

Nestled in a beautiful coconut plantation on an eco-friendly island with no motorized vehicles, you will find Slow Private Pool Villas. Slow invites you to experience the cool rhythm of this haven of peace in private luxury villas whose architecture revisits with strength and harmony the Balinese style in a contemporary spirit. During the past years, Slow has taken numerous green steps on its journey towards becoming the first Zero Waste Property on Gili Air. While offering high class barefoot luxury and the ultimate tropical island experience, Slow gives back to the local community and consciously measures their carbon footprints.

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Just a two hour boat ride from the famous Bali, the tiny tropical island of Gili Air is hiding. Well-known for its stunning coral gardens, rich marine life and white sand beaches, Gili Air is the perfect getaway spot for travelers seeking barefoot luxury accompanied by responsible tourism. Gili Air has become a popular destination for diving, water sports, and those who want to take off and enjoy the benefits of an ultimate remote island experience. Its rich marine life, crystal clear waters caressing the reef and bordering white sandy beaches, can satisfy the most demanding travelers.

Gili Air is one of three jewels making up 'the Gili Islands' 5 km from the coast of Lombok. Here, one can enjoy a protected and eco-friendly environment where quietness, authenticity, and easy living are keywords. Here you will not find any motorized vehicles. The only means of land transport are the 'Cidomos': Traditional and beautifully decorated carts led by small horses that cross this 2km long island of, from sunrise to sunset.

One of the hidden gems on Gili Air, is Slow Private Pool Villas, continuously fighting to be an example to the world. The structure offers ten fully equipped villas (each with an area of about 60 m²) with private swimming pool and a coconut garden, which are built in strict compliance with the local style while meeting the criteria of modern quality comfort. Slow is driven by a common love at first sight for the magic of Gili Air by the trio: Christian Lenchien, a long-standing architect, Julie Thonnard, a dive instructor and passionate traveler, and Dominique Pissoort, an expert in communication and public affairs, who associated their talents to design this beautiful resort where Indonesian traditional architecture and contemporary clean lines blend with strength and harmony.

The tropical garden, enlivened by the bright and sparkling colours of heliconia, reminds us that nature is here a priority and not just a simple apparatus. The precious assistance provided by Michel Delvosal, a renowned Belgian landscape architect, contributed to the success of this design. The nature and the environment are close to the trio's heart, which is why the property has banned the use of all single-use plastic and incorporated a detailed waste management system. Slow Private Pool Villas are continuously taking steps towards realizing their dream: to live on a zero waste island; *"When living on a small island in Indonesia, we are well aware that somebody has to take the first steps. We don't need a few people to become zero waste perfectly, but we need many people to do zero waste imperfectly. It's about progress, not perfection. Let's change the world together - one island at a time."* - Julie Thonnard, managing partner, Slow Villas & Spa.

‘Good living’ and ‘living well’ are clearly some of the core values that have guided Christian, Julie and Dominique in the design of Slow Villas & Spa. Comfort and refinement are also set for the amenities offered to visitors. Soft bed linen, silky bath towels, ergonomic mattresses from King Koi, and Angelo’s branded small 100% natural soaps. In the kitchen, you can enjoy your meals with the cutlery signed Baan and the ceramic tableware from Amai, produced respectively in Thailand and Vietnam. If you do not want to cook them yourselves, Slow offers a home cooking service, suiting local, international or Italian-vegetarian flavours.

Plenty of other custom made services are available, including massages and yoga sessions in the in-house spa belonging to Slow. Designed by the architect Christian Lechien, the spa at Slow Villas adds a luxury wellness element to the private pool villa complex. It is essentially designed for you to recharge and fully relax: three massage rooms, a beautiful granite bath for relaxation and a pilates/yoga studio. Slow Spa’s architecture is inspired by the round curves of the island, making you think of a bamboo cathedral. The central window adds air and light to the whole ensemble with its gentle curves. The peaceful feeling and the silence are supporting the architecture that is built around the natural elements, thus recalling Slow’s philosophy.

The treatments: Traditional Balinese massages, deep cleaning facials, treatments for hands and feet, and therapy through movements respond to the belief at Slow in relation to wellness. For Slow Spa’s signature treatments, only natural and organic products are used, mainly harvested on the island. Aloe vera is freshly cultivated on-site in Slow’s own permaculture garden.

Naming it SLOW came out as an obvious option. Far away from the stressful rhythm that permeates the Western way of life, this is the perfect place to lean back, relax, and rethink your speed of life. **We would like to invite you to our paradise**, where slow living, freedom and relaxation meet barefoot luxury. We want you to experience first hand what we have to offer at Slow Private Pool Villas, and we want you to see how we also give back to the local community. Our remote Indonesian island offers an out-of-this-world experience within easy striking distance of Australia, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Please let us know when you would like to visit us for a complimentary night and a 60 minutes massage treatment at Slow Villas & Spa, Gili Air, Lombok Indonesia.

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