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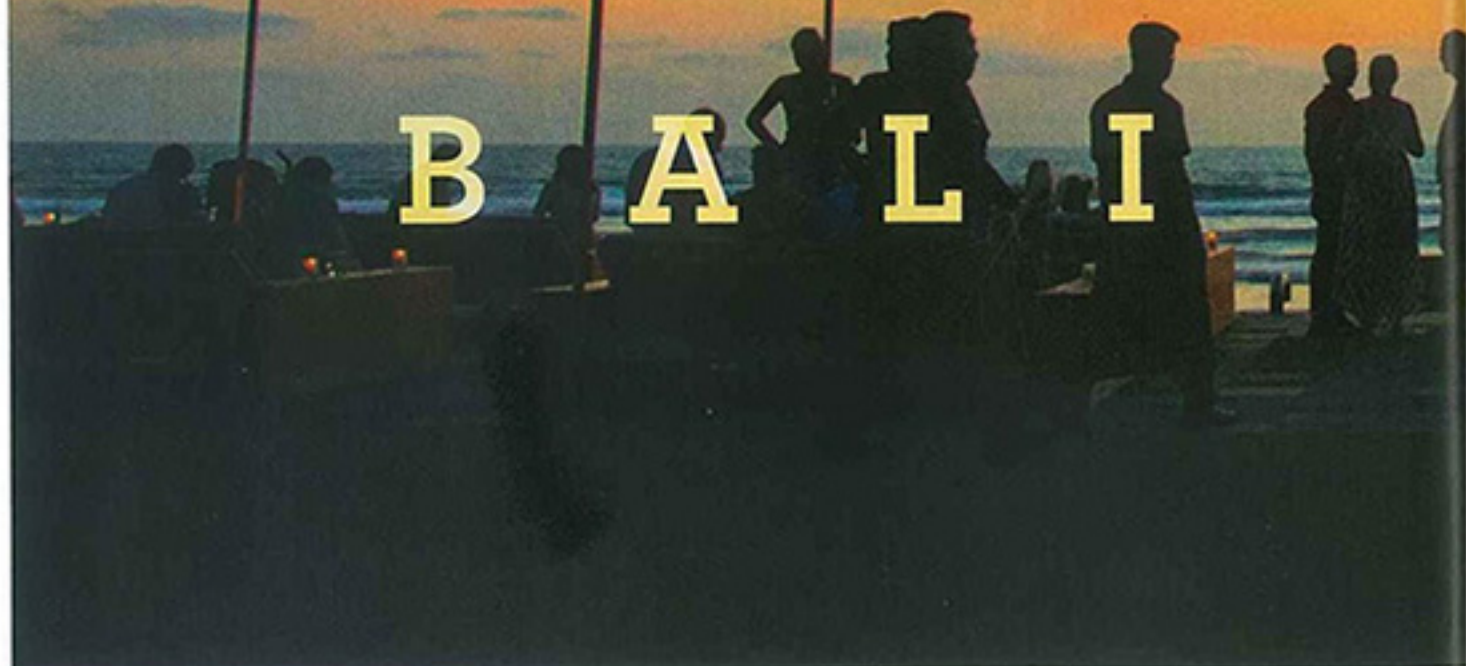


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Inspired by Jetstar's new
Dreamliner flights from Australia
to Bali, we explore the delights
of three sanctuaries, both on
and off the beaten track, ideal
for making the most of
Indonesia's pleasure island

WORDS SOPHIE DAVIES



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SURF-LAPPED BUKIT PENINSULA

» Seeking relaxed beach time, I escape to southern Bali’s less touristy Bukit Peninsula, where La Joya offers villas and bungalows, as well as a restaurant and two pools, near lovely Balangan Beach. With dramatic cliffs dropping to intimate coves, the Bukit’s plateau is famous for dreamy ocean views and legendary surf breaks. I soak up the big-wave action from the bars above Uluwatu Beach before heading down for a swim. Padang-Padang Beach also gets my vote, with mellow local YeYe’s Warung (on Jalan Labuansait) for refuelling.

Another day, another sunlounger... Reached by inclinator, Finn’s Beach Club (finnsbeachclub.com) – part of luxury villa-hotel Semara Uluwatu, where model

Jennifer Hawkins got hitched – is heaven for a lunch of mahi-mahi fish with coconut. Afterwards, I snorkel the turquoise waters and wander the golden sand to Karma Beach Bali club (karmakandara.com), which dishes up wood-fired pizzas, cocktails and DJ sessions. Come sunset, cliff-top temple Pura Luhur Uluwatu’s enchanting indigenous kecak dance beckons, complete with cheeky monkeys trying to nick my sunglasses.

For my last meal, I make for Jimbaran Bay’s charming beachfront fish restaurants, flanked by colourful fishing boats. Watching planes taking off nearby, I realise my dream trip is over – but luckily my Dreamliner awaits to extend the pleasure just a while longer. ★

ABOVE: Karma Kandara Beach Bali club on the Bukit Peninsula

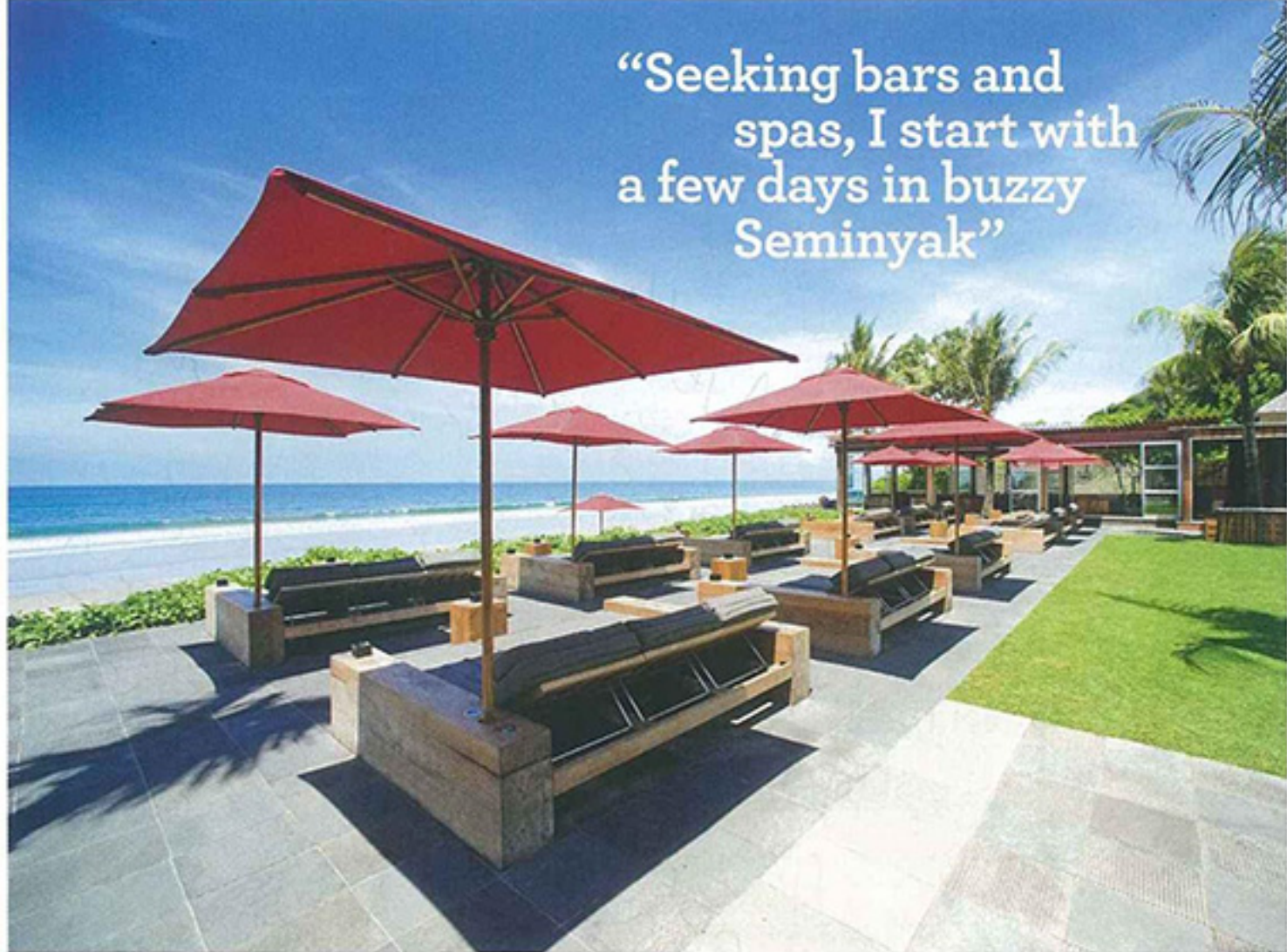
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STYLISH SEMINYAK

Seeking bars and spas, I start with a few days in buzzy Seminyak. Semara Resort & Spa has spacious rooms in the heart of the action. The hotel's Deck bar screens sports and catwalk shows, but swimming laps in the courtyard pool feels a tranquil world away; another, larger pool boasts shady cabanas.

Walking along Seminyak Beach, I spy surfers and kite vendors, and locals making religious offerings. Iconic shoreside bar Ku De Ta (kudeta.net) promises watermelon cocktails, before I hit a street stall to snap up “designer” sunglasses and Bali Boat Shed (baliboatshed.com) for floaty fashion. Pastel-pretty brunch den Sea Circus (seacircusbali.com) is next door, so I

sample their carrot cake and Aussie-roasted Five Senses Coffee. Later I swing by Grocer & Grind (grocerandgrind.com) for delicious lemongrass juice, and elegant Sardine (sardinebali.com) for a fantastic fish lunch overlooking a paddy field.

Ringed by salvaged shutters on its windows, Potato Head Beach Club (ptthead.com) becomes my go-to spot for sundowners.

I eat with friends at Motel Mexicola (motelmexicolabali.com), a kitsch-yet-cool Mexican restaurant with rainbow-bright art,

tiles and retro furniture. We end the night with lychee martinis at chic Petitenget bar (petitenget.net) and a citrus-fresh massage at Semara's spa, which gives a rejuvenating detox.

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Lounge on
beachfront daybeds
at Ku De Ta

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