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There's no bamboo at Bali's Villa Luna 2. Instead, come to moon over its glass walls, sunken spaces and geometric design



Early on in the two-year, transcontinental creative process, American architect David Wahl informed his Jakarta-based British client and interior design collaborator, Melanie Hall of Mimpi Design, that the rare, 1,600 sq m of prime Bali beachfront would not be quite expansive enough to accommodate two of her dream spaces: the 24-seater cinema and the underground cocktail lounge.

But Villa Luna 2 – named after the first spacecraft to reach the surface of the moon – breaks new ground here on earth nonetheless. The five-bedroom modernist estate marks a giant leap from Bali's typically bamboo-clad, antique-filled residences. Wahl's severe, sliding glass-walled exterior recalls Richard Neutra's 1946 Kaufmann Desert House in Palm Springs, California. An imposing

stone wall acts as the building's spine, while white-lacquered horizontals boldly delineate the two-level property.

The ground floor's geometric simplicity and open space lets the party flow from the sunken living room, with requisite Isamu Noguchi coffee table and groovy geometric carpets woven in Vietnam, to the well-stocked mirrored bar, extending outside on cool grey slabs atop a pond inhabited by psychedelic fish. A 20m pool reaches towards the considerable surf along Seminyak Beach, while a few footprints in the volcanic sand take guests to Ku De Ta, the perennially packed lounge and restaurant where Bali's most beautiful bodies congregate for sublime sunsets.

Returning to the villa, it'll be time to slide into transparent orange Pedrali

BALI HUE

On the beachfront at Seminyak, on Bali's south-west coast, the villa's 1960s references include Warhol prints inside and a Biazza-tiled Marilyn Monroe mosaic in the pool

chairs in the pop art-filled dining room (dinners for 60 can also be organised on the buzz-cut lawn). Yellow Formica brightens the exhibition kitchen, where three Australian chefs turn out twice-baked goat's cheese and tomato jam soufflés and Wagyu wrapped in foie gras, or comfort foods at any hour for vacationers craving scrambled eggs with caviar and homemade chocolate eclairs.

The villa's five bedrooms are filled with 1960s-inspired furnishings and pay homage to the entire spectrum (there's a rose-hued children's room and a shocking-violet adult lair). And the en suite bathrooms are fitted with Philippe Starck-designed cube loos. ★

Villa Luna 2, Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia, tel: 62 361 720 402. www.lunazbali.com. Villa rental: from US\$3,000 per week