



Oasis of Calm

Most people dream of finding an oasis of calm, a quiet personal space that offers privacy and a chance to escape the constant rush and spend quality time doing nothing. Well, dreams can come true at Komaneka at Bisma.

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I could not remember the last time I had a month free of deadlines. Without realising it, my life had turned into one never-ending deadline. With so many things to do and trips to take, I just had more on my plate than I could handle and needed an escape, a chance to simply do nothing. I knew that some of my friends had been feeling the same as me with their hectic schedules and busy lifestyles. So I planned a short escapade to Ubud, and Komaneka at Bisma, offered just the escape I was looking for.

The moment I set foot inside the resort, I know that we were in for a relaxing stay replete with the most delectable pampering. From the lobby, we could see nothing but the lush greenery of the surrounding trees and valleys, truly a sight for our tired eyes. I stood at the

edge of the lobby and, looking down, could see the resort swimming pool. It was so inviting I could hardly resist the temptation to swim; I almost jumped of the lobby. But the best was yet to come.

For this stay, I booked the signature Bisma Residence, a three-bedroom pool villa. As I was spending the time with friends, I want us to be close to each other yet still have the privacy that we all needed. Upon entering the residence, I was amazed at its size. Later, I discovered that Bisma Residence extends over 800 square metres.

One bedroom is located on the ground floor with two bedrooms on the upper floor. A combination of wooden and marble stone flooring adds a unique and contemporary feeling with original lush tropical landscaping. A long private



pool side deck with a generous area of 42 square metres immediately caught our eyes. There were some loungers near the pool, a perfect place for a little sunbathing.

Now into the bedrooms, all of which were again amply sized. It was very comfortable on the large white fluffy bed, with a comfortable sofa, writing table and wireless internet connection perfect for those who want to stay connected with the real world. Each room is equipped with a wide screen LCD TV completed with Apple TV program. There are so many movies to choose from: One night, we spent around half an hour trying to choose a movie to watch as each of us seemed to prefer a different genre.

What I really liked about the villa was the fact that it boasts three bedrooms, all of which are almost identical. No matter which bedroom you choose, you can enjoy the same comfort and luxury. The three-bedroom villa was so comfortable, time seemed to stand still and the view was nothing short of breathtaking.

After we were done oohing and aahing over the awesome views, it was time to run amok in the palatial surroundings. I ventured downstairs to our villa pool. It was as pretty as they come, so pack a swimsuit and soak in the sun. Or simply lazing on one of the loungers accompanied by a good book, well... in my case I got the book but never had the chance to even open it as we were too busy enjoying the resort.

Our villa was located adjacent to the Wanasmara wedding chapel, which is different compared to many chapels in

Bali as the view is the greenery of the lush Ubud valleys. My friend who was planning her wedding, fell in love at the first sight of this pretty chapel.

While some of my friends decided to take a nap, I felt like I really needed some pampering so I headed to the spa planning to have a soothing massage to rub away all my cares and worries. When I looked at the spa menu, I could not resist the temptation to indulge myself in head-to-toe pampering. So I ended up having a 3-hour spa treatment. It totally blew my mind away. I felt I was transferred to seventh heaven. My body was so relaxed, and I felt so refreshed. And my skin was glowing after the treatment.

After a long day of pampering and relaxation, we sauntered back to our villa in a state of satiated bliss. As my friends were relaxing by the pool, I went upstairs and sat on the balcony. I could feel the mountain breezes caress my skin, the sounds of birds singing, I felt so peaceful and relaxed. I gazed at my surroundings, my eyes taking in the greenery of the surrounding trees. As the sun finally dipped below the horizon, I could feel the whole mood change, making the atmosphere inside the villa unutterably romantic. I could imagine having my honeymoon here at Komaneka at Bisma.

Food at Komaneka Bisma is amazingly delicious. Forget weight-watching and the niggling guilt at home. When confronted with the galaxy of gastronomic options that Komaneka at Bisma has, the stars dictate that you should eat with wanton abandon. You should not miss afternoon tea here at the resort where you can enjoy a selection of cakes and sweets.

What I really like about Komaneka is the choices of kerupuk (traditional crackers) that it serves as appetizers. I'm pleased that the menu has an equal choice of Indonesian and international menus. I found some traditional Indonesian items that are hard to find nowadays but are still being served at the resort. No matter what your preferences are, you will be tantalized with the delicious dishes here.

Eating, sleeping and relaxing were all that we did while staying at Komaneka at Bisma. It felt like we were in a world of our own. We had a relaxing and tremendous time at Komaneka. It is the perfect resort for anyone, from couples seeking a romantic getaway to a family spending time together. Or just like us, a bunch of friends just wanting to get away from the hustle and bustle of the busy city.

Komaneka at Bisma makes for a cavernous playground for getaway warriors looking for some much-deserved R&R, offering a host of activities and indulgences without your having to step foot outside once you've checked in. But for those who can't do without a getaway spot of shopping, the resort's convenient location in the heart of Ubud means that within minutes you will be able to work off some of those excesses by pounding the floors at the shops and cafes. Now if that's not the bestgetaway plan ever!

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