

I wanted to follow up with a short note on some activities you can consider while staying at Villa Amrita. Feel free to ask my staff or me anything; we will always try to find the answer for you. Please check out the many options online and we also have many brochures at Villa Amrita.

Top Attractions

- 1) Take a slow walk early in the morning or late in the afternoon when village life is active. This is a special place. Dress modestly, talk quietly, smile a lot, and just take it all in. The local people are very friendly and the area is quite safe. Our staff will point you in the right direction!
- 2) Villa Amrita is located in Keliki village. If you look on this Wikipedia, you will see that Keliki is mentioned as a premier place for highly detailed Balinese traditional painting. You will find a few small art shops in the village. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balinese_art
- 3) Enjoy an unforgettable bicycle ride from Kintamani Volcano crater to Villa Amrita (or all the way to Ubud). Nearly the entire ride is downhill on quiet, backcountry roads allowing you a wonderful view of rural Balinese life.
- 4) Visit ancient temples and amazing rice terraces. Tampak Siring and Tirta Empul are very nice, 1,000 year old sacred temples. Tagallalang rice terraces are also nearby. On the way, you will find lots of arts and crafts shopping.
- 5) Go on a birding walk with Ibu Su. This is a fun and interesting way to learn more about Balinese birds, plants and butterflies. You will enjoy a great lunch at Murni's at the end. See www.balibirdwalk.com
- 6) Watch a Kecak (pronounced Ketchak) Fire Dance one night before dinner in Ubud. It is mesmerizing, beautiful and a super experience.
- 7) Visit Petulu at dusk once to see many thousands of Kokokan egrets returning from the rice terraces to roost in the tall trees. It is always pleasant.
- 8) Spend a day at the beach. There is a nice beach club and good surf spot just 30 minutes away in Keramas. Be sure to visit Komune, a great restaurant/ bar with a nice swimming pool at the edge of the beach. Highly recommended!
- 9) Enjoy snorkeling and a BBQ seafood meal on the nice white beach called Pasir Putih near Candidasa. We will take care of all the details.

- 10) Consider going to Amed on a full day trip. The drive is scenic, the snorkeling fantastic. If you are scuba diver, you should not miss dives at Crystal Bay and Manta Point on Nusa Lembongan.
- 11) Spend an unforgettable day white water rafting. The views are incredible; the water is crystal clear and refreshing. You will see many waterfalls, huge butterflies and have a lot of fun.
- 12) Enjoy the elephant safari park. This clean, professionally managed park is not far from Villa Amrita. The elephants are treated well. ATV Quad riding is another option nearby.
- 13) Take a Balinese cooking class or enjoy a Balinese dinner inside a family home at Lobong Cooking School. This school receives excellent reviews.
- 14) Take a day trip to Bedugul, Munduk waterfall, Jatiluwih or Taman Ayun. Bring your camera and make sure you have fully charged batteries and plenty of memory in your camera.
- 15) Arrange a private yoga class at Villa Amrita. We have yoga mats and will take care of the details. Just say when you would like your class.
- 16) Enjoy a relaxing 90-minute massage on your private balcony. The sounds of water running down the rice terraces, gentle birdsong and warm sunshine may just put you to sleep!

What other things do you wish to experience? Just ask!

For restaurants, we have many choices.

For a special dinner, Bridges is an excellent choice. Bridges has an excellent menu, beautiful views and good service.

The Melting Wok is good for simple, delicious food, but it is a small restaurant and reservations are required.

KAFE is a consistent favorite for healthy organic meals.

Taco Casa is the best for Mexican food. It's always busy. Try a Vanilla milkshake for dessert.

Mamma Mia serves up super good home style Italian food at fair prices.

Try Queens for Indian food, the Cinta Grill, Siam Sally (Thai), KUE, Havana Cafe, Three Monkeys, Soma, Down to Earth, and Locavore (excellent, reservations required).

Naughty Nuris is famous for their BBQ ribs and big Martinis and Bloody Mary's.

For great Japanese food, try Man-Maru.

For Indonesian and Balinese food, we recommend Ayam Kedewatan, Warung Ijo, Café Wayan, Ibu Oka (roasted suckling pig is their specialty), and Mangga Madu.

I go to all of these on a regular basis. They are all very good.

Sincerely,

Jon