

## Soori Bali Kerambitan, Bali, Indonesia

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### TELEGRAPH EXPERT RATING

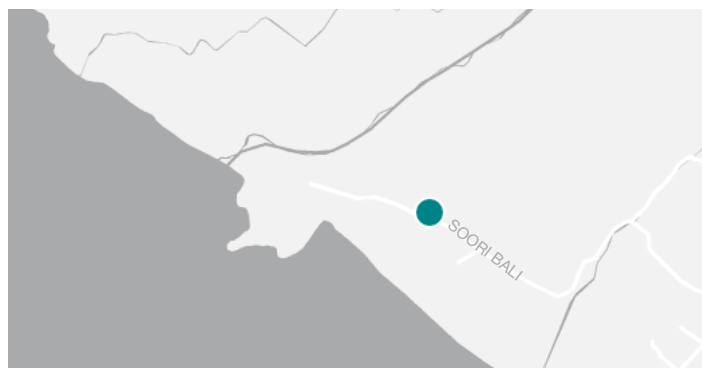
Soori Bali is an elegant, eco-friendly seaside retreat set among rice paddies, just a 30-minute drive from Bali's more popular tourist areas. It was beautifully planned to exude a sense of tranquility, and seamlessly combines the natural environment with bold, contemporary living spaces.

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### STYLE & CHARACTER

The property was designed by owner-architect Soo K Chan, who heads up the firm SCDA Architects (whose clients include Park Hyatt Maldives, W Hotel Seminyak and Four Seasons Lijiang). Meticulous attention has been paid to the visual appeal of the elegant resort, which is contemporary and slick while maintaining a restful feel. Horizontal and vertical lines, natural textures and shades of grey, plus stone and water dominate the design. Gardens have been landscaped to maximise the flow of cool air through the resort, and water pools around the property add to the sense of calm and coolness.

Soori Bali has been designed to minimise the resort's impact on the environment and is one of the few hotels on the island to be certified Gold with EarthCheck, the advisory group for the tourism industry.



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### LOCATION

Soori is half an hour up the coast from the popular tourist spot of Canggu, with its trendy cafés and boutique stores. As you get closer to Soori, these are replaced with vast expanses of rice paddies, traditional villages and quiet beaches. The hotel is walking distance from a quiet beach. The famous Tanah Lot temple is a 20-minute drive away, while Ubud is about two-and-a-half hours by car.



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**SERVICE & FACILITIES**

Every villa has its own outdoor lounge/dining area and private pool, but there is also a communal beachfront pool that guests can enjoy. The resort has two restaurants, a well-equipped gym and a beautiful spa that offers acupuncture, meditation and massages, among other treatments. The service is discreet yet exceptional, allowing guests to feel well looked-after, but enjoy their privacy. Guests wanting to explore more of Bali can do so through the various excursion packages that the hotel offers.

- Bar
- Fitness centre
- Parking
- Restaurant
- Spa
- Beach
- Laundry
- Pool
- Room service
- Wi-Fi

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**FOOD & DRINK**

Soori Bali has two restaurants. Ombak, the open-air sea-facing bar/lounge restaurant with Western-inspired menu, is open in the late afternoons and evening while adjacent Cotta restaurant is open from breakfast through dinner and offers a menu of Asian-inspired food. Meals are prepared with ingredients sourced mostly from Soori Bali's gardens and local markets. The servings in both restaurants are relatively small, allowing guests to comfortably enjoy a three-course meal. A highlight on the Cotta menu is the bebek goring garing, traditional Balinese crispy duck cooked in various spices and served with three different sambals (hot sauces). At Ombak, the bamboo charcoal squid-ink beef, served with puréed shallots and potato gratin, is a must-order.

Breakfast (included in the price) is sublime, offering a wide selection of teas and coffees, artisanal breads, eggs, Asian breakfasts and a variety of fresh, healthy mixed juices. The Reading Room is an air-conditioned space that offers healthy light foods, sandwiches and snacks, as well as a selection of iced teas and fresh juices.

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**ROOMS**

Entry-level rooms are the large Mountain View Villas, all of which look out across rice paddies towards Mount Batukaru. Through clever use of colours and natural light, the villas emanate a sense of calm and provide a beautiful space for relaxation and rejuvenation. Villas have their own private pools and comfortable outdoor lounging and dining area; the interior is built around a light well with the king-sized bed and living area on one side, and the bath, rain showers (indoor and outdoor), double vanity and dressing area on the other. The villas are equipped with Nespresso machine, smart TV (Apple TV on request) and sound system, as well as a well-stocked minibar, 24-hour room service and dedicated butler.

The Beach Pool Villas have similar amenities but, as the name suggests, open out onto the beach, offering vast views of the ocean. The property also has seven exclusive residences, which have up to 10 bedrooms.

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**VALUE FOR MONEY**

Double villas from US\$795 (£638). Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

**ACCESS FOR GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES?**

Not suitable.

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY?**

Yes. Family villas are available. While they don't have a specific kids' club, they can arrange activities for children, such as painting, kite-making and walks through local farming areas.

