa Beach is less than a kilometre away, and you can get there in just 10 minutes on scooter. This rural, close-to-the-beach setting, with easy access to Seminyak, gives guests the best of both worlds and no shortage of things to do.

From here, plenty of major attractions in Bali are within easy reach — including the famous seaside Tanah Lot temple, the surfers' haven of Kuta beach, the cocktail bars of Seminyak, and the rice paddies of Ubud. The best thing about Villa Sarasvati's location is that you don't need to rent a car to get around here, but if you do want to explore beyond Canggu, having a car would be really convenient.

Interior & Design

The spacious villa has four elegant rooms spread out over two floors, with the main feature of the house being the huge living pavilion. It has a magnificent open-plan space with glass doors that divide the pool and garden for fan-cooled tropical living. There's lots of outdoor living space — from the large semi-alfresco seating area adjoining the living pavilion, to the two antique pondoks, and private garden sanctuaries. And every furniture and decoration item gives off contemporary Balinese flair.

The large living pavilion and two-storey building are arranged in an L-shape layout, around a 20m swimming pool looking onto rice terraces. In the main building, which is fronted by a covered terrace on both storeys, the master suites flank a central 'art-gallery' foyer leading to the main entrance. Stairs lead up to the second level where two more guest suites and a family TV room open onto the terrace. Inside the bedrooms are four-poster beds and comfortable sofas, as well as enormous bathrooms that contain an egg-shell tub and an outdoor open shower.

Overall Experience

All in all, Villa Sarasvati was one my favorite places to stay in Bali (amongst the 20 odd hotels we stayed over the course of two months there). I didn't find any flaw in this villa — it ticked every thing I had on my list, including a terrific location and quiet and green surroundings.

I had the privilege of staying here with my husband, our daughter, and my in-laws who had come to visit from Spain— and we all felt like it was the perfect place for the whole family to relax and kick back. There was something for everyone: our little girl loved the green patches and space that

lets her run around and go crazy; my in-laws enjoyed the garden, since they love plants; my husband really loved the swimming pool and the giant tub; me — I loved seeing everyone happy.



The swimming pool and main building



Beyond the coconut trees and foliage are rice paddy fields



Lots of greenery surrounding the villa



Plenty of space for 8 people



Lounging by the pool is the best!



The main living space in the pavilion



Dining area is huge and open



Outdoor lounging area



All fresco sofas next the pool



Four poster bed in our bedroom



Again lots of room



The giant bathtub



Outdoor shower



The walkaway that leads to the entrance of the villa



Antique everywhere you go



Welcome drinks and snack

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