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conrad bali resort & spa

There are some resorts you never want to leave. Add the Conrad Bali Resort & Spa to that list. With a private beach on the Bukit Peninsula of tropical Bali, the Conrad Bali is in the enclave known as Tanjung Bena and Nusa Dua.

A mix of contemporary Western and Balinese design, the Conrad Bali features almost seven hectares of landscaped gardens, complete with water features, to get lost in. Three wings offer lagoon, ocean and garden-front lodging from deluxe to lagoon suites to penthouse style. You can step from the hotel room deck into the soothing pool.

The Jiwa Spa with its spa suites and private spa pool for intimate dipping, couples' treatments and kids' spa menu means stress is left at the front door. Private beach bales – cushioned raised platforms with white cotton drapes – line the foreshore. They're perfect for some afternoon time-out from the sun with a good book.

The resort's main building features an open-air foyer with Indian Ocean views from the comfortable lounge where guests check in. An old world glamour-style pool sparkles beneath the foyer balcony and is surrounded by stylish lounges for sun worshippers. Drop your sunblock, set up camp and, within moments, fresh towels, bottled water and frangipani-scented aqua spray appear – compliments of the Conrad.

For kids, there's the Kura Kura Club, which is thoughtfully placed out of guests' hearing range.

For foodies, there's Spice Restaurant, where Executive Chef Gary Rosen mixes a blend of Middle Eastern and Asian cuisine. This is fine dining with a view. But the resort features five different dining experiences, so you need never leave to find culinary adventure.

Add to all this a business centre, gymnasium, boutique shopping and the distinctive relaxed glamour that is the Conrad style. A day spent poolside underlines Conrad Bali's universal appeal, as honeymoon couples mix with families and five-star businessmen.

A special beauty of the Conrad Bali is its attention to detail, delivered with a smile. Leave a book open and unattended and you'll return to find a Conrad bookmark placed in the closed book. Nothing is left to chance and guests leave well cared for. •

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