

## HOTELS: SUARGA PADANG PADANG

A haven of comfort and indulgence for the "rough luxury traveller".



Inspirational and engaging, even the name, Suarga Padang Padang, conjures up a vision of something exotic, something stimulating and subtly different. When one discovers this outstanding new property is managed by Peppers Retreats, Hotels & Resorts, then you just know it's going to be something special.

Care is a catchword at the recently opened Suarga Padang Padang and, from its conception to its completion, it has been planned and sympathetically constructed, not just with its future guests in mind, but with care for the local environment.

From the beginning, Frederik Wittesaele and Karolien Verschelden envisaged three pillars of sustainability: environmental, social and economical. Today, their concept has translated into a cliff-top resort overlooking the beach at Padang Padang, a place that eagerly invites "rough luxury travellers to experience modern comfort and deserved indulgences, but at minimal expense to the surrounding environment".

Ensnconced in 1.5 hectares of gardens planted with native flora and with a wetland landscape inspired by the iconic Balinese rice terraces, including low walls and walkways, there are just 36 rooms, pavilions and villas at the resort. All feature far-reaching views of the ocean, resort, or the gardens.

The building design is a fusion of 21st century technology and local architectural influences. All buildings are welcoming and natural and a constant reminder of where you are. With the minimal use of glass and maximum usage of wide wooden shutters, the natural ventilation, multi-roof layering and ultra-low traditional along-alang roof overhangs provide comfort throughout the day. Inside, the modest, yet artistically rich, interiors continue this theme with local materials, local art and local furnishings prominent throughout.

Although few in number, the accommodation choices offer something for everyone, from the imposing Wantilan Villas to the extremely affordable Muso Pentrooms that can sleep up to four and are ideal for families. Between 61 and 72 sq.m. in size, they feature energy-efficient air-conditioning systems and large circular open-air bathrooms with showers and double sinks.

The Dugong Restaurant takes its lead from local produce typically found at home and invites diners to "experience Indonesia on a plate". The open design and sublime ocean views make this a superb location to take dinner. For those wanting something a little more relaxed, the all-day Dugong Lounge & Bar offers sharing and small plates, plus a range of refreshing drinks.

The resort is located about 20 kilometers south of the international airport and is set amongst some of Indonesia's premier surfing beaches. It is a resort designed to inspire and engage, and by offering a thoughtful blend of luxury and sustainability, it achieves this lofty goal.

### Favourite Feature:

The Wantilan Villas, which open in early 2016, are two 260 sq.m. villas connected via a wooden bridge built from reclaimed ironwood. Both three-suite villas include substantial indoor and outdoor communal areas, open-air bathrooms with showers and beautiful double vanity copper-lined sinks set on solid carved repurposed merbau beams. The suites will be equipped with air-conditioned bed systems for your comfort and have a huge swimming pool.

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