



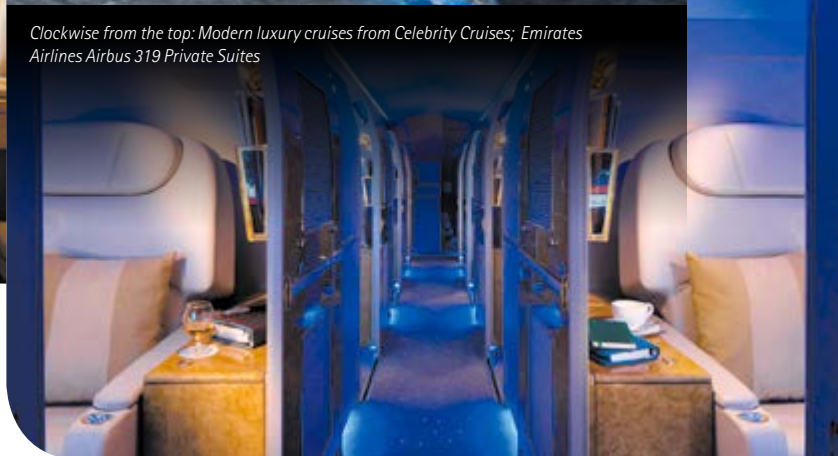
# travel, golf & spa







Clockwise from the top: Modern luxury cruises from Celebrity Cruises; Emirates Airlines Airbus 319 Private Suites



### “X” Marks the Spot

Celebrity Cruises' have 11 ships offering modern luxury vacations that visit all seven continents and presents immersive cruise tour experiences in Alaska, Australia/New Zealand, Canada, Europe and South America. Celebrity is one of five cruise brands operated by global cruise vacation company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd and their iconic "X" logo is the mark of modern luxury, with its cool, contemporary design and warm spaces, dining experiences where the design of the venues is as important as the cuisine, and amazing service.

Recently the luxury liners are shaking up the bar scene on board and introduces a selection of 30 entirely new crafted cocktails offered exclusively on Celebrity's ships. Celebrity's new craft cocktail experience was developed through an alliance with artisanal cocktail developers Hawthorn Beverage Group which is founded by noted cocktail creator Josh Durr. The newly crafted cocktails blend vintage-style liqueurs with fresh ingredients, organic juices and the finest artisanal spirits, resulting in a combination of new-school libations and updated old-school favourites. Celebrity's guests will have the opportunity to indulge in the full, cocktail experience across its modern luxury fleet by the end of 2013. For more information visit [www.celebritycruises.com](http://www.celebritycruises.com). **ha**

### Bespoke Experience

Emirates Airlines has announced the launch of its luxury private jet service. Customers seeking unsurpassed luxury in travel can book a tailor-made experience on Emirates Executive, the ultra-spacious Airbus 319 aircraft, and enjoy new technology and design that will make this an unforgettable experience.

Providing a private charter service to most locations worldwide and beyond the existing Emirates network, the aircraft offers a new configuration with a high level of comfort and service for up to 19 passengers. The executive aircraft will be divided into two main zones; the first for dining area designed to seat up to 12 passengers while the second comprises 10 Private Suites each featuring a fully lie flat seat and a 32" HD LCD screen. The suites are complemented by a large and elegant Shower Spa. The personalised service for customers includes booking an aircraft at short notice and a premium chauffeur drive service. For more information visit [www.emirates-executive.com](http://www.emirates-executive.com). **ha**



## Drive Off From A Helicopter

New Zealand known for its amazing landscapes is a haven for extreme sports and golfers alike. Now the two can be combined courtesy of Ultimate NZ Golf Packages which offers the ultimate option of heli-golf. Customers will get to drive off glaciers and mountain tops in and around the South Island resort haven of Queenstown. Over the Top Ltd. and other Queenstown-based helicopter tour companies, whose offers include scenic tours of stunning Lake Wakatipu and long-drive opportunities from special, vertigo-inducing tees atop glaciers and peaks in the remarkable mountain range, will give golfers a round of a lifetime. The tours will be available at two of the Ultimate NZ Golf Package venues, namely; Cape Kidnappers GC in Hawkes Bay and Kauri Cliffs GC in Bay of Islands. For more information visit [www.kauricliffs.com](http://www.kauricliffs.com) or [www.capekidnappers.com](http://www.capekidnappers.com). **ha**

*Clockwise: Helicopter tours allow you to tee-off from a mountain peak; Night view of La Residence Hotel & Spa in Hue, Vietnam; An AzAmazing Evening - the Royal Gibraltar Regiment Concert in St. Michael's Cave*



## Go Solo

Whether traveling alone or simply wanting to enjoy the privacy of their own stateroom, solo up-market travellers can now look forward to amazing value with Azamara Club Cruises' reduced single supplement program. Differentiating itself from other cruise line brands, Azamara's reduced single supplement program offers 125% of the double occupancy fare for guests traveling alone on more than 25 select voyages through 2014.

Travellers can take advantage of Azamara's reduced single supplement program to embark on a destination-immersive voyage to some of the most intriguing destinations around the world and enjoy longer stays and more overnights at the port.

On board, guests enjoy fine cuisine and boutique wines from around the world, as well as more inclusive amenities, such as included gratuities; complimentary bottled water, sodas, specialty coffee, and teas, as well as complimentary boutique wines, international beers and select standard spirits in the ships' bars, lounges and restaurants when open; complimentary self-service laundry; English Butler service for suite guests; and shuttle transportation to city centers in ports, where available. For more information visit [www.AzamaraClubCruises.com/special-offers/savings-singles](http://www.AzamaraClubCruises.com/special-offers/savings-singles). **ha**

## New Landing Point

As of September 2013, travellers to Vietnam's former Imperial City can once again touchdown and take off from the Phu Bai International Airport outside of Hue. Located 15 kilometres from the city centre, Phu Bai Airport is the main gateway to Hue, Vietnam's ancient capital and the seat of power during the reign of the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue's well-preserved citadels, tombs and pagodas have been recognised by UNESCO and are among the country's top cultural attractions. It is also home to the award-winning La Residence Hotel & Spa.

National carrier Vietnam Airlines announced via its website that it will resume operations to Hue with three daily return flights from Ho Chi Minh City, and two daily return flights from Hanoi. The improvements on the Phu Bai International Airport are part of the government's plans to develop Hue and Vietnam's central coast as key tourism destinations. Six months were spent upgrading the airport's runway to allow it to receive larger aircraft. Once operational, the airport will be able to accommodate five million passengers per year. **ha**

### 1199 Panigale R – Designed for Racing

The flagship range of Ducati's motorcycles is the 1199 Panigale R which features cutting-edge technology and aesthetic brilliance that goes beyond the barriers of motorcycle design. The 1199 Panigale have every single component designed to maximise performance, while achieving aesthetic perfection. The 1199 Panigale's shape and form captures light in a way that conveys the dynamism of a body that is solid yet nimble and elegant yet powerful. Its smooth streamlining flows effortlessly from the front fairing to the rear light, artfully housed in the motorcycle's tail. The R series features an improved aesthetic including carbon fibre fixtures, sleek tank and forged Marchesini wheels but beyond that are the performance upgrades. The most significant being the Superquadro engine's titanium connecting rods and lightweight flywheel that are a combined 2.9 pounds lighter than those in the standard and S model. Not only does this allow the engine to rev quicker, but it also means that the rev limit could be raised by 500 rpm to 12,000.

The chassis is upgraded with an adjustable swing-arm pivot, which allows racers to fine-tune the handling to suit different tracks and the available tyre grip. The 1199 Panigale R is outfitted with a slightly taller and more aerodynamically efficient screen, plus a Termignoni racing exhaust system that adds a few horsepower. The Brembo Monobloc front brake also incorporates an impressive ABS system. At 189kg with fuel the Panigale is very light, and its electronically adjustable Öhlins suspension is as well controlled as it is sophisticated.

The 1199 Panigale R is designed for going fast and everything about it is clean, sleek and more importantly reduces drag. For more information, please visit [www.ducati.com](http://www.ducati.com) or [www.naza.com.my/home/our-business/bikes](http://www.naza.com.my/home/our-business/bikes) **ha**



*The Ducati 1199 Panigale R (inset) and on the track*



*A close up (above) and a line-up of The Harley Davidson Project Rushmore 2014 models*

### Project Rushmore – The Biggest Reveal Yet

Harley Davidson celebrates its 110th year anniversary this year and boy, have they celebrated in a big way by introducing the eight new models of touring and trike motorcycles for 2014, all developed under the name Project Rushmore. The new models will feature higher output water-cooled engines, hydraulic clutches and sophisticated touch-screen electronics that are akin to those seen on luxury automobiles.

The eight new motorcycles that will have Project Rushmore features are: the Road King, Street Glide, Street Glide Special, Electra Glide Ultra Classic, Ultra Limited, Tri Glide Ultra, CVO Ultra Limited and CVO Road King.

Other integrated features will include integrated front and rear anti-lock brakes, integrated audio, communications, navigation and vehicle information in a single electronic touch screen, five-way joy sticks on the left and right motorcycle hand controls for most of the system's functions, and a more comfortable passenger seat. Linked braking, where braking with the front and rear wheels is synchronised, is activated at speeds above about 20 miles per hour. At highway speeds, the system will automatically calculate the amount of braking that's necessary under the existing conditions.

As for aesthetics, the bikes' hand controls are redesigned, with temperature and oil pressure readouts moved to the electronic screen and the gauges made larger for better visibility. Other changes in the 2014 Project Rushmore line up include anti-lock brakes on all five Sportster models, a new CVO Softail Deluxe that comes with a detachable windshield with GPS navigation, Daymaker LED lighting and detachable saddlebags.

For more information, please visit [www.harley-davidson.com](http://www.harley-davidson.com) or [www.naza.com.my/home/our-business/bikes](http://www.naza.com.my/home/our-business/bikes) **ha**



## Perfectly Balanced Haven

Gayana Eco Resort is dedicated to creating an island paradise and resting serenely at the edges of lush jungle forests on a coral reef island off the coast of Borneo, it is very much a haven for its guests. 52 over-water villas sit between the soothing sounds of the surf while capturing the allure of the tropical vistas of Mount Kinabalu in the background. At its heart, the resort is about protecting and re-generating our precious Marine Ecology, and the only such property to feature its own, on-site Marine Ecology Research Center passionately propagating endangered Giant Clams and restoring natural coral reefs. Gayana strikes a perfect balance between ecology and luxury.

### Gayana Eco Resort

Malohom Bay, Gaya Island, Tunku Abdul Rahman Park, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Contact: +608 827 1098 [www.gayana-eco-resort.com](http://www.gayana-eco-resort.com)

## Preserved Heritage

This world-class hotel is the only one on the island to preserve the Peranakan-style in its unique infrastructure. With its strategic location, being surrounded by shopping centres and the colourful arts, culture and heritage, it is definitely an ideal tourist choice. Guests can choose from 400 luxurious guest rooms, enjoy nature on the rooftop garden, relax in the outdoor pool or be pampered at the spa. Signature Peranakan fare to traditional Chinese and Japanese delights are on the menu for your selection.

### InterContinental Singapore

80 Middle Rd, Singapore, 188966

Contact: +65 6338 7600 [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)

## Between Two Hubs

Strategically located between two of Malaysia's most bustling commercial hubs, Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya, Eastin Hotel Petaling Jaya boasts excellent access to business and shopping districts as well as local food hubs. The hotel keeps you close to city conveniences, meeting the needs of today's corporate travellers as well as leisure hubs such as golf courses and entertainment outlets. Enjoy a wide array of in-house food and leisure facilities too.

### The Eastin Petaling Jaya

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Selangor, Malaysia

Contact: +603 7665 1111 [www.eastinhotel-petalingjaya.com](http://www.eastinhotel-petalingjaya.com)




## Quirky In Kowloon

### Pentahotel, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Newly opened the Pentahotel Kowloon, Hong Kong is located near the colourful Kowloon City neighbourhood and the 32-storey hotel offers 695 New York loft-style inspired guest rooms. The hotel's overall design blends style with simplicity and comfort with convenience. It is a fusion of contemporary rustic décor, including aged brick, reclaimed oak, and painted concrete walls laced with graffiti.

The pentahotel also includes the Pentalounge, the heart and soul of the pentahotel experience, seamlessly combining a lobby, reception area, bar and café into a single venue.

The lively gathering place is anchored by eatstreet@pentalounge, which offers a wide range of favourite local dishes – from Hong Kong-style egg waffles, "cart" noodles and curry fish ball, pork rind and white turnip and Western comfort foods from munchies to classic mains – crowned by desserts and cakes created by local celebrity pastry chef Tony Wong. There is also the pizza bar next to the hotel's main entrance, offering authentic Italian-style pizza, to be enjoyed on-site or for takeaway.

Pentahotels is a design-led, neighbourhood lifestyle brand providing independent travellers with comfort and style in a contemporary environment. For more information visit [www.pentahotels.com](http://www.pentahotels.com) or [www.facebook.com/pentahotelHongKongKowloon](https://www.facebook.com/pentahotelHongKongKowloon). 



## Robinson Crusoe Experience

### Soneva Kiri, Thailand

Part of the Secret Retreats brand, Soneva Kiri's exclusive boutique hideaway retreat is located in one of the world's most exotic settings and offers a Robinson Crusoe-like experience. These two new destinations coupled with the founder's Sonu and Eva Shivdasani's philosophy of creating hidden sanctuaries that are built in harmony with nature is in line with Secret Retreats' vision and values.

Providing the discerning traveller with a memorable personalised experience along with an emphasis on fine dining cuisine, preservation of local traditions and conservation of the natural environment, Soneva Kiri offers a wide range of activities and experiences. Located on the remote Kiri, this resort offers intelligent luxury in a remote environment. The island's tropical rain forests, waterfalls and traditional village life combined with emerald waters and white sandy beaches provide guests with an experience of the untouched Thailand of time past. Activities and sightseeing excursions include a visit to the Khlong Chao waterfall, mountain biking, catamaran sailing, sea kayaking, windsurfing, water-skiing, wake boarding and snorkelling. Accessible by a sixty minute flight on a private plane from Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport to Soneva Kiri landing strip it is just a five minute ride by speed boat. For more information visit [www.secret-retreats.com/soneva-kiri](http://www.secret-retreats.com/soneva-kiri). 

## A Legend's Culture

### Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, Vietnam

Opened in 1901, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi reigns as the Grande Dame of Vietnamese hospitality and proves to be one of Southeast Asia's most iconic hotels and has the prestigious distinction as a 'Legend' hotel. The 364-room hotel was completely renovated in June 2009. Its historic Metropole Wing features suites named for Charlie Chaplin, Graham Greene, each of whom stayed at the Metropole during his time in colonial Indochina. The hotel's restaurants include Spices Garden (Vietnamese), Le Beaulieu (French) and Angelina (Italian). Le Spa du Metropole opened in late 2009 and immediately set a new standard for nostalgic elegance in Vietnam.

In 2013, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi unveiled a new cultural itinerary for discerning holidaymakers in 2013. Designed to steer visitors through the best of charmingly chaotic Hanoi via a series of personalized tours, culinary adventures and historical connection. For more information visit [www.sofitel-legend.com/hanoi](http://www.sofitel-legend.com/hanoi). 



# A Quiet Elegance

The Grand Nikko, Bali, Indonesia launches itself as the new face of elegance for JAL Hotels Co Ltd, (part of the luxury Okura hotel group).

**J**uly 2013 marked a turning point for Nikko Bali Resort and Spa as it was officially renamed as the Grand Nikko Bali. The significant event was made even more special as this is the first of the Grand Nikko brand for JAL Hotels Co Ltd, part of the luxury Okura hotel group.

Grand Nikko will be the new face that represents an upper upscale brand, an extension of the existing Nikko brand. JAL Hotels believes that this brand will bring the benefits of synergy from a marketing perspective, embracing sales and marketing opportunities and operating efficiently to maximise guests' comfort, thus anchoring the group to the upper scale luxury traveller within the emerging high-end hospitality market.

Among its 51 hotels and resorts around the world (under Hotel JAL City brand and Nikko Hotels), Nikko Bali Resort and Spa was officially chosen to be crowned Grand Nikko Bali.

Since the resort opened its doors in 1996, the property has invested heavily in renovating the resort. Starting in 2006, there was the building of Wiwaha, a cliff-top glass wedding venue, the Nikko Club Lounge, an outdoor beach venue, Serenity and The Shore Restaurant and Bar, its award-winning beach front restaurant. This was soon followed by the refurbishment of its 389 guest rooms, Benkay Japanese Restaurant, the main lobby,

gift shop and Brasserie des Célébrités, the hotel's coffee shop. In 2012, the resort expanded even further with the construction of the new ballroom, a multi-purpose function room that can accommodate up to 760 people with floor to ceiling glass walls that give a dramatic view of the Indian Ocean, an open air wedding gazebo, Kamita and of course, the luxury villas.

During the official launch on 15th July 2013, more than 300 guests were invited along with the consulates, travel agencies, media and the President and CEO of JAL HOTELS, Marcel P. Van Aelst and the corporate executive officer of JAL HOTELS, Hiroshi Oishi. Guests were also entertained with an array of entertainments. On the opening night, guests were treated to a twist on the classic Indonesian music Keroncong, followed by traditional Balinese dances during the dinner reception. The highlight of the evening was the unique performance by SwarDwiStri, a western Balinese bamboo instrument ensemble by Japanese women. To officiate the launch there was also a specially choreographed performance portraying the journey of the resort to becoming Grand Nikko Bali.

This launch has marked the grand beginning for the resort and has brought Bali within the brand as the benchmark for quality product and service. [ha](#)









*The Pool at Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa*

### Hot Stone Magic

Spa Botanica has launched a new treatment, the Warm Basalt Wrap, a soothing hot stone massage infused with a special blend and complimented by a body wrap to improve overall wellness. The treatment starts with a calming welcome foot bath to revive tired and aching feet. Warm basalt stones are then placed along the spine to ease and relax tight muscles before working on the rest of the body. Rich in anti-oxidants, the green tea powder is the star ingredient in the special blend providing anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, and anti-aging properties. The pampering treatment also includes a body wrap to fully absorb the goodness of the special blend while a relaxing face massage is administered to provide a healthy glow to the complexion. Tailored specially for individuals facing fatigue and lethargy from a fast paced lifestyle, Warm Basalt Wrap is a revitalising treat for those looking to detoxify and reinvigorate the mind and body. For more information visit [www.spabotanica.sg](http://www.spabotanica.sg). 

### Find Your Fabulous


The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) has joined hands with Thai Airways International, Asia Web Direct, and more than 30 leading providers of health, beauty, and spa treatments to launch a digital marketing initiative promoting the country's thriving health & wellness industry dubbed the 'Find Your Fabulous' campaign. The campaign takes aim at women in the Asia-Pacific market, who are looking for ways to rediscover themselves, and offers a wide selection of exclusive deals on wellness and beauty treatments, spa packages, and hotel stays in Thailand. Fortunately for medical travellers, over 30 leading providers of wellness-related services including clinics, spas, and health centres signed up to offer over 150 packages of exclusive health, beauty, and hotel deals that allow tourists from all over the world to book online and receive special pricing following this campaign.

The 'Find Your Fabulous' campaign will strengthen the image of Thailand as the leading beauty and wellness destination in Asia. For more information visit [www.FindYourFabulousThailand.com](http://www.FindYourFabulousThailand.com) 

### Re-envisioned Retreat

Two years after its grand opening, Hilton Queenstown has expanded its ambitions on the country's South Island and re-established itself as Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa. This destination is a place where you can experience some of the greatest natural wonders and most exhilarating pursuits available in all New Zealand.

Hilton has four properties spread throughout the country, with the Queenstown location being the only resort & spa. The spa, like the resort itself, has a strong sense of place and renowned New Zealand designer Chan Andreassend created the ceramic lights, which emit a soft glow highlighting the etched symbols of Pacific culture. Guests can opt for treatments like the Meditation Massage using deep aromatic oils, or select from three distinct spa journeys – Essentials, Escape and Men's.

The three-level spa includes a 25-metre heated pool with adjoining hot tub, sauna and steam rooms, and fully equipped fitness centre. For more information visit [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) 



### Sense and Balance

The feng shui inspired I-spa provides absolute privacy in spacious private spa suites available each with its own sauna, steam shower, Jacuzzi and massage facilities. With unique pampering and rejuvenating treatments such as Oriental Healing and Jet Lag Recovery, one can expect total rejuvenation. Also available are the newest slimming and toning treatments featuring state of the art LPG Endermologie Integral M6 and LPG's new "Techni Care Line" of products or the new "K-Lift" Age Management treatments.

#### I-Spa

Intercontinental Hong Kong, 18 Salisbury Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
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### Enriching Body Treats

Spa Park Asia focuses on Asian techniques and philosophies paired with a premium range of oxygen-based spa products from Karin Herzog which stimulate blood circulation. Experience treatment with any of the techniques from 5 Asian disciplines; Ayurvedic, tui na, Indonesian, Shiatsu and Thai, and be treated to a hydrating body scrub accompanied by cleansing back mask. Spa Park Asia incorporates 5 softly-lit treatment rooms including a steam room and a VIP Room with an exclusive Hydrotherapy bath which can be converted into a Couple's Suite. Treatment rooms are scented individually – Geranium, Lavender, Ylang Ylang and Sandalwood.

#### Spa Park Asia

Grand Park City Hall, 10 Coleman St, Singapore 179809.  
Contact: +65 6593 6938 [www.spaparkasia.com](http://www.spaparkasia.com)

### Royal Spa Treatments

The Princess D'an-Nam Spa, overlooking the ocean with its tranquil surroundings is the ideal getaway for those weary bodies. There are 10 individual treatment rooms with separate sections for males and females. For romancing couples, two VIP suites with Jacuzzis are available for you to enjoy your massage together. Each treatment is personalised to meet individual needs; from hot stone therapy to synchronized massages; from gentle herbal detoxification treatments to anti-aging facials. Skilled hands will restore your spirits with Asia's secret soothing ingredients: honey, cloves, coconut oil, golden yellow turmeric, aloe vera and ylang ylang and each treatment personalized to your preference.

#### Princess D'an-Nam Spa

Princess D'an-Nam Resort & Spa  
Hon Lan, Tan Thanh Commune, Ham Thuan Nam District, Binh Thuan Province, Vietnam.  
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### Gem Of Crocodile River

Shan Shui Golf Resort located just outside of Tawau is acknowledged as one of the finest golf courses around and is set within a 365 acre former rubber estate with views of the Sulawesi Sea from the highest parts. The architects maximised the site's wonderful array of vegetation and a large expanse of water named "Crocodile River". The banks of this small river are natural rainforest and contain spectacular flora, including protected "Honey Bear" trees, which stand more than 200 feet high. All holes except one, play downhill, making for a dramatic and spectacular golf course, as recognised by the two Asian Golf Monthly "best-of-hole" awards. Buggies are compulsory here and not a bad idea especially if there are crocodiles in the expanse of water.

**Shan Shui Golf & Country Resort Bhd**  
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### Scenic At Seletar

Seletar Country Club was designed by Chris Pittman who combined the undulating terrain accompanied by the abundant flora and fauna to offer a conducive experience to golfers playing amidst beautiful surroundings, away from the buzz of the city. The natural undulating terrain of Seletar offers excitement to golfers which demands great strategy to accompany great ball striking. This prized 18-hole golf course is flanked by the scenic lower Seletar Reservoir, providing a great view amidst a rustic and beautiful setting.

**Seletar Country Club**  
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### The Unpredictable Masterpiece

Nirwana Bali Golf Club tucked along the amazing southwest coast of Bali has been touted as one of the best golf courses in Asia. This course is a visual masterpiece with dramatic ocean views and spectacular landscape. With 5 oceanside holes, 3 cliff-to-cliff shots and 8 holes sculpted into the terraced rice fields, no game is predictable or expected by the golfers. Each game presents a new challenge and an exhilarating game to new and experienced golfers.

**Nirwana Bali Golf Club**  
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