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Ubud

INDONESIA POCKET GUIDE



*Rice paddies, temples,
jungles, and culture
define Ubud, Bali's
cultural hub*

Ubud is a serene getaway set within the tropical jungle of central Bali, epitomising the Island of the Gods' namesake. Welcome to an unforgettable landscape that offers visitors adventure, tranquillity, and everything in between-the perfect location to absorb the history and the people of Bali.

While the terraced rice fields, spiritual temples, and urge for adventure draw tourists in, meet the artists, performers, craftsmen, and friendly faces of Ubud to discover what makes this quaint town so easy to love.

Places To Eat

Dining in Ubud brings travellers into the lush jungle landscape. From tree top fine-dining to riverside cafés, treat yourself to delicious cuisine made from the fresh and local ingredients of Bali.

Must-Try Local Foods



PISANG GORENG

Banana fritters served with honey or palm sugar and coconut flakes



MIE GORENG

Fried noodles covered with a fried egg, served with shrimp crackers and mixed pickles



BEBEK GORENG

Balinese fried or smoked duck marinated in seasoning, served with rice, sambal and local vegetables



GADO GADO

Indonesian salad with peanut sauce



BABI GULING

Pork rubbed with turmeric, stuffed with a spice paste and then roasted on a spit over coconut husks or wood until super tender

INDONESIA DINING



Pricing Reference: \$ - Inexpensive \$\$ - Moderate \$\$\$ - Expensive

Bebek Bengil

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One of Ubud's speciality dishes, Bebek Betutu (smoked duck), is a ceremonial dish slow-roasted for hours. Sample this house speciality and other traditional duck plates at Bebek Bengil (known as Dirty Duck Diner), a long-established restaurant, where you dine on traditional bamboo raised huts surveying the rice fields. Open daily 10am to 10pm

Jalan Hanoman - Tel. +62 361-975-489

Café Lotus

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This delightful café in central Ubud has been operating for over three decades; ever-popular for its exquisite setting of raised dining platforms overlooking lotus ponds, facing one of Ubud's main temple complexes, Pura Taman Kemuda Saraswati. For dinner, traditional dance performances on an elevated stage complement your meal. Open daily 8:30am to 11pm

Jalan Raya Ubud - Tel. +62 361-975-660

Café Wayan

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Café Wayan is set within tranquil shaded gardens filled with a series of open-air wooden pavilions dotted amongst lotus ponds. The extensive all-day menu offers Balinese, Indonesian and Western dishes along with freshly baked breads and pastries. Open daily 8am to 11pm

Jalan Monkey Forest - Tel. +62 361-975-447

LakaLeke

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Set deep in the rainforests of Ubud, LakaLeke, the Balinese word for 'hideaway' presents diners traditional local cuisine surrounded by lily ponds and rice fields. Open daily 9am to 11pm

Nyuh Kuning - Tel. +62 361-977-565

Manisan

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Manisan's menu embraces the authentic flavours of Indonesia. Prepared using classic recipes, the chefs create authentic dishes for modern living. The goal is to transport patrons back in time to the Golden Age of Indonesia. Open daily 11am to 11pm

Jalan Hanoman - Tel. +62 361-972-200

Mr. Wayan, Balinese Cuisine

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At Mr. Wayan, Balinese Cuisine, dishes are prepared with a passion to share the local tastes of Bali with the world, aiming to provide a spiritual dining experience. Open daily 7am to 11pm

Jalan Suweta, Br. Bentuyung - Tel. +62 361-973-178

Nusantara by Locavore

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From the same chef-creators as Ubud's acclaimed Locavore, Nusantara serves a unique take on Indonesia's rich culinary heritage and artisanal recipes with authentic flavours sourced across the archipelago. Chefs mainly use local, fresh, seasonal components and ethically-reared meats.

9C Jalan Dewi Sita - Tel. +62 361-972-973



INTERNATIONAL DINING

Blanco Par Mandif

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Set within The Blanco Renaissance Museum compound, this sophisticated yet intimate fine-dining venue is the creation of award-winning Indonesian chef-restaurateur, Mandif M. Warokka.

At the Chef's Tasting Table, Mandif aims to showcase modern Indonesian refined cuisine made with local archipelago ingredients, flavours and traditional recipes, featured in degustation menus. Platings resembling mini works of art. Open daily 12pm to 2pm; 6pm to 10pm

The Blanco Renaissance Museum, Jalan Raya Tjampuhan - Tel. +62 361-479-2284

Bridges

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Bridges is a casual fine-dining restaurant, wine bar and boutique that offers elegant interpretations on traditional dishes - and dramatic river gorge views located beside the old Campuhan River bridge. Pre and post-dinner drinks here are a must. Open daily 11am to 11:30pm

Jalan Raya Tjampuhan - Tel. +62 361-970-095

Hujan Locale

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The creation of acclaimed Chef-Restaurateur Will Meyrick, this casual-gourmet restaurant combines classic Indonesian flavours and less familiar archipelago heritage recipes, with modern culinary techniques and locally sourced produce. Hujan Locale's double-storey space reflects a cool tropical provincial setting infused with a colonial-meets-Asian charm. Open daily 12pm to 11pm

Jalan Sri Wedari 5 - Tel. +62 813-3972-0306

Locavore

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Taking Ubud's culinary scene to new sophisticated levels and ranked amongst Asia's top restaurants, Locavore's cutting-edge, European-influenced "modern cuisine, local produce" formula utilizes practically all Indonesian-sourced produce in ingredients-driven, multi-course tasting menus. Exquisitely presented dishes are meticulously assembled in the open kitchen. Open Tues-Sat 12pm to 2:30pm; Mon-Sat 6:30pm to 10pm

Jalan Dewisita 10 - Tel. +62 361-977-733

Mozaic Restaurant Gastronomique

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Created and masterminded by Master Chef Chris Salans, Mozaic is Indonesia's most lauded restaurant. Salans' pioneering culinary methodology marries French and Western modern cooking techniques with Indonesia's seasonal ingredients, artfully showcased in dinner-only degustation menus - the first in Bali. Dine under the stars at Mozaic's romantic open-air garden terrace. Open daily 5pm to 11pm

Jalan Raya Sanggingan - Tel. +62 361-975-768

VEGETARIAN



Alchemy Bali

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Alchemy Bali is Bali's first 100 percent raw vegan café-restaurant and juice bar and one of its most committed holistic and eco-committed establishments. Flavour-packed vegan fare - with raw or lightly cooked dish options are freshly prepared with organic, local produce and no refined ingredients, animal bi-products or chemical additives. Their comprehensive cold-pressed juice and smoothie bar is Ubud's best. Open daily 7am to 9pm

Jalan Penestanan Kelod 75 - Tel. +62 361-971-981

Herb Library

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Herb Library is a contemporary, healthy dining establishment where the colourful décor matches the whimsical dishes. Each is carefully crafted, nutritionally balanced, and internationally influenced to bring diners a fresh take on regional cuisine. Open daily 7am to 11am

Jalan Jembawan - Tel. +62 361-908-3289

KAFE

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Kafe is a gem find for the health-conscious, or anyone who likes globally-inspired, fresh wholesome fare made with chemical-free, organic and sustainably farmed local produce. Delicious, imaginative offerings cover vegetarian, vegan, raw and non-vegetarian dishes and super-nutritious beverages. The unmissable, two-storey KAFE comes crafted from recycled timbers. Open daily 7am to 11pm

Jalan Hanoman 44b - Tel. +62 361-479-2078

Moksa

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A plant-based restaurant and permaculture garden, Moksa presents healthy food in the most extraordinary way. The restaurant inspires beauty and creativity in a space that is more than what meets the eye. Visit the on-site garden and Dojo for a full immersion into healthy living. Open daily 10am to 9pm

Puskesmas Ubud II, Gang Damai, Sayan - Tel. +62 813-3977-4787

Sayuri Healing Food

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A vegan and vegetarian dream, Sayuri incorporates ancient culinary wisdoms of Ayurveda, Chinese and Macrobioti, helping diners "align with nature." Food is raw-living and home-cooked plant-based, all gluten, animal and dairy-free and wherever possible, created with ethical, organic produce. Even the smoothies are packed with superfoods. Open daily 7am to 10pm

JL Sukma Kesuma No 2 - Tel. +62 822-4048-5154



BAR & LOUNGE



Bar Luna

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Below Ubud's celebrated Casa Luna restaurant, in a stylish basement, Bar Luna emits an artsy bohemian vibe, frequented by Ubud's literary crowd. There are live music performances, poetry recitals and some of Ubud's finest tapas, cocktails - great value during Happy Hour - and gourmet-style coffees. Open daily 3pm to 11pm

Jalan Raya Ubud - Tel. +62 361-977-409

The Night Rooster Cocktail Bar

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The Locavore team's recent launch of this intimate cocktail bar is a welcome addition to Ubud's sedate bar scene. Amidst hip interiors crafted from recycled woods, resident alchemist Raka creates craft cocktails from premium spirits, innovatively combined with local fruits, herbs, vegetables and spices. A perfect accompaniment to the in-house charcuterie dishes. Open Mon to Sat 4pm to midnight

10B Jalan Dewi Sita - Tel. +62 361-977-733

Jungle Fish Pool Bar

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Within Chapung Se Bali Resort & Spa, immersed amongst lush rainforest and overlooking Osh River Valley, Jungle Fish provides Ubud with a "beach club without the beach" and cool hang-out spot with two open-air restaurants, a pool bar, sundeck, 35m infinity pool and spa facilities. Come for the day to relax and swim. Open daily 7:30am to 10pm

Chapung Se Bali Resort & Spa, Jalan Raya Sebalik Keliki - Tel. +62 361-898-9104

Laughing Buddha Bar

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This restaurant, tapas bar, cocktail lounge and music venue is one of the liveliest, most prominent nightspots in Ubud, welcoming with a laid-back, fun vibe and conveniently located in downtown Ubud. The bar regularly presents night-time music performances and special events, featuring talented musicians from around the world. Open daily 8:30am to 2am

Jalan Monkey Forest - Tel. +62 361-970-928

Room4Dessert

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Recently featured on Netflix's series 'Chef's Table,' Room4Dessert is a progressive dessert, wine and cocktail bar, inspired by New York supper clubs and created by one of the "10 Best Pastry Chefs in America." The focus is on Michelin-starred, decadent desserts made from locally sourced ingredients, complemented with an impressive Old and New World wine list, and classic old-school cocktails. Open Mon-Fri 5pm to 11pm; Sat-Sun 2pm to 11pm

Jalan Sanggingan - Tel. +62 812-3666-2806



CAFÉ & TEAHOUSE

Casa Luna

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Created in 1992 by Balinese culinary guru, Janet De Neefe, this iconic flagship café-restaurant is popular for its relaxed tropical atmosphere and innovative menu focusing on Balinese and Mediterranean-inspired wholesome dishes with hand-picked seasonal local produce. Their long-running weekend brunch is one of Ubud's finest. Open daily 8am to 11pm

Jalan Raya Ubud - Tel. +62 821-4640-0525

Anomali

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Anomali means 'something different', and this specialist Indonesian coffee roaster company certainly is. Their main goal is showcasing 100 per cent specialty coffee beans from Indonesia's finest estates, especially Single Origin, roasted and served with meticulous methodology in-house. Expect a hipster-style coffee lab than a typical standard coffee shop! Open daily 7am to 10pm

Jalan Raya Ubud No. 88 Gianyar - Tel. +62 361-972-263

Locavore To Go

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If you can't secure a table at wildly popular Locavore Restaurant, then head to its little sister, Locavore To Go, located nearby; a hipster-meets-rustic café that offers an alternative, albeit more low-key back-up and breakfasts and lunches with a more casual, home-cooked approach. Everything is made in-house and their deli is a gourmet delight, selling delicious home-made goodies. Open daily 8:30am to 7pm

103/4 Jalan Dewi Sita - Tel. +62 361-908-0757

Seniman Coffee Studio

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Seniman is a leading Southeast Asian specialty coffee brand and their stylish Ubud branch is not only one of the hippest, quirkiest cafés in town but the most knowledgeable for the art of coffee. This coffee studio offers a vast selection of specialty grade, single-origin beans from across the world, a cold press manual brew bar, espresso craft bar and an in-house roaster across the street. Baristas whip-up anything from mega strength Cold Drip to Taiwanese Syphons. Open daily 8am to 10pm

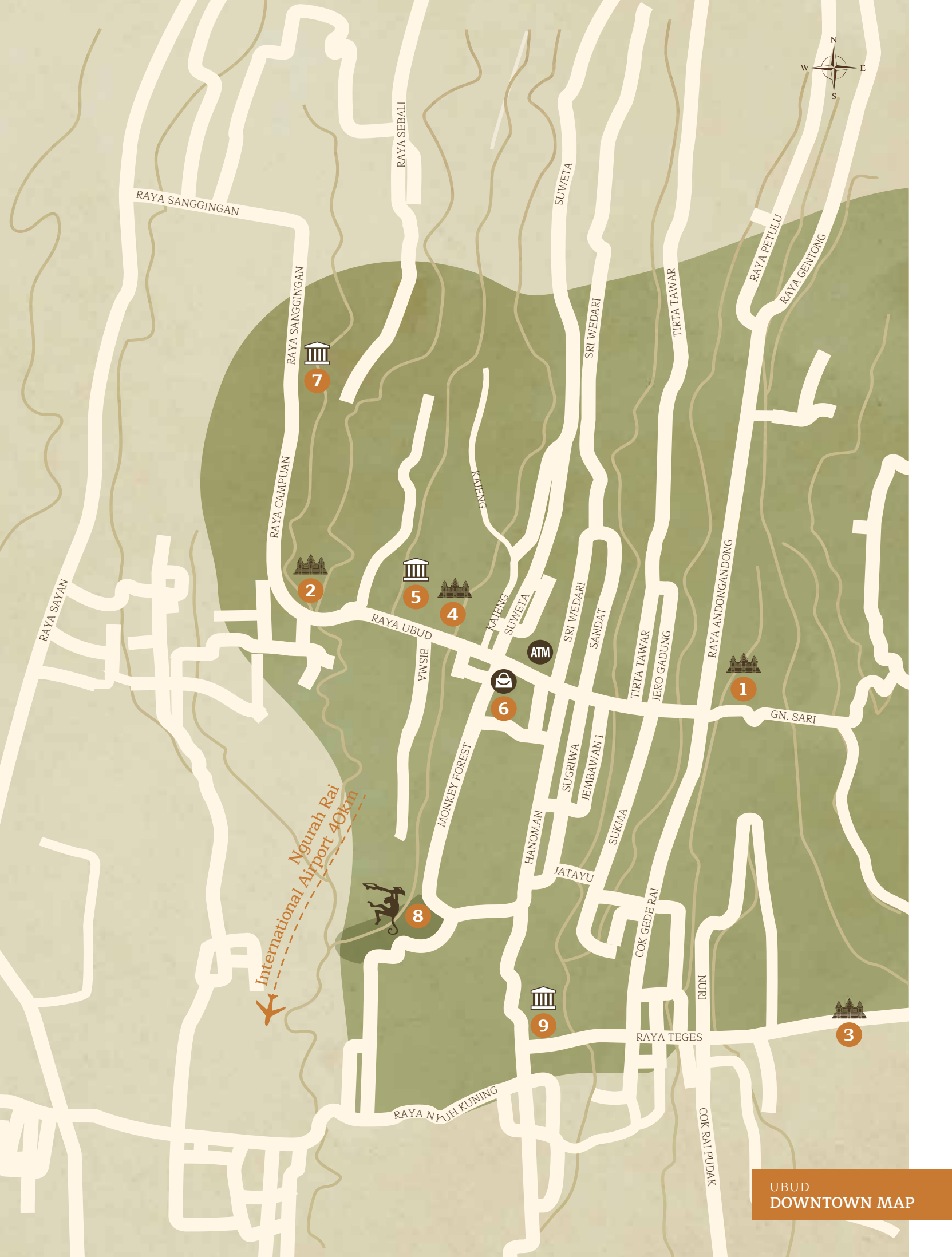
Jalan Sriwedari 5 - Tel. +62 361-972-085

What About My Mother?

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This sunshine-filled, European-style café with a quirky name is set in a lush green, leafy setting, just off Monkey Forest in one of Ubud's quieter neighbourhoods. That, and the nutrient-packed yet deliciously indulgent breakfast and lunch dishes served here, have made this a hugely popular place to chill out with family and friends. Open daily 7am to 5pm

Jalan Nyuh Bulan 24, Nyuh Kuning, Mas - Tel: +62 812-3696-2663



UBUD
DOWNTOWN MAP

1. Pura Gunung Sari Peliatan

2. Pura Gunung Lebah

3. Goa Gajah
4. Pura Taman Saraswati

5. Puri Lukisan Museum

6. Art Market
7. Neka Art Museum

8. Monkey Forest

9. Agung Rai Museum of Art



Things To Do

Ubud is the island's spiritual and cultural hub. Surrounded by rice paddies and coffee plantations, the art gallery-filled downtown is easily walkable and filled with international restaurants and local artisan shops.

Top Things To Do



Adventure down the Agung River on a white water rafting trip



Cycle out to the Tegallalang rice paddy terraces



Browse Bali's finest art museums



Receive a Balinese Hindu blessing in a traditional ceremony



Indulge in Ubud's world-renowned wellness and healing retreats



ENTERTAINMENT

Agung Rai Museum of Art (ARMA)

Besides an art museum, the Agung Rai Museum of Art (ARMA) is a full-on Balinese cultural and arts centre, with emphasis on visual and performing arts. ARMA regularly hosts open-air performances of traditional music and dance, including Legong, Barong and Kris varieties, at their amphitheatre-like stage. The most riveting renditions are of the must-see Kecak Fire and Trance Dance, combined with dinner, performed every Full Moon and New Moon, commencing at 7:30pm

Jalan Raya Pengosekan - Tel. +62 361-975-742

Oka Kartini Shadow Puppet Performance

Shadow puppetry (Wayang Kulit) is a signature art form originating from Java, where puppet masters manipulate cow-hide or leather carved puppets behind an illuminated white screen, accompanied by traditional music. The Balinese have adapted their own story versions, incorporating romance, adventure, or slapstick comedy - often a combination of all of these - modified with some contemporary humour. A traditional-style intimate venue, Oka Kartini presents one of the most authentic and endearing shadow puppet shows. Regular one-hour performances start at 8pm

Jalan Raya Ubud 35 - Tel. +62 361-975-193

Peliatan Village

Outside central Ubud, Peliatan Village is a renowned arts epicentre and is celebrated for its Legong dancers (a classical Balinese dance, originating in the 19th century as royal entertainment) and superior Gamelan music. Legong Dance and Peliatan's other distinctive classic music and dance, besides other traditional Balinese performances are regularly staged at two venues in Peliatan: the Royal Palace (royal family), home to the Peliatan Royal Family since 1769 and Balerung Mandera Stage, a large traditional-style pavilion located in the midst of rice paddies.

Puri Agung Peliatan, Jalan Cok Gede Rai, Peliatan Village - Tel. +62 812-3651-0900



Pura Dalem Agung Padangtegal Temple

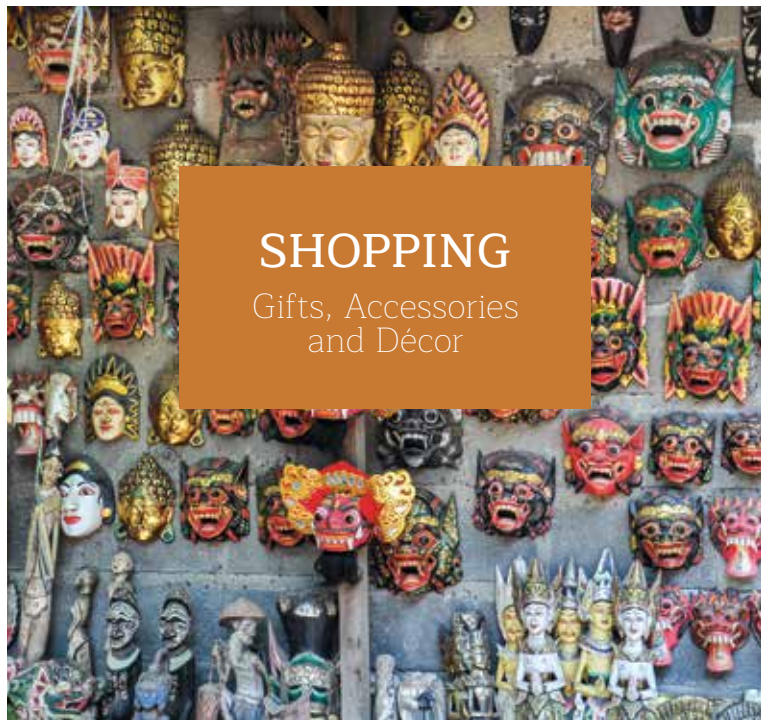
Deep within the sacred Ubud Monkey Forest (one of Ubud's biggest tourist attractions), the largest of three 14th century Hindu temples here, Pura Dalem Agung Padangtegal (Main Temple) and one of Ubud's most important cultural venues, hosts regular open-air traditional music and dance performances: including Kecak Ramayana and Fire Dance, Jegog Gamelan and Keris Dance. The spell-binding setting under the stars is engulfed by rainforest and inhabited by macaque monkeys.

Pura Dalem Agung, Monkey Forest, Jalan Monkey Forest - Tel. +62 361-970-508

Ubud Royal Palace

One of the most alluring spots to watch traditional music and dance performances is the Ubud Royal Palace (Puri Saren Agung). Still inhabited by the current Royal Family, nightly scheduled performances with gamelan orchestras, such as Barong and Legong dances, are staged open-air amongst the palace's well-preserved, exotic architecture and charming gardens on a magically illuminated, gilded hand-carved platform stage.

Jalan Raya Ubud 8



John Hardy Ubud Workshop & Showroom

John Hardy is an opulent jewellery designer brand, retailing in the world's finest stores, yet their collector's item pieces are traditionally hand-crafted by local artisans at a rustic-inclined compound in Mambal Village and sold at a spectacular all-bamboo showroom. Complimentary pre-booked tours include a workshop visit and outdoor worker's canteen lunches. Open daily 8:30am to 5:30pm

Jalan Raya Mambal, Br. Baturning 1, Mambal - Tel. +62 361-469-888

Rio Helmi

Take a break from Ubud's bustling streets at this minimalist designed and intimate gallery, which exhibits striking photographic works by Indonesia photographer-writer Rio Helmi. Much of his collection covers decades of global travels, especially Asia. Open daily 8am to 7pm

Jl. Suweta 24A - Tel. +62 361-978-773/4

Sukawarti Art Market

A short drive outside Ubud, in Sukawarti Village, Sukawarti Art Market ('Pasar Seni Sukawati') is regarded as one of the region's most authentic and cheapest art markets, jam-packed with stalls selling a diverse array of arts, handicrafts, souvenirs and clothing. Open daily 8am to 7pm

Jalan Raya Sukawati, Sukawati



Threads Of Life

Renowned textile arts centre and non-profit foundation, Threads of Life, supports local Indonesian communities to preserve declining indigenous weaving traditions and natural dying techniques. Exquisite archipelago hand-woven pieces - some taking years to complete and outstanding heirloom-quality - retail in this museum standard gallery. Open daily 10am to 7pm

Jalan Kajeng 24 - Tel. +62 361-972-187

Tony Raka Art Gallery

One of Ubud's most prominent, contemporary art galleries, upscale TONYRAKA presents modern and contemporary artworks featuring paintings, sculptures and installations, alongside a stunning tribal art collection, with traditional and contemporary art, sculptures, masks and textiles from Bali and across Indonesia. Regular exhibitions are hosted here. Open Mon-Sun 10am to 5pm

Jalan Raya Mas, Mas - Tel. +62 812-3600-8035

Ubud Art Market

Opposite the Royal Palace, cavernous Ubud Art Market (Pasar Seni Ubud) offers an all-under-one-roof souvenir and handicraft haul, with a labyrinth of stalls selling anything from kites and shadow puppets to soft wood carvings and batik fabrics. Locals also frequent here early morning for tasty snacks and temple offerings. Open daily 8am to 5pm

Jalan Raya Ubud 35





SPA & WELLNESS

COMO Shambhala Estate

COMO Group's flagship wellness property, COMO Shambhala Estate, is the world's first full-service residential health and spa retreat and Bali's most internationally-acclaimed wellness sanctuary. This exclusive 'Retreat for Change' rests in a private estate, high above a jungle-clad river gorge. Everything here, from super-nutritious cuisine to multi-day wellness programmes in luxurious accommodations, focuses on 360-degree holistic wellness for long-term healing and positive changes.

Banjar Begawan, Desa Melinggih Kelod, Payangan - Tel. +62 361-302-2218

Fivelements

Fivelements (Puri Ahimsa), a multiple award-winning "Healing Hotel of the World," is deeply rooted in Balinese traditions and eco-conscious principals. This five-star-meets-rustic healing retreat offers holistic healing, spiritual harmony and emotional spring-cleaning; a signature is their ancient Balinese, spiritually-inclined healing rituals. Stay at luxurious riverside lodges, for personalised multi-day retreats.

Banjar Baturning, Mambal - Tel. +62 361-469-260

Royal Kirana Spa

A sanctuary for personal indulgence, this exclusive spa nestles in one of Ubud's forested river valleys. Royal Kirana's high-end menu offers lavish body and beauty rituals infused with royal Balinese touches. Treatments are administered in self-contained villas with private pool, built traditional Balinese-style amidst tropical gardens dotted with coconut trees. Open daily 9am to 9pm

Jl. Raya Kedewatan - Tel. +62 361-980-022

Sacred River Spa

Secluded in tropical rainforest and sumptuous Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan, this spa takes a deeply spiritually and wellness-inclined focus, offering Eastern (especially Balinese) ancient rituals, holistic treatments and spiritual practices. Highlights are self-contained luxury spa villas floating above a lotus pond and yoga sessions in an open-air bamboo pavilion amongst riverside rice fields. Open daily 9am to 9pm

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan, Sayan - Tel. +62 361-977-577

Spa at Maya

Within boutique resort Maya Ubud, Spa at Maya offers a secluded setting in a rainforest valley alongside Petanu River. Accessed by timbered walkways, ensuite thatched spa pavilions and facilities elevated above the river are ultra-private, yet semi-open for jungle sights and natural breezes. This spa focuses on traditional Balinese treatments and offers good-value spa packages.

Maya Ubud, Jalan Gunung Sari, Peliatan - Tel. +62 361-977-888

Taksu Spa

A one-off, American-operated spa with internationally-trained staff, Taksu Spa offers authentic Balinese experiences at amazing value in a stunning setting. Taksu's stone-walled spa, evocative of an ancient Hindu temple, rambles across bamboo-forested riverbanks, skewered by a small river – still in central Ubud. Taksu also offer an extensive, alternative and excellent range of holistic and wellness modalities. Open daily 9am to 10pm

Jalan Goutama Selatan, Padang Tegal - Tel. +62 361-971-490



Agung Rai Museum of Art (ARMA)

In a picturesque rice field and garden setting, for the past two decades, the ARMA has emerged as a leading force in the preservation of traditional Balinese culture; its private on-loan collection from the museum founders is one of the island's largest. Balinese art works (including some prominent foreign artists with Bali connections) range from contemporary present-day to early 20th century. ARMA also doubles as a Balinese cultural and arts centre, hosting exhibitions and visitor craft workshops. Open daily 9am to 6pm

Jalan Raya Pengosekan - Tel. +62 361-976-659

Museum Puri Lukisan

Bali's oldest art museum and the first of its kind in Ubud, was co-founded in 1956 by an Ubud Prince, aiming to keep Balinese art on the island. To this day, Ubud's Royal Family maintains an active role in the preservation and promotion of Balinese art. The museum is home to the largest collection of paintings and woodcarvings from Bali's modernist era (1930s to 1945) to the present-day. Open daily 9am to 6pm

Jalan Raya Ubud - Tel. +62 361-971-159

Museum Rudana & Rudana Fine Art Gallery

Museum Rudana or Rudana Art Museum was built by Nyoman Rudana, following the concept of the Bali humanist philosophy of Tri Hita Karana, where art makes a contribution to public wellbeing. Sharing the same philosophy as the museum, Rudana Fine Art Gallery seeks to promote the premises as a centre for education, where visitors can learn more about different aspects of traditional and modern art. Open daily 9am to 5pm

Jalan Cok Rai Puduk, Peliatan - Tel. +62 361-975-779



Neka Art Museum

Ubud's best-known art museum, Neka houses one of the island's finest quality art collections, with the most comprehensive collection of traditional and modern Balinese paintings. Aiming to preserve and document Bali's artistic legacy, Neka presents a vividly illustrated introduction to the history of Balinese painting styles, with a focus on fine art inspired by the island and quality artworks created by Balinese natives, Indonesian and Bali-based foreign artists. Neka's extensive creations are housed in traditional-style garden pavilions. Open Mon-Sat 9am to 5pm; Sun 12pm to 5pm

Jalan Raya Campuhan - Tel. +62 361-975-074

The Blanco Renaissance Museum

Ubud has been a highland bolt-hole for foreign, especially European bohemian painters with an omnipresent lasting artistic legacy. This includes the whimsical former private mansion and artist studio of Philippine-born Ubud long-term resident, Antonio Blanco, which has now been converted into a surreal living museum housing a permanent exhibition of this eccentric artists' paintings. Guided tours are recommended.

Jalan Raya Penestanan 8, Campuan - Tel. +62 361-975-502



Notes