ANANTARA ULUWATU
CAPTURING THE SPIRIT OF BALI
Surfing is intrinsically linked to feelings of freedom and rebellion, which goes a long way to explain the Anantara Uluwatu’s ethos. Standing as an outpost of luxury in the traditionally understated southwest tip of Bali, it is, despite its relative compactness, a wonderfully open resort that breathes in the fresh air of the pulsating ocean it overlooks.

Set back from the main road that feeds one of the most popular surfing stretches of coast outside Australia, it is an ideal hub from which to explore the southern-most point of Bali, home to some of its most intriguing attractions. From the area around Single Fin, a ramshackle but captivating collection of cliff-side huts for the surfing community, to the magnificent Pura Luhur, one of Bali’s oldest temples sitting precariously on a 75-metre plateau jutting out onto the water, this little corner encapsulates the spirit of the whole island.

Entry to the Anantara is through a vast cavernous reception on the brow of a small hill, a space that affords stunning views in both directions. From here, rooms, some with private infinity pools and all with outdoor Jacuzzi baths, cascade down towards a pool deck and the ocean or upwards in a four-storey block.

Perched high above The Impossible - the name affectionately given to the beach below by surfers who undertake a treacherous climb down to tackle the awesome wave - is the hotel’s design masterpiece: a glass cube, framed with solid wood beams that overhangs the cliff edge and plays host to numerous weddings throughout the year.

The spa is set within the complex, but in a tranquil hideaway separate from main buildings. It is the perfect place to recharge after a hard day out on the water, or even simply watching the waves.

Details: For more visit bali-uluwatu.anantara.com

GETTING THERE:

NEAREST AIRPORT: Ngurah Rai/Bali International Airport (approximately 20 minutes)