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— Naturalist and writer,
Wendell Berry

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• TRAVEL IN STYLE: VILLA WINDU ASRI
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A wide-angle photograph of Villa Windu Asri, a Dutch Colonial style villa in Seminyak, Bali. The villa features a large, rectangular swimming pool in the foreground, reflecting the sky and the surrounding architecture. The pool is bordered by a light-colored tiled deck. In the background, the main villa building has a white facade, a dark tiled roof, and large windows. Two blue and white lounge chairs with matching umbrellas are positioned near the pool. To the right, a covered patio area with white columns and a blue cushioned bench is visible. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is one of luxury and tropical elegance.

Nowhere else in Bali can one find anything superior to the intoxicating blend of luxury, romance and colonial ambience offered at Villa Windu Asri. Located in Seminyak, this classic Dutch Colonial villa is booked on a family/special group basis. Its six large bedroom suites easily provide more than sufficient room for twelve occupants. The villa functions in a consistently superb manner, day and night and is also ideal for small special occasions and events.

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Villa Windu Asri

RAFFLES STYLE LUXURY IN SEMINYAK

These pages:
Cosy, laid-back
bedrooms.



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Designed and decorated in the sublime "Raffles Style", with interior and most of the furnishing provided by Cempaka, Villa Windu Asri is the perfect place from which to explore the tropical paradise of Bali, or to simply -- and better yet, in my opinion -- kick back, relax and be pampered. This intoxicating, secluded and yet wide-open space, with its central stark-blue pool, will entice you to the embrace of the true vacation experience, where all the cares of the world fade away in luscious surrender to the sunlight and the sparkling water, the green of the verging gardens and the classic, clean white lines of colonial tradition.

Now, this villa is right in the heart of Seminyak (Petitenget), and so when I read on the website that it was, at the same time, "secluded", I was sceptical. Nonetheless, as if through some work of magic in the landscape, or through the will of the ancient gods, the villa has been tucked into its own pocket of peace and quiet, miraculously isolated from the noise and bustle of the nearby tourist hub. There is nothing to be heard apart from the breeze, the birds and the welcome voices or your companions. On the other hand, gleaning the best from both worlds, it is a short walk, or an easy drive, to the shops, restaurants, warungs, spas, chic lounges and vibrant nightspots of Seminyak. At the villa, a stocked bar is also available, with cocktail service.

Villa Windu Asri is conveniently positioned to convey its residents to the mountains and rice terraces on the western slopes, the countless beaches in the south, and is less than an hour away from the cultural and artistic town of Ubud. It is just five minutes from the Sunset Route, gateway to the eastern side of the island.

The polite and gracious staff members of Windu Asri are there when you need them and all but invisible when you don't. Moreover, they seem to be aware of any needs almost before you are. Do you need a fresh towel? Oh, look, he has already brought one. An additional coaster? It has suddenly appeared on the table. Something cold to drink? Why, there he is with a tray. While you are away to eat, in one of the two dining



"AFTER DINNER, IT'S BACK TO THE POOLSIDE, OR TO THE COOL AIR AND COMFORT OF YOUR ROOM..."

These pages: clockwise from bottom: Main dining area; Spacious luxury bathrooms; Cosy poolside seating; Twin beds in children's suites.

areas, you will find that someone has slipped into your room, tidied it up, renewed supplies and then magically disappeared again

And speaking of dining, Villa Windu Asri, as I have mentioned, provides two dining areas -- an outdoor table with twelve sittings, along with cosy chairs and sofas to the side, and an indoor, air-conditioned dining area for those days, or nights, that are just a bit too hot.

The expert chef, Ibu Anik, will cook you a truly delicious meal from the varied menu of western and Indonesian selections, which will be served with quiet elegance and careful attention to detail. I chose a dish of savoury salmon, cooked just to perfection, with potatoes, carrots, green beans and

broccoli, while my wife had the Ayam Betutu, a spicy Indonesian favourite.

After dinner, it's back to the poolside, or to the cool air and comfort of your room. Each room has its own flat screen TV and king-size bed, as well as a dressing area, sink and grooming area, and a spacious outdoor bathroom with a deep tub and shower.

The villa is perfect for families, as rooms are provided, as well, for children, each containing two single beds, a TV, and the same spacious bathroom and bathing facilities enjoyed by the adults in their own space. A door links the two adjoining apartments. This is a "secure" villa, so that kids can run about happily, and safely, without any need for

"TRULY, THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO, AND SO MUCH COMFORT TO BE ENJOYED, THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE COSY COMFORT OF VILLA WINDU ASRI..."

These pages: Communal seating area by the poolside.





"CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE ARE BOUND TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL, LARGE POOL - THE CENTRE FOCUS OF THE VILLA, REALLY..."

These pages: Clockwise from top: Pool with erectable fence for safety; Night time pool event; Table with flower arrangement; Kitchen with cooks.

adults to worry about their whereabouts, thus ensuring a more relaxed holiday for all. Full-time babysitting or child-minding services can also be arranged at a very reasonable cost.

And speaking of costs, the rates at Villa Windu Asri are very reasonable, significantly less, in fact, than those at a 5-star hotel provided the equivalent standard facilities and services. Villa Windu Asri offers great value, with more space, more privacy, and personalized service.

Children and adults alike are bound to enjoy the beautiful, large pool -- the centre focus of the villa, really. It is 1.5 meters deep, from one end to the other, and there is an entrance ledge that is ideal for young children. Additionally, an optional pool fence can be erected by the villa staff for the safety of young children, and the comfort of their parents.

Running the full length of the pool, the "bale" pavilion features two distinct areas, one with twin built-in daybeds and the other with a built-in lounge suite. Each area is cooled by speed controlled overhead fans.





"ENTRYWAY WITH FOUNTAIN AND GARDEN DESIGNED BY ANTON CLARK OF BALI LANDSCAPE COMPANY..."



These pages: Clockwise from left: Entryway with fountain and garden designed by Anton Clark of Bali Landscape Company; fitness facilities; main outdoor dining area.

On the second level of the villa, you will find the spacious, air conditioned media room, furnished with a comfortable L-shaped sofa and glass-topped coffee table. Here, you can watch DVD movies or satellite TV on a 60-inch, high definition screen, complete with enhanced sound. Or, if you've seen enough TV, you can sit on the furnished balcony overlooking the pool, perfect for conversation and an evening sip of wine.

Also on the second floor is an air conditioned gym and workout area, for those who really like to wear themselves out in style. And afterwards, why not enjoy deluxe treatment by utilizing the in-house spa services, including massage, body scrub, manicure and pedicure, and more. I know I would.

Villa Windu Asri is part of the Windu Villas Group and adjoins Villa Windu Sari, which is of a different, but equally appealing style, with its gorgeous garden courtyard, 14 metre swimming pool and exotic collection of flowering plants and trees set in contemporary architecture and themes.

Truly, there is so much to do, and so much comfort to be enjoyed, that you won't want to leave the cosy comfort of Villa Windu Asri. But life goes on, and duty calls. The good news is that Windu Asri is not going anywhere, and will be waiting, in its peaceful cove, to welcome your return next year -- as long as you book well in advance -- for this is certain to become one of the most coveted destinations in south Bali. 📍

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