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ROYAL COLLECTION

Sepoi Sepoi

Tanjung, Lombok, Indonesia

Where as Spielberg has Tom Hanks rudely washing up on his *Castaway* beach uninvited and grimy, guests at Sepoi Sepoi arrive in air-conditioned automotive comfort to an escape that will satisfy their hunger (and thirst) for relaxation and good times.

The perfect cocktail for any tropical holiday involves a generous mix of blue skies, warm seas and hedonism. Combine this in equal parts with a large shot of Sepoi - Sepoi (the Sasak word for the cooling sea breezes that caress Lombok), and a tall glass of something tasty with lots of ice cubes, and you will start to understand the synergy. It is no accident that the cabana bar sits blatantly staring at you poolside, displaying its sinful temptations within.

As a tropical island escape, Sepoi Sepoi is almost a cliché with its six thatch-roofed bedrooms, swaying coconut trees and nearby volcano forming a stunning backdrop. We're not talking driftwood beach hut here; we're talking five-star service, chill-out movie room and a 100-square metre master suite. This is just what Robinson Crusoe would have built if he had had all the days of the week working for him instead of just Friday.

If you should feel the need for contact with the world beyond, why not rent a boat and hop across to the Gili Islands? From here you can snorkel and dive with the turtles or sip a beer and soak up the laid-back, cool vibes of these three coral-ringed gems scattered across the ocean. Alternatively, have the nearby golf club collect you in one of their buggies for a quick round.

But the deserted white-sand beach that borders Sepoi Sepoi's extravagant lawns begs to be explored. This really is the perfect playground for the Swiss Family Robinson and friends to be cast away upon.

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