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## VILLA ANANDITA

North Lombok's Sire beach has become hot property in recent times with a plethora of new build luxe villas taking shape along the coast. Villa Anandita was one of the early pioneers in the area and still remains the standard with which all others look to emulate. It's in a perfect photogenic spot. It boasts an absolute beachfront land area measuring 1,500 sq m which is an all too rare pleasure nowadays, and the ingenious configuration used only adds to the sense of space. A private driveway leads to the main villa pavilion and beyond, past a lily pond to separate detached buildings each housing one of the four bedroom suites.

The emerald green lawns wind around soaring coconut palms and stretch all the way down to a pictureperfect white sand beach, a quiet spot which is effectively your very own private beachfront. The feeling of immense space is all-consuming at Villa Anandita, yet despite the size, tall palm trees abound offering many private shady spots, half concealed by tropical plants and complemented by cool ocean breezes. Sitting inviting just above the water line is a large bale, perfect for private moments or lingering on hot afternoons with a good book, a cool cocktail or massage.

Each of the four bedroom suites are housed in separate pavilions well spread out amongst the greenery, offering an individual sanctuary, yet light, airy and inviting. Bold yet tasteful colour schemes offer a contrasting palette with traditional wood furnishings. Dark blue, orange and deep red are used to give a very contemporary feel and floor-to ceiling sliding doors ensure plenty of natural sunlight streams in. Like the bedrooms, each spacious ensuite has its own individual style with three of the four bathrooms boasting large soaking tubs.

The separate dining pavilion has a soaring roof and opens out on all sides, featuring an elaborate dining table for 12 as its centerpiece. It is furnished with Buddhist works of art and intricate fretwork timber paneling. It leads to a private fully equipped kitchen with a built-in breakfast bar for a more casual dining vibe.

The social core of the villa is the main lounge/living room just metres from the inviting pool and sun deck. Expansive and open plan, there are three distinctive, integrated areas within that blend seamlessly as a whole. There is a formal sitting area in front of a flat screen TV— DVD player, while the mid-section has a more playful, casual look. The lounge is completed with a billiard table and guest washroom. Aside from barefoot strolls along the sand, the social focus of Anandita by day generally takes place around the multi-tiered pool deck with an inviting lagoon style pool surrounded by lush tropical flowers and palms. It is also a photogenic spot for casual dining or socializing after dark too.

Villa Anandita provides a dedicated team of 15 on-site staff including a full-time villa manager, chef and housekeeping all working in the background discreetly but ready to assist or join in the fun with villa guests at a moment's notice. This multi-tasking team can seamlessly put together a private barbecue or romantic alfresco dinner, lead a trip along the coast by kayak, or arrange for pampering spa treatments. With 1,500sqm of gardens at your disposal bordered by a picture perfect beach, it's also a great spot for a wedding celebration or private function, which can be ably coordinated by the villa staff.