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## **VILLA LULITO**

When it comes to being in the centre of Bali's divine universe, nothing beats Villa Lulito for charm and position.

Point the toes north to some of Seminyak's top culinary destinations including the outlandishly fabulous Sarong and majorly popular ex-pat haunt Petitenget; face south and you are looking at the iconic restaurant and beach club Ku De Ta; east presents excellent spas and shopping en masse; while west is the white sand and warm water of the Indian Ocean, just 800 metres from the handcrafted, double Aegean Blue doors of Villa Lulito.

Villa Lulito's designer, Stuart Membery, knows a thing or two about neo-colonial sry1e. Beyond the threshold of the villa is an elegant oasis with sprawling white-shuttered pavilions fringed by tropical gardens and centred with a sparking ultramarine poo1. Maritime motifs, antique Indonesian prints and an abundance of heavily cushioned rattan furnishing set a scene of cool colonial calm. Gin and Tonic, anyone? In fact, Villa Lulito is a special tribute to Ralph Lauren! Round Hill in Jamaica. White painted and exposed timberbeam ceilings, hurricane lamps, sumptuous seating and formal dining al1 in an open tropical style that minimise walls evokes a refined and tasteful existence.

Four pavilions surround the glittering pool. The entrance lobby is decked with potted palms and scattered chairs. Four bedrooms make up the sleeping pavilion with two queen suites downstairs and two huge bedrooms upstairs. One has four, netted, white wooden bunks set upon the entire back wall to create a fun space for kids to reign freely and toys are in good supply. This space is separated by sliding doors and walkthrough wardrobes that lead to the master suite. The sliding doors open to make a wonderfully spacious family apartment enveloped by a balcony that overlooks the pool, which is lit up with neon blue lights by night creating an outstanding aquatic art piece.

The three livings spaces of Villa Lulito include a casual dining and lounging area in the kitchen pavilion, where dedicated staff magically appear to produce outstanding fare, and an alfresco barbeque area recessed under mature tropical trees in a set back garden created by landscaper Bruce Johnson. A large single level living pavilion houses polished formal dining for eight people and more lounge seating. Amid the many social zones is a single elegant pavilion at the far end of the pool given over entirely to day beds and white walls.

All in all Villa Lulito has an air of collected calm, incredibly located right in the centre of Bali's sizzling and happening Seminyak.

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