

There is something reassuringly inviting about Four Seasons Resorts and their uncanny ability to put you at ease the moment you arrive. Dedicated to perfecting the travel experience, the formula for their extremely high standards and success, honed over 50 years, has been tried, tested and effective. It is a formula which combines elegant properties in stunning locations, sumptuous accommodation and décor, with a level of authentic local service matched by few, surpassed by none. Considering its size Bali has an abundance of large and small

luxury resorts, villas and boutique hotels scattered throughout the island with high standards in both service and design quality, not to mention an equally inviting climate and culture. With the concentration of many of Bali's best designed and most luxurious centred in the Bukit peninsula, on the south side of the island, notably Ubud to the northern side and Seminyak to the south, choosing where to stay is no easy task. Thankfully not only does the Four Seasons manage a resort in both of these incredible locations, they are equally position perfect and luxurious.▶

FOUR SEASONS RESORT JIMBARAN BAY

INFORMAL LUXURY

LOCATION
JIMBARAN BAY, BALI
RESORT
FOUR SEASONS RESORT BALI
BUILT
1994
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GROUNDS KENT ARCHITECTS
INTERIOR DESIGNER
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Cocotraie has been fortunate to have stayed at a number of Four Seasons Resorts around the world, and for our visit to Bali we took the opportunity to stay at their stunning resort nestled on the north-east slopes of Jimbaran Bay in southern Bali near Seminyak. A location which commands stunning panoramic cliff top and ocean front views of the Indian Ocean. Built by Grounds Kent Architects, an award-winning company formed by Jack Kent and Martin Grounds, Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay, opened in June 1993, is fully immersed in Bali's natural beauty in a style echoing that of a Balinese village, albeit, a very luxurious one. Each of the all-villa resort's 147 expansive thatched roofed accommodation, designed to incorporate pavilions within a courtyard enclosure with private plunge pool, are spread across 35 acres of oceanfront views, punctuated by brilliant flowered gardens and 500 small Balinese shrines.

Arriving at your private villa your eyes are immediately drawn to the central plunge pool, the views from which spill out over the sea. Inside, the furnishings are exquisite, understated elegance. Uncluttered and yet full of Balinese touches of décor, from intricate stonework, teak wood carvings to furniture upholstered in tropical batik fabrics. Intricate "mother-of-pearl" inlays on the frames of chairs add subtle elements of luxury and exemplify the exquisite attention to detail of the interior design. ▶



From its dramatic hilltop setting here is a resort that combines the very best of traditional Balinese Architecture with a world-class service.

EXOTIC AND INSPIRING, EACH OF THE LUXURIOUS BALINESE GUEST VILLAS PROVIDES A PRIVATE TROPICAL PARADISE, COMPLETE WITH SEPARATE SLEEPING, BATHING AND LIVING PAVILIONS, INCLUDING A PRIVATE PLUNGE POOL WITH INFINITY-EDGE VIEWS.





An attention to detail repeated throughout the resort by its interior designs Dale Keller & Associates, where all the spaces from the reception pavilion to the dining areas, embrace a finely executed fusion of traditional Balinese artistic style with a world-class, contemporary "informal meets luxury" design aesthetic.

Taking its name from the Sanskrit word for "beautiful" Sundara is the resort's uber cool beach-front restaurant with direct and uninterrupted views of the wide curved Jimbaran Bay beach and Indian Ocean beyond. Designed by Koichi Yasuhiro from Tokyo's renowned Design Studio SPIN the expansive Sundara, opened in 2013, is spread across 29,437 square feet on two levels, including a variety of indoor and outdoor settings. Two soaring Balinese-style pavilions create a distinctive roof-line, whilst inside the décor combines Bali's unique artistic heritage with an ambiance of relaxed luxury.

With its infinity edged pool spanning the entire frontage from the bar to the far end of the restaurant, Sundara excels at offering a sophisticated laid-back, beach-club vibe where guests can relax pool-side on comfortable tree-shaded daybeds enjoying a casual long lunch, either on the outdoor patio or indoors at the open concept kitchen and dining space. At sunset the restaurant transitions into an chic cocktail and dining scene while DJs play chill-out tunes in the bar pavilion.

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay artfully captures the elegance and romance found in the culture of Bali together with its signature standard of local service excellence. A micro experience of Bali itself. 🌿

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