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TROPICAL ARCHITECTURE SUMMER SCHOOL

1 - 29 AUGUST
2026

WELCOME TO BALI
4 weeks. 1 island. A portfolio project
that changes everything.

NOT YOUR AVERAGE SUMMER COURSE.



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TROPICAL ARCHITECTURE

SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

KEY FACTS

- Dates: 1 – 29 August 2026
- Location: Bali, Indonesia · IDB Bali Campus & field sites
- Duration: 4 weeks
- Credits: up to 12 ECTS / 6 US credits
- Language: English
- Participants: Architecture & design students, professionals & enthusiasts
- Fees: €1,850 (Early) – €2,050 (Regular)
- Outcome: Portfolio project, certificate & transcript

The Tropical Architecture Summer School is not just another course – it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Four weeks in Bali where you'll dive into tropical design through lectures, hands-on workshops, and field excursions. Guided by guest lecturers and renowned studios, you'll develop a portfolio project that blends innovation with tradition. This is where you learn, create, and live the most inspiring summer of your studies – and leave with skills, connections, and memories that last far beyond the island.



YOUR SUMMER AT A GLANCE



WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS



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- 2 days of lectures & design studios
 - 2 days of excursions & workshops
 - Fridays for flexible program: project work, workshops or free time
 - Weekends off to explore Bali
 - Welcome dinner at the start, graduation ceremony & certificate handover at the end

WHY STUDENTS LOVE THIS PROGRAM



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- They don't just learn – they design in real tropical contexts
 - Every week brings a new landmark project or studio visit
 - The final portfolio project is something they actually show at reviews & job interviews
 - They leave with credits, a certificate, and memories of a lifetime

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

4 WEEKS • 5 MODULES • 1 LIFE-CHANGING DESIGN EXPERIENCE



Each week focuses on one module – from Balinese tradition to sustainable green design – and is guided by your ongoing Studio Project. Lectures, workshops, and excursions all flow into your group's concept, so you learn by doing and create together. It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance to design where climate, culture, and creativity meet.

Here's what's waiting for you



THE MODULES



BALI LANDSCAPE & ARCHITECTURE



Explore how temples, villages, and traditions shape tropical architecture. Learn how vernacular wisdom guides design in harmony with climate and culture.



RESORT & HOSPITALITY DESIGN



Dive into the design of resorts and guesthouses. Study layouts, indoor-outdoor flow, and guest experience in a tropical context.



GREEN DESIGN



Learn from Bali's bamboo pioneers and eco-resorts. Discover how renewable materials and low-impact techniques redefine sustainable design.



THE MODULES



INTERIOR DESIGN & AMENITIES



Work with natural materials and detailing to design sustainable, comfortable interiors. Balance cultural authenticity with modern needs.



STUDIO PROJECT “EAST-MEETS-WEST”



Bring everything together in one group project. Create a portfolio piece that shows your skills in tropical and sustainable design – and makes a lasting impression for your studies and career.

DOWNLOAD FULL COURSE DESCRIPTION



This program equals **12 ECTS (approx. 6 US credits)** and combines lectures, design studios, site visits, and hands-on workshops in a unique blended learning format. Students receive an official Certificate and Transcript, recognizing both academic achievement and practical experience – and take home not just credits, but a portfolio project and unforgettable memories.



YOUR SCHEDULE



August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Welcome Dinner
2	3 Orientation Day & Ceremony	4 Lecture Block <small>Balinese Architecture and Landscape</small>	5 Lecture Block & Studio <small>Balinese Architecture and Landscape</small>	6 Excursion <small>Balinese Traditional Village</small>	7 Excursion <small>Traditional Architecture meets Modern Design</small>	8 Optional <small>Surfing Session</small>
9	10 Lecture Block <small>Bali Resort and Hospitality Design</small>	11 Lecture Block & Studio: <small>Bali Resort and Hospitality Design</small>	12 Excursion <small>Eco Resort & Beach Club</small>	13 Excursion <small>Tropical Villa</small>	14 Optional <small>Yoga Session</small>	15
16	17 Lecture Block <small>Green Design</small>	18 Lecture Block & Studio <small>Green Design</small>	19 Excursion <small>Green Village & Bamboo Factory</small>	20 Workshop <small>Bamboo Design Workshop & Model Making</small>	21	22
23	24 Lecture Block <small>Tropical Interior & Amenities</small>	25 Lecture Block & Studio <small>Tropical Interior & Amenities</small>	26 Day Off	27 Final Presentation	28 Day Off	29 Graduation & Farewell
30	31					



EXAMPLE CALENDAR - TROPICAL ARCHITECTURE SUMMER SCHOOL

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WANT A CLOSER LOOK?

Download the sample weekly schedule to see how your summer school is structured – with lectures, design studios, excursions, workshops, and weekends free to explore Bali.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

WORKSHOPS & EXCURSIONS



Bali is your campus – and your classroom under the sky. Learning happens where architecture lives: in bamboo studios, eco-resorts, and traditional villages. Each day, the island itself becomes the setting for discovery – from hands-on workshops in design spaces to explorations of cultural heritage sites. This immersive environment makes every lecture, every visit, and every conversation part of your learning journey.

WORKSHOPS & EXCURSIONS



TRADITIONAL ROOTS



Step into Bali's heritage: explore palaces and villages, join ceremonies and cultural workshops, and see how tradition continues to inspire tropical architecture.



RESORT & HOSPITALITY DESIGN



Eco-luxury meets tropical modernism. Guided site visits showcase iconic projects in hospitality and resort design – from coastal escapes to visionary masterplans



GREEN DESIGN & BAMBOO



Discover the world-famous Green Village, Ibuku, and Bamboo Pure. Learn how bamboo and sustainable materials shape the future of eco-communities – with insights from Bali Eco Mantra and Asali's bamboo workshops.



INNOVATION & INTERIORS



Where tradition meets technology: experiment with digital tools, visualization, and interiors. Push your project ideas forward in hands-on design sessions, with 3D and AI workshops guided by experts.



WHY BALI?

BECAUSE SOMETHING SHIFTS WHEN YOU'RE HERE.

ISLAND MAGIC



There's a reason people fall in love with Bali – and it's not just the beauty. Life here flows differently: more presence, more connection, more depth. Bali slows you down and wakes you up at the same time. It's the perfect place to study, to grow, and to rediscover what really matters. At the same time, Bali has become the global hub for tropical and sustainable design. Here, learning merges with culture and innovation – creating an experience you won't find anywhere else in the world.





MORE THAN A STUDY DESTINATION



Bali is more than just a location. It's a rhythm, a mindset, a living invitation to grow. Here, study becomes a full-body experience – surrounded by nature, tradition, and a culture that inspires presence, balance, and curiosity.

A CULTURE OF BALANCE



Daily offerings, temple visits, and a deep respect for community and the environment shape everyday life. Balinese culture teaches harmony not through textbooks, but through lived experience – something no lecture hall in the world can replicate.

SPACE TO BREATHE AND BECOME



Here, education doesn't feel rushed. Bali gives you space to reflect, recharge, and reconnect – with your ideas, your craft, and your goals. This environment supports not only academic growth, but personal transformation.

GLOBAL VIBES, REAL CONNECTIONS



You'll join a truly international group of students, all drawn to this once-in-a-lifetime experience. What starts as a classroom quickly becomes a community – sharing knowledge, adventure, and support throughout the journey.

YOUR HOST

IDB BALI – INSTITUT DESAIN & BUSINESS BALI



- Private university specialized in Design & Business
- Located in Denpasar, Bali
- Modern creative campus with design studios & labs
- International programs & partnerships
- Since 2017: host of the Tropical Architecture Summer School

FOUNDED IN 2013, IDB BALI IS A LEADING PRIVATE UNIVERSITY SPECIALIZING IN DESIGN & BUSINESS, KNOWN FOR ITS CREATIVE CAMPUS AND GROWING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

You'll be studying at Institut Desain & Bisnis Bali (IDB Bali), a dynamic private university dedicated to design, business, and creative industries. With a modern campus in Denpasar, IDB Bali combines academic quality with a strong creative environment, offering programs in Architecture, Interior & Visual Design, Fashion, Digital Business, and Management. Since 2017, IDB Bali has been the host of the Tropical Architecture Summer School in collaboration with StudyInBali – welcoming international students each year to learn, design, and grow in Bali's unique cultural and architectural context.

THE TEACHING TEAM



At the core of the Summer School is a team of lecturers and architects who guide you on campus. They blend academic expertise with real-world practice, making every session both practical and inspiring. Some have been part of the Summer School since the very beginning, others once joined as students and now return as lecturers. Together, they create a supportive environment that makes your time at IDB Bali both rigorous and transformative.



**GEDE ARISTA
GUNAWAN**

Balinese
Architecture and
Landscape



**JAMIE EDUARDO
NORIEGA PORTELLA**

Bali Resort and
Hospitality Design



**DR. IR. NGAKAN KETUT
ACWIN DWIJENDRA**

Head of Studio
Project



**I GUSTI AYU CANNY
UTAMI**

Studio Project



**PUTU RISCA ADI
KURNIAWAN**

Green Design



**NI KADEK YUNI
UTAMI**

Interior Design



**LUH PUTU
SARIANI (SARI)**

Excursions
Workshops



**GEDE DHARMA
ARYA**

Course Coordinator



OUR GUEST LECTURERS

Alongside our core teaching team, you'll also learn from a line-up of international guest lecturers – leading architects and innovators who join the Summer School for workshops, site visits, and special lectures.

OUR EXPERTS & PARTNERS

We have been working with leading voices in tropical and sustainable design – from internationally renowned studios to Bali’s most innovative creators. For 2026, we are curating a line-up of the same outstanding caliber, ensuring an equally world-class experience.



**STUDIO
ALEXIS
DORNIER**



**GEORGE
HUTCHINS**
3D Visualizer



**OLIVIER
BETTING**
Asali Bali



**CHARLIE
HEARN**
inspiral
architectus



**FELIPE
GONZALEZ**
SUKYF



**GHA
ARCHITECTS**



**IDA BAGUS
OKA
GENIJAYA**



**RICHARD
MANSAR**
Penjor Bali
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**CHELSEY
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**BIOMBO
ARCHITECTS**



**STUDIO
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LUNA**



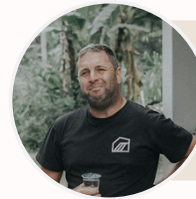
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MANTRA**



**STUDIO
POPO DANES**



BALITECTURE



**BALI
CONSTRUCTION**



**STUDIO
IBUKU**



**MELATI
DANES**
Interiors



**ARKANA
ARCHITECTS**



FEEL AT HOME ON THE ISLAND OF THE GODS.

Everything you need to know to feel at home on the Island of the Gods.

Life here is a mix of study, culture, and adventure. You'll wake up near rice fields, end your day at the beach, and in between discover cafés, co-living spaces, and a vibrant creative community. Bali is affordable, welcoming, and full of contrasts – the perfect setting for your summer school experience.



WHERE YOU STAY

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BESTAH COLIVING



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RIVERSIDE RETREAT



STUDENT CO-LIVING SPACES



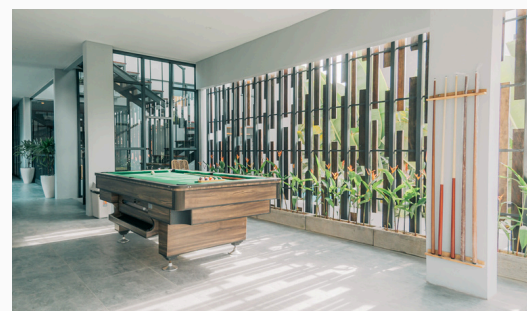
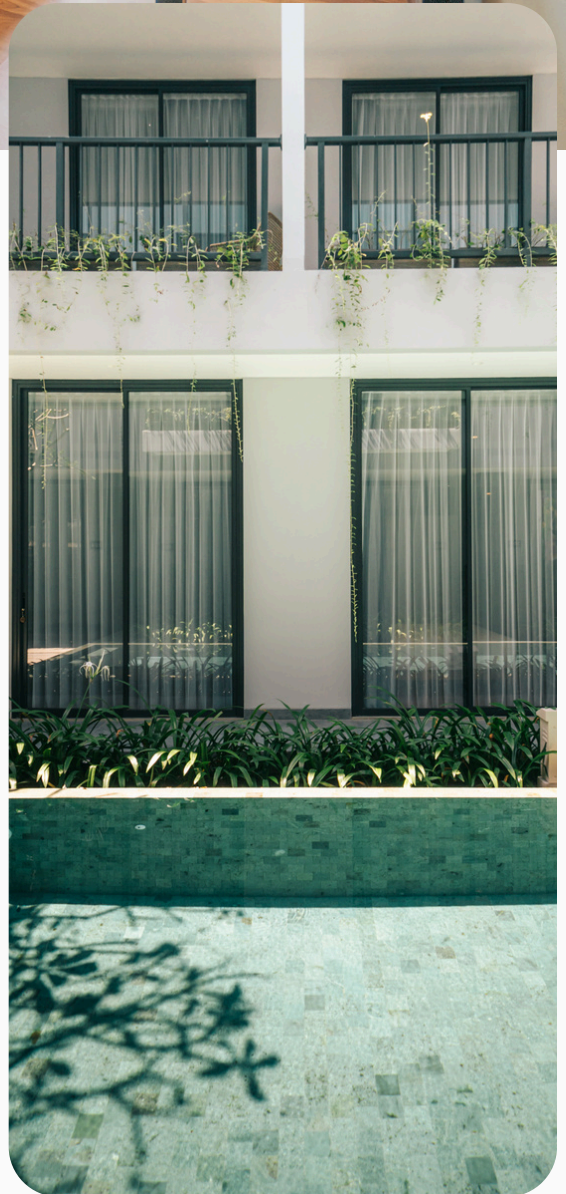
Your home base in Bali is just around the corner from campus. At Besta Co-Living you'll stay together with fellow students, share a pool and common spaces, and be part of a community from day one. **This accommodation is optional** – you're also free to arrange your own place elsewhere on the island if you prefer.



BESTAH COLIVING

**MODERN ROOMS, POOL, AND
STUDENT ATMOSPHERE.**

At Bestah Co-Living you'll find private rooms, a pool to cool off after class, and shared areas that create a welcoming student community. It offers both privacy and a lively student atmosphere – the perfect balance for your summer in Bali. Staying here means being part of the Summer School community from day one, with everything you need to study, connect, and enjoy island life right at your doorstep.





BESTAH COLIVING

At Bestah Co-Living you'll stay in modern, fully furnished rooms just minutes from campus.

Included for all room types:

- Electricity & water bills
- Fast internet
- Cleaning 2x/week, linen change 1x/week
- Unlimited cooking gas & drinking water in communal kitchen
- Private bathroom with shower, toilet, toiletries & towels
- Desk & chair for study
- Air conditioning
- Flat-screen / Smart TV
- Safe deposit box
- Hair dryer
- Free bottled water
- Swimming pool
- Shared kitchen & communal areas
- 24-hour security

STANDARD ROOM

IDR 11,200,000
(~€570)

35 m² with Super King or Twin beds, private bathroom, desk, and modern amenities.

POOLSIDE ROOM

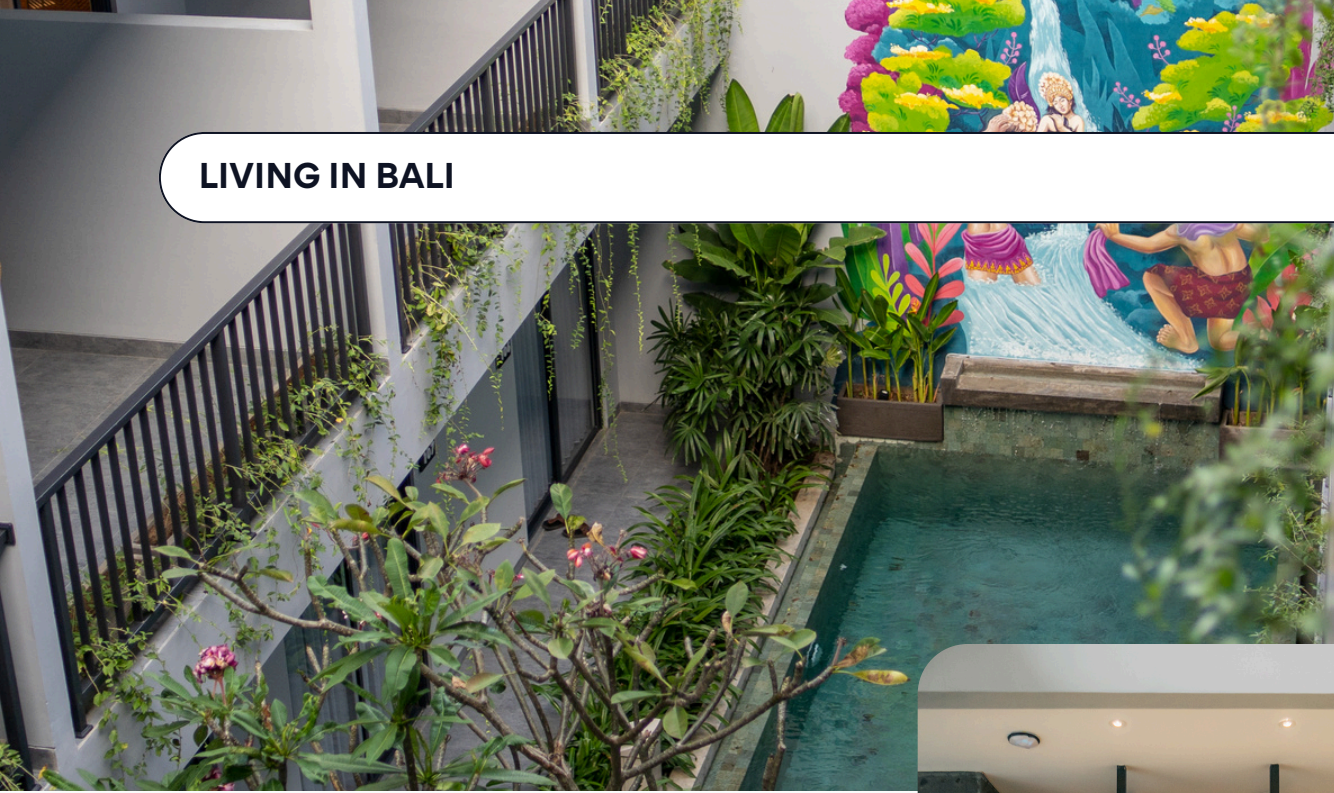
IDR 12,300,000
(~€625)

Same comfort like standard with Super King or Twin beds, plus direct pool access.

BALCONY ROOM

IDR 14,300,000
(~€720)

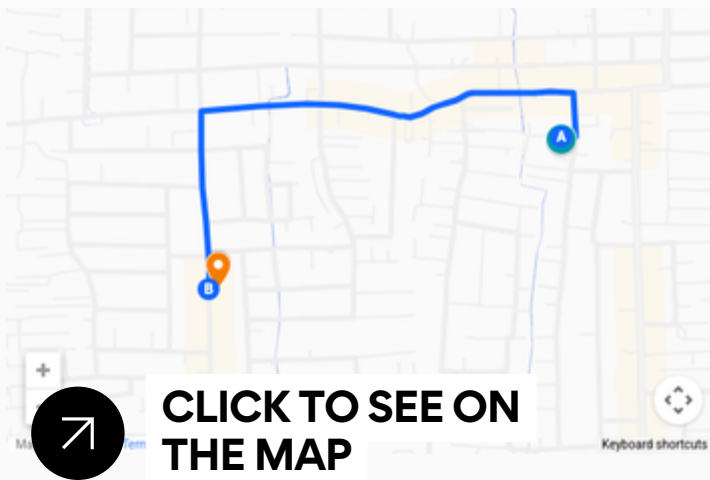
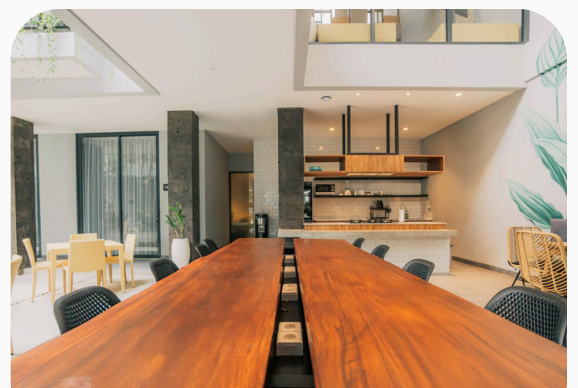
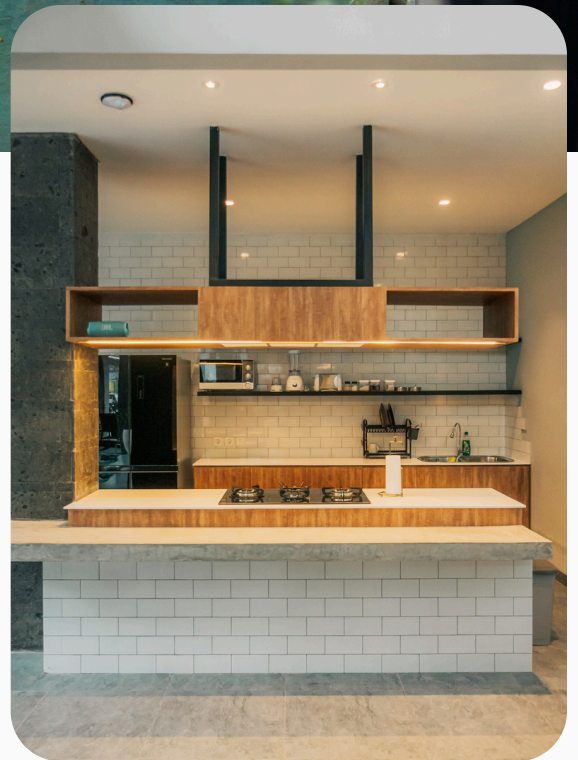
Bright room with a Double bed and some extra space with a private balcony



BESTAH COLIVING

Getting Around from Bestah Co-Living

- IDB Bali Campus – just minutes away by scooter or on foot
- Sanur Beach – perfect for a quick swim or dinner by the ocean, only 10 minutes away
- Canggu – cafés, surf, and nightlife about 40 minutes away
- Denpasar City Center – markets, shops, and local life in just 10 minutes



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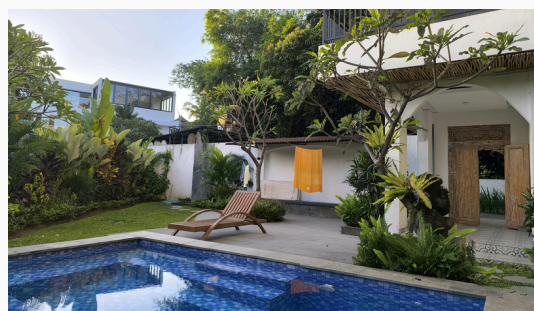
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RIVERSIDE RETREAT

A SERENE ESCAPE IN THE HEART OF CANGGU

Bali Riverside Retreat in northern Canggu is a newly renovated hideaway with 13 stylish bedrooms, each featuring a king-size bed, air conditioning, and a private ensuite bathroom. Surrounded by rice terrace views, the property offers a private pool with U-shaped seating, plus an industrial-style lounge and fully equipped kitchen. Conveniently located, it's just 14 minutes from Batu Bolong, Canggu, and Pererenan beaches, as well as local shops and markets.





RIVERSIDE RETREAT

At Bali Riverside Retreat you'll stay among lush rice terraces, just minutes from Canggu's beaches.

Included for all room types:

- Electricity & water bills
- WiFi connection up to 100 Mbps
- 24/7 CCTV
- Cleaning 2x/week, linen change 1x/week
- stunning rice terrace view
- Unlimited cooking gas & drinking water in communal kitchen
- industrial design lounge area with fully equipped kitchen & refrigerator free to use
- Garden, lounge areas, sun terrace
- Air conditioning
- Safe deposit box
- Private pool with inbuild U-shaped sitting corner
- 14 minutes to Batu Bolong Beach, Canggu Beach & Pererenan Beach

STUDIO ROOM

IDR 8.000.000
(~€410)

Small room with enhanced views of nature and the sunset - located on the 3rd floor. King Size beds, private bathroom, desk, and modern amenities.

STANDARD ROOM

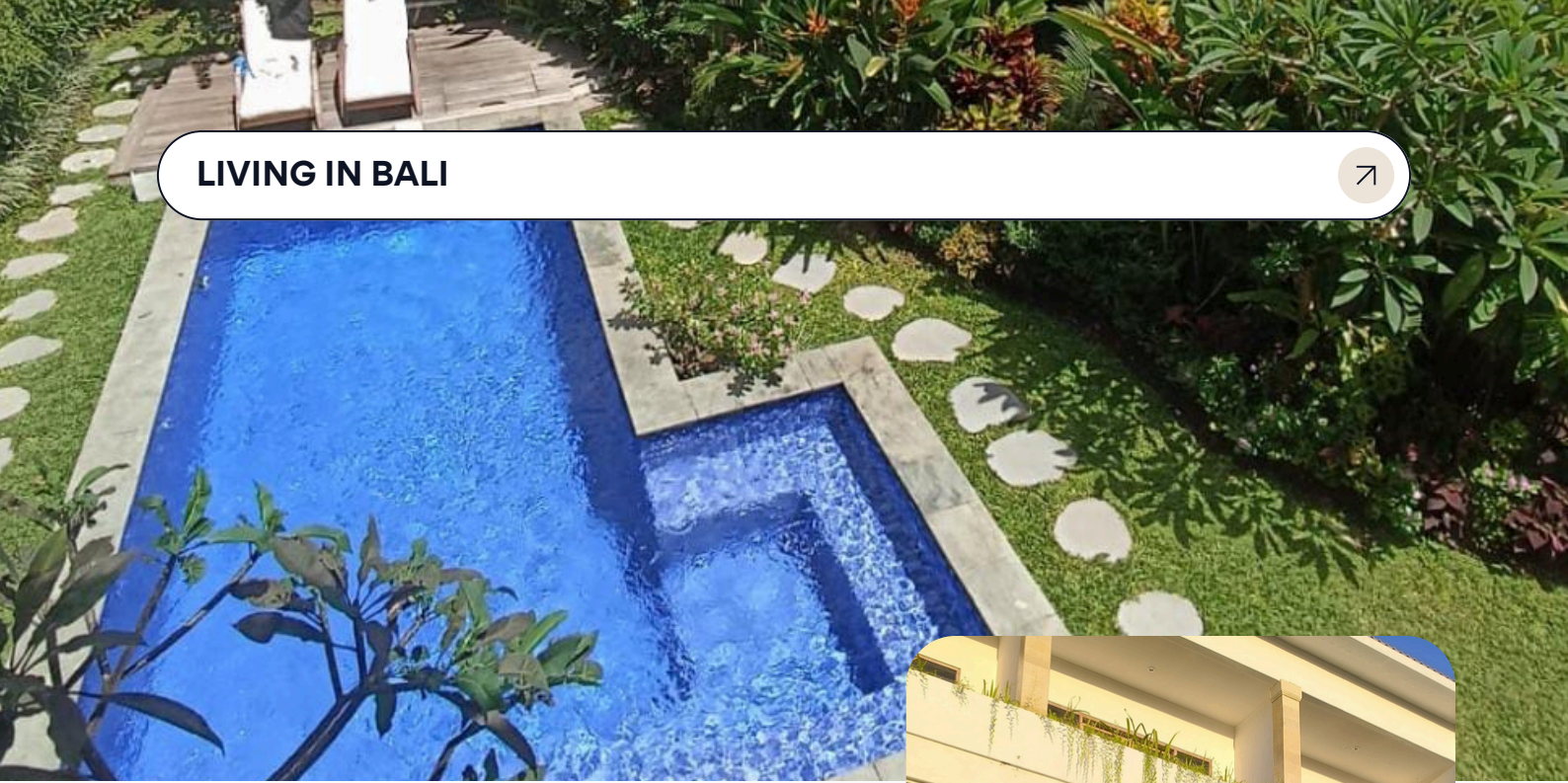
IDR 9.000.000
(~€470)

Medium room - located on the 1st & 2nd floor. King Size beds, private bathroom, desk, and modern amenities.

DELUXE ROOM

IDR 9.500.000 IDR
(~€490)

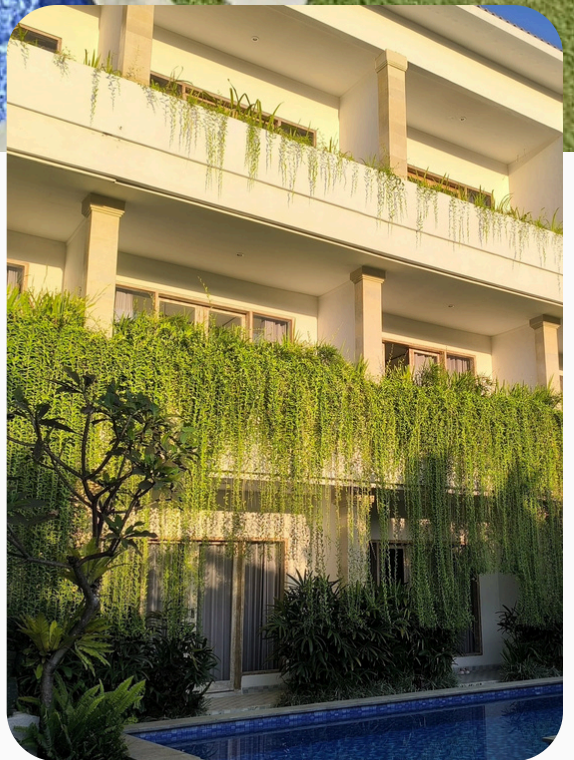
Large room with enhanced views of nature and the sunset - 3 out of 4 Deluxe Rooms are located on the 3rd floor. King Size beds, private bathroom, desk, and modern amenities.



RIVERSIDE RETREAT

Getting Around from Riverside Retreat

- IDB Bali Campus – 40 minutes away by scooter or car
- Canggu Beaches (Batu Bolong, Canggu & Pererenan) – cafés, surf, and nightlife just 14 minutes away
- Local Shops & Markets – daily essentials and vibrant market life right nearby
- Tanah Lot Temple – one of Bali’s most famous sunset spots in just 25 minutes



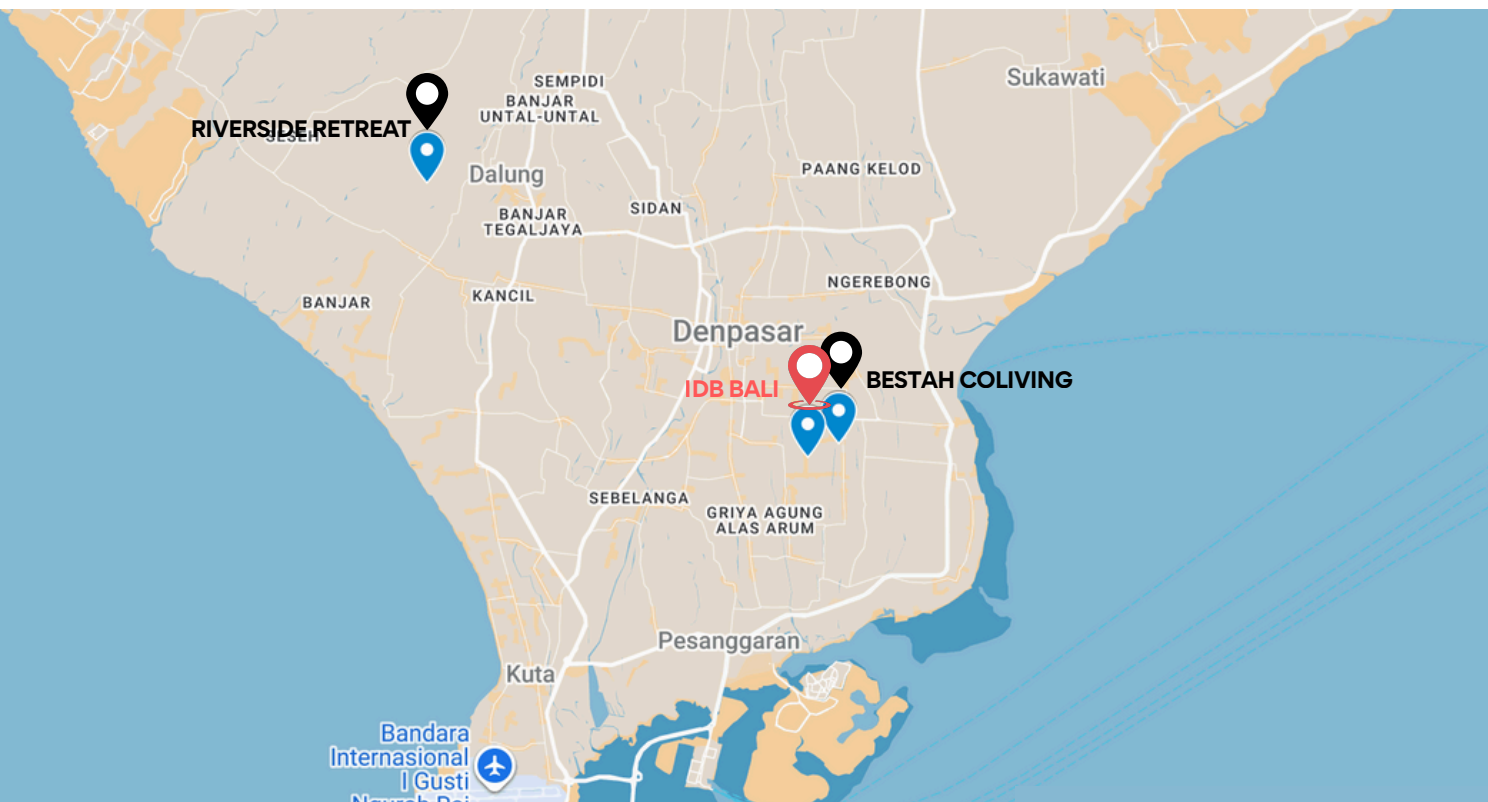
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POSITIONING OF THE TWO ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

For the Tropical Architecture Summer School 2026, you can choose between two different living experiences:

Bestah Co-Living is only a few minutes from campus, right in Denpasar's Renon district. This central location makes it especially convenient for daily classes, with shops, local eateries, and Sanur beach just a short ride away. It's perfect if you prefer quick access to campus and an authentic, practical Bali lifestyle.

Riverside Retreat is about 40 minutes from campus, located in the popular area of Canggu. While the commute is longer, many students enjoy living here because of the buzzing Bali lifestyle – beaches, cafés, restaurants, bars, and clubs are right at your doorstep. It's the ideal choice if you want to combine your studies with the island's most famous hotspot.



DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, THE SAME BALI EXPERIENCE - CHOOSE THE SETTING THAT SUITS YOU BEST

LIVING THE ISLAND LIFE

EATING IN BALI



From colorful smoothie bowls to spicy nasi goreng – food in Bali is fresh, flavorful, and affordable. Most students eat out daily, but grocery shopping is also easy: local markets, minimarts, and international supermarkets are all nearby. Whether you're grabbing fruit from a street vendor or stocking up at Pepito, eating well is simple and budget-friendly.



GETTING AROUND



The easiest way to get around is by scooter. It's fast, flexible, and gives you the freedom to explore hidden beaches, rice fields, and cafés all around the island. You can rent one for around €50/month. Not into riding? No problem – apps like Gojek (the local Uber) take you anywhere you need to go, quickly and affordably.

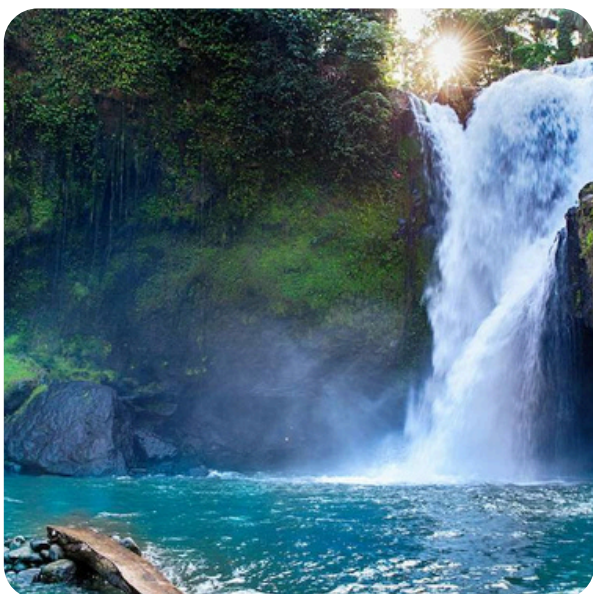


LIVING THE ISLAND LIFE

FREE TIME & LEISURE



When class is over, Bali turns into your playground. Afternoons and weekends are for surfing, yoga, or just hanging out by the beach with friends. You can wander through temples, explore rice terraces, or take a scooter ride to hidden waterfalls. Evenings often mean sunset at the ocean, local food markets, or cafés buzzing with international creatives.



WEATHER & SEASONS



August is the perfect month to be in Bali. Dry season means warm, sunny days (around 28–32 °C) with very little rain – ideal for excursions, workshops, and weekends at the beach. Evenings are pleasant and breezy, making it the best time of year to experience the island’s outdoor lifestyle.





PROGRAM FEES

The Tropical Architecture Summer School is more than a course – it’s a portfolio project, international credits, and a community you’ll carry with you far beyond Bali.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ↗ All lectures, workshops & excursions
- ↗ Guest lectures & studio visits
- ↗ Full access to design labs & materials
- ↗ Bamboo & model-making workshop
- ↗ Up to 12 ECTS / 6 US credits
- ↗ Official certificate & transcript
- ↗ Full student support (visa guidance, pre-departure, on-site)
- ↗ Welcome dinner & graduation ceremony

CATEGORY

FEE

DEADLINE

EARLY BIRD

€1,850

PROGRAM FEE

31 DEC 2025



REGULAR

€2,050

PROGRAM FEE

15 MAY 2026



LATE

€2,250

PROGRAM FEE

15 JUN 2026



*Excludes flights, accommodation, visa, and insurance.

READY TO JOIN?

KEY DATES



PROGRAM: 1 – 29 AUGUST 2026

- Welcome Dinner: Saturday, 1 August
- Orientation: Monday, 3 August
- Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, 29 August

Application Deadlines: VIP Deadline: 15 November 2025, Early Bird Deadline: 31 December 2025, Regular Deadline: 31 March 2026, Late Application Deadline: 15 May 2026

BUDGET & EXTRAS



Besides the program fee, plan for:

- Flights to/from Bali (varies by country)
- Accommodation (~€450–600/month)
- Visa (Student Visa C9, ~IDR 3,000,000 ≈ \$180 / €165 for 60 days)
- Meals & daily life (plan with ~€15–25 per day, incl. food, transport, and small extras)
- Insurance (required for all students, cost depends on provider)

VISA



All international students join with a Student Visa (Index C9). You don't need to worry about complicated paperwork – the university applies for your visa on your behalf. Our team will guide you step by step, from preparing the required documents to receiving your final approval. With our support, the Student Visa process is easy and straightforward.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1

REGISTER ONLINE

1. Start by filling out the short registration form on our website – it only takes a few minutes. Tell us who you are, your background, and which program you're joining.

2. studyinbali.com/registration

2

SECURE YOUR SPOT

Pay the €350 enrollment fee and sign your digital confirmation. This step officially reserves your place in the program.

3

JOIN THE STUDENT HUB

Once confirmed, you'll get access to our private student platform. Here you'll meet your classmates, connect with housing options, and receive everything you need to plan your time in Bali – including visa guidance and study resources.

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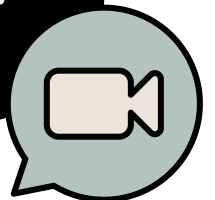
FINAL STEPS

The remaining course fee is due at least 8 weeks before the program starts. Once paid, your spot is fully confirmed and we'll support you with the final visa steps, pre-departure checklist, and travel planning.

BOOK CONSULTATION



NOT SURE IF IT'S THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT BALI, THE VISA, OR HOW TO ENROLL?



👉 **BOOK A FREE CONSULTATION WITH ONE OF OUR PROGRAM CONSULTANTS – WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP YOU FIGURE THINGS OUT.**

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

My experience studying in Bali really can't even be described in words. It's mind blowing how immersive the program has been. We learned so much about the Balinese heritage and culture. And so taking everything that I've learned and applying it back in the States is going to be amazing for me and my design business. I'm really excited about that. I would recommend the Study in Bali program to anyone.

INDIA GEDE ARISTA
FROM THE USA INAWAN



Thanks to you for giving me the opportunity to be part of this journey! Just WOW!! Everything was amazing!! ❤️

SONJA
FROM MACEDONIA



We learned a lot about the difference between Eastern & Western culture. The summer school brings together a group of students from all over the world, all with different backgrounds. It is great to learn in such a nice environment.

KIRSTEN
FROM THE
NETHERLANDS



It's been amazing meeting people from 21 different countries, doing excursions together, workshops together. We had so much fun. Everyone is so welcoming and you feel so at home in a place that you've never been and that's incredible. Thank you so much!

MARINA
FROM ROMANIA



It has truly been such a beautiful experience, and I'm so grateful for all the wonderful people I've met along the way. A special thank you to the teachers and lecturers from IDB for sharing your knowledge and wisdom, it really meant a lot and made my stay even more meaningful.

ALKISTIS
FROM GREECE



Got the chance to explore Bali and it's mesmerizing Architecture in the best way possible with people from more than 21 different countries whom now I can call my friends. Simply the best four weeks of my life.

AWAB
FROM SUDAN



HOW TO JOIN



READY TO BEGIN YOUR BALI CHAPTER?

Four weeks of design, culture, and community in Bali – where your portfolio grows, your skills expand, and your memories last forever. This is your chance to learn from world-class architects, create a project that matters, and experience the island that inspires tropical design worldwide.

APPLY NOW
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