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Selong Belanak

South Lombok's new 'Golden Mile' coming of age with a vibrant villa scene taking shape

After spending years as a hidden haven fiercely guarded by locals in the know, it's safe to say Selong Belanak's secret is out. Of course Pinterest-perfect ocean scenery such as you'll find at Selong Belanak can never truly stay hidden forever. There is a real buzz about the place with new developments slowly taking shape in the rolling hills overlooking the bay. Thankfully this is not a mad rush to mass tourism – it is morphing into a decidedly upscale haven with luxe villa developments, wellness resorts and stylish restaurants popping up among the hills. One of the area's greatest attributes is the sensational views across the bay.

Selong Belanak is being dubbed as the new 'golden mile' of South Lombok. The beach really is something special, which arcs around the bay between two forested headlands. The southern end of the beach doubles as a small fishing community and brightly painted fishing boats gently bobbing in the waters is an omnipresent sight. Here you can also grab a bite at one of the many food stalls.

The super fine sand gently slopes down into the clear water while further along the sand, there are small but consistent swells perfect for learning how to surf. There is a small community of local surfer boys eager to teach newbies. Despite its growing popularity, the beach itself is rarely crowded. You'll still encounter farmers leading a herd of cows along the beach each morning.

For several years, boutique resort Sempyak Villas has been a constant fixture perched in the hills overlooking the beach. The resort's beachfront eatery Laut Biru has always been the go-to spot for sunset wining and dining and still attracts diners from far and wide. ►

