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WEEK AT THE KNEES

Fall head over heels for these seven-day beauties



KATAMAMA BALI, INDONESIA

Simple ideas are often the smartest. Like doing away with the dullest part of a hotel, the check-in desk, and replacing it with a bar, as they've done at Katamama. This decidedly different boutique hotel in Bali's hip Seminyak is the brainchild of Indonesian entrepreneur Ronald Akili, who owns the beachfront Potato Head Beach Club next door. The Potato Head good-times vibe is alive and well in the Akademi bar, which was created by London cocktail maestro Dre Masso and is lined with shelves full of colourful alcohol infusions and collectable vinyl. The hotel is sleek as an otter, each suite carrying on the boozy theme with its own 'maxi-bar' stocked with ice, tools and liquor. MoVida – the first international outpost of the Australian restaurant chain – serves up Spanish tapas such as buñuelos (salt-cod fritters), and there's another cocktail bar next to the pool, but it's often quiet: the cool kids are just across the road at 'the Club'.

BOOK IT Double, from £210, including breakfast (preferredhotels.com; 00800 7123 1030). Emirates (emirates.com) flies to Denpasar via Dubai from £799.



WHILE YOU'RE THERE

Book in for a surf lesson and hit the waves down on Seminyak beach – very popular with all the buff Aussies – to make you feel like you've earned those end-of-the-day cocktails.

