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## Experience our Peaceful Hill

Karangasem Regency, which sits in the shadow of the majestic Mount Agung, is known as one of the most traditional regencies in Bali. Showcasing some of Bali's most beautiful hidden treasures, including famed Water Palaces and stunning temples, this peaceful corner of Eastern Bali also boasts a beautiful coastline. From cultural tours to scenic treks and cycle rides to chartered snorkelling trips on one of Amankila's traditional outrigger boats, Amankila offers a wide variety of activities to keep guests of all interests entertained.

With the Beach Club set back from our private black sand beach and our famed three-tiered swimming pool overlooking the Lombok Strait, secluded places to relax abound. Indulge in Aman Signature Rituals at our Spa or opt for a private sunrise breakfast or beachside dinner. The options are endless, and we hope that you will make this a truly memorable stay.

At Amankila, we would be pleased to tailor any activity to your particular needs and interests. Should you wish to organise any of our activities, please speak with our Guest Hosts at Reception or by dialling '1' from your Suite phone. I would also be happy to discuss your itinerary personally with you to share my insights and recommendations for an unforgettable stay in East Bali.

Warm regards,

Jann Hess  
General Manager, Amankila  
Regional Director, Indonesia



# Boating Adventures

Take in the beauty of the East Bali coastline from the water with a variety of water activities. As sun care and ocean safety are very important to us, we provide SPF 30 organic sunblock, hats, life jackets, fresh aloe vera for after-sun care, snorkelling masks, fins, and towels for all water activities.

## **Cruising and Snorkelling**

Aman XII and Aman XVI are styled after the Jukung, a traditional Balinese outrigger. Aman XII is a 15m (50ft) vessel used for morning and afternoon cruises along the coastline, while Aman XVI is a 12m (40ft) vessel used for private charters. Neither boat has bathroom facilities, so we recommend changing into your swimwear before leaving the resort. Towels, sunscreen, snorkelling equipment, drinks, and snacks are provided onboard.

Amankila offers two schedules for shared cruises:

Morning Cruise at 09.15 am

Afternoon Cruise at 01.00 pm

Private cruises are available on request, including the Sunrise Cruise that starts at 5.30 am.

## **White Water Rafting**

An exhilarating rafting excursion on the Telaga Waja River in Karangasem will get the adrenalin pumping. Classified as a Class IV river (Class III being the easiest), the trip starts in Muncan and takes on rapids down a gentle gradient towards the coast.

The excursion takes approximately half a day.

## **Fishing**

Amankila overlooks the Lombok Strait, which happens to be one of the finest stretches of water for big game fishing in Bali. Whether you are a seasoned angler or a novice fisherman, our crew will show you the ropes in our purpose-built boat. While weather and luck play a role in the success of every fishing expedition, the chances are very good that you will come home with an impressive tuna, snapper, or trevally.

For those who want a less time-intensive and physical fishing experience, why not try your hand at traditional Jukung handline fishing? This can be enjoyed from a boat or the coastline, and the thrill of hooking a rainbow runner or jackfish (pike) is almost as great as hauling in a tuna on the deeper sea experience.





# Diving

Indonesia is renowned for its pristine reefs, beautiful dive sites, and remarkable diversity of coral and fish species. East Bali is no exception, and Amankila offers scuba diving through an experienced local provider. As well as daily dive trips for certified divers, we can also arrange introductory dives, PADI courses, snorkelling trips, bubble maker programmes (for children under eight years old), and diving for seniors. To join a daily dive trip, please bring along your PADI, NAUI, or SSI diving license or a picture of it to prove your DSD (Discover Scuba Diving), OW (Open Water), or AOW (Advanced Open Water) certification.

All diving equipment is provided and refreshments are included.

## **Padang Bai**

A coastal reef (maximum 25m), featuring slopes, walls, jetty, and wreck. A 15-minute drive from Amankila, then five minutes by boat. The state of the coral reefs is a good variety of hard and soft corals, various types of gorgonians, healthy staghorn corals, huge coral bommies, and table corals. The current ranges from mild to moderate, with visibility from 15m to 20m, which are best in June to October and dive conditions are best in the morning. The highlight of diving in Padang Bai is the white-tip reef sharks, green turtles, rich macro life, and great corals. A number of dives can be done in one or two which are considerably easy Open Water dives.

## **Tulamben USAT Liberty Shipwreck**

A coastal reef featuring the USAT Liberty wreckage and wall. A 60-minute drive from Amankila, with no boat ride. The state of the coral reefs is a good variety of hard and soft corals, barrel sponges, and large sea fans. Current is occasionally mild to none at all, which is a perfect condition for beginners, with visibility ranges from 15m to more than 20m. The highlight of diving at Tulamben USAT Liberty wreckage other than the wreck is the over 400 species of coral, gigantic swirls of jackfish, potato groupers, and king barracudas. The Tulamben USAT Liberty wreck dive site is Bali's most popular dive site, so it is advisable to leave at 08.30 am to avoid crowding. Several dives are two which are easy Open Water dives.

## **Gili Mimpang**

Gili Mimpang is three mini rock islands with slopes and walls. A 15-minute drive from Amankila, then 15 minutes by boat. The state and coverage of the coral reefs are excellent with a vast variety. The current is moderate to strong and can reach five knots and more with visibility is more than 25m which are best from June to October. The highlight of Gili Mimpang is the shark junction, which is ideal for capturing footage of sharks swimming above. Please do note that strong currents at the new moon are suitable only for experienced divers, with several dives being two and is a medium difficulty – Advanced Open Water dive.

## **Crystal Bay**

Crystal Bay is a sheltered bay opening on the deep channel between Nusa Penida and Nusa Ceningan. A 15-minute drive from Amankila, and 50 minutes by boat. The state of the coral reefs is healthy in some parts and damaged in others. But the visibility lives up to its name with excellent 30-50m visibility. Please do note that the bay can get crowded in the Mola-Mola season, which is from July to October. The number of dives is two and is a medium-difficulty - Advanced Open Water dive.



### **Gili Tepekong**

Gili Tepekong is a small island with a reef slope, deep walls, rock pinnacles, and a cave. A 15-minute drive from Amankila, then 15 minutes by boat. The state of the coral reef is excellent which covers hard and soft corals. The current can be moderate to strong and sometimes very strong with visibility of more than 25m which is best from June to October. The highlight of Gili Tepekong is magnificent rock pinnacles covered in hard and soft corals and breathtaking vertical walls with sea fans and schools of tropical fish. Please do note that currents can be tricky around a new and full moon. The number of dives is two and is a medium to hard difficulty - Advanced Open Water dive.

### **Manta Point**

Manta Point is situated on an arched island with steep hills and stunning views. A 15-minute drive from Amankila, then 60 minutes by boat. The state of the coral reefs is excellent which also covers a variety of hard and soft corals. The current is moderate, but still, needs skills in buoyancy and sometimes poor visibility is often synonymous with more manta rays. The highlight at Manta Point is diving with mantas, which is almost guaranteed, although nature can be fickle. Please do note that, due to distance, private trips are preferred for flexibility. The number of dives is two and is a hard difficulty - Advanced Open Water dive.



# Surfing

Bali is renowned for its spectacular breaks and its virtual year-round surfing season. Amankila offers surfing expeditions in association with East Bali Surf and Sail (EBSS), catering to all levels. Beginners can learn at the Sanur Reef headquarters of EBSS, whilst intermediate and advanced surfers can expect tailored experiences of East Bali's finest surf breaks, away from the crowds.

Headed by Oka Sulaksana, a professional surfer, sailor and windsurfer, the EBSS team is multilingual (including Japanese).

## Sanur Surf

### Sanur Baby

300m (984ft) north of the Bali Beach Hotel is a gentle beach break known as Sanur Baby, which is suitable for beginners. Booties are optional.

### Sanur Reef

This famous right-hander is one of the best waves in Bali when it breaks overhead. Recommended for intermediate and advanced surfers only as it breaks over sharp coral. This is a territorial break and guests are required to be accompanied by our local guides. Booties are optional.

### Hyatt Reef

A few kilometres south of Sanur Reef is the Hyatt Reef, the home base of EBSS. Here we take beginners out on the boat to the baby reef and get them standing on their boards generally in knee- to waist-high white water. For the intermediate to advanced surfers, we go across the reef to where the bigger waves are suitable for fit intermediate and advanced surfers only. Booties are optional.

## East Bali Surf

### Secret Point

A 40-minute drive south of Amankila in a quiet restricted area, Secret Point is an easy-going right-hander breaking on sand, just offshore from a deserted beach. Suitable for beginners on small days only. Booties are optional.

### Cucukan

A 50-minute drive from Amankila, Cucukan is a great spot for intermediate and advanced surfers. A fun right-hander breaking 140m (450ft) out, best on rising tides, often with barrel sections. A more challenging option is on offer just down the beach, with top to bottom barrels breaking over the sharp reef. Booties are optional.

### Keramas

The most famous right-hander in East Bali, Keramas is often crowded, but on a full-day trip, guides can assure a fun session. Recommended for advanced and intermediate surfers comfortable in strong waves and proficient in duck diving. Waves break over sand and reef about 90m (300ft) out. Best on incoming tides. A great beach club with food, showers, and toilets awaits onshore. Booties are optional.



## East Bali Surf *continued*

### **Gumicik and Padang Galak**

Close to Sanur, these right breaks are ideal for beginners and intermediate surfers. Both break over sand close to shore. Booties are optional.

### **Lemons**

Down the beach from Keramas is this challenging right-hander, breaking farther out in deeper water. Recommended for good intermediate and advanced surfers only. Challenging conditions, often with a strong rip, but worth it for long rides and barrel sections. Booties are optional.

### **Jasri**

A 20-minute drive north of Amankila, this mellow right-hander is not recommended for beginners. The waves generally break at the waist to chest height in multiple sections but can get overhead and close out with a bigger swell. Booties are recommended as waves break over river rocks.

### **Clampys**

Down the coast from Keramas is Clampys. A barreling right-hander over sharp coral, it needs to be surfed on a medium to high tide. Many good surfers with loose skin looking for a barrel here, so it is recommended for advanced surfers only. Booties recommended.

### **Klotok Main Peak**

Not for beginners, this challenging right-hander breaks over sand about 90m (300ft) offshore. Works best on low tides and can get very challenging on big days. Big faces lend themselves to carves and hacks, usually no barrels. Booties are optional.



## Beach Club Activities

### Beach Games

From beach bats to soccer, volleyball or frisbee, our beach attendants are happy to provide the equipment and make up a team. Test your balance on our slackline, suspended between two anchors in the coconut grove. Great for posture, balance and strength, it can also be incorporated into yoga workouts.

### Boogieboards

The small waves that lap our beach are ideal for boogie boarding and guaranteed fun for all ages. Great surfing spots are available a short drive from the resort.

### Kayak

Amankila's crystal clear waters are ideal for kayaking. Mornings are particularly calm, with flat seas perfect for coastal exploration. Our Naish boards offer superb buoyancy and balance, and our watersports team is happy to assist with carrying boards and kayaks in and out of the water, as well as helping out beginners.





# Land Adventures

Amankila provides guests with opportunities to explore the regency beyond the resort and see the natural environments of Bali in a different light. From treks and cycle rides through the rice paddies at the foothills of the famed Mount Agung to practices in mindfulness and yoga. Outdoor activities are recommended in the morning, as the afternoons can get very warm.

## Cycling

### **Budakeling to Perasi**

Virtually all downhill, this cycling route starts in Budakeling Village, with spectacular views of Mount Agung towering above. After a 45-minute drive from Amankila, set off on your mountain bike through picturesque rice fields, passing villages and witnessing day-to-day life. Expect to see blacksmiths at work, mud bricks being made, the threshing of rice, and more. After about an hour's ride, you will finish a 25 minutes drive from Amankila.

### **Budakeling to Ujung**

One of the most popular cycling routes, this trip starts in Budakeling in the shadow of Mount Agung. Following quiet rural roads, you will soon pass the Water Palace of Tirta Gangga, emerald green rice terraces, quiet villages, and the King's Palace, before ending alongside the Water Palace of Ujung. Built by the late King of Karangasem, who reigned from 1909 to 1945, this opulent monument is called Taman Soekasada Ujung by locals. With transfers and cycling, this entire route takes approximately three hours.

### **Putung to Perasi**

20 minutes by car from Amankila lies the peaceful village of Putung, where this route begins. Its high altitude ensures a cooler start, but you'll soon warm up as you ride through rice paddies, salak (snake fruit) plantations, and other villages on your way to Perasi on the coast. After approximately 90 minutes, you will come to a junction leading to Pasir Putih, a beautiful sandy beach with panoramic views.

### **Selumbung Self-Guided Ride**

Taking approximately 60 minutes, this self-guided route sees you, your mountain bike, and an excellent map finding your way through the Selumbung region. Passing through emerald rice paddies with Mount Agung as a constant backdrop, you are also sure to see drying pandanus leaves on the roadside, small warungs (family-run restaurants), local schools, and the beautiful temple in Selumbung Village.

### **Telaga Tista to Asak**

Indulge the beautiful scenery of Telaga Tista, where you can enjoy the rice field cascading down and greet the local farmers working on the land and see local daily life and blacksmith in the village of Tunggak, Bebandem then finished at Asak village (rice field). This cycling will be in a total of 3 hours with a 35-minute drive from Amankila to the start point.

### **Bias to Ujung**

From Amankila, about 40 minute drive through Timbrah - Asak - Bungaya - Tirtagangga. Passing these four villages, guests may see rice fields and local daily life to reach Bias, the cycling starting point. The route of cycling is from Bias to Tiyung Tali where guests may witness the rice field and local daily life. The final cycling is at Ujung Palace. From Bias to Ujung Palace takes about 60 minutes of cycling, then back to Amankila. The total trip is 2,5 hours.



## Trekking Routes

### **Sanghyang Ambu to Gumang Hill**

Pura Bukit Gumang, perched atop Gumang Hill, is a sacred Kahyangan Jagat temple with deep historical and spiritual significance. Dating back to the 11th century Saka year, this temple is a revered site for Balinese Hindus, offering sweeping views of East Bali's lush hills, the imposing Mount Agung, and the vast ocean.

The journey to Pura Bukit Gumang begins with a short drive to Sanghyang Ambu. From here, a moderate trek takes you through solid steps and natural paths as you make your way up to the temple. The trekking typically takes approximately an hour, making it suitable for those with a moderate level of fitness.

Available at both sunrise and sunset, this trek provides an unforgettable opportunity to witness Bali's landscapes in their most tranquil and enchanting form. The peaceful atmosphere, combined with the spectacular views, creates a truly immersive experience for nature lovers, spiritual seekers, and anyone eager to explore the island's lesser-known charm.

### **Bhur Bwah Swah of Seraya Hill**

Set high in the Seraya Hill, the Bhur Bwah Swah Temple is a sacred sanctuary that reflects Bali's spiritual heritage. Comprising three distinct temples, it is known as a symbol of the cosmic triad that represents the three realms of existence—bhurloka, the earthly realm; bhwahloka, the middle realm; and swargaloka, the divine realm. These realms align with the Balinese philosophy of Tri Hita Karana, which emphasizes harmony between humanity, nature, and the divine. The temple also incorporates the concept of Trimurti, with Dewa Brahma as the creator residing at Bhur Temple, Dewa Wisnu as the preserver at Bwah Temple, and Dewa Iswara as the destroyer at Swah Temple. Situated at different elevations, each temple offers not only cultural significance but also breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding hills, volcanoes, and ocean—truly an awe-inspiring experience for all who visit.

Amankila invites you to explore this remarkable site through a guided trek. Just an hour's drive to the trekking starting point, the exploration takes approximately three hours, passing through each temple and ascending all the way to the Swah Temple atop the hill. Featuring relatively challenging terrain, this activity is best suited for those with a good level of fitness.

## Trekking Routes

### Wates to Abian Canang

This scenic two-hour trek starts in the village of Wates, famous for its salak (snake fruit) plantations. After walking for about 15 minutes, you will encounter Mount Agung in all its glory - a view especially breathtaking at sunrise. Continue on and soon the sea will appear in the distance. Finally, with coconut palms on either side, you will reach Abian Canang, a particularly traditional East Balinese village. Transfers to the start and back to the resort take an hour in total.

### Tenganan to Kastala

This very beautiful trek involves several hills, rice fields, and a rocky riverbed that is in full flow during the wet season. On this trek, you will have the opportunity to visit some very isolated and 'time-forgotten' villages. The trek ends in the village of Tenganan, where you may want to bargain for exquisite basketry or the prized Geringsing ikat cloth. This intermediate trek takes approximately two hours and the total trip is three hours, including driving.

### Bugbug to Timbrah

These two villages are well known for their fascinating festivals and ceremonies. On this trek, you will see views of the rice paddies and farms of "old Bali". Occasionally, you may find yourself amidst one of their spectacular ceremonies.

### Macang to Tenganan

Begin this trek in Macang, a village surrounded by salak trees heavy with delicious snake fruit. Pick some to enjoy as you hike up Badu Badu Hill, taking in magnificent views of Mount Agung. The view from the top is even more stunning: A mango garden opens onto an ocean panorama with Amankila in the distance. Finishing at Tenganan Village, this advanced trek takes approximately two hours, with an additional hour for transfers each way.

### Tenganan to Tirta Gangga

One of only two Bali Aga (Original Villages) on the island, Tenganan is renowned for its double woven ikat fabric, said to have magical powers. Once you have explored the village, set off uphill to the top of a ridge boasting 360-degree views of rice fields. The route continues through several other villages, with numerous river crossings, before you reach the Water Palace of Tirta Gangga. This one-hectare complex was built in 1946 by the late king of Karangasem but was almost entirely destroyed by the eruption of Mount Agung in 1963. Carefully restored, at its heart lies an 11-tiered fountain, while many beautiful statues adorn the gardens.

### Trekking Jagasatru Waterfall

Start from Amankila for 20 minutes driving to Wates, the starting point of trekking. From Wates, the guest may have to hike to Jagasatru downhill for about 15 minutes to get waterfall. The guest may see the ocean and Amuk bay view in distance. Then, go up through Wates. (it is quite challenging walking up on stairs) then continue to finish at Abian Canang by going downhill hike to get Amuk Bay view. Then drive to Amankila in 20 minutes- Trekking itself is about 1,5 hours.

### Permaculture Tour

We invite you to join us to experience Permaculture Tour at Amankila organic garden. It is a great experience to learn how Amankila is managing sustainable farming practices and principles to grow and produce organic farms.

### Complimentary



## Mindfulness and Sport

### Yoga Class

Stretching your body and soul is the best way to start the day. Amankila's yoga instructor teaches the art of yoga and meditation on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 07.30 am at Coconut Grove, by our Beach Club.

To ensure the best experience, the maximum capacity is eight guests per class. Whilst no reservation is required, please make sure you arrive on time.

Complimentary

### Private Yoga Class

If you wish to have a more personalised experience, at the time of your convenience, private yoga classes are also available. Please reach out to our Guest Assistant Team to make a booking.

### Bootcamp

Bootcamp group class at our outdoor gym is active fun and designed to suit all fitness levels. Each session consists of a variety of aerobic, interval training, and bodyweight exercises and leaves you with a wonderful feel-good factor at the end.

Complimentary



# Cultural Insight

The Balinese calendar is filled with auspicious and holy days. Festivals are a joy to witness, and Amankila will notify guests of any special community events.

## Cultural Etiquette

Foreigners are always welcome, but please be aware of the following out of respect for local traditions: Appropriate dress (no shorts or sleeveless tops) is required to enter temples and join blessing ceremonies. Women are asked not to enter temples or join blessing ceremonies when menstruating.

Amankila provides traditional Balinese outfits. Please refrain from photographing people praying and smoking inside temples.

## Balinese Celebrations

### Balinese Cultural Blessing

Experience a traditional blessing ceremony performed by Pak Mangku, our local priest, at Padmasan, Amankila's picturesque resort temple. The Hindu prayers that form the blessing ask for hope, physical strength, and determination, ensuring the blessed can face all life's challenges with happiness and fortitude. At the close of the blessing, Pak Mangku will place a yarn bracelet around your wrist, to be worn as long as you desire.

### Odalan

On occasions when Balinese village communities come together to commemorate the establishment date of a temple, Odalan festivals are annual celebrations that contribute greatly to the rich traditions of Balinese theatre and dance. Conducted to ensure spiritual harmony and show gratefulness for blessings received, Odalans are relatively frequent, considering that each village is home to at least three temples. Celebrations include processions, street decorations, entertainment, and dancing in temple courtyards.

### Nyepi

Usually celebrated in March, Nyepi is a 'Day of Silence' in Bali's Hindu calendar, reserved for self-reflection and meditation. As such, anything that might interfere with that purpose is restricted, including the lighting of fires, working, travelling, and any form of entertainment. Bali's usually bustling streets and roads are empty, and few signs of activity are seen even inside homes. Observed from 06.00 am for 24 hours, Nyepi is followed by the Balinese New Year's Day, when families and friends gather and the hum of daily life resumes.

### Galungan and Kuningan

Celebrating the victory of dharma (good) over adharma (evil), this 11-day period marks the time when ancestral spirits visit the island, according to Hindu tradition. During this time, it is the responsibility of the living to make the spirits feel welcome through prayers and offerings. Roadside decorations known as penjors - long bamboo poles hung with offerings - are erected along roadsides as a show of hospitality. Other traditions include the cooking of bananas, the making of jaja (fried rice cakes), and the slaughtering of pigs or chickens for a feast. Kuningan is the last day of the festival when the spirits depart.



## Cultural Tours and Parks

### **Samsara Living Museum**

Embark on an exhilarating journey to the Samsara Living Museum, nestled in the charming village of Jungutan, where you'll be transported back in time to the rich cultural heritage of old Bali.

Delve deep into the profound significance of traditional customs and practices that have been passed down for generations, and discover their true purpose through an immersive range of activities. Indulge your senses with the flavours of Bali's culinary delights through cooking classes, master the art of Genjek music, partake in a water blessing ceremony, and luxuriate in the revitalizing samsara wellness experience.

Additionally, bring a piece of Balinese artistry home with you as you browse the exquisite selection of locally crafted handicrafts, each piece telling its own story of the island's vibrant culture.

The Samsara Living Museum promises a transformative and enlightening adventure, taking you on a journey of discovery through Bali's enchanting past.

### **Klungkung Market**

A vast and colourful storehouse, Klungkung Market is a 30-minute drive from Amankila. Home to vibrant fresh vegetables and meats, it is also one of the best places to shop for textiles, handmade tools, knives, and coconut fibre-based twine items. Book a private driver and guide to experience the fun and chaos of an early morning shopping trip.

### **Bali Safari and Marine Park**

Home to more than 100 animal species including endangered specimens, the Bali Safari & Marine Park combines a Balinese cultural ambiance with an African savannah experience. Traverse the jungle in a safari-style vehicle and if you are lucky you might spot Sumatran elephants, tigers, leopards, Komodo dragons, cheetahs, hippos, and many more amazing creatures.



### **Sidemen Rice Fields**

Set amongst emerald rice fields, Sidemen is also home to some of the best traditional textiles in Bali. A weaving room and adjoining shop are well worth visiting to witness the intricate craft and perhaps purchase some of the clothing or prized fabrics, including Ikat. A trip to Sidemen is an ideal excursion after a picnic breakfast in Amankila's Tamansari Bale.

### **Nusa Penida Tour**

Nusa Penida is a relatively undeveloped island southeast of mainland Bali with beautiful beaches and magnificent cliffs. On a day trip from Amankila, expect to discover Atuh Beach, Titi Bahu Cliff Giri Putri Cave Temple, and the Angel's Billabong Pond.

### **Amandari Detour**

For those moving on to stay at Amandari, Amankila's sister resort near Ubud, why not explore more of Bali on route? Amankila presents two options to guests to make the trip a journey in itself.

#### **North Ubud Tour:**

- Kehen Temple
- Ulun Danu Batur Temple
- Pengelipuran Village
- Tirta Empul Temple

*4 hours including 1.5 hours of driving*

#### **South Ubud Tour:**

- Kusamba Salt Making
- Traditional Klungkung Market
- Kerta Gosa
- Batuan Temple

*5 hours including 1.5 hours of driving*



## East Bali Tour

Amankila offers a 3-hour private tour of East Bali tailored to your interests. With a private driver and private vehicle, you can explore at your own pace and see top attractions such as Tenganan village, known for its double ikat weaving, as well as temples and royal palaces showcasing the region's regal past.

### Tenganan Village

East Bali is full of villages showcasing a way of life little changed over the centuries. None is more rooted in the past than the religious community of Tenganan. While most of Bali embraced a form of Hinduism over the centuries, Tenganan still believes in its own divine origin. In this tiny society, clothing has always been central to religious rituals and today, families still painstakingly fashion double ikat cloth. It is only in Tenganan and Gujarat, India, that this rare textile is still produced, the warp and weft threads dyed before the fabric is woven.

### Ujung Water Palace

Built by the late king of Karangasem, Ujung Water Palace is reached via a winding road through rice paddies, just a few kilometres from Amalapura. Damaged during World War II and almost completely destroyed in the 1963 eruption, today the palace has been meticulously rebuilt. From the roadside, one's first glimpse is of a grand Romanesque hall, decorated with ornate archways. Their distinctive shape, more baroque than Balinese, finds fresh resonance today in the doorways and alcoves of Amankila. The land then drops to a sunny valley claimed by two royal bathing pools, and beyond, the brilliant blue sea.

### Tirta Gangga Water Palace

A delightful maze of pools and fountains surrounded by lush gardens, Tirta Gangga Water Palace is a one-hectare garden estate built in 1946 by the heir to the former Kingdom of Karangasem. Destroyed almost entirely by the eruption of Mount Agung in 1963, it has been carefully rebuilt and restored to its original splendour. Many beautiful stone carvings and statues adorn the gardens, but the centrepiece of the palace is without a doubt its eleven-tiered fountain.

### Puri Agung

Built in the 19th century by the first king of Karangasem, Puri Agung refers collectively to several royal palaces within a 100-metre radius of the capital, Amalapura. Featuring Balinese, Chinese, and European design motifs, the main Puri Agung complex reveals towering red-brick gates, relief-covered walls, black and white portraits of the last raja in his elegant Maskerdam building (named after Amsterdam), and a floating 'Gili' pavilion surrounded by a lotus-filled moat.

### Craft Villages

In Kamasan, just south of Klungkung, a distinctive style of Balinese art is produced. Kamasan style painting makes use of figures resembling the puppets of wayang kulit, Bali's shadow puppet theatre. In the village of Budakeling at the foot of Mount Agung meanwhile, a number of goldsmiths and silversmiths have produced intricate temple crafts and containers for generations. Handicrafts and souvenirs can be found in the village of Candi Dasa, just a few minutes' drive from Amankila, and in recent years, a few shops selling exquisite jewellery have also opened in the area.

### Kusamba Salt Making

A traditional village close to Amankila, Kusamba is famous for its sea salt production. Those villagers not involved in the salt making are fishermen, making this truly a community that relies on the sea. Explore the town and learn more about how this vital cooking ingredient is extracted from the ocean.



## Temples

### **Goa Lawah Temple**

A 25-minute drive from Amankila, Goa Lawah is a temple dedicated to the Sea God, although its name translates to 'Bat Cave'. Appropriately enough, the temple is situated in front of a small cave that is home to thousands of large fruit bats. Believed to be the temple's sacred guardians, every evening at sunset they depart the cave in a photogenic, smoke-like drift.

### **Pasar Agung Temple**

A 60-minute drive from Amankila, Pasar Agung is considered the marketplace of the gods and a potent source of energy. Set beneath brooding Mount Agung with beautiful views on clear days, the temple is reached after driving through the villages of Selat, Sebudi, and Sorga into high-altitude woods, followed by a 20-minute walk along a winding path and staircase.

### **Batuan Temple**

A 60-minute drive from Amankila, Batuan Temple is known for its well-preserved sandstone bas reliefs and traditional Balinese temple architecture, as well as its roofs lined with black palm leaves. Founded in the 11th century, it is set within a complex of shrines on a one-and-a-half-acre estate.

### **Kehen Temple**

A 60-minute drive from Amankila on the way to Amandari, Kehen Temple is said to be the most beautiful in East Bali. It is renowned for its magnificent banyan tree, which is over 700 years old. Set on a wooded hillside with eight terraces, Pura Kehen is described as a miniature version of the famous Besakih Temple.



## Helicopter Transfer and Tours

### **Nusa Penida Sky Tour**

Duration: 30 minutes

Available: From 12.00 pm (subject to weather conditions)

A round trip from Ulakan, flying over Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida.

### **Uluwatu Coastline**

Duration: 40 minutes

Available: From 12.00 pm (subject to weather conditions)

A round trip from Ulakan, flying over Uluwatu Temple, Garuda Wisnu Kencana (GWK) Statue, and Jimbaran Beach.

### **Mount Batur Sky Tour**

Duration: 60 minutes

Available: From 12.00 pm (subject to weather conditions)

A round trip from Ulakan, flying over Mt. Batur, Lake Kintamani, Ubud, and Tanah Lot.



# Culinary Experiences

The grounds of Amankila offer multiple breathtaking locations in which to dine, whether celebrating your honeymoon and would prefer a romantic beach dinner for two, or a milestone with family and friends.

## All Day Enjoyments

### Traditional Tea

Served daily outside the library, our Traditional Tea includes Bali Kopi (coffee) and tea, as well as local Balinese snacks. While you enjoy the treats, observe local girls preparing traditional floral offerings known as Canang sari.

Complimentary

### Sunrise Breakfast at Tamansari

There is no better way to start the day than breakfast with a view. As the sun's first rays light up Mount Agung and the rice terraces of the Buitan Valley, relax in our open-air bale atop Tamansari Hill and enjoy a delicious home-cooked breakfast served by your own personal waiter.

Recommended starting time is 06.30 am

### Cooking Class

Learn the secrets of Indonesian cuisine in this hands-on cooking class with Amankila's Balinese sous chef. After choosing your own fresh products from our resort gardens and learning about traditional ingredients, you will be guided step-by-step in the preparation of a multi-course Indonesian meal. Recipes have been passed down through the generations and remain uncorrupted by modern additives, ensuring a freshness of flavour unique to this historic region.

### Beach Picnic

Set directly on the black volcanic sands beach overlooking Lombok strait, a relaxing picnic set up awaits beneath beach umbrellas and a canopy of trees. Early risers can enjoy a tasty breakfast picnic bathed in the beautiful morning light, while the late ones can savour a succulent lunch.

Recommended starting time is 07.00 am

### Shisha Experience

Add some extra flavour to your poolside or bar relaxation with our 'Meduse' Shisha pipes. Choose from a variety of local flavours and special Hookah mixes. For more information, please contact our Bar & Beverage team.

### Sunset Canapés

Toast the sunset from our Batu Jati Rock Platform overlooking the Lombok Strait and Amankila's black sand beach or Tamansari, Amankila's hilltop Bale. As the sky changes colour, sip locally crafted cocktails accompanied by a selection of delicious canapés.

### Floating Afternoon Light Bites

While relaxing on the terrace of your private Pool Suite, why not enjoy the floating afternoon light bites? A variety of freshly prepared sweet and savoury treats will be floated to you across your pool, with your preference for the beverage. Tea or coffee, juice, or cocktails may all be ordered.

*Only available in suites with personal pools, please note the Floating Afternoon Light Bites requires orders five hours in advance.*



## Special Evenings

### Megibung Dinner

An East Balinese tradition, Megibung translates as ‘sharing a meal from one platter’. Common during festivals and ceremonial occasions, the platter is usually presented with Nasi Tumpeng - a cone of rice representing Mount Agung. This is, of course, where the Hindu Mother Temple of Besakih is located. Surrounding the cone of rice are a variety of Balinese dishes celebrating the abundance and quality of food the island provides. As well as in our restaurant, you may also enjoy this experience in the privacy of your suite, or at a private table alongside our three-tiered pool.

We can also provide traditional Balinese attire. Please order two hours in advance, with the last orders at 06.00 pm.

### Rijstaffel Dinner

Named after the Dutch word for ‘rice table’, Rijsttafel was adopted as a style of eating in colonial times, when the Dutch wanted to introduce guests to the exotic abundance of Indonesia. Including ten vegetarian, seafood and meat dishes (choose only vegetarian if you prefer) with rice, our Rijsttafel Dinner is rounded off with a trio of sorbets. As well as in our restaurant, you may also enjoy this experience in the privacy of your suite, or at a private table alongside our three-tiered pool.

### Satay Evening

This unique dining experience takes place at the top of Tamansari Hill. Arrive at 05.30 pm in good time for sunset and follow the candlelit pathway to Amankila’s private bale with spectacular views over the Buitan Valley and Lombok Strait. As the setting sun gilds the valley’s rice fields and the distant island of Nusa Penida, your private waiter and personal chef will serve an authentic Balinese satay feast.

### Candlelit Dinner by the Main Pool

Dine by candlelight with a multi-course menu specially curated by our Executive Chef. Consummately private and impossibly romantic, enjoy this experience alongside our iconic three-tiered pool with a private bale for after-dinner relaxation.

### Beach Dinner

The entire Amankila Beach Club, pool, and black-sand beach will be available for a limited of two couples to enjoy as an evening dining. Two tables with candles and flowers will be set up on the sand at a sufficient distance for an intimate experience while a Chef, including a grill, and a server for each table will tend to your every need. Following dinner, with a bonfire casting flickering shadows, relax in a private balé and enjoy an après dinner snooze in complete serenity to the sound of lapping waves.

You can also occupy the whole beach for a Private Beach Dinner setting, kindly ask our Guest Assistant for a reservation.



# Children and Family

Cherish time with loved ones with multiple family friendly activities for all ages hosted at serene locations around Amankila.

## **Gardening at Taman Beji Garden**

Embark on a green-fingered adventure with our kids' experience at Amankila, hosted in the lush surroundings of Taman Beji Garden. Join Pak Noko, Amankila's seasoned gardener, on a journey of cultivation and discovery. Under his guidance, your children will learn the ins and outs of growing various vegetables firsthand in a hands-on adventure that promises fun and learning amid Bali's flourishing nature.

## **Fun Fishing at Taman Beji Pond**

We invite young adventurers to cast their lines and reel in the excitement with Amankila's exclusive fishing experience at Taman Beji Pond. Set amid the serene Taman Beji Garden, the quaint pond offers the perfect setting for a memorable fishing experience, whether in the morning light at 8am or the tranquil afternoon at 4pm. A wonderful opportunity for young anglers to connect with nature in East Bali's pristine landscape.

## **Balinese Gamelan Class in the Village**

Discover the enchanting world of traditional Balinese music with our child-focused gamelan lesson, led by the talented Dewa Rupania at the Indrakila Art Hall, in the neighbouring Manggis village, a short five-minute drive from Amankila. Delve into the rich cultural heritage of Bali as kids learn the intricacies of playing gamelan's mesmerising ensemble of percussive instruments.

Under Dewa Rupania's expert guidance, young learners will immerse themselves in the rhythms and melodies of this age-old tradition, fostering a deeper appreciation for the island's vibrant musical legacy.

## **Amankila Beach Club**

The Beach Club incorporates a casual restaurant and a 41-metre swimming pool. Complimentary water sports equipment includes boogie boards and kayaks.

## **Diving (Bubblemaker Class)**

Those aged eight and above can learn the basics of scuba diving in the safety of Amankila's swimming pool.

## **Snorkelling**

Snorkelling equipment is available on a complimentary basis with sizes for younger guests.



### **Surfing**

Surfing lessons are a great way to build confidence in the water.

### **White Water Rafting**

Let your little adventurers get a thrill on the gentle rapids. The minimum age for rafting on the Telaga Waja River is seven.

### **Cycling**

Fully-suspended mountain bikes are available for cycling excursions. The scenery is beautiful, and the roads are quiet.

### **Trekking**

The scenic hills surrounding Amankila offer multiple trekking routes. Treks can be tailored to age and fitness levels, and guides carry water.

### **Beach Entertainment**

Complimentary

A range of beach toys and activities are available, including footballs, croquet sets, fishing rods, and boogie boards. Children's golf clubs are also available for a fun round of beach golf.

### **Sand Castle Building**

Complimentary

The soft black sand of our private beach is ideal for building sand castles. Create a masterpiece before it is claimed by the tide.

### **Kids' Picnic**

During the high season and over major holidays, a supervised kids' picnic is held daily at the Beach Club between 04.00 pm and 05.00 pm.

### **Making Balinese Offerings (Canang Sari)**

In Bali, girls are taught to make floral offerings from an early age. Your children can learn this unique skill while making new friends. Leaves are pre-cut.

### **Balinese Dancing Class**

Wearing an authentic dance costume, learn a traditional Balinese dance with a professional dancer from our local Village.

### **Kite Making**

Kite-flying is a popular hobby in Bali. Make your own kite with the help of our Guest Assistants, then try them out on the hilltop.

### **Painting**

Learn to paint with traditional watercolours, as demonstrated by Bapak Wayan, our resident artist.

### **Children's Books**

Our library has a wide selection of children's books, from Harry Potter to classic Balinese stories. Most books are available in English.

### **Origami**

Offered at tea time in front of the library and throughout the day in the Kids' Room, origami – the art of folding paper to create various animals and other objects – is a fun and educational hands-on activity.



## Infants and Toddlers

### **Babysitting**

Available on a per hour basis.

### **Safety**

Safety gates and pool gates for Pool Suites are available.

### **Bedding**

Cots and sofa bed can be provided.

### **Equipment**

Highchairs, car seats, booster seats, bottle warmers, sterilisers, baby bathtubs , and swim nappies are all available should you need them.

### **Food**

We provide special meals for toddlers and infants, including fresh fruit and vegetable purees and more substantial finger foods.





## Sustainability in Amankila

We are dedicated to preserving the environment through a number of initiatives. Some of these commitments are outlined below.

We have not used plastic straws since 2017.  
We are the first hotel in Indonesia to use refillable coffee capsules for our in-suite coffee machines, supporting Balinese coffee producers and producing zero waste. We are on our way to becoming single-use plastic free.

We recycle and compost all waste on the property.  
As well as regular beach clean-ups, we join various monthly clean-up projects in the surrounding communities.

## Soul Bali Charity

Founded by Amankila's Front Office staff in 2015, Soul Bali Charity is a non-governmental organisation working in favour of children and the elderly, who live in poor conditions or with difficult access to medical care and social contact. Heart, spirit, humanity, integrity, compassion and selfless service are the essential values that drive the foundation every day.

There are many ways in which you may contribute to Soul Bali Charity during your stay at Amankila. If you wish to participate with the foundation, please reach out to our Guest Assistant team, and we will inform you of any workshops happening during your stay. Alternatively, prior to your arrival, you may pack clothes or belongings that you no longer need for donation.

Amankila also works with Soul Bali Charity for a selection of our turndown gifts, which are offered each evening. These unique items showcase the beauty of Bali and also help to financially support the organisation.



Refunds are not applicable for cancellations made within 24 hours prior to the activity.

For further information or reservations for any of the above activities, please contact our Concierge and Pre-arrival Team at [amankila.fo@aman.com](mailto:amankila.fo@aman.com). We will be delighted to assist you.

From all of us at Amankila, we wish you a happy and peaceful stay with us.

Best wishes,

Your Amankila Family

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