

APWT WRITING RETREAT

UBUD BALI INDONESIA



The APWT Writing Retreat is all set to launch on the 23-30 October in the spiritual and cultural mecca of Ubud in Bali, Indonesia. This largely self-directed seven-day retreat will include writer's salons, cross cultural collaborations, cultural events and readings allowing us to come together as a network to focus on practice and interaction. All APWT members are invited to attend. Please note this is a writing retreat rather than a full scale APWT conference. As we have advised previously APWT conferences will now run bi-annually. Our next major event will be in New Zealand in 2024. The APWT Writers Retreat will run in intervening years connected to different writer's festivals around the world. The APWT Writing Retreat program is specifically designed for practitioners. We want this retreat to boost your writing and spirit in unforgettable ways.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY 23

Informal Welcome Drinks + Balinese Music and Cultural Experience from 6pm

Retreat participants are invited to gather on opening night to reconnect, celebrate and experience a boutique Balinese Music and Cultural concert on The Open Stage in Wapa di Ume.

TUESDAY 24

Selamat Siang – APWT Writers Salon 2-4pm

In the tranquil surrounds of the Wapa Di Ume meeting room writers are invited to spend an afternoon or two participating in relaxed facilitator led salons providing an opportunity for people to come together, focus on practice, share ideas and discuss creative work.

Sayan House – Sunset Cocktails and Retreat Dinner

Do Japanese and Mexican flavours go together? At the world famous [Sayan House](#) they do. Get your wasabi chilli fire on at the APWT retreat dinner in one of Ubud's most Instagrammed locations. This delectable dining experience includes live Balinese music and a ravishing view.

WEDNESDAY 25

The Seen and the Unseen – Sanur Salon with Editing in Paradise

Led by experienced editor and Editing in Paradise director Shelley Kenigsberg this immersive salon will provide an interactive editorial, feedback and exchange experience in the lush surrounds of Villa Sekala a haven of tranquillity in Sanur just 40 minutes out of Ubud. Includes a short walking tour in Sanur another beautiful Balinese region to discover and explore.

THURSDAY 26

Bali Bohemia – Open Mic Experience

APWT have joined forces with Ubud jam night connoisseurs [Bali Bohemia](#) to bring you a unique fusion of local music and spoken word in a fabulous open mic experience that also features you – our international guests.

FRIDAY 27

Free day

SATURDAY 28

Selamat Siang – APWT Writers Salon 2-4pm

A relaxed and relatively informal salon which is optional for members providing an opportunity for APWT people to come together and focus on practice, share ideas and discuss work.

SUNDAY 29

Mads Lange – Round Table Lunch 1-3.30pm

Capella is one of the most unique resorts in Ubud described as a luxe 'jungle tangled campfires and marshmallow pleasure trip' it is consistently listed as one of the top ten hotels in the world. The camp's tented dining room [Mads Lange](#) is named in honour of the famous Danish spice trader, entrepreneur and peace maker of Bali, Mads Johansen Lange. Join us high in the canopy for a round table three course literary lunch with special guest speakers to inspire your own sense of adventure.

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EVENT INFORMATION

VARIOUS

Good Guyub – Cross Cultural Collabs

Register to participate in a Good Guyub Cross Cultural Collabs and we'll link you to a fellow participant from a country other than your own and then it's over to you to see where the possibilities of that connection might take you. In Indonesian the word Guyub carries a deep meaning rooted in the ancient Javanese philosophy of living socially. It is a way of life, in which everyone in a community willingly joins one another 'in togetherness'. What would happen to your practice if you sat for a time under a different literary moon? We invite you to consider it.

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS

Wapa Di Ume

A wonderful hideaway nestled in the rice fields but only five minutes to town Wapa di Ume will form our home base for the APWT Writing Retreat. Book a room directly by emailing reservation@wapadiume.com and mentioning you are with APWT. Or [book online through the website](#) by adding the promocode APWT. One night deposit is required the rest is payment on arrival. Wapa Di Ume have extended the special rate to include the UWRP festival week. Book today to secure this great deal.

Budget Options – Atta Mesari Villa and Pondok Permata Homestay

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Our recommendations are [Atta Mesari Villas](#) which has both room and villa options and [Pondok Permata Homestay](#). Both these options have availability at the time of writing but we do advise to book quickly as Ubud is very busy in October. You can find other budget options around Wapa Di Ume which is the retreat home base by looking on Google Maps.

TRANSPORT SERVICES

Bob Bali Tours

Please note that unless you are staying at Wapa Di Ume APWT will not be providing pre-organised transport services to events excepting the Sanur Salon. [Bob Bali Tours](#) has a long history with APWT providing fleet services for our 2017 conference and for APWT contingents in subsequent years when appearing at UWRP. They are our recommended provider. In addition to regular airport pick up and driving services Bob Bali Tours can provide locally informed, bespoke experiences with guaranteed safety, care

and value for money. Bob Bali Tours provides tourist, cultural, craft and action trips throughout Bali. Their drivers speak English. Their specialisation which APWT values is to show the real Bali. They will take you to places tourists normally do not see. Bob Bali Tours will be available for all your needs. Please contact them direct. Or you can book transport very easily in Ubud on WhatsApp or through your accommodation provider.

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UBUD WRITERS AND READERS FESTIVAL (UWRP)

The APWT Writing Retreat will directly follow the [Ubud Writers and Readers Festival](#) 18-22 October also in Ubud so you can take in both events. Considered one of the Top Five Writer's festivals in the world UWRP is an unmissable event on the global literary calendar. Learn more about what's on offer in 2023 via the link.

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