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Southeast Asia's top 10 private villas

A rundown of the best luxury rentals in the region, handpicked by The Villa Guide

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There are a few reasons you might want to rent a private luxury villa rather than stay in a resort.

Extra space. Naked swims in your private pool. Personal chefs.

In terms of sheer swank factor, combined with fashion-spread worthy surroundings, Southeast Asia has some of the world's best private villas.

Based on its inspections of over 200 properties in the region, The Villa Guide -- a booking site that features reviews of villas in the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka -- recently put together a list of what its reviewers feel are "without a doubt the top 10" villas in the region.

Criteria: "Every villa that actually makes it onto [The Villa Guide website](#) (many do not) has been independently reviewed and rated. The criteria is stringent, and in each category they are scored from a possible 10 points, then combined to give an overall result.

"All villas in the 7-plus range are great rental properties, therefore any villa that the seasoned reviewers rate at 9-plus, is absolutely out of this world."

4. Villa Sapi, Tanjung, Lombok



"All in all, this is a villa where you will want to bring your friends so they can see it for themselves," says The Villa Guide. "Photos and tall tales just won't suffice."

Rating: [9.3](#)

Price: From US\$924 per night

Bedrooms: Five

Staff: Seven

Pros: Three swimming pools; desert island setting; private absolute beachfront; incredible architecture; chef is a culinary genius.

Cons: Quite remote; outdoor showers not for the modest.

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