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The Ritz-Carlton Bali ~

A Flight Of The Imagination



Also known as the Land of the Gods, Bali is truly an Indonesian paradise that will take you on a flight of imagination. And when the Ritz-Carlton set foot on this magical Island they succeeded in creating a small village sanctuary for those who enjoy luxury at its finest. The Ritz-Carlton makes every effort to inspire life's most meaningful journeys in the most desirable destinations on earth and their beachfront property in Bali is no exception.

The Bali Difference: At sunset, watch a team of camels being lead across a stretch of fine white sand or venture off to hang with mischievous monkeys in the infamous Monkey Forest in the city of Ubud, a short drive Northeast of Bali, once voted the most fascinating city of Asia by Condé Nast Traveler. Bali offers world-class activities ranging from incredible surf tours and white water rafting adventures to river kayaking, jungle trekking, mountain cycling and helicopter sky tours.




The Elephant Safari Park & Lodge provides the opportunity to touch, feed and ride an Elephant through the tropical jungle of Taro. Scuba diving aficionados commune with the tropical creatures while diving along coral ridges or the colorful wreck of a WWII war ship. Interestingly enough, Southeast Asia local people have long held their traditional healers (called Balian or Dukun in Bali) in high regard and with the advent of western medicine, healers have not been discarded, but seen as adjunct and complementary to what western medicine offers. Besides visiting a western-style doctor when ill, the Balinese consult a Balian, a traditional healer and there is no shortage here on the Island of Bali. Many visitors come primarily to visit the Bali Island healers.

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel operates five-star resorts and luxury hotels worldwide and has received all the major awards the hospitality industry and leading consumer organizations can bestow. And rightfully so, the Bali cliff-top setting overlooking the beautiful blue waters of the Indian ocean maintains a distinctive Balinese fashion – warm spiritual and full of new discoveries. It is here that relaxation, rejuvenation and finding a harmonious balance is easily attained. The unique villas of the Ritz Carlton have their own pools located directly off each balcony overlooking the ocean, as well as, the resorts own beachfront chapel accommodating weddings of all sizes.

Bali continues to amaze both local and international visitors alike. Here gather a multiplicity of visitors from around the globe: from those who come to surf the waves of Kuta, Uluwatu and Dreamland, to others who love the panoramic beauty of mountains and lakes at Batur, Kintamani, or Lake Beratan at Bedugul, to those who merely love shopping or spending endless days on the beach.



Surrounded by a lush traditional Balinese garden, The Ritz-Carlton Spa and Wellness Center is the resort's harmonious center, a place where nature, culture, tradition, and spirituality bring balance to your external and internal worlds.

The Ritz-Carlton Bali provides one of the most luxurious and exclusive resort properties on the Island. Learn more at: www.ritzcarlton.com/ 





The Divota ~ Split, Croatia

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Divota ~ [Splendour] something that inspires admiration, beauty that astonishes



Off the beaten track in Croatia is the mesmerizing seafront city of Split (Spalato in Italian), the second largest city in that southern European country. The brilliant turquoise Adriatic Sea fills a beautiful bay and laps onto the shore of a time forgotten. The ancient buildings and historical region attracts travelers from over the world in their search for a unique experience. This exclusive area also offers world-class scuba diving excursions and private tours, highlighting a tranquil, ancient, and historic land.

In Split the neighborhood Veli Varoš was once the home of farm labourers. Even today one can sense the spirit of Split as it used to be in this exceptionally well preserved section of town. The narrow alleys are densely lined with small, modest houses that were built to human scale. These monuments of Adriatic lifestyle house today the apartments Divota.



The Divota Apartment Hotel is modern and tastefully furnished according to the most modern standards. However, the appointments within this charming property allow one to experience Split as it once was when Roman legions trod its pathways. The apartments provide accommodations in a traditional ambience, full of enchantment that only the beautiful Adriatic shores can offer.

Nearby, step inside Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a Unesco World Heritage site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments dating back 17 centuries and you'll see dozens of bars, restaurants and shops thriving among the distinctive old walls where Split life has existed for thousands of years. The dramatic coastal mountains act as the perfect backdrop to the radiant waters of the Adriatic Sea, which separates the Italian Peninsula from the Balkan Peninsula, as well as, the Apennine Mountains from the Dinaric Alps and adjacent ranges. For more information about the Divota Apartment Hotel in the beautiful city of Split, Croatia visit: <http://divota.hr>