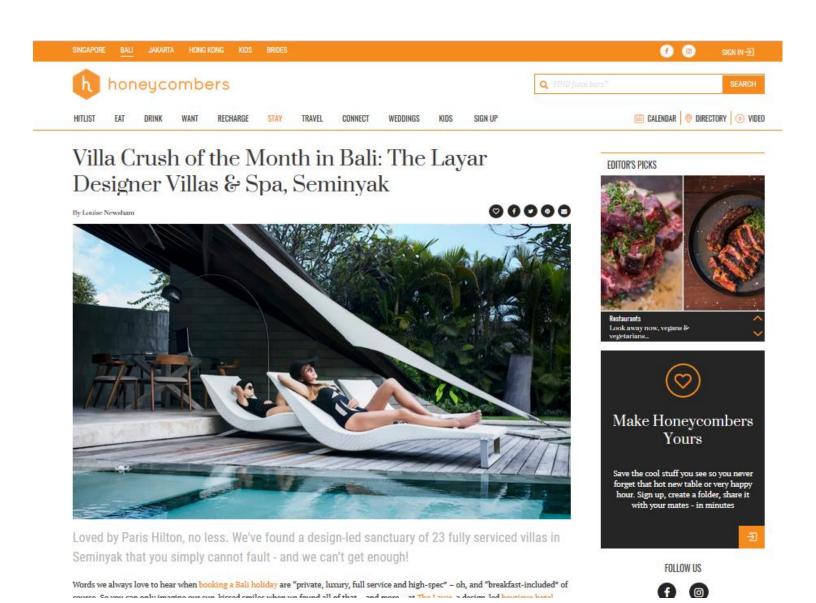
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Villa Crush of the Month in Bali: The Layar Designer Villas & Spa, Seminyak

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Loved by Paris Hilton, no less. We've found a design-led sanctuary of 23 fully serviced villas in Seminyak that you simply cannot fault - and we can't get enough!

Words we always love to hear when booking a Bali holiday are "private, luxury, full service and high-spec" – oh, and "breakfast-included" of course. So you can only imagine our sun-kissed smiles when we found all of that – and more – at The Layar, a design-led boutique hotel slash private villa complex right in the heart of chic Seminyak – an absolute gem.

Easily missed from the main Seminyak strip, this villa complex is peacefully tucked away from the outside world and connected via a beautiful bamboo canopied road. Step inside, and it's uninterrupted luxury for as far as the eye can see, hugged by soothing lily ponds and tropical blooms to really get you in the island mood.



Each villa is then decked out in modern, dramatic architecture and high-spec interiors. We're talking sweeping marble floors, bubbling jacuzzis, Bengkirai-wood pool decks for ultimate bronzing, curved walls made of India stone and snazzy media rooms on the mezzanine level with chic and stylish lolling spots.

All of the villas [from the one-bed abodes to the palatial four-bedroom standalone mansion] are generously sized with open plan layouts that flow out to the private pool decks, set off by tapering sail-like roofs that partially shade each villa's stunning swimming pools and private gardens. Yup, you'll find it *very* easy to just kick back beneath the palms here, with a gentle Bali breeze as company.

These private luxury villas are quite a unique offering in Seminyak. Unlike most other Seminyak stays, they offer the total privacy of a residential villa [hello, nudy midnight swims], but with the benefits of a boutique hotel [hello, on-call Champagne!]. Not to mention villa-delivered breakfasts on your tropical doorstep [corn cakes, eggs benedict or a traditional fry up? Yes please!].



The location is just as spectacular [just a short walk to Bali's best sunset bars and shopping streets] with The Layar's private golf buggy on-hand to drop you anywhere in Seminyak – a fun and super easy way to get around. And of course, if you can't be bothered to go out, you can enjoy the resort's own stylish Settimo Cielo, a chic Italian restaurant conveniently located right at the front of The Layar [and the reason the room service is so scrumptious!)

Honeys, if you are travelling with a large group or family, or if you just love that hotel meets villa experience, then we totally recommend you check out The Layar for your next Bali getaway – you heard it here first!

We'd like to thank The Layar and Elite Havens for hosting us for this review.

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