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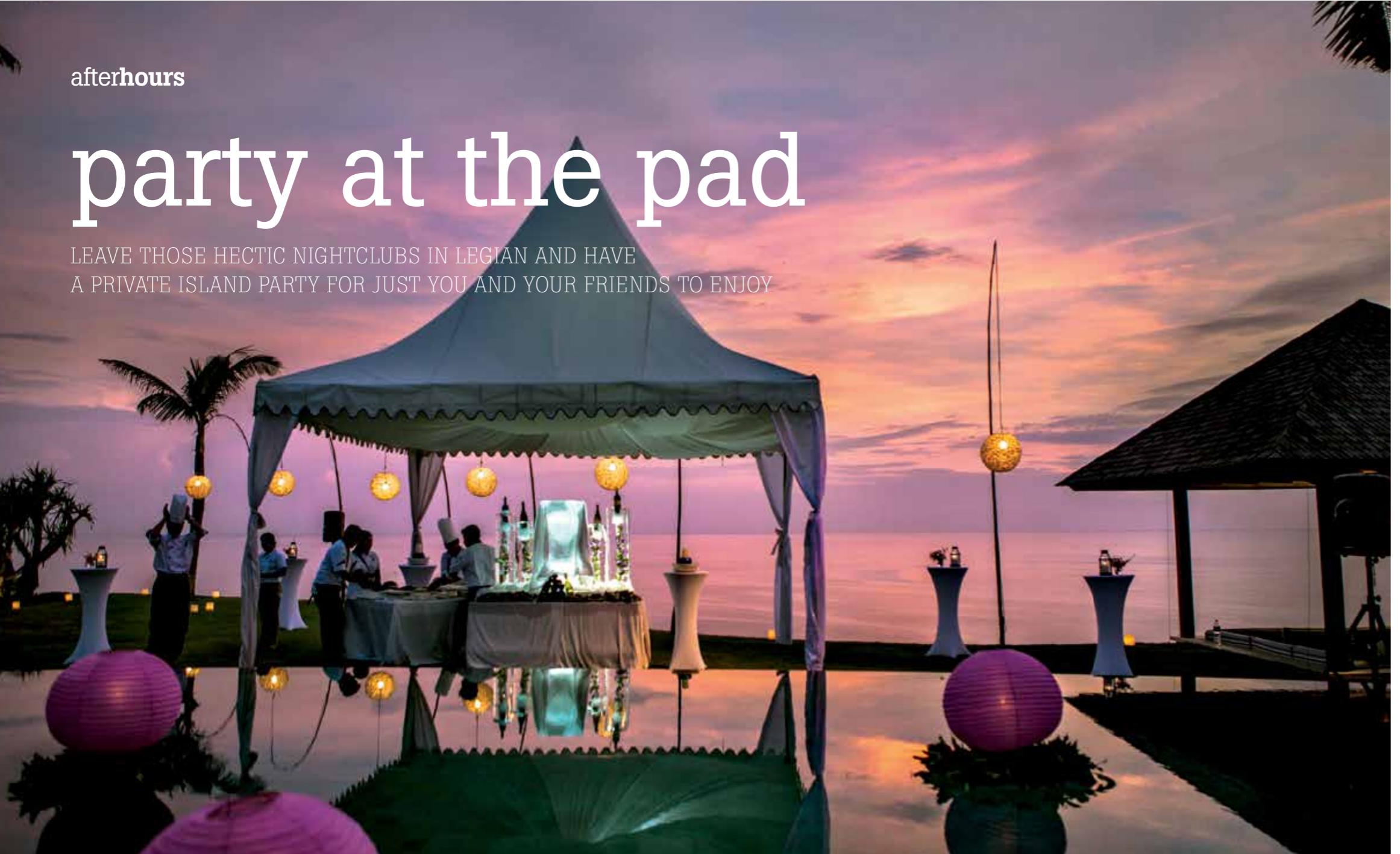
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party at the pad

LEAVE THOSE HECTIC NIGHTCLUBS IN LEGIAN AND HAVE A PRIVATE ISLAND PARTY FOR JUST YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO ENJOY



Everyone knows that this small island hosts some of the world's most wicked parties. People who come to Bali know where and how to party – from swamped Legian street, to the kooky drag shows at Dhyana Pura street, to the more sophisticated and classy Oberoi and Petitenget streets, and not forgetting those highly anticipated beach parties. We obviously have to thank those people who know precisely how to offer a variety of non-stop entertainment for all the island's partygoers. Having said that, sometimes you need a retreat from brushing shoulders with the drunken tourists who keep on stepping on your foot in that jam-packed club. You still want to party... minus all the commotion. So

why not treat yourself for a fun yet private house party attended by your closest cronies. And we will show you where and how to have the island's best house party.

where

If you have a rented house or a studio apartment that can accommodate the number of guests you are planning to invite, then you already have a party location. However, if you want to avoid getting your own house trashed, here are some stunning villas where you can host your party.

01 Villa Caviar

Jl. Bidadari 2, Gg. 1 no 1, Seminyak, T: +62 85 7922 5903, www.balicaviar.com
I have some friends who stayed at this villa

and had a jolly good libation-laden party. The homey villa is spacious with three large bedrooms, four living areas, a garden and swimming pool. This could be the perfect place for your next house party. And did I mention they have bunk beds with slides? I mean, we all have that inner five-year-old, right?

02 Villa Toraja

Jl. Bale Subak no. 3x, Canggu, T: +62 361 769 015, www.premierhospitalityasia.com
A classy affair calls for a stylish boutique villa such as Villa Toraja in Canggu. The contemporary design combined with traditional Balinese and Indonesian touches, not to mention the signature roof shaped like the houses in Tongkonan, Sulawesi, will leave your guests

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Semara Uluwatu, Chapung Se Bali

party principles

- Determine whether you want a big party or small one
- Have a proper guest list. If you want it to be exclusive, then you should specifically ask your guests not to bring any plus one
- Send out invitations, use social media and word of mouth to bring people to your party – unless you opt for an exclusive one
- It can be a bit tricky to find places in Bali, so write your address properly, attach a map and your phone number
- Have a wicked and non-stop music playlist, no one will dance to the sound of crickets
- If you are having the party at your own pad, let your neighbours know that you are having one; invite them as well
- Prepare a first-aid kit in case of emergency, that includes condoms – if anything funky should happen, your friends will thank you
- Take pictures and videos! And we mean tons of them, the video of your drunk friend doing silly things might go viral the next day
- Keep yourself sober. Yes it's your party, but be that charming host who takes care of your guests, and perhaps just to make sure your house doesn't burn down

04 Semara Luxury Villa Resort

Jl. Pantai Selatan Gau, Ungasan, T: +62 361 848 2111, www.semarauluwatu.com
This cliff edge villa compound needs no further introduction. Famous for its exquisite Finn's Beach Club, this is the ultimate party joint if you want to escape the usual southern Bali madness. Since the place is tucked away in Uluwatu and security access to the villas is high, you can keep away all those pesky party crashers. Just be careful after one too many drinks, and refrain from stepping off the cliff edges.

05 Chapung Se Bali

Jl. Raya Sebali, Keliki, Ubud, T: +62 361 898 9102, www.chapung.com
Although Ubud is more common as a place for a quiet getaway and yoga retreat, you can still paint the town red with a kickin' party. Have your party at Chapung Se Bali, an exclusive villa compound that has a wonderful combination of high-end and traditional Balinese designs. Here's a tip, book the Two Bedroom Residence for a larger space and a memorable pool party.

To sum up, whatever the occasion is, you should start planning your own house party now. We show you some of the best locations on the island and point out a few reminders, but it all comes back to you to make it legendary. Try to get yourself invited (or sneak in if you have to) to several other house parties and take notes.

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