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Jiva Puri, a private home with five bedroom pavilions for rent, has an ocean-front location in Cemagi, a quieter corner of Bali.

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Floating Bali Resort

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For US\$5,000 (S\$6,257) a night, luxury lovers can be cocooned in Villa Jiva Puri and its five bedroom pavilions. The new resort is rented out only on bloc.

Secluded on a small cliff facing the Indian Ocean, the resort stands near Cemagi Beach, a quieter south-west corner of Bali.

En route to the Komodo Islands, I am a guest for two nights at Jiva Puri (www.jivapuri.com).

Surrounded by glass on three sides, my pavilion is light-filled and I can enjoy all-day glimpses of triple tiers of water – the ocean, infinity pool and pond filled with tall reeds in my private garden.

My palatial bathroom has a semi-outdoor shower set in another mini-garden.

There is also a study, lots of wardrobe space, and a verandah where I listen to birdsong and the muted roar of the ocean.

In my bedroom, the rafters seem to float. This is “a tranquil illusion” that Mr Ernesto Bedmar, architect of the sleek, contemporary complex, says is also repeated in the way each bedroom pavilion appears to be suspended above ground.

Argentinian-born and Singapore-based, he has won awards for Jiva Puri, which is infused with the simplicity and spontaneity found in Balinese architecture.

Our private group of five guests dine at a dramatically long, recycled teak table, placed at one end of the open, airy lobby. Our loveliest meal is a lunch prepared by consultant chef Lothar Arsana, with a little “assistance” from us.

First, we traipse through the resort’s garden, a little patch sprouting a surprising variety of greens – Balinese spinach, lemongrass, garlic, long beans, tiny bittergourd, tamarind, papaya, pomelo, pomegranate, starfruit, mint for our mojitos, kencur or white ginger for the spa and our chicken dishes.

The chef concocts a clear soup of ping-pong-sized chicken balls, belacan-laced seafood salad and black-rice pudding.

My favourite is a satay of tuna and other seafood minced with desiccated coconut and gula melaka in a mortar, and wrapped around lemongrass sticks.

While we pop out to see the Tanah Lot temple complex a short drive away, the resort is a destination in itself, with its ocean views, private beach, uplifting architecture and luxe lifestyle.

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