

Flood your friends' feeds from Bali's best Insta-brag spots

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It's no secret — Bali knows how to show visitors a good time. In fact, Bali is famous for luring fun-loving travellers to its hedonistic hangouts.

And, with social media dominating our smartphones, it's mandatory to settle onto a sun lounge or daybed at dusk, cocktail in hand, deftly flooding your mates' feeds with Insta-worthy shots from your holiday, right?

These are the best Bali holiday hotspots to make your followers green with envy.

Splash into Waterbom Bali



Image: Instagram / @waterbombali

One of Bali's most popular attractions, Waterbom Bali, has been showered with accolades by happy travellers, who voted it the second-best waterpark in the world and the number one park in Asia.

Families in particular love this park, which is carved out of more than three hectares of landscaped tropical garden.

Some visitors come to Waterbom for the opportunity to cool down in the tropical heat, while extreme thrill-seekers are lured by its impressive range of action-packed rides – all of which come with drench, thrill, and speed ratings.

Riders on the Climax ride drop through a vertical tube before reaching speeds of up to 70km per hour. Gulp.

Sleep in a grown-up tree house



Image: Instagram / @ibukubali

Unleash your inner Tarzan and Jane in a delightful treehouse community at Green Village.

All buildings are constructed by hand — the locals shun the use of power tools — with bamboo the dominant material. Rent a house, take a guided tour, or eat lunch at the warung (small family-owned cafe); just make sure your camera is fully charged before visiting as there are no power outlets in the treehouses.

Step inside Sukawati's secret canyon



Image: Instagram / @balifornialove

A favourite of hiking photographers, the Hidden Canyon of Sukawati has been carved from rock eroded by river water over the last 100,000 years, with beautiful patterns etched into the rock face.

When the light is right, the eroded crevices cast intriguing shadows across the vertical walls which are dappled with iridescent moss. Take your swimmers!

Guwang, Sukawati, Kabupaten Gianyar, Bali 80582, Indonesia

Saddle up for the buffalo races



Image: Instagram / @doddysudibia

Introduced almost 100 years ago, the Makepung Buffalo Race is Bali's visual equivalent to Pamplona's Running of the Bulls.

Dressed in traditional garb, each rider straddles a plough pulled by two buffalos whose horns are decked out in colourful ribbons and bells.

Competitors race each other through rice fields in a number of events before the winner is determined. Put your camera on fast shutter speed to ensure you capture all the action.

Jembrana, West Bali (various locations)

Hang out at the Hanging Gardens



Image: Instagram / @tuulavintage

Head to inland Bali to escape the crazy coastal crowds and tourist hordes. You're guaranteed to find serenity among the terraced rice paddies and overgrown tropical jungle.

Clinging to a cliff face in Ubud, the infinity pool at boutique hotel Hanging Gardens boasts one of the most brag-worthy vistas on the island, and it's definitely worth a dip.

Try the waterfall body slide



Image: Instagram / @volunteerinbali

Some of Bali's waterfalls are well-known, but some of the best are secret and only discoverable with local knowledge. Tembok Barak Waterfall and Gitgit Waterfall (both located in Buleleng, North Bali) are well worth checking out during your trip.

A number of Bali's majestic waterfalls, like Aling Aling (also located in the Buleleng region), feature natural (and nail-biting) waterslides carved out of the rocks that surround them, and have become a favourite of some of the region's more adventurous travellers. Are you brave enough to take them on?

Desa Sambangan, Buleleng, Indonesia

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