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NEW ULUWATU ACCOMMODATION REVIEW: THE SUSTAINABLE, BOUTIQUE RESORT THAT MARRIES SOUL AND MILLION DOLLAR VIEWS

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Watch the surf from the pool or lounge bar at Suarga Padang Padang by Peppers
Googling Uluwatu accommodation, gorgeous villas or boutique resorts and desperately hoping to find the next, new best thing to have opened in Bali's beautiful Bukit playground? Get ready to drool over the new Suarga Padang Padang by Peppers, as it not only boasts a stunning, cliff-top location... but [more importantly] this gorgeously designed, luxurious property boasts impressive sustainable credentials, without compromising on design one bit.

There's a few reasons why this new address inspires the imagination and ignites the senses. It's not even its stunning design, luxurious rooms [villas are coming too, any second] or its premier location perched above the heart of Indonesia's world-famous surf breaks, though these are enough reason to book straight in.

It's because this property has been built with such passion, pride and heart, you feel the amazing energy through every material or piece of wood featured across the resort. Every piece has it's own story, and you feel it.

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TODAY: LUXURIOUS LIVING
Thoughtfully designed to blend modern luxury with a minimal impact on the environment, the sustainable boutique resort features 36 rooms, pavilions and villas. The architectural bamboo masterpiece showcasing the best of Balinese craftsmanship stands quietly in the centre of the resort, inviting you to relax in the lounge bar and dine in the [delicious] Dugong restaurant, whilst enjoying panoramic 220-metre cliff frontage, ocean views.

Freshly opened in late 2015, Suarga currently offers two room choices with additional villa suites in final construction [opening early 2016]:

MUSO PENTROOMS - Named after the largest species of bamboo, the Muso Pentrooms [61-72 square meters] offer a main bedroom accommodating two people, with a mezzanine extending the room's capacity by an additional one or two people - ideal for families or friends traveling together. Muso Pentrooms feature a large circular open-air bathroom, whilst the terrace and garden provide a comfortable private outdoor space that extends beyond the bedroom.

ULIN PAVILIONS - The Ulin Pavilions [84 square meters] showcase wooden floors and walls, all built using regenerated ironwood from the old pontoons and ingenious decks of Borneo which give them natural, yet contemporary look with a rustic edge. Wooden sliding doors open up the room onto the terraces with wide teak wood shutters bringing in the sea breeze. Each pavilion features a spacious bathroom with a beautiful, 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. 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.
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## YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW: SUSTAINABLE SOUL

Suarga is the brainchild [we would call it passion project] of a family who used to travel to Bali regularly to rejuvenate from the 'real world', eventually moving here permanently. Recognising the need to care and nurture the balance between age-old values and modern luxury in an exceptional environment, Suarga Padang Padang is built upon the three pillars of sustainability: environmental, social, and economical.

The resort's natural building materials showcase a lovely marriage of nature and architecture. They've used sustainably sourced materials throughout the exterior construction and interiors, salvaged from all over Indonesia and given new life at Suarga Padang Padang by Peppers.

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 [all pictured, above]. 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.

Consciously adopting a low-footprint building concept, Suarga Padang Padang is partially built on stilts to promote natural airflow and to protect the natural flora and fauna. Renewable energy, in combination with low energy consumption technology, has been applied to the lighting, air conditioning and all technological equipment.

## WHY STAY HERE?

But beyond the super-impressive credentials, why did we mostly love, and strongly recommend, Suarga Padang Padang by Peppers? Nothing is compromised here. High standards of architecture, design, food and service are perfectly equalled by exceptionally high standards of sustainability and that million dollar location. It's a unique and welcoming combination for Bali, especially for the Bukit area. You'll feel the energy of the reclaimed materials, married with all the passion that's gone into making this resort one that beautifully stands out far above the crowds. Enjoy.

