Jetsetter – Chalina Estate

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Bali's best kept secret

One sprawling villa in Canggu offers all the privacy and intimacy of a lavish estate, combined with the down-to-earth elegance of Balinese hospitality

If you ever asked yourself where private detective Thomas Magnum (aka Magnum PI) might shack up if he ever travelled to Bali, here's your answer: he couldn't feel more at home at Chalina Estate, quite possibly Bali's best kept secret.

Chalina boasts many similarities with the fictitious yet palatial Robin Master's Estate on Oahu, which Magnum calls home. Located a stone's throw from Bali's breathtaking southern coastline, Chalina Estate is an expansive space of tropical gardens, fountains, manicured lawns, pavilions and pools. Perfectly suited for families or friends travelling together, it boasts all the space and intimacy of a millionaire's private hideaway, combined with the world-class service and amenities of the island's many bustling resorts.

Located in tranquil Canggu, home to some of Bali's best villa properties, as well as its top surf beaches, Chalina is back dropped by the dramatic and mystical Mt Batukaru, as well as the meandering Pangi River, which runs parallel to the property. This means that staying at Chalina offers guests all the solitude they desire, while still being a short drive from some of Bali's best clubs, restaurants and shopping.

Boasting accommodation for 14 guests, Chalina is ideal for intimate weddings or birthday celebrations, corporate getaways or romantic retreats. Capturing the true essence of the island with classic Balinese architecture and rice field vistas, six spacious suites are scattered throughout lush tropical gardens and wreath an expansive 30-metre swimming pool. Saffron, the villa's master suite, features an over-sized four-poster bed, rich wood floors and its own private terrace, and joins three other rooms, including a twin-share den, in the villa's main building. Three individual pavilions cascade down through the property and around the swimming pool, a focal point for the property.

Space is one luxury Chalina Estate offers in abundance; the 5,300sqm property's airy lounges, dining areas and pool-side pavilions are all shaded from the sun yet open to the warm evening breeze. The traditional vaulted ceilings, *alang-alang* thatched roofs, polished stonework, and dark wood floors, offer the best of tropical living. These traditional elements are juxtaposed by the owner's personal art collection, which includes a series of contemporary sculptures and hand-picked Indonesian artifacts, as well as the villa's state-of-the- art technology.

While guests decide where to spend sun-drenched days or warm evenings – in the split-level living and dining area, the air conditioned lounge bar, the entertainment room, or the pool's floating gazebo – a staff of chefs, drivers and butlers, led by a dedicated villa manager, tend to their every need. Not satisfied with isolating themselves from the rat race, guests can stay in touch with the world beyond with high-speed WiFi and satellite television, or venture out to explore Bali's markets, pristine beaches and ancient temples, by complimentary chauffeured car or mountain bike.

Each evening the spacious living area, with its L-shaped lounges, cinema set up and granite-faced bar, replaces the pool as the heart of the villa; guests can watch a movie while dinner is prepared, served at an expansive dining table wreathed by contemporary wicker chairs. Alternatively dine al fresco on the lounge's terrace, surrounded by manicured lawns and the stillness of Bali at night. www.chalinavillaestate.com

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