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A tropical scene featuring a dirt path lined with tall palm trees and lush greenery. In the foreground, a woman in a black swimsuit carries a pink surfboard, and a man in a black wetsuit walks behind her. The background shows more palm trees and a clear sky.

We didn't create this guide to show you Bali, we created it to share its real essence through our own experience, the Moon Rocks way.



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BALI

- Heart of Bali
- Ubud
- The Highland Lakes
- Canggu, Pererenan and Seseh.
- The Bukit



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HEART OF BALI



A cool mountain escape where misty forests, quiet temples and volcanic lakes shape a slower rhythm of Bali.

Slow mornings

Kintamani, where Bali feels different

We chose this place to open the guide because, without a doubt, it's one of the most special spots on the island for us.

Set on the west side of Kintamani, with Mount Batur right there and Mount Agung rising in the background, the landscape doesn't even feel real. It's one of those places that hits you instantly.

I've always been drawn to volcanoes. There's something about them. And I'd always wanted to climb one, properly experience it. Batur turned out to be the perfect first, an easy hike with a reward that goes way beyond what you expect.

To do it right, you'll want to get in touch with a local guide in Kintamani and be ready for a very early wake-up call. We're talking properly early, but trust me, it's part of the magic. You hike in the dark, half asleep, not really knowing what's coming, and then the light starts to break.

If you make it to the top at sunrise and see what we saw with your own eyes, you'll get it. No explanation needed. That quiet, that view, that feeling. It was one of those moments that stays with you.



Realflavours

Eat where life actually happens

Montana Del Cafe

This is one of those places you simply can't miss. Seriously, don't skip it. It's incredible.

We came here with one simple mission, eat something really good and recover after the hike, and this place delivered way beyond that.

The space is beautiful, calm, and the energy just makes you slow down without even trying. The staff are amazing, genuinely warm and welcoming, and it makes the whole experience feel even better. And the food... exactly what you want in that moment.

And then the view hits. **Mount Batur** right in front of you, **Lake Batur** stretching out below. It's one of those views that makes you stop mid-conversation and just look





Every morning starts
with a kind smile,
and that's everything.

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Sacred places

Silence is the real luxury

Some places stay with you for how they make you feel.

Pura Ulun Danu Batur is one of them. The energy, the setting, and that quiet feeling that fills you the first time you see it.

Go early in the morning, when it's calm and almost empty. And if you can, visit after the rainy season, from April or May, when the lake is full and everything feels more magical.



They'll place a sarong on you at the entrance, and somehow, you feel part of it.

Simple, still, unforgettable.

Late Hours

Soft flavors

When everything turns a bit more subtle

Lunamoon

If you're looking for a great and cozy place for dinner, *Lunamoon* is the spot.

Beautiful setting, incredible views, and a super friendly staff.

The curry and the grilled squid were amazing, and we finished with a really good rice pudding for dessert.

With the cooler mountain air, they light a small fire pit right in the middle of your table, making the whole dinner feel warmer and even more special.





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UBUD



Known for its spiritual atmosphere,
surrounded by rice fields, temples and jungle.
Deeply connected to Balinese culture,
wellness and creativity.

Slow mornings

Sari Organik Walk at sunrise

When we're in Ubud, we like to start the day like this. No rush, no plans, just a slow, quiet walk that feels a bit magical from the start.

Sari Organik Walk, before the scooters, before the cafés. The rice fields still hold the night air and the light moves slowly.



Everything feels quieter, softer. Just footsteps and the sound of water moving through the fields.

We stop at **Sweet Orange Warung** for a coffee. Simple, calm, exactly what you want. The kind of place where you feel good without even thinking about it, so we stay longer than planned.

Then we ease back into the rhythm of the day, finishing the walk at Ubud Market.

This is how the day should start.

Realflavours

Bambu Indah, Riverside Warung

This place is something else, truly impressive, one of those spots that completely catches you off guard, the first time we came it left us genuinely blown away

You cross rivers, walk down through the jungle until it suddenly appears, architecture fully immersed in nature, built with recycled materials, quiet, raw, intentional, and by the time you reach the bottom it just hits you and you know you're staying

Hidden by the river, the warung sits right above the water, wooden tables, jungle sounds, the current moving slowly beneath you, everything feels calm and effortless

They start by bringing you two small soups and that alone wins you over, then comes the food, a mix between Asian and Mediterranean, simple, seasonal and full of flavor.

This is one of those places you don't rush, you come down, you sit, and you just let it happen



An aerial photograph of a lush tropical landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow over the scene. A river winds through the center of the image, surrounded by dense greenery and numerous palm trees. In the foreground, there are tall, vibrant green grasses. The overall atmosphere is serene and idyllic.

When the light drops,
everything feels right.

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Guardians of the Temple

More than a forest.

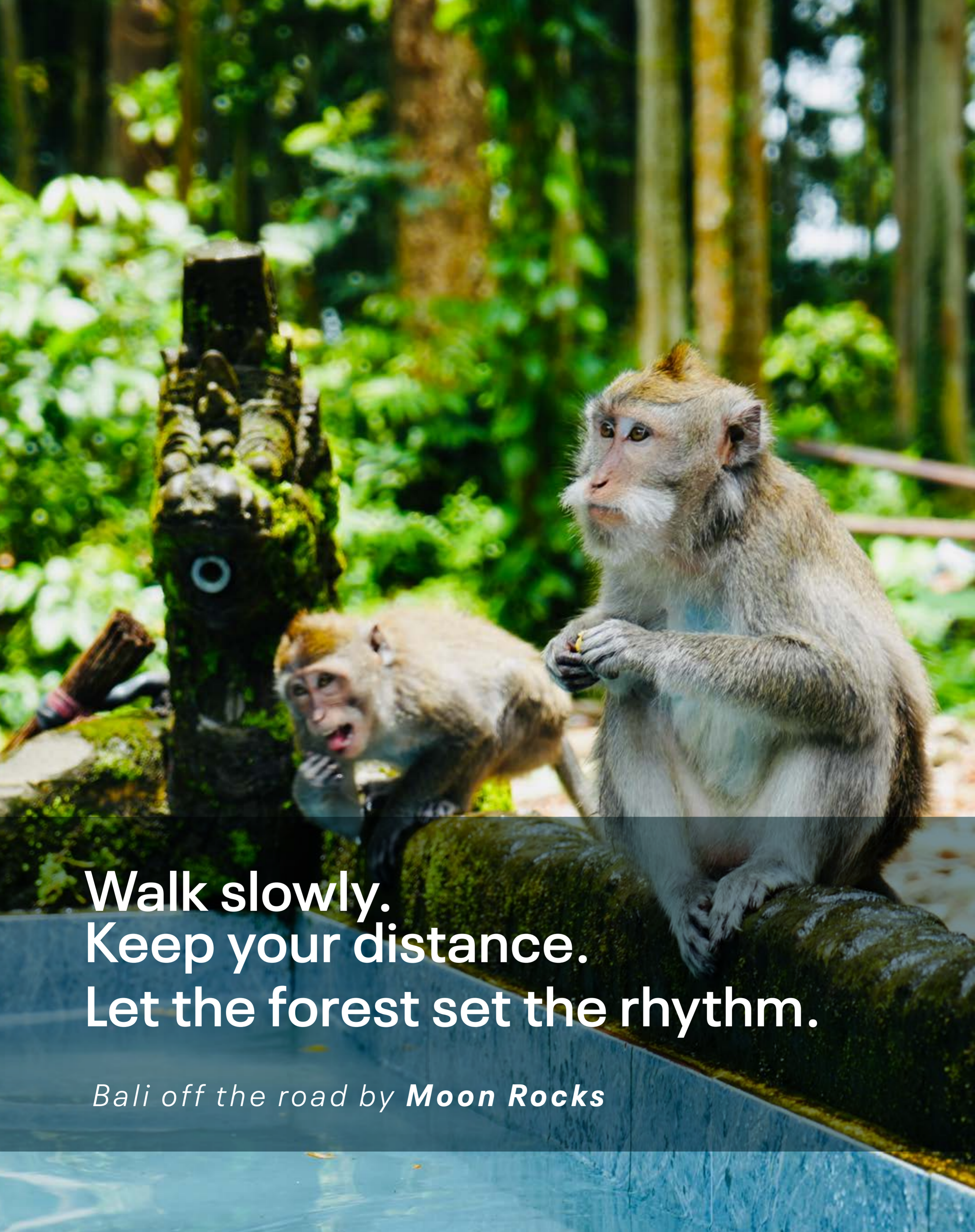
This is the place you have to visit if you want to see monkeys moving through the jungle surrounded by temples, but without the chaos you find in **Sacred Monkey Forest Sanctuary**, here everything feels quieter, more balanced, more real

Sangeh Monkey Forest feels different from the moment you arrive, towering nutmeg trees, deep shade, and a kind of stillness that's hard to find anywhere else, the kind that makes you slow down without even thinking about it.



At its center stands **Pura Bukit Sari**, a 17th century temple still used by the local community, a reminder that this isn't just a forest, it's a sacred place with its own rhythm

The monkeys here feel calmer, more approachable, curious but not aggressive, present without the chaos, which makes the whole experience feel much more natural and easy to enjoy



**Walk slowly.
Keep your distance.
Let the forest set the rhythm.**

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Into the river

Where the jungle moves around you

Ayung Valley, rafting in **Ayung River**.

Rafting was something we had always wanted to try, and this felt like the right place.

Floating through jungle and carved stone riverbanks, you slowly disconnect, until all that's left is the sound of water and your own breath.

It's not about adrenaline, it's about perspective.



**Where?*

Sobek Adventure Rafting

We did it with Sobek Adventure Rafting, and everything felt smooth, safe, and well guided from start to finish.

At the end, a simple Indonesian meal, a shower, and that quiet feeling of having done something new.

Sunset seekers

Where the light
slows everything down.

Sayan Point

High above the **Ayung River** valley, **Sayan Point** feels suspended between jungle and sky.

Come in the late afternoon, when the light begins to soften and the air cools.

The view opens wide layers of palm trees, deep green ravines, and the river carving its way quietly below.

There's no dramatic entrance, no ticket booth.

Just a simple viewpoint where the horizon stretches out and Ubud feels vast again.

Stay until the light fades.



Small things, real moments.
New ways of seeing.

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THE HIGHLAND LAKES



Reveals the island's wild nature, with lush jungles, hidden waterfalls and traditional villages where life moves at a slower pace.

Slow mornings

Where the day begins gently

Stuja Di Danau

One of those spots that instantly sets the tone for the day. Sitting right by **Danau Beratan**, it has that quiet charm that feels almost untouched. The architecture is beautiful, blending effortlessly with the surroundings, and there is something special about having breakfast with the lake just a few steps away.



After eating, or better said, while you are still there, we love ordering the poached eggs, which are seriously good, and the matcha panna cotta, which is something you should not skip, then take your time.

Walk through the gardens, head down to the small pier, and just pause for a moment. It is a soft, slow way to begin the day, surrounded by still water, fresh air, and a side of Bali that feels calm, intimate, and quietly magical.

Nothing feels rushed, you just follow the flow and let the morning unfold on its own.

Sacred places

Where stillness meets water

Ulun Danu Beratan Temple

One of the most special places for us.
 The kind that moves you the second you arrive.
 Floating on the **Beratan Lake**, wrapped in mist and mountains,
 it has this calm, almost surreal energy that stays with you.

Everything around it is so beautifully maintained that you naturally slow down and just want to be there for hours.

Timing makes all the difference here.
 It's one of Bali's most iconic temples, so it can get busy.

But go early in the morning, ideally on a weekday, and you'll experience a completely different side of it, quiet, spacious, almost intimate.
 Those are the moments that really stay with you.



Realflavours

Where nature sets the table

The Botanist Restaurant

Botanic Restaurant feels like a hidden gem you stumble upon and instantly connect with. Tucked deep in the jungle near **Munduk**, close to **Lake Tamblingan**, the journey there already pulls you out of the noise. And then you arrive, surrounded by lush greenery, soft sounds, and that quiet sense of being held by nature.

The architecture is mostly bamboo, seamlessly blending into the landscape, nothing feels out of place, everything flows with its surroundings.



There's a natural calm that settles in without you noticing, and somehow the food hits differently because of it.

Everything tastes fresher, more vibrant, more real. It's the kind of place where time slows down and you just let yourself stay.

Keep what feels, leave the rest.

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Into the river

Chasing water through the jungle

Sekumpul Waterfall, Hidden Waterfall and Fiji Waterfall

Some of the most special waterfalls we've experienced in Bali. Water flows down from the mountains everywhere on the island, but this area hits differently. It's the kind of place we always dreamed about visiting the first time we came.

The walk in is part of the magic, deep jungle, lush paths, and that moment when you start to feel the water in the air before you even see it. We usually stay somewhere simple near **Sekumpul**, nothing fancy, just close enough to get there early.

And that's the key, go as early as possible. First light if you can. It changes everything.



You'll likely meet people saying you need a guide, but you don't. The path is clear and easy to follow.

Entry is simple too, around **30,000 IDR** for **Sekumpul Waterfall** and **Hidden Waterfall**.

The descent is incredible, steep, raw, and beautiful. At one point you'll cross the river using a rope, and within minutes you're standing right in front of the power of **Sekumpul**.

Follow the river upstream and you'll reach Hidden Waterfall, quieter, softer, but still beautiful in its own way. If you feel like going further, **Fiji Waterfall** is another great option. It's in a different area, so there's a separate entrance fee, around **30,000 IDR** more.

Keep it simple, go early, take your time, and let the place do its thing.



Hidden corners

A quiet pause on sacred waters

Pura Gubuk

At **Danau Tamblingan**, tucked away from the usual routes, you'll find **Pura Gubuk**, one of those places that feels quietly untouched. It's not crowded, not overexposed just a soft kind of magic that reveals itself slowly.

Every time we've been, we've been welcomed with the effortless warmth of the Balinese, those genuine smiles that feel part of the place itself. Sitting by the lake, **Pura Gubuk** has that rare presence you don't just see, you feel.

We've always come just after the rainy season, around May, when **Danau Tamblingan** is still full and everything feels alive. The temple seems to float on the water, almost unreal.

You can also rent a small traditional canoe for around **150,000 IDR** and drift around the temple in complete stillness just water, mountains, and something sacred in the air.





Find less,
feel more.

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CANGGU PERERENAN AND SESEH



From Canggu to Pererenan and Seseh,
the energy shifts from chaos to calm.
Canggu is fast and creative,
Pererenan breathes,
Seseh slows everything down.

Slow mornings

Align before the world arrives

Start the day before **Canggu** wakes up.

Stay close to **Pererenan Beach** in the early hours, a few surfers in the water, locals walking their dogs, fishermen already at work.

The light is soft, and on clear mornings, the volcano appears behind the clouds. Walk along the coast towards **Berawa** and back.

Long stretches of sand, the sound of the ocean, and barely anyone around.

The streets are still damp, warungs open slowly, and the ocean is louder than the traffic.

After that, ease into breakfast at **Artisan Cafe**.

I usually go for the **Simple Life**, an omelette with sourdough toast and passion fruit jam, simple and just right after the walk.

Just nearby, **St. Ali Bali** brings a bit more energy, with carefully brewed coffee and a relaxed but lively feel.

Mornings here still hold something special.



Hidden corners

Not everything needs to be found

Warung Pantai Seseh.

Between the noise of Canggu, there are still places where time moves slower. You just need to take the right turn.

One of those spots is **Pantai Seseh**, but not the main entrance. If you wander through the small paths crossing the rice fields, you'll find empty stretches of beach where it's just locals, offerings, and the sound of the wind.

Nearby, hidden in plain sight, there's **Warung Pantai Seseh**. Simple tables, ocean views, and honest local food. Not a place to show off, but one to stay a while.



Realflavors

More than food

Living around **Canggu**, **Pererenan** and **Seseh**, there are a few spots we keep going back to.

One of them is **Cafe Vida**. It just feels easy.

Super cozy, amazing staff, and the food is always on point.

We go for breakfast or lunch, and there's a small patio outside surrounded by nature that we always try to get.

We also go to The **Shady Shack** quite often. It's a bit more hidden, very green, more laid back. Everything is plant based, super fresh, and slightly messy in a way that works. It's one of those places where you sit down and end up staying longer than planned.

For dinner, we keep going back to **Red Gunpowder**.

Completely different energy. Bold, spicy flavors, everything full of taste.

We usually order a few things to share and almost always get the Buzzy Buzzy.





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Otherflavours

Step into the moment

Not every place here hits the same, and that's exactly why we like it. Around Canggu, these are a few spots we keep going back to depending on the mood.

We love going to **Mason** when we feel like something a bit more solid. Open kitchen, fire, wood... you can tell they take it seriously.

Everything is super well executed.

No weird twists, just really good product done right.

If you're into meat and those smoky flavors, it always delivers.



And then **Mosto** for a more social night.

Natural wine, plates to share, good atmosphere.

We usually go for dinner and end up staying longer than planned.

It just has that kind of energy.

We don't really pick one favorite.

It just depends on the mood.

Sunset seekers

Chasing the golden hour

Not every sunset needs to be quiet, sometimes we just want a bit more going on, so we head to **Echo Beach**.

There's something about the salt in the air, the surf breaking and the warungs lining the beach that just hits right at that time of day.

We usually just walk along the beach, no plan, and depending on the day we stop at one spot or another.

Sometimes it's **Papi Chulo Beachfront**, right on the sand, coconut in hand, watching the sky turn.

Other times it's **Times Beach Warung**, same energy, just staying a little longer as the light fades.

Same sunset, just a different mood every time.



A man in black shorts with blue patterns is lifting a woman in a bikini on a sandy beach. The woman is upside down, and her hair is blowing in the wind. In the background, there is a large rock formation, a tree, and the ocean under a blue sky with some clouds. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Find the one who makes
everything feel lighter.

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THE BUKIT



The Bukit Peninsula is known for its dramatic cliffs, powerful ocean views, and some of Bali's most beautiful beaches, a place deeply connected to surf, sunsets and freedom.

Slow mornings

Begin with intention

I've learned there's a side of The Bukit most people never see, before it wakes up everything feels softer, slower.

I like to start this walk from **Nusa Dua Beach**, right next to Geger Beach, and just follow the coastline with no plan.

As I move along, everything begins to shift, the ocean gets calmer, the morning stretches, there's no rush anywhere.

If you keep going, there's a small peninsula hiding something special, **Suryodaya Beach**, almost empty every time we go.

It's best at low tide, when the walk opens up and reaching it feels effortless, like it was meant to be found.

Not the Bukit people expect, the one you actually need.



Hidden corners

Nunggalan. Some places stay quiet

Hidden corners in The Bukit are never the easiest to reach, and that's exactly why we keep going back.

Sometimes the plan is just to disappear for a while, to take the road that feels like it leads nowhere and follow it all the way down to **Nunggalan Beach**.

The way down is actually easy, just stairs through the trees, step by step, with the sound of the ocean getting closer the whole time, but the way back up... that's where you feel it a bit more.



By the time we reach the bottom, there's almost nothing there, just one man selling coconuts, water and soft drinks, a few surfers waiting on the horizon, and space in every direction.

Make sure you bring some cash and stay hydrated, because that small stand is the only place to get something to drink once you're down there.

You don't end up here by accident, you come here because you're willing to go a little further for it.



Sunset, feet in the sand.
That's enough.

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Real flavours

Taste what's real

Real flavours in the Bukit start simple, no rush, no scene, just doing things right from the beginning.

The ritual is to find places that feel easy but deliver more than expected.

Start at **Yeye's Warung**, more traditional, but carefully done, local dishes, a lot of variety, and that feeling of real food made with attention.



Then **Ulu Artisan**, more refined, with a Mediterranean influence, thoughtful plates, well-crafted flavors, and a clear sense of intention in everything they serve.

It is not about chasing the perfect spot, it is about landing somewhere that quietly gets it right.

Sacred places

A place at the edge

Uluwatu Temple

Not everything in the Bukit feels the same.

Go to **Uluwatu Temple** with time, just walking around first and taking it in.

They give you a sarong before you go in, and somehow it shifts the whole mood. We usually go early.

Quieter, less people, it just feels better.

Later it gets busier with the sunset and the *Kecak* dance.

The Kecak Dance takes place every day at Uluwatu Temple during sunset.

There are usually two performances: the first from 6 PM to 7 PM, and the second from 7 PM to 8 PM, which is normally the busiest one.

There are always a few monkeys around too, and they can be a bit cheeky.



Sunsetseekers

Catch the last light

When we're in The Bukit, our favorite way to watch the sunset is simple, we go straight to **Nyang Nyang Beach**.

It's one of those places that still feels untouched, wide, quiet, almost unreal, and every time we go it feels a bit like a secret.

We usually stop at a small warung called **Utilis Warung**, nothing fancy, but that's part of it, and from there the sunset just hits differently, slower, softer, kind of magical.

But some days you want a different energy, something a bit more dressed up, a bit more social.

That's when we go to **Mana Uluwatu** at **Uluwatu Surf Villas**, where you can grab a cocktail, there's music playing, people gathering, and you share that moment instead of watching it alone.

Two completely different ways to end the day, both exactly what you need depending on the mood.



A person wearing a black t-shirt, a black cap, and a camera is standing in a lush green rice field, taking a photograph. The field is filled with tall, vibrant green rice stalks. In the background, there are terraced rice fields, a small blue building with a corrugated metal roof, and a dense forest of palm trees and other tropical vegetation under a clear blue sky.

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