

# VALLEY SCENE MAGAZINE – VILLA KUBU

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### GREAT ESCAPES

## Ahhhhh...Bali!

**By Dru Jensen-Jones**

**B**ali is located just over a mile from the eastern tip of the island of Java and is truly an island paradise.

**THE HARD ROCK HOTEL; KUTA:** The Hard Rock sits across the street from the ocean, in between streets where crowded vendors sell souvenirs.

The Hard Rock's pool is surrounded by swaying palm trees and beautiful cabanas. The partially sandy bottom lets you sink your toes as you sip your drink from the swim-up bar. The hotel's Centerstage Bar features a great rock-and-roll house band.

Breakfast is served on the deck overlooking the pool.

There are unbelievable sights to behold including thousands of temples and shrines, rice fields, and volcanoes. Master Guide, Dewa Astawa is a Balinese local, and he shows special sights; like a local cremation ceremony.

**VILLA KUBU; SEMINYAK BEACH:** Villa Kubu in Seminyak Beach, is home to several high-end resorts and restaurants. Villa Kubu offers fourteen lovely private pool villas equipped with every modern convenience. Large stepping-stones lead into lush gardens with a private plunge pool. Outdoor bathrooms feature a black granite tub overlooking a bubbling koi pond. Each evening mosquito-repelling incense coils are lit, and a mosquito net is elegantly draped over the bed.

Dinner is pool-side consisting of silky pumpkin soup with coconut cream, grilled king prawns, delicious plump chicken breasts, and a dessert of fresh tropical fruit and homemade ice cream. In addition to the expansive, international menu, Villa Kubu offers in-villa barbeques of fresh lobsters and seafood, classic meats, or local Indonesian fare. Traditional music and Balinese dancing are also available. Another special treat was dinner at Bumbu Bali at Kedonganan Beach. Diners select their dinner from



Spa Venus. Under Swiss-born, Nadja Katharina Nufer, guests are provided treatment options in three forms; Pampering, Deep Healing, and Therapeutic Healing. Villa Kubu restaurant will soon be serving a raw menu featuring vegan cuisine.

**KARMA KANDARA; UNGASAN:** Karma Kandara is a beautiful, five-star resort atop a cliff overlooking the Indian Ocean. This resort boasts forty-six, 1, 2, 3, and 4, bedroom pool villas.

The 3-bedroom villa is beautifully appointed with Balinese elements, and the living room doors open onto the deck of a private plunge pool. A short walk down the lovely stone pathways was the

Spa that provided luxurious treatments overlooking the ocean. A facial and massage with the sounds of the crashing waves humming in your ears is a must-do!

Karma Kandara offers their signature restaurant, di Mare, overlooking the resort's gorgeous infinity pool and the Indian Ocean. The beachside Nammos Beach Club and Grille features delicious brick oven pizzas, seafood, and Indonesian fare. Guests must take the hillside gondola down the cliff to access Kandara's unspoiled, private beach sprinkled with unusual shells and sea glass. The property and the view are spectacular.

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