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WHO WON OUR
READERS' CHOICE
AWARDS?

HAPPY *Lunar*
NEW YEAR

FOODIE ALERT!
SUPERB SUSHI &
BEST CHICKEN RICE



Romantic
BARS
& RESTAURANTS

KID-FRIENDLY...
BEDROOMS, SCHOOLS
& HOLIDAYS

**WHAT WORKS
FOR SLIMMING?**

TRAVEL TIME
JAPAN JOURNEYS &
MALAYSIA MINI-BREAKS



Bali



Seaside Space

Keeping the family happy and entertained is a breeze at **Grand Cliff Nusa Dua**. Spanning three levels, this contemporary seaside property features a private pool, two living rooms, indoor and outdoor dining, a games room, home theatre, poolside spa and relaxation pavilion.

The five-bedroom villa is well-equipped for families – including high chairs, car seats, baby cots and games – and comes fully staffed, with a private chef and a driver. Big and little kids will enjoy watching movies in the theatre and playing games on the Playstation 4. There's also a karaoke machine, board games and billiard table to keep everyone content.

Away from the villa, little ones will enjoy a trip to Pirates Bay at Nusa Dua, with its pirate ship, treehouses and hanging bridges. Older kids could try Surf & Turf, a trendy beach club that houses the first FlowRider in Bali. You could also head to Tanjung Benoa for watersports, and end the day at Jimbaran beach for a seafood dinner as the sun sets.

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Rural Retreat

Surrounded by rice terraces and greenery, **Kaba Kaba Estate** in Bali's Tabanan regency (north of Canggu) is an expansive eight-bedroom villa with a main pool, two plunge pools and a pool specially for little ones. Kids will also love their own special bunk-bed room. Besides a living room, a dining pavilion that seats 18, a library and media room, there's also a swanky rooftop bar ideal for entertaining.

Prefer a more relaxing holiday vibe? The dedicated spa has two massage tables, a spa bath and private garden. Or, head to the tennis court and croquet lawn for a quick game, or hop on one of the bikes (including two children's bikes) and explore the surrounding villages.

Besides enjoying the pools, spa and games in the villa, you can also arrange for Balinese dance lessons and yoga sessions, or make a trip to visit sacred Pura Tanah Lot, an ancient Hindu temple perched on a cliff.

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Villa Vacay

Sohamsa Ocean Estate boasts two stunning cliff-side villas that offer loads of space for the whole family. Located about half an hour from Bali's airport, the five-bedroom Villa Soham and four-bedroom Villa Hamsa share a dedicated team of 10 staff who'll be at your beck and call so you won't need to lift a finger!

The villas feature private pools and spacious living and dining areas, and both are well-equipped with mod-cons – think Wi-Fi, game consoles, Sonos sound systems and more. Villa Soham even has its own gym and massage room with a steam room and sauna to boot. Special items for families such as high chairs, cots and pool toys can be arranged.

You can also rent a seven-seater car for up to eight hours a day to explore the area – go shopping at Nusa Dua's Bali Collection, enjoy a day out at Pandawa Beach, or pay a visit to famous Uluwatu temple.

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HEAVENLY HOLIDAY



Escape from Singapore to the Sohamsa Ocean Estate, an elite cliff-top enclave on Bali's Bukit Peninsula.

Need a break from the city; an escape from the demands of everyday life? Gather your favourite friends (and their kids), grab a sarong or two, and leg it to Bali for some serious fun at the Sohamsa Ocean Estate.

You'll feel a sense of peace the moment you step into this awe-inspiring oceanfront villa and take in the stunning sea views and stellar Ernesto Bedmar architecture. There's an astonishing amount of formal and casual living space in the two adjoining villas, the five-bedroom Villa Soham and the four-bedroom Hamsa; when rented together, a 'full house' of 18 — or as many as 22 with extra beds — can spread out in supreme comfort without compromising on privacy. Perfect for boisterous family groups or a bunch of friends on a pampering break.



Imagine floating in the infinity pool with the expanse of ocean sparkling below, gently tanning on the sun lounger refreshed by the scent of the sea breeze, then lingering over lunch in the pool pavilion to the sound of the surf. While the kids watch a movie or work off energy under the watchful eyes of the staff, work up a sweat in one of the gyms then, after time in the sauna and steam room, enjoy a soothing massage in the dedicated therapy room. Head down to the beach for a late afternoon swim or spot of kayaking, before convening for cocktails on the raised dining deck followed by a lavish candle-lit dinner or seafood barbecue prepared by the villa's highly talented chef. How can it get better than that?

Soham, and its inversion hamsa, means 'I am he', referencing the oneness of the universe and the presence of divinity in each of us. What a perfect name for a contemporary off-the-beaten-track sanctuary with a cool zen vibe that promises such a stress-free vacation, wedding, or wellness/corporate retreat. No wonder so many guests choose to stay put, rather than visit Bali's famous surf breaks, sea temples and seafood restaurants a mere half-hour drive away.

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