

# SUARGA PADANG PADANG FACT DETAILS

#### Location

Redefining the art of mindful luxury travel on Bali's rustic Bukit Peninsula, Suarga Padang Padang blends in harmoniously with its exclusive hillside position overlooking Padang Padang beach. Situated a mere 20 kilometres from Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS), Suarga's iconic surf and leisure coastline embodies the Southeast Asian dream of scintillating aquamarine seas, powdery white sand beaches and distinctive rock formations.

# **Property Description**

Located along Bali's evocative southern peninsula, in the heart of Indonesia's premier surf breaks, Suarga Padang Padang inspires the imagination and engages the senses. Thoughtfully designed to blend modern luxury with a minimal impact on the environment, the sustainable boutique resort features 36 rooms, pavilions and villas. A masterpiece of true Balinese architectural craftsmanship stands quietly in the centre of the resort, inviting guests to relax in the lounge bar and dine in the restaurant, whilst enjoying panoramic 220-metre cliff frontage ocean views. Fuelled by Bali's rich heritage, Suarga Padang Padang allures guests to experience an authentic cultural legacy.

### **Suarga Story**

Suarga is the brainchild of a family who used to travel to Bali regularly to rejuvenate from the stresses of what is commonly referred to as the "real world". They eventually packed up their lives and decided to move to the island permanently. Whilst enjoying the preciousness of this heaven on earth, they recognised the urgent need to care and nurture the delicate balance between age-old values and a 21st-multicultural century lifestyle in an exceptional environment. Thus, the philosophy of Suarga came to be, and here, the story begins.

#### **Resort Concept**

Suarga Padang Padang is built upon the three pillars of sustainability: environmental, social, and economical. In the spirit of inspiring others, and as a responsible service provider, Suarga Padang Padang strives for each guest to experience something timeless – instilling an insatiable desire to



be part of the solution, starting with the implementation of small lifestyle changes. Offering a different kind of luxury, Suarga Padang Padang invites today's 'Rough Luxury Travellers' to experience modern comfort and deserved indulgences, yet at minimal expense to the surrounding environment.

#### **Design Features**

Suarga Padang Padang's natural building materials nurture the harmony between nature and architecture. The aspiring goal of utilising sustainable, yet aesthetically pleasing, products throughout the exterior construction and interiors was achieved by selecting from very few qualified materials assembled in a variety of textures and patterns. The materials are entirely local to Indonesia allowing the design to correspond graciously to the culture of its locale. Most of the resort's structures are built on stilts in effort to preserve the indigenous flora and fauna and to promote natural cooling air circulation.

A registered applicant of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the resort is predominantly built using recuperated wood from abandoned ironwood pontoons in Borneo, broken down teak houses, old factories, other FSC-certified materials, and bamboo. Locally sourced Bukit limestone was recuperated from the site's excavation work, lining the contour walls of the resort's gardens. The resort's domain walls, lobby, public areas and bathrooms are built from natural stone, hand-picked by natives in the hills of Sumba island.

Situated in the heart of the resort is a remarkable bamboo structure that covers an area of 1,200 square meters. Inspired by its flexibility and versatility, this humble, yet strong material is selected for the resort's main structure, which stands at 12 metres tall. The bamboo was sourced in Java and was sealed with a two-step treatment process. Each stalk was first boiled in a borax solution, then dry-smoked to preserve and extend its life. Over one million single bamboo shingles cover the roof of this main structure. Flooring consists of Yogya Putih stone, or more widely known as palimanan. The circular bar walls were built from petrified wood.



#### **Accommodation**

A total of 36 distinctive rooms, pavilions and villas spread amongst 1.5 generous hectares, all featuring panoramic views of the ocean, resort, or gardens. The rooms and villas blend contemporary tropical architecture, western technology and Balinese craftsmanship with modern day comfort. The vaulted ceilings and open-air structures encourage the refreshing ocean breeze to naturally cool the rooms.

The interior aesthetic of each room is modest, yet artistically rich. The approach is simple: to create a space that is warm and welcoming. The pieces that adorn the rooms serve as constant reminders and connectors to the destination: portraits highlighting the local culture, floor mats featuring traditional batik motifs, chests made of local rattan, and ornamental accessories made from seashells. Abundantly found in Indonesia, these pieces were collected, rather than specifically created.

Selected rooms, pavilions and villas feature an air-conditioned bed system replacing the traditional air conditioning system, creating the ideal conditions for a restful and revitalizing sleep.

All pavilions and villas, including their balconies, are non-smoking. Smoking is allowed on the poolside, as well as the deck of Dugong, the resort's signature restaurant and lounge bar.

### **Muso Pentrooms**

Named after the largest species of bamboo, the Muso Pentrooms are all about comfort, view and camaraderie while maintaining affordability. The main bedroom accommodates two people and the mezzanine extends the room's capacity by an additional one or two people. These rooms are ideal for families or friends traveling together. Muso Pentrooms feature a large circular open-air bathroom, with shower and double sinks, whilst the terrace and garden provide a comfortable private outdoor space that extends beyond the bedroom. Muso Pentrooms are 61 – 72 square meters in size and are equipped with an energy-efficient air-conditioning system. The main bedrooms feature a king bed or two single beds, whilst the mezzanine offers either an additional single- or queen-sized bed. A total of twelve Muso Pentrooms are available.

#### **Ulin Pavilions**

The Ulin Pavilions exhibit the very essence of Suarga Padang's concept. Wooden floors and walls, built using regenerated ironwood from



the old pontoons and ingenious decks of Borneo, give a natural, yet contemporary look with a rustic edge. Wooden sliding doors open up the room, and the terraces become an extension of the private space. Wide teak wood shutters allow the sea breeze to flow through the rooms. Comfortable lounge chairs create a cozy sitting corner, perfect to enjoy a cup of tea, a good book or simply gaze at the stunning seascape.

Each pavilion features an indulgent bathroom, with a separate toilet, shower area, and double vanity copper-lined sink carved from solid repurposed merbau bridge rafters. Natural stone from the island of Sumba form the walls of the bathroom.

All eleven Ulin Pavilions are 84 square meters in size and feature king size beds with air-conditioned bed system replacing the traditional air conditioning system. All pavilions feature wooden flooring and walls, with double-layered roofs. Traditional alang alang grass roofing protects the outside, whilst hand-woven Ajiro Rattan adorns interior ceilings, highlighting indigenous craftsmanship from local weavers in the Kapuas region of Borneo.

Villas (Early 2016)

Masterpieces of Suarga Padang Padang, the villas are well-placed on the cliffside of the resort compound, providing 180-degree view of Bali's amazing waves and breathtaking sunsets.

Wantilan Villa

Each accommodation features three spacious suites. The two Wantilan Villas are connected to each other via a wooden bridge, mainly built from repurposed ironwood, with windows from repurposed bangkirai or commonly known as Yellow Balau. Designed to provide versatility and privacy, each Wantilan Villa may be reserved together as a unit, comprising three suites, or as individual suites.

The two Deluxe Ocean Suites are situated on the second floor of the buildings and feature an airy bedroom, a kitchenette, a terrace and private dining area with panoramic views of the ocean. Located on the ground floor, the four Ocean Suites enjoy ocean views and feature a spacious bedroom. Low-overhang bamboo roofs protect the villas from direct sunlight and naturally cool the suites while allowing for the views to be



fully savoured. An inviting daybed provides the perfect spot to enjoy a restful nap, gaze at the seascape or simply delight in repose.

Forming the posts of each villa is solid, eight-metre-high ironwood, cut from repurposed supporting beams and rafters of a traditional bridge in Borneo, which were originally forty metres in length. Main doors are crafted from solid repurposed teak wood, while an artful decorative texture, produced from teak tree bark residual material, adds a rustic touch. Floorings are rasamala, a rare type of hardwood recuperated from old factories and Colonial-built houses in Surabaya, East Java and Bandung in West Java. Meranti batu wood, dismantled from office floorings of an old Pertamina factory building in East Java, form the exterior walls of the villas. The soft whitewash on the recycled ironwood that form the villas' interior walls gives a welcoming contrast to the naturally dark wood.

Each suite is equipped with an air-conditioned bed system, whist the openair bathroom features a separate toilet, shower and double vanity copperlined sinks carved from solid repurposed merbau beams. Each suite is 87 square metres, and when reserved together as a unit, each Wantilan Villa provides a total living space of 260 square metres. A 120-square-metre Wantilan Pool is located in front of the two villas.

Jurang Villa

Taken from the Indonesian word meaning "cliff", the Jurang Villas are perched on the cliffside overlooking the Indian Ocean. The villa entrance is designed to resemble that of a traditional Balinese house, with ornately carved teak wood double doors and a wooden deck that leads to a large open gazebo. Underneath the gazebo is a sunken dining area and comfortable open-air lounge with daybeds and plush cushions. Enjoy a leisurely swim in the private swimming pool or relax under the canopy, as low alang alang roofs shade from the sun.

The main pavilion houses the first bedroom with ensuite bathroom. The floorings and walls are built from teak wood, which was dismantled from the ceilings of an old Bank Indonesia building, located in the city of Samarinda in Borneo. In the bathroom, natural Sumba stone, wooden cladding and Javanese polished custom-made cement tiles known as "tegel Belanda" give a natural, yet rustic look with a Colonial edge. The



sink is carved from a solid piece of repurposed merbau bridge rafters in Borneo and lined with copper. Wooden sliding doors open up the room to the terraces, which overlook the pool, rooftop gardens and the ocean.

Step down the stairs leading to the second suite, walk through a curved pathway amidst a garden and enter an exquisite sanctuary. Secluded and luxurious, this suite is a place to dream and thoughtfully designed to awaken the senses and inspire romance. The suite's natural flow is simply alluring, drawing guests from its entrance to the indulgent terrace, which promises infinite views that extends beyond the sea. Natural Sumba stone and repurposed ironwood that line the walls provide an artistic contrast, whilst neutral beiges and soft browns are chosen to give the room a feminine and delicate touch. Hand-woven Ajiro rattan from local weavers in the Kapuas region of Borneo form the ceilings and floors are built from painted ceramics.

Three Jurang Villas are available, each offering a total living space of 225 square metres. The swimming pool and gardens extend this private space to 500 square metres.

Bajau Villa

Inspired by Indonesia's last nomadic sea gypsies, Bajau Villa is carved into natural contours and nestled into the protected cliffside on the sea frontage of the Bukit limestone. Simply breath-taking, Bajau Villa defines the quintessential Bali family home and offers spanning views of four world-renowned surf breaks including Padang Padang, Impossibles, Bingin and Dreamland.

Bajau Villa comprises two separate two-storey buildings. Upon entering the villa, guests are greeted with an enchanting oval open-air gazebo with a formal dining and living area. An ornate chandelier hangs from the centre of the ceiling and wide planks of quarter-sawn teak wood, dismantled from a Colonial Dutch hospital ceiling in East Java, are used as flooring. Contemporary marquetry and smart cabinetry form the railings of the formal dining space. Wide sofas with plush cushions create a comfortable sitting area, while a low roof overhang protects the buildings from direct sunlight and frames the stunning seascape.



The large kitchen opens to a relaxed dining area complete with a personal bar, perfect for the whole family to interact and spend quality time together.

Bajau Villa offers a total of four bedrooms: three indoor bedrooms and room-of-a-poet, a see-through standalone pavilion cleverly constructed with netting. Room-of-a-poet offers pool views that extend to the ocean. Artistic natural stone flooring, hand-woven rattan ceilings sourced from master weavers on Borneo, and wooden walls create a distinct personal space. Natural circulation is encouraged by usage of wide wooden shutters made from repurposed kubu wood from Sulawesi. Affectionately decorated and personalised with an ingenious touch, each room is adorned with unique pieces that gives it a rich feel and deep character.

Limestone excavated from the site is used to build the contour walls of the villa. Repurposed ironwood, dismantled from supporting beams and rafters of traditional bridges in Borneo, form the posts and beams of the buildings, which were constructed using 12<sup>th</sup> century Roman architectural techniques.

Surrounded by lush gardens, the two spacious terraces promise relaxing afternoons on the daybeds by the pool and memorable cliffside dining under the stars. Bajau Villa offers a total private space is 750 square metres.

#### **Guest Room Facilities**

Air-conditioning, shower with hot and cold water, wireless internet access, pre-order mini-bar, tea & coffee making facilities, in-room safe, hair dryer, natural personal amenities, and mineral water. Baby cots are complimentary and available upon request.

# **Dining**

# **Dugong Restaurant**

Inspired by the region's natural surroundings and locally grown ingredients found in a traditional kitchen, Dugong Restaurant invites guests to experience Indonesia on a plate. Local ingredients, abundantly available and typically sourced within a 50-kilometre radius, allow for flexibility and innovation, as they are presented into a modern menu. Dine



under the authentic bamboo roof, accompanied by stunning views of the sparkling Indian Ocean and cool sea breeze.

The name "Dugong" is derived from the word "duyung" or seacow and was selected to represent a connection to the local area, as the Bukit is a natural habitat of this endangered marine mammal. Dugong Restaurant is open daily for breakfast from 7.30 AM to 10 AM, lunch from 12 PM to 5 PM and dinner from 5 PM to 11 PM.

# **Dugong Lounge & Bar**

Situated adjacent to the restaurant, the Lounge & Bar offers a relaxed, shared dining experience through its innovative menu. Encouraging a more sociable way of dining, dishes are presented in smaller serving sizes and are placed in the middle of the table to share. Aligned with the restaurant's food concept, local ingredients and the traditional flavours of Indonesia are the inspiration of the all-day menu. The cliffside location, paired with the spanning ocean view, provide an alluring setting to relax and watch Bali's magical sunsets. Dugong Lounge & Bar is open daily from 10 AM to 10 PM.

# **In-room Dining**

Available from 7 AM to 11 PM

### **Pool and Beach**

A total of seven swimming pools.

# **Public pools:**

- -Main Pool 180 square metres of swimmable area with 1.40 metre depth, located by the resort's main bamboo structure, and offers panoramic views of the Indian Ocean.
- -Kids Pool -35 square metres of swimmable area and 0.45 metre depth, located adjacent to the Main Pool.
- -Wantilan Pool 120 square metres and 1.40 metre depth, located by the Wantilan Suites on the East side of the resort.

#### Private pools:

- -Three 50-square-metre pools, available at each of the Jurang Villas
- -One 60-square-metre pool at the Bajau Villa



**Spa** Will be open in 2016

Wedding Facilities Will be open in 2016

**Resort Services** Multi-lingual staff, concierge desk, 24-hour Front Desk, currency exchange,

laundry, dry cleaning, and transportation service.

Sustainable Practices Building Design

Adopting low-footprint building and supporting socially-aware and indigenous design, Suarga Padang Padang is partially built on stilts to protect the ecosystem and preserve the natural flora and fauna in the surrounding area. Tropical environment and a high level of humidity call for naturally cooling, cellulose-based materials, such as alang alang and bamboo, which reflect sunlight and dissipate heat. Buildings are elevated, roof overhangs are designed exaggeratedly low, and natural cross ventilation system is applied throughout the buildings through thoughtful design, minimal use of glass and maximum usage of wide wooden shutters. The alang alang roofs are multi-layered. Immediately underneath the outer-most layer of alang alang is a waterproof non-woven aluminium material that further dissipates heat. The internal roof layers are made from wood panels and rattan. This roof layering concept, based on the principles of sustainable building, keep the rooms comfortably cool at approximately 25° Celsius, even when the outside temperature rises to above 30°.

As a registered applicant of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification, all of the resort's building materials strictly adhere to the restrictions and can be traced back to their origins. Suarga Padang Padang is predominantly built using recuperated wood from abandoned ironwood pontoons in Borneo, broken down teak houses, old factories, other FSC-certified materials, and bamboo. The bamboo has been sourced mainly from Java, locally treated and assembled using Balinese craftsmanship. Lining the inside and outside contour walls of the resort is natural stone, hand-picked by native workers on the island of Sumba. Locally created brick, made from pulverized limestone that was excavated from the resort project site and mixed with cement, creates the middle layer of the resort walls.



The island of Bali is situated at 8° South of the equator. In accordance to principles of environmentally sustainable design and applying these principles to a precision, solar panels are oriented 8° north to achieve the ideal perpendicular position to maximize the touch surface. The roofs of the back of house areas are designed flat, with the slightest angle of 1° to take advantage of dripping rain water to be collected and stored during the rainy season.

## **Gardens**

As constructed wetlands, the resort's gardens and landscaping are engineered to use the natural functions of vegetation, soil and organisms. The creation of these constructed wetlands involved a deliberate process of listing the plants that are growing in the Bukit area, collecting and nursing them over a period of one year, and replanting them in the resort compound. Local trees and shrubs include kapuk, pandanus, cactus, teak, neem, acacia, gamal, *Vetiveria zizanioides*, *Dieffenbachia sp., Ipomea sp., Pennisetum, Sansevieria sp., Spinifex sp., Chamaedorea sp., Rhapis exelca, Widelia, Alocasia macrrorhiza and Scaevola sericea. Useful grasses, such as lemongrass, alang alang, <i>Pennisetum rubrum and Pennisetum purpureum*, *create* a lovely contrast with flowering frangipani, bougainvillea, *Spyderlily*, and *Calatropis gigantea*. This original vegetation does not require a lot of water by nature, hence corresponds well with the dry local climate. Inspired by the terraced rice paddy fields in the hills of Bali, the constructed wetlands were built in terraces to minimize water usage and to harness the

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### **Water Management**

During the wet season, rainwater is harvested through the flat rooftops of the back of house area and is stored in three main tanks collectively holding a capacity of 1 million litres. This water is mainly used to water the gardens. Grey water collected from showers and sinks throughout the resort is directly linked to the constructed wetlands. This phosphate-rich water acts as a natural fertilizer that nourishes the gardens. Black water from the resort is filtered and collected in three-chambered septic tanks



underground, which hold bolsters of anaerobic bacteria that digest all waste materials. This process yields wet compost that travels into a sink pit and is later released into multiple layers of limestone, a nature superfilter.

#### **Power Sources**

Renewable energy, in combination with energy-efficient technology, is applied to the lighting, air conditioning and all other equipment in the hotel. Powered by solar panels, the resort produces more energy in one day than its total consumption over 24 hours. The extra power produced during the day is stored in gel batteries for usage during the evening. In the future, and upon issuance of such permit, Suarga Padang Padang aims to feed the extra power produced into the grid, which will lead the resort to be positive in its carbon footprint. The solar panels on the back of house rooftops feed directly into the pool pumps, which run during the day.

# **Social Responsibility**

To think sustainably is at the foundation of Suarga Padang Padang. Wishing to inspire guests, neighbours and colleagues to take on socioecological responsibilities is at the heart of the resort's vision to create conscious hospitality and long-term economic viability. Suarga Padang Padang believes in a positive socio-ecological relationship as the key to long-term success and stability. Suarga Padang Padang hopes to transmit a positive message that will inspire industry professionals to conserve, preserve and restore the environment.

Environmental protection ensures continuous provision and naturally leads to social development and economic sustenance for the immediate community. A concrete example is the villagers on the island of Sumba, who previously had no source of income and received payment for the first time in exchange for their work in collecting natural stones for the project.

It is also a hope of the founders that what has been done within the resort will raise awareness, inspire and influence guests, that they will bring back with them the desire to make the smallest lifestyle changes in caring for the environment.



**Children Policy** No charge for children under 5 years old sharing existing bedding

Extra beds for children up to 17 years old at USD 40++ / night (includes

breakfast)

Extra beds for adults over 18 years old at USD 70++ / night (includes

breakfast)

Check In / Out 2 PM and 12 Noon

**Late Check Out** 50% nightly room rate until 6 PM. Subject to availability of rooms.

Credit Cards Accepted Visa, MasterCard

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**Woodwork Guild** Artisans of the Compagnons du Tour de France

Bamboo Craftsmen Bangli Bambu Kerajinan

Sumba Stone Craftsmen Sumba Kananggar Kerajinan

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