

LUXURY RESORT IN BOROBUDUR

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The lush vegetation, rice fields and mountains of Central Java, in Indonesia offer the perfect setting for one of the wonders of the world: the Borobudur Buddhist temple. With over 1,100 years of history, remains a sanctuary and place of pilgrimage for Buddhists. Javier Barba was asked to design a luxury resort high on a hill overlooking the temple.

The spirituality and the virginity of the landscape resulted in many great challenges for the studio, which was inspired by the topography of the land and the vernacular style of the location. The project is organized around the two existing rivers and the creation of a central water axis aligned with the temple of Borobudur. From this axis, different ponds and waterfalls emerge, which acoustically and visually enrich the common areas.

At the entrance, there is a large courtyard with walls made of local stone next to a bridge leading to different pendopos, typical Javanese constructions consisting of open rectangular pavilions supported on columns. The best views of the temple can be seen from the main pendopo. The two rivers define the boundaries of the resort. The bungalows, which are partially buried, disappear under green roofs integrating them into the existing rice terraces.
