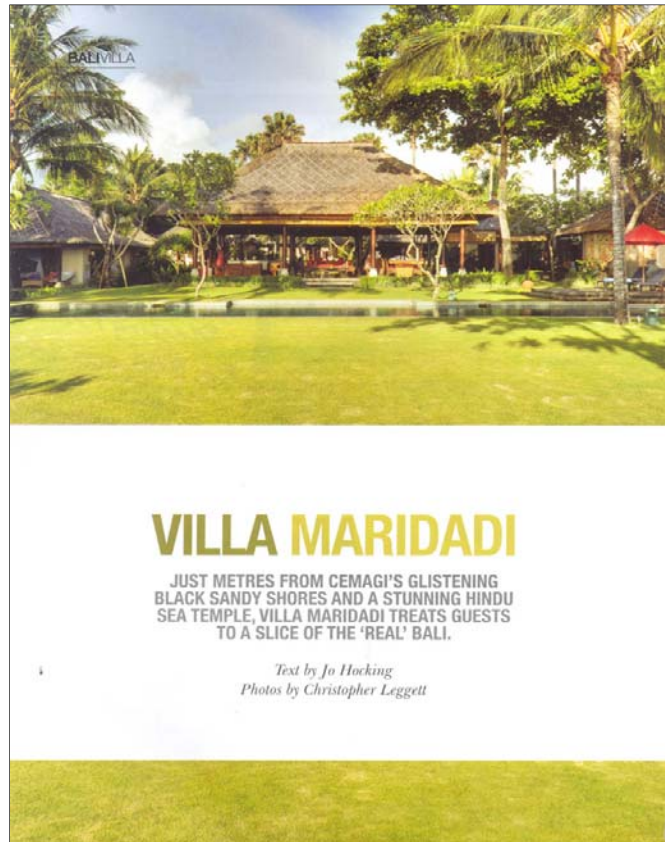


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Just metres from Cemagi's glistening black sandy shores and a stunning hindu sea temple, villa Maridadi treats guests to a slice of the 'real' Bali.

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Maridadi comes from the word 'beautiful' in Swahili and this villa more than lives up to its name. Offering incredible ocean views, stunning sunsets and luxurious open-air living amidst vivid green rice fields and rustling coconut palms, the stunning five-bedroom residence exudes beauty and elegance from every pore.

Thoughtfully designed for relaxation and comfort, its traditional architecture combines with easy modern living to create a comfortable home for families or groups of friends. Splashes of vibrant red inject a warm and happy vibe through the soft furnishings, bright umbrellas and magnificent flowering heliconias, which contrast beautifully against the teak furniture and garden foliage. The spacious and tastefully decorated air-conditioned bedrooms ensure guests sleep peacefully at night, and the decadent garden bathrooms enhance the tropical ambience with outdoor showers for those wishing to bathe *au naturel* under the stars.

When it comes to relaxation and entertainment the options are endless. Choose from a games room with billiard table, a tennis court, 20-metre swimming pool, open-sided living and dining pavilion, massage bale or the adorable lumbung, a traditional Balinese rice barn, perfect for sunset drinks.

As well as the incredible panoramas, guests are invited to experience the enchanting and exotic Balinese traditions. From watching the rice farmer tend to his fields, to the hypnotic daily offerings at the village or the elaborate ceremonies at the nearby temple, the 'real' Bali is unveiled to reveal why it is fondly called the Island of the Gods.

This calm and tranquil local culture is also felt through the warm and friendly staff, which include the attentive butlers and the in-house chef who all go about their duties with a minimum of fuss. Whether it is preparing a casual barbeque or organising a romantic candlelit dinner, no task is too big or small for the crew enabling guests to focus on what is really important - relaxation.

And should the trendy bars and restaurants of Seminyak entice, or the surf breaks of world renowned Echo Beach call, then the added beauty of Villa Maridadi is that a car and driver are available for guest use to explore Bali at their leisure. It just doesn't get any better.

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