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## The Longhouse in Bali is an idyllic escape

The villa is designed by one of Indonesia's top architects, Popo Danes.

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Bali is an island known for its beauty and hospitality, but it does get a tad overcrowded and busy, especially in popular tourist areas. There are, of course, the more secluded spots, though they may come without the luxury of five-star amenities and services. An answer to that is The Longhouse, a tucked-away private gem that combines the best of both worlds. Perched on the hills of Jimbaran, the expansive villa was built in 2009, designed by one of Indonesia's top architects, Popo Danes, to reflect everything the owners love about the island.



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After undergoing an extensive renovation, the property reopened in December last year as a boutique hotel. While the essence of Balinese culture and architecture is retained, the six suites — each named after an Indonesian island — have their distinctive interior designs and a local touch, with decorative selections handpicked by the owners from their travels across the region.

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What makes it unique among Bali's resorts, besides its stunning 180° panoramic views of the surrounding hills, is The Longhouse's concept that infuses a hotel's hospitality with the atmosphere of a private villa. Guests have the option to book individual suites or the entire property, while its dedicated staff of 14 not only takes care of your needs, but also offers you opportunities to learn about Balinese culture, from traditional crafts to cooking.

Amenities include a yoga pavilion, in-house spa and gym, children's play area and a media room that doubles as a library. Creator Linda Nederkoon says of the concept, "We wanted to give independent travellers, couples and small groups the opportunity to experience The Longhouse without having to rent the entire villa. By introducing a boutique hotel concept, we can be flexible to all our guest needs and raise the bar for luxury villa hospitality in Bali."

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