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MAYA UBUD RESORT & SPA

Enscounced in a quiet corner of Ubud overlooking the Petanu River, this stunning rural retreat provides modern conveniences with a truly Balinese feel.

BUSINESS

If you would like to choose somewhere interesting to hold your next business meeting, look no further than Maya Ubud. This gorgeous, serene resort provides not only business facilities but also a wide range of cultural and pampering activities, as well as excellent dining and a range of accommodations to suit most needs.

The dedicated meeting room, Bale Banjar, seats 60 theatre style, 50 classroom style and 70 for cocktail receptions and is fully enclosed to encourage focus. Opening out onto one of the dining areas, it can provide privacy for groups both during and between meeting sessions.

If you would like something more visually stimulating, a popular alternative is the slightly smaller departure lounge with its light, airy space and windows looking out onto the gardens and woodland. Ideal for small group activities, the lounge features a pleasant open room along with indoor and outdoor seating areas.

If you prefer something even less formal, then the Maya Ubud is blessed with a range of indoor and outdoor spaces that can be utilised for special events and occasions. The open stage overlooking the dramatic scenery of the river valley, for example, is a beautiful spot in the manicured garden and perfect for a more relaxed meeting or breakout activity. In keeping with its philosophy, the Maya Ubud is happy to tailor your meeting package to nurture your delegates and ensure their wellbeing and comfort. To help create the ideal environment, the meeting rooms can be scented with special aromatherapy fragrances to stimulate and revive tired minds or foster a creative and energetic meeting.

The restaurants are excellent and are geared to catering healthy Asian or Western food for breaks between sessions and lunches, while a morning group yoga session pre-meeting can get the day off to a productive start.
PLEASURE

Once the meeting is over, there are plenty of activities for delegates to enjoy, including the educational and interactive Experience Bali workshop where guests can learn about herbal remedies, temple floral arrangements and Balinese dance; nature treks start at one end of the resort and wind down to the river valley so guests can explore the local flora and fauna, ending in the spa valley.

The resort's world-class spa offers a wide range of pampering sessions and signature treatments throughout the day and evening and there is a fully equipped gym, tennis court and a spacious yoga studio overlooking the putting greens.

However, our favourite activity at Maya Ubud is the taste of paradise cooking class with one of the resort chefs. As befits a venue that is strongly focused on sustainability, the class takes place in the organic vegetable and spice garden, where a covered bamboo and wood area serves as the kitchen. On arrival, you will find the tables are covered in banana leaves and hold all the ingredients you need, including piles of colourful spices and vegetables. Behind the preparation and cooking table the smokers gently burn and fill the area with fabulous aromas. In front, the dining tables are beautifully set so your group can devour the culinary creations in the garden at the end of the class.

Before cooking starts, a guided tour around the garden introduces you to a variety of spices, such as turmeric, ginger, chillies and lemongrass, as well as the more mundane passion fruit vines, tomatoes and celery. Next head back to the outdoor kitchen area, where the chef will help you create your own Balinese feast from scratch, starting with the basic yellow spice mix that is a fundamental part of many local dishes. From aromatic chicken soup to grilled chicken satay with peanut sauce, curried seafood wrapped in banana leaf to local-style fried rice, in no time you will have learned a multitude of new cooking skills perfect for your next dinner party.

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