



A TABLEFUL OF DELICIOUS ENCOUNTERS

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It was quite an exhilarating dining experience that I encountered over at Bridges in Ubud recently, for I was seated at a table of like-minded friends...that I had never met before! The food hadn't been served yet, but judging from these friendly strangers, I was sure that whatever the restaurant served up would be a great recipe for an entertaining evening.

I believe that dining is not all about the food; it's also about the occasion. And talking about occasion, that night at Bridges really engaged diners in a unique situation, invited to spend one night at an intimate dinner with other people they had never met, and might never see again – though I'm sure something and someone will always be remembered.

"Bridging Table" is Bridges' latest innovation in dining, offering diners a unique opportunity to meet new people. Of course, when going to a restaurant, one wants to be sure that the food itself will satisfy you and thankfully, Bridging Table is also about wonderful culinary experiences. The chef has put together a special menu and Bridges' cellar team will present perfectly matching wines from the restaurant's extensive wine list.

The evening starts off with a welcome drink and canapés at the restaurant's wine cellar. Here you will get to enjoy appetizing small

bites, while getting to know the 'new friends' you will share the table with. Shy? Don't be! There's always a story to tell, knowledge to share, and tips to pass on. Once everybody is warmed up, it's time to move to the dining table and enjoy the three-course dinner that the Bridges' kitchen has skillfully created.

I must warn you, however, that the experience may produce the potential for serendipitous meetings and unexpected, yet exciting happenings. My new friends and I decided not to call it a night, but rather to go on for yet another drink and to enjoy the lovely night atmosphere of Ubud. It was fun! **NOW!**

"Bridging Table" is on every Saturday from 6.45pm onwards, and hosts only eight people. Reservation is highly advised.

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