

# FRV TRAVEL – SUNGAI TINGGI

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Luckily for us, Villa Sungai Tinggi shares the same philosophy. As soon as we walked through the carved wooden door, it was obvious the villa had been built with love, passion and devotion for the beautiful island it calls home. Overlooking 100 metres of private beach and some of Cangas' best surf breaks, everything about this four-bedroom villa screams, "I'm Balinese!"

From the large open-sided living pavilion with a long slatted roof fashioned after a traditional Balinese village meeting hall, to the spacious bedrooms decorated with stunning wooden artefacts and complemented by en-suite garden bathrooms, the villa was constructed using locally sourced materials that blend harmoniously with the natural environment. Outside, soft rolling lawns hug the landscape's contours while a free-form 18-metre infinity swimming pool looks out across the ocean to the horizon, providing the perfect place to watch the sunset. Fragrant frangipanis, swaying coconuts,

Mangrove forest and tropical gardens surround the 18-metre infinity pool.



Above: The open-sided living pavilion, perfect for social gatherings.

Below: Sungai Tinggi's breakfast office, spectacular ocean views.



Top: Lose yourself in the master bedroom and its museum of artefacts.

Bottom: A private kitchen and three dedicated chefs ensure guests are well fed.




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