

Iwa Restaurant at Tugu Hotel Bali



Iwa Restaurant has opened its doors in stunning Tugu Hotel Bali, inviting diners to join ‘A Culinary Journey throughout the Indonesian Archipelago’ right here along vibrant Batu Bolong in Canggu. Featuring an extensive menu of authentic Indonesian cuisine made with passed-down recipes done with a contemporary approach, Iwa is located in Bali’s hip destination for culinary aficionados, and it seeks to be a complementing addition to the eccentric mix.

Iwa is housed within Tugu Hotel Bali’s Bale Agung – a majestic and immense 15-meter tall classic Balinese hall that is breathtakingly beautiful with intricate touches and carvings. The name “Iwa” itself was taken from the Balinese ancient mythology of Kebo Iwa, a giant from the 12th century. As a toddler, Kebo Iwa ate vast amounts of food, much more than any other children and grew to be a great giant who was undefeated by Kings, knights and soldiers, even by the great warriors of The Kingdom of Majapahit, in Jawa. By placing Iwa Restaurant in the Bale Agung, Kebo Iwa has now returned home.

There's no cuisine of one single country in the world that is as diverse as the cuisine of Indonesia. With more than 13,000 islands and hundreds of ethnic groups, each of which created hundreds of exotic dishes based on very different vegetation, spices and the produce of each locality, it is almost impossible to pinpoint specific characters of Indonesian cuisine. At Iwa Restaurant, a must-try is the ‘**Congklak Nasi Campur**’ is a playful way of eating your way through the nation. Served on a Congklak board, a mancala game of ancient Javanese origin where the objective is to capture more seeds in the storehouse than one's opponent, the pawn seeds of the original game are replaced with delectable dishes that you can pick and mix

yourself in creating your own culinary journey and sample the best of Indonesian cuisine from various islands from across the archipelago. It is a new and fun take on the nation's favourite dish – the 'nasi campur', where diners can relish a mix of several small dishes served together in a mélange of flavours.

Tugu Hotels is all about true Indonesian experience, achieved not only through unique designs amidst majestic landscapes, historic towns and refurbished historic buildings, but also from various cultural experiences that guests can only have in the hotels. Tugu Hotels are privately owned and designed; the brand is a collection of luxury art hotels born out of one man's love and passion for Indonesia's romantic history. The Founder, who is arguably Indonesia's biggest collector of fine Indonesian art and cultural antiquities, designed these beautiful museum hotels to house his antiques and to tell the world the romantic stories and legends of ancient kingdoms of Indonesia.

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