Capella Ubud, Bali

Facts at a Glance

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Bensley, located in Bangkok and Bali, is an atelier of youthful, energetic architects, interior designers, artists and landscape architects. With a team of 150 talented individuals, Bill Bensley has designed over 200 resorts, hotels and palaces in more than 30 countries.

OVERVIEW
Inspired by the early European settlers from the 1800s, celebrated architect Bill Bensley conceptualized this refined tented camp as a tribute to their spirit of adventure amidst untouched nature.

Nested between Ubud’s rainforest, rice paddy fields and the sacred Wos River, in an authentic Balinese artist village called Keliki, Capella Ubud, Bali offers 22 extravagant, individually styled one-bedroom tents and one tented two-bedroom lodge.
Food & Beverage selections include Mads Lange – the camp’s dining room, Api Jiwa - an intimate and highly interactive Asian barbecue and The Mortar and Pestle pool bar. The Camp Fire is not merely the place to meet the local storyteller over pulled hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows but, weather permitting, an equally great venue for casual dining.

The tented gymnasium – The Armory is for guests who wish to work out in style and yoga and Pilates by design, whilst an invigorating weekly schedule, with a diverse range of low and high impact camp activities further complement your exercise regime.

Adventure wellness, pampering spa treatments designed around the moon phases, spiritual and sound healing as well as in-retreat rituals are on offer at Auriga Wellness.

The Officers Tent, exclusive to guests of Capella Ubud, Bali is the camp’s living room and library where morning coffee, afternoon tea and the daily evening cocktail and canapé ritual are served. The unobtrusive and highly personalised services of a dedicated Capella Personal Assistant further complement your stay.

The camp is adorned with handpicked valuable antique art objects, books, paintings, drawings and furniture, some of which are from the owner’s treasured private collection. The owner, Mr. Suwito Gunawan, is a prominent business man from Jakarta and an avid art collector.

No tree was cut during construction so that the refined jungle camp remains a hidden sanctuary from afar. It captures the imagination of those who aspire a truly unique experience that allows them to enjoy the essence of Ubud’s untouched natural surroundings in personalised and stylish comfort.

Capella Ubud, Bali is set within a dramatic terraced landscape, with prominent rice paddies surrounding the entrance, leading through a densely forested valley all the way down to the sacred Wos river.
Capella Ubud, Bali offers twenty-two tastefully appointed and individually styled one-bedroom tents as well as one two-bedroom tented lodge, all featuring private salt water pools.

Timeless charm, with a wink back to the early 1800s, is balanced by modern conveniences such as air-conditioning, high speed Wi-Fi, a complimentary smart phone inclusive of data, a refreshment trunk and an Illy espresso machine as well as a tea station.

The one-bedroom tents, measured at 173 sqm (1,862 ft.) and the two-bedroom tented lodge, measured at 217 sqm (2,337 ft.) are adorned by large outdoor decks and indoor and outdoor bathrooms, featuring a hammered copper stand-alone bath, double washbasins and an indoor and outdoor shower.

An exclusive line of 100% natural bathroom amenities paired with a soap menu featuring a diverse choice of handmade organic soaps that are influenced by the indigenous flora and fauna of the camp site complete your personal grooming rituals.

Handpicked antique furniture and artifacts, wooden carved doors, Balinese Poleng and ikat linen showcase a perfect blend of classic European style and Balinese and Indonesian artisanship.

Five different tent categories offer distinctively enriching and unique experiences:

- Five Terrace Tents located near camp central with an outlook to the rice terraces and the rainforest.
- Four Rainforest Tents offering a rainforest setting and view.
- Eight River Tents offering a tranquil Wos river experience and view. Secluded on a gradient in close proximity to the Wos river, this tent is best suited to the curious and able traveller.
- Five Keliki Valley Tents offering the most dramatic, unobstructed and elevated Keliki valley view and the largest pools.
- One two-bedroom tented Lodge. Blended into the terraced landscape, conveniently located in close proximity to The Cistern, The Lodge is best suited for a small family or a group of friends travelling together.
Beautifully built with great respect for the sloping terrain and the densely forested terrain, most of the tents feature a suspension bridge that leads to oversized outdoor decks and finally to your private tented sanctuary.

**INTERIOR DESIGN**

The tents are available in four colour schemes and are styled individually with an inspirational theme that depicts the skill set of the various personnel available at a camp back in the early days of the 1800s as follows:

- The Captain’s Tent takes you back to the lavish quarters of a camp commander in the 1800s with a striking matching design featuring, amongst other artifacts, a massive old map of Bali that was used to plan the route and tactics of the mission along the island’s coastline, through mountains and valleys and into the rainforest, and offers a 9 sqm (90ft) private salt water pool that is reached via a spiralling staircase.

- The Carpenter’s Tent pays homage to the artisans, craftsmen and woodworkers who covered an essential position in a camp of yesteryear, showcases the tools that were utilized for the upkeep of the camp and for the creation of the art that was traded for goods or sold to international merchants, and features a 9 sqm (97 ft) private salt water pool that is reached via a spiralling staircase.

- The Java Tent is beautifully decorated with pieces of “gamelan” the traditional ensemble music of Indonesia that still plays an integral part of Indonesian culture today and “wajang” a form of puppet theatre art found in Indonesia wherein a dramatic story is told through shadows thrown by puppets. The Java Tent features a 27 sqm (291 ft) private salt water pool that is suspended off the deck and has unobstructed elevated Keliki valley views.

- The Naturalist’s Tent showcases the camp’s zoologist’s and botanist’s collection of watercolour paintings of indigenous flora and fauna. The Naturalist’s Tent features a 19 sqm (205 ft) private salt water pool that is suspended off the deck and has unobstructed elevated Keliki valley views.
• The Lodge, 217 sqm in size (2336ft) boasts an exotic, oriental Chinese colourscheme and design. Bill Bensley created this two-bedroom tent especially for the owning family that are of Chinese descent. Blended into the terraced landscape The Lodge offers impressive unobstructed, lush green Keliki valley views, an open plan living room, a master bedroom with a king sized bed, a twin bedroom with two double beds, two bathrooms (one featuring a Japanese bath tub and one with a hand-hammered copper bath) and a large wooden deck with two large daybeds. A private 19 sqm (205ft) private salt water pool further compliments this accommodation that is best suited for an adventurous small family or the well-heeled traveller seeking stylish and lavish accommodation and tranquility amongst untouched surroundings.

• The Photographer’s Tent depicts a collection of antique black and white pictures showcasing the Balinese life of yesteryear as well as boasts vintage cameras and features a 27 sqm (291 ft) private salt water pool that is suspended off the deck with unobstructed elevated Keliki valley views.

• The Horn Collector’s Tent; a horn collector was the person in charge of administering the priced possessions that were collected during the expedition, some of which are on display in this tent and features a collection of musical instruments made of a metal tube, lovingly called a horn. The Horn Collectors Tent boasts a 27 sqm (291 ft) private salt water pool that is suspended off the deck with unobstructed elevated Keliki valley views.

• The Architect’s Tent showcases a small collection of Bill Bensley’s private art and antiques. This tent features a 9 sqm (97 ft) private salt water pool.

• The Translator’s Tent details the iconic Balinese “lontar” palm-leaf manuscripts that cover various aspects of life like religion, astronomy, astrology, history, homeopathy, healing and more. The word “lontar” is derived from two old Javanese words, being ron (leaf) and tal (rontal tree) and means leaf of the rontal tree, also known as fan tree due to the shape of its leaves. The Translator’s Tent offers a 24sqm (258ft) private salt water pool.
• The Cartographer’s Tent pays homage to those staff members that produced maps and features brushes and parchment that were used back in those days and compasses and telescopes that were essential for accurate surveying of land and ensured that navigators found their ways. The Cartography Tent features a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

• The Bali Temple Tent, inspired by a Balinese Hindu temple, the interior is styled according to Balinese architecture as the place of worship and boasts a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

• The Princess Tent, with a distinctive Wos river experience is a royal tent with opulent crystal chandeliers and exclusive antique furniture that is fit for a princess! The Princess Tent offers a 18 sqm (194 ft) private salt water pool.

• The Puppet Master’s Tent pays tribute to Indonesia’s heritage where a “dalang” puppet master performs using “wayang kulit” leather shadow puppets during Balinese Hindu ceremonies to celebrate rites of passage. The characters draw similarities from great Hindi tales and convey words of wisdom and lessons of good conduct to audiences. The Puppet Master’s Tent boasts a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

• The Birdwatcher’s Tent is designed as a bird observatory complete with all of the specialty equipment and features a 27 sqm (291ft) private salt water pool.

• The Painter’s Tent showcases Bali’s beautiful scenic nature through the eyes of an artist and boasts a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

• The Upakara Tent, life is a celebration for the Balinese, promoting the close relationships between human beings, gods and nature, this tent depicts colourful replicas of the daily offerings that the Balinese take to their gods daily. This tent features a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

• The Archivers Tent pays tribute to those that filed and stored their findings and what was detected during the expeditions of discovery back in the early days of the 1800s. The Archivers Tent offers a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

• The Baker’s Tent is our version of a camp site bakery of yesteryear and showcases cutlery, baking tools and spices that were used back in the days. The Baker’s Tent boasts a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.
The Explorer’s Tent pays homage to the explorers of the early 1800s and features a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

The Toy Maker’s Tent, a playful tent that showcases a toy collection from the colonial era inclusive of a drum, chess set, wooden building blocks and a Bilbo catcher, also known as a bilboquet; a toy of the cup and ball family with a history going back many centuries in Europe and the Americas. The Toy Maker’s Tent boasts a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

The Farmer’s Tent, with expansive rice paddies in front, pays tribute to the hardworking Balinese rice farmers and features a 16 sqm (172ft) private salt water pool that is reached via a spiralling staircase.

The Librarian’s Tent, like all other tents features custom-made interiors and a historic collection of ancient manuscripts, books and literature from the 18th century.

The Voyager’s Tent, showcases antique trunks, ancient travel memorabilia and a huge antiquated map of Bali. The Voyager’s Tent has a nice garden and wooden deck as well as a 9 sqm (97ft) private salt water pool.

Tent and lodge amenities & services, included in your stay:

- Breakfast served at Mads Lange.
- 24-hour service of a Capella Personal Assistant.
- Welcome duffel bag containing camp essentials upon arrival.
- Return airport transfers with our Camp Navigators for stays of 2 nights or more.
- Return transfers to Ubud centre till 6pm – daily and as per the camp’s schedule.
- Exclusive access to the camp’s living room and library “The Officers Tent” for morning coffee, afternoon tea, evening cocktails and canapés – daily
- Daily seasonal fruit and infused spring water.
- Soft drinks, water, local snacks, local alcoholic beverages and beers from the refreshment trunk – replenished daily.
- An Illy espresso machine and a tea station.
- 24-hour exclusive access to The Armory, our tented gymnasium and The Cistern, the camp’s 20 metres outdoor rainforest pool.
• Low and high impact activities with our Camp Rangers, offered from the camp’s weekly schedule of activities.
• Use of mountain bikes.
• Exclusive range of organic bathroom amenities and a soap menu.
• Four pieces of laundry per person, exclusive of dry cleaning.
• Daily camp turndown ritual.
• Smart phone inclusive of data and credit for international (* selected geographical markets) and local calls for use during stay.
• High speed Wi-Fi is available in all tents, The Lodge and throughout the camp.

DINING

Multisensory culinary journeys await with a choice of Mads Lange, Api Jiwa and the Camp Fire as well as a large range of bespoke private dining and in-retreat dining options. Leading the brigade is award-winning Gault & Millau’s Three Hats Culinary Director, Matthew McCool who offers 12 years of International exposure.

Mads Lange.
The Camp’s split-level tented dining room is named in honour of the famous Danish spice trader, entrepreneur and peace maker of Bali, knight of the Order of the Netherlands and recipient of the Danish Gold medal of achievement - Mads Johansen Lange, nicknamed “The White King of Bali”. Offering a contemporary European homemade and home-grown epicurean dining experience driven by seasonality and sustainably farmed produce and Asian dishes that are inspired by the spice trail.

Open seven days per week for breakfast, lunch and dinner:

Breakfast 06.00hrs – 10.30hrs
Lunch 12.00hrs – 15.00hrs
Dinner 18.00hrs – 23.00hrs
Seating capacity 44 guests
Dress code Camp casual
Api Jiwa
Inspired by the Sanskrit word for soul of fire, this is a highly interactive and intimate Asian barbecue that serves authentic and new age bites in a theatrical enriching neck to tail, farm to table culinary fashion. Expect no elaborate menu as the Chef will tailor a delectable sensory journey according to your desires, Omakase style.

Open for dinner with two seatings (18.30hrs and 20.30hrs), seven days per week.

Seating capacity 16 guests: 10 at the Robatayaki Grill and 6 at a private dining table.

Dress code Camp chic

The Mortar and Pestle Bar.
The bar adjacent to The Cistern offers light poolside snacks and health-conscious options inclusive of a wide range of cocktails and potions. All beverages are locally inspired and handcrafted using traditional methods inclusive of a mortar and pestle and manual ice crusher in order not to interrupt mother nature’s beautiful rainforest sounds and delights.

Open seven days per week.

Pool service 06.00hrs – 21.00hrs
Food and Beverage service 10.00hrs – 20.00hrs
Seating capacity 28 guests

The Camp Fire.
Meet a local storyteller or historian over pulled hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows under the stars, enjoy a silent black and white movie showcasing life in Bali back in ancient times or take part in a casual camp fire supper.

Open seven days per week from 20.00hrs – 23.00hrs, weather permitting. Movies and storytelling as per the camp’s schedule.
The Officers Tent.
The Officers Tent, exclusively reserved for camp residents, is the camp's living room and library where morning coffee, afternoon tea, the daily evening cocktail and canapé ritual and after dinner drinks are served. A wide range of books, international magazines, a billiard table and board games are available for our guests' entertainment.

In-retreat dining.
In retreat dining takes on an entirely different role at Capella Ubud, Bali where an assortment of stacked tiffin boxes forms the basis of your private in-retreat dining buffet dinner set up, that is prepared entirely to your liking. Available 24-hours, seven days per week.

Private dining.
Bespoke private jungle or rice paddy dining can be arranged on request, ranging from candlelit dinners, to private picnics at superb locations and entertaining boutique groups.

AURIGA WELLNESS

Named after a constellation in the northern hemisphere, Auriga Wellness bases its unique and distinctive approach on the different lunar cycles in line with the local Balinese and Hindu traditions.

A diverse choice of pampering, healing journeys and adventure wellness are on offer. Capella Ubud, Bali’s Auriga Wellness boosts three wellness tents as well as in-retreat nomadic therapies and treatments. The services of boutique, highly specialized local wellness healers that further complement the on-site expertise and modalities inclusive of sound healing, Pilates (reformers) and the Gyrotonic method are also available.

Auriga Wellness uses an 100% organic and natural range of locally crafted products that are exclusively blended for Capella Ubud, Bali.

Auriga Wellness operational hours: 09.00hrs – 21.00hrs, seven days per week.
WELLNESS & FITNESS

Work out in style at the camp’s jungle-based tented gymnasium The Armory which features a state of the art line-up of workout equipment, free weights, TRX strength stations and the barre for barre-based classes. The Cistern, the 120 sqm (1292 ft) outdoor salt water rainforest pool, located at camp central, lends itself perfectly for laps or an early morning aqua yoga session, whilst our Camp Rangers offer a series of low and high impact guided adventure wellness activities, to name a few:

- Exhilarating guided mountain bike ridge rides.
- Guided camp morning walks through the jungle and rice paddies; learn a fact or two about the medicinal benefits of local flora and fauna.
- Jungle and rice paddy trekking.
- Jungle boot camps.
- Suspension yoga.
- TRX.
- Daily guided yoga group classes.

The Armory is open 24-hours, seven days per week and offers personal training sessions as well as (private and group) Barre, Pilates and yoga classes.

Guided group activities are offered according to the camp’s schedule. The Cistern is open from 06.00hrs – 21.00hrs, seven days per week.

CAPELLA PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

Capella Ubud, Bali’s team of well-trained Personal Assistants place their guests at the centre of everything, 24 hours per day and seven days per week. They are curators of The Capella Experience, connecting with guests prior to their arrival, during their stay and after their departure, ensuring that their stay has been arranged according to their exact preferences, resulting in a truly memorable and enriching experience.

EXPERIENCES

Bali is the home of the Subak Irrigation System, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is steeped with history dating back from the Dutch colonization. It has a rich and interesting cultural heritage, is renowned for its art and offers great biodiversity. Captivating temples, rituals and ceremonies, exhilarating waterfalls, rice terraces and walking trails, bespoke boutiques and handicraft stores, artist homes and niche farmer’s markets and plantations are waiting
to be discovered. Allow our Capella Personal Assistants to design a bespoke itinerary for you in line with you and your parties’ desired pace and interests and fitness levels.

Some of the experiences on offer are as per the below:

- Gather around The Camp Fire for our bedtime ritual of pulled hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows and listen to fascinating tales of a local story teller, weather permitting and according to the camp’s schedule.
- Balinese or Asian cooking class - Join the chef to the local market and gather the ingredients to cook up a storm amidst our lush rainforest setting at Api Jiwa later, using traditional Balinese cooking methods.
- Movie night at The Camp - Sit back in the comfy cushions around The Camp Fire and watch a silent black and white movie depicting what live was like in Bali back in the 1800s whilst the jungle orchestra serenades you.
- The Perfect Cup – Awake the inner barista in you with this private course where you will learn how to create the perfect cup at a nearby coffee-making studio, followed by lunch.
- For the Love of Chocolate - Unlock the secret of chocolate making from bean to bar, taste cocoa beans in their purest, newly-harvested form, all while learning about the planting and harvesting process and create your very own chocolate bar, followed by lunch.
- Participate in water blessings, cleansing rituals and special offerings at The Wos River Temple that was carefully restored together with the locals of Keliki Village.

ACCESSIBILITY

Capella Ubud, Bali is located in dense rainforest on sloping terrain leading to the sacred Wos River in Keliki Village. Whilst accommodation on flat terrain is available, some of the tents are perched up high and are located on steep terrain. The safety and security of our guests remains our top priority, as such, we politely advise that the camp would not be best suited for families with children below six years old and guests with mobility challenges due to the nature of the camp site’s terrain.

Bali’s International airport is Ngurah Rai International Airport which is located 1 hour and 45 minutes from Capella Ubud, Bali by car.
Ubud centre is a mere 20 minutes’ drive from Capella Ubud, Bali,

CLIMATE

Being just 8 degrees south of the equator, Bali has a fairly even climate year-round. The average year-round daytime temperature stands at around 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) with a humidity level of about 85%. The west monsoon can bring heavy showers and increased humidity from December to March, however days are still often sunny with showers starting in the late afternoons or in the evenings which mostly pass quickly. Ubud enjoys a slighter cooler climate compared to other areas in Bali with cooler evenings.

LANGUAGE

Balinese and Bahasa Indonesia are the most widely spoken languages in Bali, however most Balinese are bilingual or trilingual with English and Chinese being the most common next languages.

ABOUT CAPELLA HOTEL GROUP

Capella Hotel Group, headquartered in Singapore with offices in China, Europe and USA, offers global hospitality management services through two distinct brands. Capella Hotels and Resorts is a refined hotel, resort, and residential concept designed for the most discerning travellers and offering personalised attention with locations in Sanya, Düsseldorf, Shanghai and Singapore as well as hotels planned for Bangkok, Maldives and Sydney.

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