

Bali Has Reopened—Here's Everything New to Do, from Wellness to Dining

Bali beckons with sun, surf, and spirituality—and visiting has just become easier.

Until recently, visiting Indonesia's beach-fringed magnet for global clean eaters, wave chasers, and crypto traders meant quarantining in a government-approved hotel for at least three days. No more: After almost two years of coronavirus closure, its government announced that from March 14, vaccinated Bali-bound travelers would no longer need to quarantine upon arrival.

But there are still a few hoops to jump through: Fully vaccinated Americans must present a negative PCR test taken within the 48 hours before their flight to Bali, and will also have to take another PCR test upon landing. While they await results they'll be transferred to a pre-booked CHSE-certified hotel of the traveler's choosing, where they'll be free to move around after receiving a negative PCR result, but also required to stay a minimum of three nights and take another test on day three. Once that day three test comes back negative, they're free to leave the hotel. (Rules change regularly, so make sure to check the tourism board's official website for the most up-to-date entry conditions.)

Travelers who overcome these hurdles will be among the first to try out a slew of new hotels, bars, and restaurants that have popped up around the island during its pandemic lull. Here's the lowdown on the most anticipated new and upcoming spots for Bali's reopening, both on the island and slightly further afield.

New Bali hotels to book

Away from the hotel hubs of Ubud and Kuta, **Nirjhara** in Tabanan embraces its rice paddy setting on Bali's southwestern coast with breezy villas and treehouse-like canopy suites made from reclaimed wood. And that's just one of the hotel's sustainable calling cards: drinking water is also purified and bottled on-site, smart villa plans minimize the need for air-conditioning, and almost 90 percent of the ingredients used at its Indonesian restaurant are sourced from the hotel's vegetable garden and neighboring farms. Soon guests will also be able to take the property's custom-built phinisi yacht, **Vela**, for jaunts around the archipelago.