



Gunung Kawi



Dalem Agung Padangtegal temple at Monkey forest

Om Swasti-astu ke Ubud *

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Appetizers at Bebek Bengil (Dirty Duck)



Main pool at Komaneka

Optimising long weekends has become a skill in its own right. For short breaks like this, there are many destinations within our region well-worth visiting. Taking into consideration the searing local weather, Bali was chosen to escape the crowd in September. There were many attractive accommodation offers on the Internet the Komaneka was finally agreed on.

TRAVELOGUE



Afternoon tea 1 at Komaneka



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Afternoon tea 2 at Komaneka



Confied Tasmanian salmon fillet, sauteed wild mushroom in a Pinot Noir reduction at Mozaic



Nasi campur at Bebek Bengil (Dirty Duck)



Martinis at Naughty Nuri's



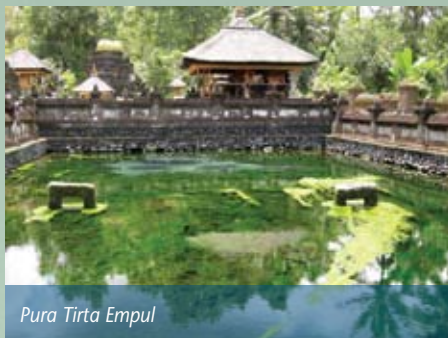
Slow roasted cinnamon pork belly, seared foie gras in star anise infused grapefruit tea at Mozaic



Blood orange sorbet, tropical fruit sangria & vanilla mascarpone at Mozaic



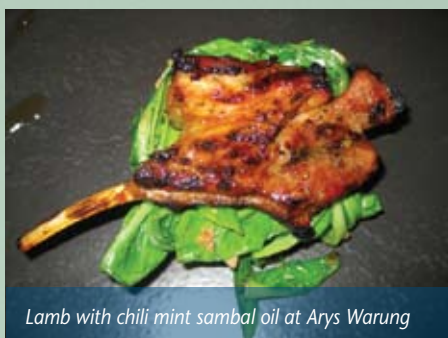
Pan seared mahi-mahi at Arys Warung



Pura Tirta Empul



Rejang dance from Bungaya at Neka Museum



Lamb with chili mint sambal oil at Arys Warung



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It has been 5 years since I was last in Bali; the last trip was to Seminyak with 20 others and it was boisterous party. I did not get a chance to visit the cultural centre of Ubud so that was the focus of this trip; for some peace and tranquillity.

I will let the photographs provide the inspiration and impetus for you all to appreciate the rich heritage of Ubud and its environs. May all readers find peace and tranquility in the new year. SMA

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