



Top 10 best luxury resorts in Ubud (Bali)

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Top 10 best luxury hotels & resorts in Ubud (Bali)

Ubud, often described as the spiritual and cultural heart of [Bali](#), is a destination where lush jungle landscapes, sacred temples, and centuries-old traditions come together to create a truly transformative travel experience. Unlike the bustling beach towns of the island, Ubud offers a more serene and introspective atmosphere, making it the perfect setting for luxury resorts that focus on wellness, privacy, and a deep connection to nature. From hillside retreats overlooking emerald rice terraces to secluded jungle villas with infinity pools, the area is home to some of the most exceptional accommodations in the world. These resorts go beyond traditional luxury by offering personalized service, holistic healing programs, and immersive cultural experiences that allow guests to fully embrace the spirit of Bali. Whether you are planning a romantic escape, a wellness retreat, or simply seeking tranquility, this carefully curated list highlights the ten best luxury resorts in Ubud for an unforgettable stay.

What is your favorite luxury resort in Ubud? Leave a comment.

10. Alila Ubud

Alila Ubud is a secluded hillside retreat that sits high up on the edge of the Ayung River valley in Bali's central foothills, 15 minutes from Ubud. Capturing the essence of eco-luxury through its minimalist design and deep connection to nature, the hotel has been laid out as a Balinese hillside village complete with its own community center and pedestrian lanes. The rooms and villas are uniquely positioned on stilts above a ravine, almost like tree houses, blending seamlessly into the valley's natural contours. Architecturally, the resort stands out with its striking mix of materials, where smooth plaster walls and concrete meet thatched roofs, and terrazzo tiles contrast with gravel, wood, and glass. Overlooking the jungle canopy, the infinity pool appears to float above the valley, offering breathtaking views and a serene atmosphere. Guests can indulge in an excellent restaurant and a holistic spa, while also enjoying guided nature walks, cultural experiences, and wellness programs.

- **Hotel website:** [Alila Ubud](#)
- **Tip:** get complimentary VIP perks when booking via [Hyatt Prive](#) (e.g. room upgrade, early check-in, late check-out, daily breakfast, and \$100 USD resort credit).

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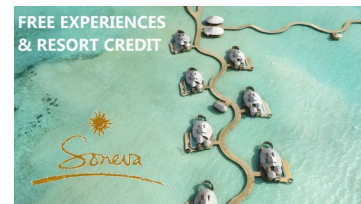
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9. The Viceroy Bali

Viceroy Bali is a family-owned luxury resort that offers an intimate and highly personalized experience, perched dramatically above the lush Petanu River Valley in Ubud. Known for its privacy and exclusivity, the resort features 25 beautifully designed private villas, each equipped with its own infinity pool overlooking the jungle, creating a romantic and serene atmosphere. The architecture combines traditional Balinese elements with modern elegance, while the service is attentive and tailored to each guest's needs, ensuring a memorable stay. Dining is another highlight, with award-winning cuisine served in a stunning setting that enhances the overall experience. Despite its luxurious feel, the resort maintains a warm and welcoming ambiance that sets it apart from larger chain properties. Ideal for honeymooners and couples seeking a secluded escape, Viceroy Bali perfectly balances comfort, sophistication, and natural beauty in one of Ubud's most scenic locations.

- **Hotel website:** [The Viceroy Bali](#)
- **Review:** read my review of The Viceroy Bali [here](#).

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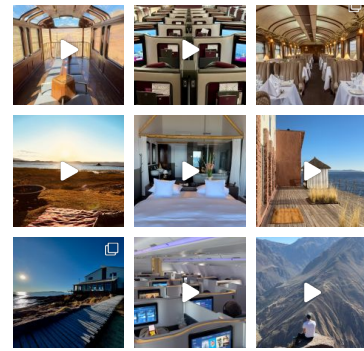


8. Kappa Senses Ubud

Kappa Senses Ubud is a refined luxury retreat that blends contemporary comfort with deep-rooted Balinese spirituality, making it an excellent choice for travelers seeking a peaceful yet sophisticated stay in Ubud. Surrounded by lush jungle landscapes and rice paddies, the resort offers spacious suites and private villas designed with natural materials and calming aesthetics that reflect the island's cultural heritage. Guests can enjoy curated wellness programs that include yoga, meditation, and traditional healing rituals, alongside exceptional dining experiences that highlight local flavors with a modern twist. The atmosphere is intentionally tranquil and intimate, allowing visitors to disconnect from the outside world while still enjoying high-end amenities and attentive service. Its slightly secluded location adds to the sense of escape, making it ideal for couples, solo travelers, and wellness enthusiasts looking for a quieter alternative to busier resorts while still experiencing the essence of Ubud's spiritual charm.

- **Hotel website:** [Kappa Senses Ubud](#)

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COMO Uma Ubud offers a stylish and wellness-focused retreat that combines the tranquility of nature with convenient access to the vibrant cultural scene of Ubud. Located just a short distance from the town center, the resort provides a peaceful sanctuary with lush tropical surroundings while allowing guests to easily explore nearby temples, markets, and restaurants. The design is contemporary yet warm, with 46 spacious rooms and villas that emphasize comfort and simplicity. A key highlight of the resort is its renowned COMO Shambhala wellness program, which includes yoga, holistic treatments, and nutritious cuisine aimed at promoting overall well-being. Guests can also participate in guided excursions such as cycling through rice fields or visiting local artisans, adding a cultural dimension to their stay.

- **Hotel website:** [COMO Uma Ubud](#)

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6. Amandari

Inspired by a traditional village, Amandari is framed by jungle and rice terraces in Bali's cultural heartland. Alang-alang-thatched houses – some with pools, all with private tropical gardens – cosset guests under bamboo ceilings, their suites elegantly decorated with teak and coconut-wood. The design reflects local craftsmanship and spiritual traditions, while the service is discreet yet highly attentive, staying true to the renowned standards of the Aman brand. The grounds of Aman's Ubud outpost are both sacred and essential to local families: children attend dance classes here, and religious processions pass through regularly, leading down the steps that spill below Amandari to a 7th-century stone tiger – a motif repeated throughout the property. Guests can follow the road out of the village to hike or bike the emerald-green landscape; or head further afield for artisan villages, hidden temples, and the palaces and boutiques of Ubud.

- **Hotel website:** [Amandari](#)
- **Tip:** get complimentary VIP perks when booking via [Virtuoso](#) (e.g. upgrade, daily breakfast, early check-in, late check-out, and \$100 USD resort credit).
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5. Capella Ubud

Capella Ubud offers a truly unique luxury experience that goes far beyond traditional glamping, immersing guests completely in the heart of Bali's lush jungle while combining adventure with exceptional comfort and style. A suspension bridge connects 22 one-bedroom tents and an exclusive two-bedroom lodge, all hidden within dense tropical foliage to ensure total privacy. Each tented villa is individually styled with a blend of colonial-era elegance and whimsical details, featuring private saltwater pools, expansive outdoor decks, and lavish interiors that create a sense of exploration without sacrificing luxury. Guests are invited to connect deeply with local culture and nature through experiences such as Balinese cleansing rituals and water blessings at the on-site temple by the sacred Wos River, as well as visits to nearby farms and the camp's own coffee and cocoa gardens. For those seeking more activity, guided jungle treks, boot camps, and hikes up Mount Batur add an adventurous dimension, while personalized service ensures every detail of the stay is carefully curated.

- **Hotel website:** [Capella Ubud](#)
- **Tip:** get complimentary VIP perks when booking via [Virtuoso](#) (e.g. room upgrade, early check-in, late check-out, daily breakfast, and a complimentary 50-minute massage for up to two people, per room, once during stay).

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4. Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan

Only a ten-minute drive from the stylish boutiques, artist ateliers and atmospheric eateries of boho-chic Ubud, Four Seasons Sayan is an inspiring base from which to explore Bali's cultural heart or to retreat into nature's meditative embrace. The resort is celebrated for its stunning jungle setting, where guests arrive via a dramatic suspension bridge that crosses a river canyon, immediately signaling the extraordinary journey ahead. The design reflects a thoughtful blend of contemporary comfort and traditional Balinese aesthetic, offering a collection of 60 suites and villas that open onto views of jungle canopy, river or rice terraces. The spa and wellness program here is exceptional, with riverside yoga and meditation sessions, restorative therapies inspired by ancient local traditions, and opportunities to participate in sacred water blessings. The dining experiences showcase refined local flavors alongside international cuisine, crafted from fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

- **Hotel website:** [Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan](#)
- **Other accolades:** Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan also features in my top 10 lists of the [world's most spectacular hotel lobbies](#) and the [best luxury hotels in Bali](#).
- **Tip:** get complimentary VIP perks when booking via [Virtuoso](#) (e.g. room upgrade, early check-in, late check-out, daily breakfast, and \$100 USD resort credit).
- **Review:** read my review of Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan [here](#).

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Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan (Ubud): full tour (AMAZING!)

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3. Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve

Deriving its name from the Sanskrit word for “temple,” Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, stands as a tropical shrine dedicated to the self. Fronting the Ayung River near the Ubud jungle, the hotel replicates a traditional Balinese village, complete with thatched roofs, carved wood details, and pathways that weave through working rice paddies and tranquil gardens. Showcasing the architecture and craftsmanship of the area, each of the 60 luxury suites and villas features a private outdoor space (some of them with pools) with views of the river or surrounding scenery. Four restaurants serve health-conscious cuisine sourced from the organic garden, although you can also arrange a romantic dinner overlooking the river or rice terrace. The wellness offerings at Mandapa are deeply rooted in the philosophy of harmony and balance, with holistic spa treatments, yoga sessions at dawn, and tailored wellness journeys that blend physical renewal with spiritual reflection

- **Hotel website:** [Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve](#)
- **Other accolades:** Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton reserve also features in my top 10 lists of the [best luxury hotels in Bali](#) and [best luxury hotels in Indonesia](#).
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- **Review:** read my review of Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve [here](#).

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2. Buahan, a Banyan Tree Escape

Nestled in the untouched northern reaches of Ubud, Bali, Buahan, a Banyan Tree Escape, offers a transformative retreat that blends luxury, sustainability, and deep immersion in nature. Officially opened on 13 June 2022, this adults-only resort is set approximately 40 minutes from central Ubud and around two hours from Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport, providing a secluded escape while remaining accessible. With only 16 private valleys (which are called balés), the resort introduces a striking “no walls, no doors” concept throughout the property, allowing guests to experience a seamless connection with the surrounding jungle, rice terraces, and river valleys. From panoramic mountain views to hidden meditation corners, Buahan creates a sanctuary where every detail — from architecture to experiences — invites reflection, rejuvenation, and a profound connection to nature.

- **Hotel website:** [Buahan, a Banyan Tree Escape](#)
- **Other accolades:** Buahan, a Banyan Tree Escape also features in my top 10 list of the [best luxury hotels in Bali](#).
- **Tip:** get complimentary VIP perks when booking via [Virtuoso](#) (e.g. room upgrade, early check-in, late check-out, daily breakfast, and \$100 USD resort credit).

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1. COMO Shambhala Estate

COMO Shambhala Estate is widely regarded as one of the most transformative luxury wellness retreats in the world, and not without reason. Opened in 2005 as the flagship property of the COMO Shambhala brand, this pioneering destination redefined what a spa retreat could be, merging a world-class health program with the comfort, service, and design excellence of a five-star resort. Deep within the lush Balinese forest and overlooking the sacred Ayung River, the Estate is designed as a place for rest and renewal. The property comprises five multi-suite residences inspired by natural elements, along with a collection of private villas, all integrated into the surrounding landscape and supported by discreet butler service. The guest experience focuses on physical, mental, and emotional well-being through COMO Shambhala cuisine, nutritional guidance, and spa treatments.

- **Hotel website:** [COMO Shambhala Estate](#)
- **Other accolades:** COMO Shambhala Estate also features in my top 10 list of the [best luxury hotels in Bali](#).
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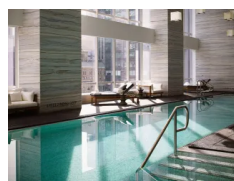
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Tina Dahmen says:

AUGUST 27, 2019 AT 10:53 PM

We love The Viceroy, it's by far our favourite. Especially with their new restaurant (The Aperitif) they deliver so much value. We have had the best food experience we have ever had at this restaurant. We always recommend it to all our clients!

Marci Aronovitz says:

MARCH 11, 2022 AT 9:10 PM

Has anyone stayed at the Samsara Ubud? Someone mentioned it to me but I haven't seen it on this list or others. I welcome any reviews and or thoughts. Thank you

Keonna Hamlett says:

MARCH 23, 2026 AT 9:34 PM

Thanks for such a great article. I am excited to visit one of these resorts in Bali.

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