

Building a Perfect Tropical Balinese Home

Bali possesses one of the world's most sophisticated cultures, particularly visible in its architecture, both old and new. Houses in Bali were traditionally built according to the body measurements of the head of the household, to be sure of creating an environment that is totally harmonious for that family, a balance between internal and external world. Modern architecture in Bali still seeks this harmony and uses many traditional approaches: open spaces, high ceilings, tiled floors, and an outward orientation, creating a place of peace, relaxation and total comfort, all set in a tropical paradise.

Modern villa architecture in Bali employs contemporary concepts of space with clean lines and sharp angles, modern metals and high-tech components, but combines these with traditional organic materials such as teak, bamboo, coconut wood, sandstone and other smooth stones, along with beautiful indigenous hand-crafted accessories.

The timeless and distinctive Balinese bale, or lounging pavilion, a mainstay of Balinese architecture, is still widely admired, but may now be constructed of marble, stone or even polished concrete.



Artist's Impression of Dome House - Canggu, Bali
Designed by Komang Suardika & Rob Sample
Being built - to be finished by summer 2007 (FOR SALE)

And in Bali ethnic hip meets functionality, as fabrics such as batik and ikat, sourced from around the archipelago, are sewn into scatter cushions, curtains and drapes for beds.

If you are looking to build a contemporary Balinese home, you may wish to consider Jeghier Architect, a prolific firm with a very solid reputation for understanding both old and new and redefining them for today's lifestyles. Jeghier is a collaboration between Komang Suardika, an acclaimed young Balinese architect with a well-defined design vision, and Anang Karna Hernadijaya, who has decades of hands-on experience in the practicalities of building and construction in Bali. Both have the goal of making Bali as famous for its modern architects and architecture as it is for its beautiful temples, beaches and rice terraces.

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This unique modern villa, newly-finished, is 5 minutes from the beach and 15 minutes from world-class golf at Nirwana and Bali's best dining at Ku de Ta. It has 3 master-bedroom suites (for better rentability), a 36-meter indoor/outdoor swimming pool and stunning 270-degree rice terrace views. All bedrooms are air-conditioned and have ensuite bathrooms equipped with hand-made teak Japanese baths. There are dedicated-purpose outdoor decks for dining, promenades and sunbathing, a 6-person Jacuzzi overlooking the rice terraces, separate quarters for 1 live-in staff and a sandstone and teak-clad garage for 1 (very pampered) car. For sale by owner/builder **US\$445,000** (furnished). Contact Sloan Carr at skctravel@hotmail.com or +62-813-3732-9241.



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