

# Inside four of the most luxurious super villas in Bali

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## VILLA SHAMBALA

In Tibetan Buddhist and Hindu traditions, Shambala is a mythical kingdom. Villa Shambala in Bali is cut from the same cloth. Secreted away in a lush tropical oasis brimming with birdlife only minutes from the boutiques and bars of Seminyak, this supersophisticated super-villa with overlapping indoor and dining lounge and dining areas and its own day spa is paradise found.

Villa Shambala is capped with a “joglo”— the traditional high-roofed pavilion associated with aristocrats in Indonesia. Inside, it feels like a small museum, crammed with antiques, artefacts and art, from a retro fire-engine Vespa, to prints of Aquabumps Surf Photography, hand-carved statues of horses and an enormous intricately detailed four-poster bed cut from the pages of a fairytale.



Laze about or do some laps at the Villa Shambala pool. Picture: Supplied

The villa’s Melbourne-based owners have left no stone unturned in the pursuit of comfort. There’s a media room with surround-sound projector; chef’s kitchen where staff can rustle up nearly any dish imaginable or teach guests how to cook Balinese food; a water garden with koi fish and freshwater turtles; a garage jammed with white scooters and a 4WD; waterproof beanbags for lounging by the 20m pool; and a 20-seat outdoor stone dining table and 16-burner barbecue for

when guests pop around. “It’s like arriving home, only infinitely better,” says Felicity Hannay of letting agent Elite Havens.

Vibe: Tropical designer oasis

Size: 2100sq m

Bedrooms: Five

Hip pocket: From \$1500 a night

Bookings: [Elitehavens.com](http://Elitehavens.com)



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