

Tabanan, Mount Batukaru





(out of 5 stars)



Sarinbuana Eco Lodge deserves our highest Eco rating (5). The Lodge is sustainably integrated in Nature and the Social and Cultural environments of the area.

We enjoyed our 8 nights at **Sarinbuana Eco Lodge** very much. The friendliness of the staff, the attention to detail in the little villas is beautiful. We loved the always fresh organic food from the resort garden well presented and very tasty. Try the chocolate mousse and the cheese cake. The fish spiced with local herbs and wrapped in banana leaves tasted amazing. The way the two chefs

Iluh and Gunk and the team cooked and presented the food in the restaurant was very professional. We enjoyed fantastic massages for very reasonable charges. We explored the beauty of Bali on well organized excursions with our lovely driver/guide Gede and participated on some of the workshops at the Lodge. Sarinbuana's remote but beautiful setting in the cooler mountains will be remembered for a long time.



Orchid Villa



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Bale used for workshops



Restaurant



Delicious food



Evening entertainment

Price indicator: 90 – 160 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season Location: 7 room: 7 sleep quality: 8 food: 9 service: 7 cleanliness: 7 value: 8 Total: 7.6

scale of one to ten: 1 poor <----> 10 perfect



Lovina, Northern Bali eco rating

The Damai



(out of 5 stars)

From the hotel's own website: Hard to find, hard to leave Just a few hours from the airport, but light years away from the crowds. Here, on a green hill overlooking the sea, you find a small resort with a big view. Here you can visit some of Bali's most iconic attractions. Find your own hidden gems. Or just lounge by the pool, enjoying views of distant volcanoes. Welcome to the true Bali - and welcome to Damai. Our only 15 villas are surrounded by magnificent Balinese parks and a beautiful market garden. They range in size from the intimate to the palatial, some have private pools and some do not. All are decorated with simple luxuries, that make you feel like in a home, not in a hotel.

<u>Our verdict:</u> The Damai is a hidden jewel at Northern Coast of Bali. Far away from busy tourist centres it offers an elegant ambiance with beautiful traditional cottages in well maintained hillside location. Our Garden Villa was equipped with beautifully crafted hardwood furniture and local antiques. It created a simple and elegant tropical style without missing the modern comfort. The villa had a spacious bedroom with an adjacent seating area and a desk for writing and reading, as well as a veranda just big enough for the two of us. The bathroom had an open-air shower and a small Jacuzzi in the secluded backyard. Food at the restaurant and dinner by the pool were delicious. The organic garden supplies the kitchen with the freshest ingredients.













Price indicator: 175 – 610 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season **Location:** 9 room: 9 sleep quality: 9 food: 9 service: 9 cleanliness: 9 value: 9 <u>Total:</u> 9.0

scale of one to ten: 1 poor <----> 10 perfect



Ubud, Central Bali

Alila



(out of 5 stars)



From the hotel's own website: Located high above the Ayung River, Alila Ubud hotel has been laid out as a Balinese hillside village complete with its own community centre and pedestrian lanes. The resort's rooms and villas stand above a ravine on stilts like tree houses and are set into the banks of the river valley. The world-renowned architectural firm Kerry Hill Architects has made use of traditional Balinese design, but transforming it into modern geometry in the exotic creation of our Ubud villa hotel. Smooth plaster walls and concrete meet thatched roofs; terrazzo tiles meet gravel or crushed rock; wood meets glass, making for one of the most uniquely designed boutique hotels Ubud has seen.

Our verdict: Like all the Alila hotels we stayed so far Alila, Ubud offers a high standard of accommodation and an out standing design. The infinity pool is one of the most spectacular pools we have seen. Our superior room was acceptable in size and equipped with all we needed. The daybed on the small balcony was nice to chill out and watch the monkeys in the park like grounds. We loved the restaurant with lots of organic food on the menu and a delicious breakfast. All the staff was very friendly and always helpful insider tips of the area.













Price indicator: 290 – 680 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season **Location:** 9 room: 8 sleep quality: 9 food: 9 service: 9 cleanliness: 9 value: 9 <u>Total: 8.9</u>

scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect





Alila 🙀

(out of 5 stars)

From the hotel's own website: Alila Manggis is a secluded, stylish seaside resort in Manggis, East Bali – a haven of serenity set amidst a coconut grove, nestled between the sea and Mount Agung, Bali's most sacred mountain. Four two-storey buildings of cool white stone, lit up in geometric beams of warm tones after dark, house the guestrooms. Each block is a skilful execution of traditional and contemporary Balinese architecture, set at a 45° angle to the beach, allowing all rooms and suites a view of the sea and the resort's centrally featured pool. Experience a taste of paradise and relax with those you love the most at Alila Manggis, one of Candidasa's foremost family hotels.

<u>Our verdict:</u> We only stayed one night at the Alila, Manggis on our way from Ubud to Lovena. It is a nice hotel on the coast with well maintained gardens and a lovely pool. Our deluxe room was well equipped and featured a daybed on the balcony. Dinner and breakfast at the Seasalt Restaurant was well prepared and mostly contained organic ingredients. Another plus was the traditional music performed by local musicians.

Price indicator: 160 – **370 USD/night/room** incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season **Location: 8 room: 8 sleep quality: 8 food: 9 service: 9 cleanliness: 9 value: 9 Total: 8.6**



Rama Beach Resort

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(out of 5 stars)

From the hotel's own website: A restful sanctuary in South Kuta Bali with only 10 minutes away from Ngurah Rai International Airport. Rama Beach Kuta Resort & Villas features 104 well-appointed and comfortable rooms & villas, all carefully designed to meet the differing preferences of our valued guests. All room types are furnished and decorated in contemporary Balinese décor, and provided with 42 inch smart TV with International channels, complimentary internet access, coffee & tea making facility and well-stocked mini bar. Whether you are on business or pleasure, Rama Beach Kuta Resort & Villas is a luxurious haven, tastefully furnished to provide you with a most comfortable stay.

<u>Our verdict:</u> We stayed here for one night on our way from NZ to Java and arrived in the middle of the night. The booked pick up from the nearby airport worked very well. Check in was ok. Our room was spacious, the bed comfortable, bathroom was ok but needs some renovation soon. WiFi was good. Breakfast buffet was average. Use better juices please. Grounds are nice. We had an early lunch at the restaurant before we had to go to the airport again. Lunch was good. Staff were friendly.

Price indicator: 110 – 420 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season **Location:** 7 room: 6 sleep quality: 7 food: 8 service: 8 cleanliness: 7 value: 8 <u>Total: 7.3</u>