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On March 4, Architect Ir Joost van Grieken presented the concept drawings for 3 villas that are planned to be built on the hill of Villa Bukit Segara (Bukit means hill, Segara means sea). The concept drawings include site plan, roof plan, details per room, etc.

The next step is that the contractors that are trusted partners of Joost and also built Villa Bukit Segara (in 12 months, within budget) will give an estimated price.

This will take two to three weeks, which means that we can inform candidates for the project end of March about the total price for land and villa.

Highlights of each project:

1. Each villa will be built on 430 m² land.
2. The land will be sold with full ownership for the buyer.
3. Each villa will include:

* 2 levels

On the first level a room, garden, pool deck and swimming pool of 7x4 m.

On the second level a room, big terrace with sea view (overlooking Villa Bukit Segara).

* 2 rooms

A living room on the first level with bathroom, kitchen and options to sleep, a master bedroom on the 2nd floor with big bath/wardrobe area and terrace overlooking the sea.

The 3 villas will be built in the same "Modern Tropical" style as VBS, using the same high quality materials.

For interested candidates the following documents are available:

1. The set of 8 concept drawings.
2. A paper with information about the services VBS will provide to the owner of each villa and information about the exploitation. VBS will support the marketing, handle the bookings, etc. The price per night will be in line with price of VBS rooms, estimated for the villas around 200 Euro per night. Of course each owner can decide when he wants to stay in the villa and when he wants to rent it out.

If you want to receive these documents please send an E-mail to Derk Izaks, owner of VBS, e-mail:

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See also the next article:

Interview with architect Ir Joost van Grieken.





INTERVIEW WITH ARCHITECT IR JOOST VAN GRIEKEN

Architect Joost van Grieken about "The 3 villas on the hill" of VBS.

Ir Joost van Grieken studied architecture at the Technical University of Delft, the Netherlands. After he finished his studies, he travelled around Asia, where he found his destination. He is working there as an architect in Singapore, Jakarta, and Bali, for already 26 years now.

He lives in Ubud, Bali where he owns a villa on the riverside and also his design studio with 7 staff is based in Ubud.

For people who consider buying one of the 3 villas, we introduce Joost here, by asking him some questions.

Q: Joost, what is your speciality?

A: I mainly have designed and built small resorts and luxury villas. I completed about 25 projects in Bali, in Lombok and also in Malaysia and still work on some projects in Europe. Our studio looks after the complete architectural design, with also the interior, landscape and lighting design.

Q: What is your role as an Architect? I mean you make the design, but I noticed that you also manage the whole project.

A: Yes, most of the times I prepare the concept

design, which I discuss with the clients. After design approval, we complete all the construction drawings, ready to ask contractors' prices. We assist to select the contractors and arrange the supervision of the project during the construction. This includes that one of my staff is on site to supervise the contractors and I will visit the projects frequently. In Bali I work most of the times with the same contractors. That means that all projects are of a high standard, that they are completed within budget and time-planning.

Q: People somehow recognize your style.

For example a guest stayed in the Qunci resort in Lombok, and later in VBS and said: "I guess you had the same architect". How do you describe your style and in what style and with what materials will the 3 villas be built?

A: I guess a practical western lay-out with a modern use of all the interesting local materials, is something that comes back in my design.

But every project is a new challenge!





For the 3 new Amed villas, I like to repeat many of the good materials we used for the main VBS project.

Q: Buying land and building a villa can be an adventure in Bali....problems with supply of water and electricity, unreliable contractors, sudden problems with the environment or the land, delay ...how about the "3-villas project"?

A: This in all these respects, will be a simple project. All facilities are already there and available for the buyers of a villa. We know the location because we built VBS, there is not much digging or drilling in rocks because we will make the land higher to get good sea view. We schedule this project to be done in 10 months. And the future owners will get all the facilities of VBS, like the water from the existing deep well, the power and back-up power, the landscaped roads, the drainage.

Q: Can the buyer bring in his own wishes?

A: That's possible but within the concept of the VBS style. If, for example, someone wants a 3 room version, that can be discussed. Same with the interior, that should be in line with the style of the villa and of VBS as a whole, but the choices can be discussed, for example the type of kitchen, the ceramics. But supposing that the buyer also likes to rent out his villa, we should have a good standard for the construction and the maintenance. So please also think of that aspect.

Q: Do you think it's a good investment?

A: I am not a developer. But I know that in the East of Bali prices have more than doubled over the last years and that it is one of the most attractive parts of Bali.

Thank you for the interview.

I am sure that the "3 villas" will again be a successful project.

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Derk Izaks
Owner of Villa Bukit Segara



A NEW BOAT, A PIG, AND A BALINESE PRIEST THAT WANTS TO BECOME A MAGICIAN

Saturday March 5th was a special day in the Villa... our Priest had consulted the Balinese Calendar and concluded that it was a good day for a boat ceremony. So all staff and some guests were beautifully dressed in sarongs and prayed to the Gods for a long and safe life for boat and sailors.

The Villa has now 2 fast sailing trimarans available, the new one is longer and bigger, and easy to sail with 2 instructors and 2 students or passengers. Even trips to Lombok are now possible.

After the boat – ceremony there was a party... in Bali that means with a Babi Guling (grilled pig). Two of our guests (from Switzerland) wanted to experience the real Bali, so they witnessed the killing, which was done very professionally by our Ardana.

The party was a great success... singing by the "Segara Sisters", dancing by our Jesika, and even an international magician, Sean Borland. Normally he works in exclusive resorts where he gets a high fee, for VBS he accepted a nice meal with Babi Guling. His performance was amazing...it was really like magic! Our priest was excited and tried to buy a trick. But no deal, so he will have to do with his own Bali-magic.

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THE MYSTERY OF THE JAPANESE WRECK

Part 1

Villa Bukit Segara is located between 2 shipwrecks which both became well known spots for diving and snorkeling: The Liberty Wreck 10 km to the West and the Japanese Wreck 3 km to the East.

The history of the Liberty wreck in Tulamben is well known, but the history of the Japanese wreck is a mystery. Some even wonder if this piece of iron in the water is anyhow of a Japanese ship. Fact is that the place, just 30 meter from the beach, is a popular site, for snorkeling and diving.

What is the story behind it?

There are some rumours about a ship that was wrecked in the 2nd World War and there is a story that there were people going ashore bringing horses with them...

We asked around and found a very old man, all his life living in Banyuning, where the ship was wrecked. His name is Wayan Kari. We interviewed him about what happened:



Bapak Wayan Kari:
"Explosions on the beachside, airplanes shooting the ship"

Q: Bapak, how old are you?

A: I don't know exactly, because at the time I was born there was no registration. But I remember that I was a boy when the ship wrecked.

Q: We found out that this ship was wrecked in 1942, so you will be around 90.

A: Yes, maybe, I don't know. Its long ago, I don't remember so much....there were explosions an the beachside, an airplane was shooting at a ship and then the ship wrecked on the coral at the beach.

Q: And then?

A: Well the men left the ship and came into the village. We were all very afraid, so most people were running away to the mountains.

Q: How did you know that the men were Japanese? And how about horses?

A: We knew because we heard that there was a war between America and Japan. And yes, there were horses, some could swim to the beach and some were drowned. We were very afraid.

Q: How long did the Japanese stay in the village?

A: Not long, they just disappeared, taking the horses with them.

Thank you for telling us Bapak, this story have a nice day and don't dream of the Japanese..

Then we met the grandfather of Putu, manager of Villa Bukit Segara.



Putu and Grandfather,
Bapak Nengah Linter:
"There were 2 ships attacked by planes"

Probably Bapak Nengah Linter is around 90 y.o.

When he was a child, there was not school yet so he can't read or write. He speaks Balinese, no Indonesian. He is still healthy and it seems that he has a very good memory. His story is very interesting and is revealing a part of the mystery:

A: Most things I remember myself, some things my father told me. This is what happened. I was on the beachside, nearby Aas, my village. There were 2 ships, attacked by 4 or 5 planes. The planes tried to bomb the ships, but missed. One ship went to the coast near my village and later turned to the South when the planes disappeared. One bomb missed the ship and came on the land, later the bomb was removed and the people made a well in the hole. The other ship went on and was hit by a bomb at the back when it was near the beach of Banyuning (the place of the Japanese wreck). But it was not heavily damaged. Some men were wounded or dead, also horses. But most men and horses left the ship. Some people gave coconut juice to the men. The Japanese left next day.

Q: Bapak, you are very clever! One more question. What happened with the wreck, there is just one piece of iron left!

A: Well, step by step we broke it up. We made all kinds of things of it, like knives and stables for the pigs.

Putu tells that later also divers (some from Japan) were taking pieces with them as souvenirs. And up to now there are still some things like port holes saved by local people. (We will try to find one as a souvenir for the Villa!)

THE MYSTERY OF THE JAPANESE WRECK Part 2

So far, we have no doubt that there was a Japanese ship and that it was wrecked on the coast of Amed, more precise Banyuning. But what was the ship doing in the East of Bali, by which airplane was it attacked? What happened with the men and the horses that survived?

Here is a very brief summary of the context: In December 1941 Japan attacked Pearl Harbour by surprise and destroyed the American fleet. After that they attacked and occupied Singapore and the Philippines. On February 19th, 1942, their attack on Indonesia (in that time a Dutch colony) started. Indonesia was important for Japan because they needed the oil for their war.

The Japanese navy attacked the allied forces, which

had a joined command called ABDA. (America, Britain, Dutch, Australia). One of the sea battles was the Battle of Badung (in front of the coast of South-East Bali).

The Japanese were not so much interested in Bali, but wanted the airport in the South. (Yes, the one where you arrive when visiting Bali). From there they could control the airspace direction Java and Australia. The Japanese were successful, the fleet of ABDA was damaged, destroyed or could escape. Than they landed on the beach of Sanur and occupied the airport.

Back to our Japanese wreck. It's obvious that the wreck was a Japanese ship transporting men, horses and supplies as part of the attack on Bali in February 1942. Without doubt, the men and horses that survived went to the South to join the troops that had landed. We also found out that the bombing airplanes must have been American B 17's, based in Java (Malang).

What remains is that we would like to know the names of the Japanese ships, maybe of their commanders etc.

Notes:

1. We are grateful to Robert S. Neyland, Ph .D. Head of the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the Naval and Historic Command of the US Navy for his help. Mr Neyland will also try to help with finding the names of the ships if we can provide more info. We are working on that.
2. Also Vincent P. O'Hara a naval historicus, who published many books and articles about Naval wars was so friendly to give us information and suggestions.
3. We are also looking forward to the research that will be done by a Japanese guest at the Japanese Naval Museum. (We found a list of wrecked Japanese ships but it was in Japanese language. So there our research ended).

THE MYSTERY OF THE JAPANESE WRECK... TO BE CONTINUED!

Hopefully this Japanese link will solve the remaining questions:

1. What were the names of the 2 ships that were involved?
2. What is the story of the men and horses that went a shore?

Anyhow, although he did not come for holiday the Japanese admiral Ugaki Matome called Bali "The Paradise of The World" and the Japanese wanted the airport because "it is famous for it's superb weather". So they could always fly!



OLD MAN CATCHES MONSTER FISH

When fishermen become old they don't go far on the sea anymore. They fish a bit nearby, in the coral area, using a small boat. Just for fun or to escape from a wife complaining that she gets too little money since he stopped serious fishing.

They often catch some small coral fish like snappers, which makes the wife a bit happy because snappers are good to eat. But there are also barracudas in the coral. Ten kilo or more and 1 meter long is no exception. So they use heavy lines in case a barracuda bites.

And once in a life time this can happen: Bapak Nengah (75 y.o) felt a very heavy bite on his hand held line, at first he thought it would be a huge barracuda (they can be 2 m long and weight 30 kilo). But when he felt that his hole boat was pulled over the sea, he realized that it was some kind of monster fish.

When this happened he was not far from Villa Bukit Segara, but then his boat was pulled to the south for 3 hours, near to a small island, Selang. Finally the fish and Nengah were exhausted. Nengah could kill the fish using his heavy stick and brought him back home. It turned out to be a Blue Marlin of 190 kilo and 3 meter long, same as his boat. Many men were needed to load it on a truck and bring it to the Market.

Nengah got 35.000 IDR per kilo... he was a rich man and could make his wife happy! Finally that night they were sleeping together again...

"Better to live in the desert than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife."

(Holy Bible, Proverbs 19)

..or..go out fishing



VBS SPRING WATER VS PLASTIC WATER

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Two months ago we introduced our spring water in glass bottles, we serve it in the restaurant and it's available in the rooms. We offer guests the option to choose for water in plastic bottles. Nobody asked for that and we get many compliments for our initiative.

There are good reasons why people more and more avoid plastic water. Here is one that is specific for the conditions on Bali:

The plastic water is transported by trucks, all over the island. That means that the temperature of the bottled water becomes high, during many hours of transport. There is evidence that chemicals of the plastic leek into the water.

IS THAT THE REASON WHY AQUA/DANONE REFUSES TO PUBLISH TEST RESULTS OF THEIR WATER?