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THAT FORT-LIKE GATE THAT SEPARATES THE VILLA'S POOL FROM THE LAGOON POOL

PLAYFUL UNDERWATER ACCESS FROM THE VILLA'S POOL TO THE LAGOON POOL

THE BATHTUB OVERLOOKING THE PRIVATE POOL

THE IN-VILLA BREAKFAST

THE RARE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A ROMANTIC PICNIC IN A PADDY FIELD



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FURAMAXCLUSIVE VILLAS & SPA UBUD

\$ The published rate for the Lagoon Pool Villa starts from US\$600++ and the rate for the Spa Pool Villa starts from US\$800++

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neighbourhood

Although located in the non-mainstream area of Mambal, the Furama complex is only 20 minutes away from Ubud's crowded streets. Guests are also close to the road to Denpasar and Kuta, as well as the road leading to Bali's north-west landmarks such as Bedugul Lake, Mengwi's Taman Ayung, and towns like Bangli and Tabanan. But the best part? The area is phenomenally quiet, even during the day – perfect for your getaway.

accommodation

There are two groups of accommodation on the two hectares of land. Furama Villas and Spa has 24 villas, and the more recently built FuramaXclusive has 18. In contrast to the traditionally decorated Furama, the FuramaXclusive villas have a cleaner cut and a simpler modern design, but still sport many of the aesthetic features of Balinese architecture. I stayed at the Lagoon Pool Villa, where I enjoyed a very

spacious outside seating and dining area, and a large bedroom fit for a king. The private pool is really cute, more like a dipping pool, but with an awesome feature: underwater access straight to the lagoon pool. Taking a dip was like playing ninja or some guerilla war game like when I was a kid. So cool.

facilities

The dining areas are beautiful. The Padi Restaurant overlooks a panorama of paddy fields – and there's the option to have a lovely romantic picnic lunch in the fields themselves. The Lagoon pool bar offers drinks and nibbles, and if you're into traditional culture, there are Balinese dancing and wood or stone carving classes. And when you want to really relax a spa stands ready to pamper and rejuvenate you. Furthermore, should you want to visit Ubud's bustling downtown, the resort provides a free shuttle service.

in a nutshell

Embrace the silence, enjoy uninterrupted sleep – something that everyone can really do with – and most importantly, have a private spa session at Furama. But with a lovely area to stroll around, and that slick lagoon pool, you'll want to have some fun as well. A complete package for that long-awaited tranquil getaway.

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