

Dear guests,

March 17, 2018 marks the first day of the Balinese New Year called **Nyepi Day**. According to the Hindu belief, Nyepi is a day of complete silence without any noise, traffic, fire and lights. It is a day of complete stillness in the physical and spiritual worlds. **Guests are not permitted to leave the premises of the hotel on March 17, 2018 .**

For the Hindus, Nyepi is a day spent in total silence, meditation, fasting and introspection, reflecting on the past year's events. Hindus believe the law concerning Nyepi is "Catur Brata Penyepian" (four ascetic practices). They are "Amati Geni" (no fire, which is both literal and symbolic of mental and physical obstacles), "Amati Karya" (no activities, a precondition to meditation), "Amati Lelungaan" (no going out of the house/compound) and "Amati Lelanguan" (no entertainment).

As we are a boutique villa, the government permits us to service our guest but with activities that are limited with reduced lighting and minimal noise on our premises.

In order to respect the tradition, we kindly ask you to switch off all outdoor lights for the whole night of March 17, 2018, keep the window blinds closed and you not be permitted to go out from hotel premises during the Nyepi Day on March 17, 2018 . Please be noted that most of TV channel will be not on service starting March 17, 2018 at 00.01 and will be back to normal broadcast after 10.00 am on March 18, 2018. However we had provided you with DVD's selection, please contact your butler/host for any request.

We hope this peaceful Nyepi Day will bring you an unforgettable experience on the Magical Island of Bali and in our resort.

Yours sincerely,

The activities by Hindus in Bali to celebrate the Nyepi Day

- **Melasti or Mekiyis or Melis (March 14th,2018)**

Melasti is meant to clean the pratima or arca or pralingga (statue), with symbols that help to concentrate the mind in order to become closer to God. The ceremony is aimed to clean all nature and its content, and also to take the "Amerta" (the source for eternal life) from the ocean or other water sources. Three days before Nyepi, all the effigies of the Gods from all village temples are taken to the beach. There, they are bathed by the Neptune of Balinese Lord, The God Baruna , before being taken back home to their shrines.

- **pengerupukan (March 16th , 2018)**

Exactly one day before Nyepi, all villages in Bali hold a large exorcism ceremony at the main village cross road, the meeting place of demons. They usually make Ogoh Ogoh (the fantastic monster or evil spirits or The Butha Kala made of bamboo) for carnival purposes. The carnivals themselves are held all over Bali following sunset.

- **Nyepi Day (March 17th , 2018)**

This is a day of absolute silence observed throughout the island and a day of introspection for Hindus.

We still provide our service as usual with limited activities, reduced lighting and minimal noise on our premises. In order to respect the tradition, we would switch off all outdoor lights for the whole night of March 17, 2018, keep the window blind closed, noise to be at lower level and request your kind understanding for not going out from hotel premises

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- **Ngembak Geni (March 18th, 2018)**

One day after the Nyepi day, the people awake from stillness to begin a new day. The government officials have their holiday and thus a time for forgiving each other. A new page of each life is really seen from a religious point of view and has been made by each individual.