



Bisma Eight, Ubud

Switch Off at Ubud's Talk of The Town Luxury Forest Getaway

Ubud has long been Bali's nuanced, elder son that exudes a softer confidence and gentler spirit. Home to expansive paddy fields and steep ravines, the landscape instinctively inspires a bucolic comfort that is so often craved by weary urbanites.

And it is here in the cultural heart of Bali's uplands that Bisma Eight has set its roots. Launched in early 2015, Bisma Eight purveys the cultural richness and artisanal heritage of Ubud in an affordable yet luxurious setting – offering all the amenities of a high-end resort in an unpretentious location that encourages spatial awareness and healthy living.



Defining 'Modern Tropical'

Bisma Eight houses 38 spacious suites that highlight the vibrancy and lush greenery of its immediate surroundings. Comprising of the Forest, Canopy and Garden Suites, the rooms are designed to induce the sensation of a dreamy hideout. Featuring a mix of modern design and traditional Balinese craftsmanship, these artisanal touches are present in everything from the contemporary teak wood furniture, to softer furnishings such as the *ikat* pillows, plush bed linen, and woven jute rugs, all produced by Ubud's artisanal community.

All Bisma Eight suites feature generous living and sleeping areas partitioned for privacy by *sungkai* wood panels. The rooms are steeped in natural light in the day, transforming into gently illuminated, restful cocoons at night. Its outdoor seating spots are quiet spaces of intimacy and refuge accompanied by the natural soundtrack of the nearby forest.

The highlight of each room is a voluminous Japanese-inspired soaking tub crafted from aromatic cedar wood. The first of its kind in Bali, it offers a relaxing deep soak when coupled with Bisma Eight's house bath salts, which are made by small-batch Balinese soap makers, Republic of Soap.

Overlooking an unfolding view of Batu Karu sits the Bisma Eight rooftop infinity pool. An island-inspired lounge area, the Pool Pavilion features a modern tropical bar, as well as Ubud's only temperature-controlled pool, to accommodate the island's cooler climates from July to August.

Other hotel amenities include a fully equipped gymnasium, Bisma Gardens (an organic farm), and a rooftop bar to wind down your day with.

Food & Wellness

Every Bisma Eight dining experience begins at **Bisma Gardens**; the hotel's own organic farm supplies fresh produce directly into the kitchens. It is a salute to the agricultural traditions of central Bali and a commitment to sustainable living. Guests can forage for their own vegetables to add to their meals, forging a deeper understanding of the farm-to-table concept.

Bisma Eight's main dining option is **Copper Kitchen & Bar**, which showcases comfort food done with an Ubud sensibility. Led by Chef Miles Belfield, formerly from a Michelin-star restaurant at Cannizaro House Hotel in Wimbledon, he has a deep affection for sourcing locally and eating organically. Utilising modern cooking techniques, the food embraces the depth of Asian culinary tradition and the flair of the contemporary kitchen; food from and for the soul.

The Library Cafe doubles up as an offbeat business center and a charming literature cafe. Sourcing its beans from local coffee roasters, Tetap Happy Coffee Roasters (THCR) by Seniman Coffee, they brew a unique blend of Kintamani-grown Arabica coffee beans that you can enjoy languidly over some thoughtful reads.

The Space

While the majority of the structure is clad in a modern blend of raw concrete, steel and glass, Bisma Eight weaves a deeper architectural story by juxtaposing it with organic Balinese materials and artifacts. The building itself is a harmonious blend with its lush surroundings from the use of leafage, creepers and wild grass.

A collaborative effort between Arte Architects & Associates (Bali) and Fuur Associates (Singapore), the two entities have strived to highlight the geographic context of Ubud with the use of southern walnut, bamboo, Balinese orange brick, as well as greenery clusters to lighten the interiors. The designers also worked with Balinese craftsmen to add their artisanal touch to the interiors through art and furniture.

Bisma Eight Isn't Simply a Hotel

Bisma Eight co-founder Suraj Melwani says, "*Bisma Eight is an amalgamation of all of our sensibilities under one roof; from mine and Tarun's (Melwani, co-founder) love of the craft that goes into the food and drink, Sunil's [Sunil Alwani, co-founder] appreciation of pragmatic tropical modern design, to my father [Suresh Melwani, co-founder] and his younger brother Kumar's (Melwani, co-founder) absolute respect for the community of Ubud, its people and surroundings, Bisma Eight is special.*

It's a projection of who we are as people and how we think and act as a group. Everything at Bisma Eight is done with intention. Even the smallest details are curated with care and pride, creating an experience that speaks for itself."

Authenticity and flexibility are integral to Bisma Eight. The elements that make Ubud what it is – culture, heritage, creativity and reinvention – are woven throughout the core of the Bisma Eight experience. Bisma Eight also strives to provide a laidback yet refined quality of service for guests; their intent to show that true hospitality lies in genuine intentions and through human relationships made during the stay.

Bisma Eight's guests are invited to discover a deeper revelation of the magic behind this beguiling town, and through it, be transformed by their journey.

Rooms at Bisma Eight start at USD 193++ for the Garden Suites, USD 203++ for the Canopy Suites, and USD 228++ for The Forest Suites.

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BISMA EIGHT SUITES – A DETAIL ADDENDUM

Forest Suites

18 Suites Available

Located at the west end of Bisma Eight, near The Pool Pavilion and The Pool, each of our eighteen Forest Suites offer sweeping panoramas of the verdant forests of Ubud. With views that evoke a sense of a hidden treehouse, you will end each day with a front-row seat to the spectacular Balinese sunset from your private balcony.

Room: 50 sqm

Balcony: 8 sqm

Canopy Suites

10 Suites Available

On the second floor of Bisma Eight's main building, with views of the Canopy Courtyard below and the jungle in the distance, each of our ten Canopy Suites feature shady private balconies with bamboo railings and cascading ivy. Enjoy the large living space, which can be screened off from the sleeping area, and easy access to all of Bisma Eight's dining options.

Room: 54 sqm

Balcony: 8 sqm

Garden Suites

10 Suites Available

Tucked into Bisma Eight's Canopy Courtyard, each of our ten ground-floor Garden Suites feature a private outdoor garden and vibrant greenscaping. Enjoy the large living space, which can be screened off from the sleeping area, and direct access to the Canopy Courtyard.

Room: 54 sqm

Garden Space: 15 sqm

in-room features: king-sized bed, separate living and sitting area, 40 inch flat screen TV, Japanese-Inspired soaking Tub, VTO rain shower system, high-speed wifi, air conditioning, mini-fridge, in-room safety box.