





## AMANERA EXPERIENCES

Queridos Amigos,

We have compiled for your enjoyment our favorite experiences and excursions, such as awakening sunrise yoga, romantic settings for private dinners, engaging culinary classes as well as adventurous activities including canyoning or surfing.

Some experiences and activities require planning in advance, we therefore recommend that you discuss your interests with our Guest Assistance team to assist you with the arrangements. Since activities will be reserved exclusively for you, we kindly ask you to give a minimum of 24 hours' notice. Cancellations made within 24 hours of the activity will be subject to full charge. All prices are subject to 18% local tax, on our private dining experiences an additional 10% service charge is applicable.

We are looking forward to customizing your stay with personalized experiences.

Warm regards,

Your Amanera family









## OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Our private eco-hikes give the opportunity to explore the extensive wilderness around Amanera of more than 2,000 acres (8km<sup>2</sup>) of virgin forest to get up close to indigenous flora and fauna. You are accompanied by our experienced and knowledgeable guides.

### Nature Walks

A seven kilometer loop begins at the hotel and takes you up to some incredible views from the mountain ridge behind the resort. It gradually descends through the lush rainforest to the other end of Playa Grande and concludes with a walk back on the beach.

*Suggested start time 9:00 am; full loop is about three hours. USD 65 per person. Includes private guide, water, coconut water. We recommend wearing long pants and sneakers for this excursion.*

### Jungle Sunrise Breakfast

Enhance your Nature Walk experience with a sunrise breakfast in our pavilion at the top of the rainforest and absorb the beauty of the views.

*Jungle Sunrise Breakfast - please see our team for your breakfast order. Suggested start time 8:00 am. USD 85 per person.*

### Dominican Fields

For the more adventurous ones, we offer a nine kilometer walk through the varied landscape of "La Caribe" and "Montaña Gold". Throughout this walk, you'll discover how fertile Dominican soil is and all the fruits and vegetables that grow around: limoncillo dominicano, cajuales, guayava, carambola, cherries, manzana de oro, noni, breadfruit, aji, sapote, rulo, soursop, naranja agria, cacao, auyama...

### Cross over mountain

A six kilometer walk through local fields where you can learn more about traditional fruit and vegetable of the area: yucca, corn, banana and coffee plantations. On the way, you can admire milking cows and, on the other side of the mountain, one of our drivers will be waiting for you to take you home. For those who wish to push themselves further, you can add seven kilometers crossing new spectacular views ending by the entrance of our beautiful Spa.

Have you ever tried milking a cow? If it sounds interesting, do not hesitate to contact our Activity Team prior to the experience.

*Suggested start time 9:00 am; full loop is about two and a half hours. USD 65 per person. Includes private guide, water. We recommend wearing long pants and sneakers for this excursion.*





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### Medicinal Walk

Venture into a just over seven kilometer walk and immerse yourself in the virgin forest to embody Taino generations of herbal medicine wisdom while observing the flora and fauna. We have conceived herbal and medicinal “Botellas” with the organic remedies harvested in our Spa garden, also used in our Moon Rituals where their physical and spiritual benefits blend with the profound healing intentions of our therapists. We will guide you through the journey to learn the art of a real healer, harvest your own remedy and learn how the moon’s influential forces encourage growth and purity in the herbal healing power.

*Suggested start time 9:00 am; full loop is about three hours. USD 75 per person. Includes private guide, two tailor-made remedies sent to your Casita, medicinal booklet. We recommend wearing long pants and sneakers for this excursion.*

### Ocean Front Walk

Our two and a half kilometer oceanfront walk starts in a farm in Rio San Juan where the grass under your feet changes into sand and the trees turn to mangrove. Walk through the water to reach a detached piece of land and continue the walk on the rugged coastline to Playa Gri-Gri (only accessible through the rocks or through the ocean), El Ponton, Playa de Los Enamorados and Playa Caletón. For the most adventurous, we can jump from the cliff into the ocean (10 meters high), a cultural hobby for all. Once in Caletón and just in time for lunch, our culinary team will barbecue fresh fish, octopus and prawns with traditional sides for you.

*Suggested start time 9:00 am; full hike is about two hours. USD 85 per person. Includes private guide, refreshments. We recommend wearing shorts, sneakers and swimsuit for this excursion.*





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### **Kayak or Stand-Up Paddleboard Eco Tour**

A novel way to enjoy the natural beauty of the north coast, Amanera's Kayak or Stand-up Paddleboard eco-tours begin in a secluded beach in Rio San Juan (ocean condition dependent). Launching the kayak or paddle board, guests can paddle east along the coast and into the Laguna Gri Gri, where the mangrove trees provide an important ecosystem for many species of birds, fish and reptiles. Along the way you will come across protected coves, home to schools of fish that often leap out of the water, sea urchins on the sandy bottom and oysters. After exploring the mangroves, stop at a natural pool for some snorkeling before heading back.

*The tour takes about two and a half hours. USD 125 per person (group of one to four people); additional person USD100. Includes round-trip transportation, equipment, instructions by personal guide, refreshments.*

### **Boat Excursion to Laguna Gri Gri**

The neighboring fishermen village of Rio San Juan is less than 10 minutes from Amanera and offers cultural and recreational diversity. The main attraction is the Laguna Gri Gri, a freshwater lagoon lined with mangroves. Charter one of the village's colorful wooden boats to view up close the lagoon's tangled mangroves, bird sanctuaries, rock formations and pristine beaches, including Playa Caletón. Swim, snorkel, explore the sea caves and their nesting golondrinas (swallows).

*The boat tour takes about one and a half hours. USD 125 per person (group of one to four people); additional person USD 100. Includes round-trip transportation, Amanera guide, refreshments, snorkeling equipment.*





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### **Los Haitises National Park Caves & Mangroves Boat Tour**

More than an excursion your trip is an adventure into and a communion with nature. Departing from Samana Town, we will transport you in a boat and navigate en route to Los Haitises National Park, designated a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. We initiate the tour in “Cayo Los Pajaros” (Bird Cay) and depending on the time of year we may see many of the newborns being fed by their parents. We continue onto “Boca de Tiburon” (Mouth of the Shark) a Cay that is home to stalactite formations, formed over time and navigate through the mangrove canals. Enter the area known as the “Bosque Humedo” (Humid Forest), where you will experience the silence of nature firsthand, momentarily broken by the birds that make this area their home. During the trip we will also visit various natural caves. After a few hours on the boat, you can add a stop on the way back to visit the idyllic beachfront village Las Terrenas, once a rustic fishing village, today is a cosmopolitan town and seems as much French and Italian as Dominican.

*Full day excursion, two and a half hour drive per way, boat excursion three to four hours, option to stop in Las Terrenas for one to two hours. USD 2,250 up to four people. Includes round-trip transportation with private driver, private boat charter with guide specialist, snacks and refreshments*

### **Horseback Riding**

We will take you on a 40-minute car ride towards Veragua. There you will be welcomed by the Rancho Contento team and equip you with a horse adapted to your riding experience.

Ride along the picturesque countryside where you will see a diversity of local fruits, roots and grains grown by humble local hands. As you finish crossing the farmstead you will come upon serene fields dotted with a medley of animals and birds that are looked after by the inhabitants. As you continue your journey towards Rio Veragua you will immerse yourself in nature and experience the essence and purity of virgin flawless air.

*Suggested start time 8:00 am; The rides last about three to four hours. USD 320 per couple & USD 160 added per extra person. Includes round-trip, transportation, horses, guides, equipment, water. We recommend wearing long pants and sneakers for this experience.*





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### **Magic Mushroom Canyoning & Rappelling**

Explore the Dominican Republic by joining an adrenaline-pumped canyoning trip down the beautiful Rio Blanco. After 90-minutes drive up into the mountains of Jamao you get geared up in wetsuit, harness, helmet and life jacket. The trip starts with a couple of easy jumps before the highlight of the day, the Magic Mushroom, a 150ft (45m) high. The adventure continues with more intense rappels and jumps as high as 20ft (six metre) until reaching the valley. A final steep hike brings you to your donkey who will take you to solid grounds. A hearty well-deserved Indian Caribbean Fusion lunch will await at the unique and exotic Blue Moon Retreat. Good fitness is required.

*Start at 8:00 am, finish around 3:00 pm. Includes round-trip transportation, all gear, guides, photographs, lunch. Minimum age: 12. Please bring tennis shoes, swimsuit, shorts to wear under the wetsuit, and dry clothes. USD 550 per couple, every additional person USD 200.*





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### Deep-Sea Fishing

Amanera can organize full or half-day boat trips starting in the local marina of Laguna Gri Gri, 10 min from the resort. The Marlin Chaser is a 31 ft. vessel, 13.5 ft. wide with two 300 horsepower Suzuki engines, GPS and bathroom on board. For those interested in bottom or deep-sea fishing, the waters around Amanera are abundant with big-game fish, including Atlantic blue marlin, wahoo, mahi-mahi, tuna, and sailfish. The boat features modern fishing equipment and the two experienced captains know the best spots along the north coast. Our Chef will meet you upon arrival and ask for your preference on how to prepare your dinner.

*Half-day USD 1 350, Full-day USD 1,800 plus tax. The charter includes transportation, equipment, refreshments as well as the catch.*

### Reef and Wreck Diving in Sosua

With an average water temperature of 80F (27C), minimal current and a visibility up to 100ft (30m), the dive sites on the North coast of the Dominican Republic are perfect for beginners and experienced divers. The Atlantic dive sites might not offer the same variety of sea life and colors as the Caribbean Sea, but they do offer fun dives and unique experiences such as wreck dives or cave diving.

The dive center is located in Sosua, a one-hour drive from Amanera. The licensed multilingual dive instructors offer a wide range of activities for divers of all levels, from beginners to certified divers. They can take guests to more than 20 different dive sites including several shipwrecks within easy reach of a five to 20-minute boat ride from the dive center.

*USD 250 per person. Includes roundtrip transportation, equipment, one dive, and private dive instructor. Only for certified divers. Additional tank USD 250.*





## OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

### Surf Lesson

Want to learn how to surf or improve your surfing? Surfing is one of the most exhilarating, healthy, natural and fun experiences at Playa Grande. Private lessons offer one-to-one instructions where you cover a range of topics from surfing fundamentals to ocean safety. Each lesson is tailored to your current skill and experience level. All surf lesson participants must be able to swim.

*USD 125 per person, per hour.*

*Surf guide USD 75 per person, per hour.*

### Surf & Yoga

The "Surf & Yoga" experience features a two and a half-hour private surf session to kick off the day, led by a surf expert. After, surfers will enjoy a surf cooler made of healthy energy drinks and light bites before heading off to a private Beach Cabana for a guided meditation session and a session of surfer's Yoga. Surfer's Yoga features a restorative experience for all-levels of surfers to restore the body and bring stillness to the mind. Learning how to breathe properly will be the biggest benefit surfers will gain from this yoga practice. The class focuses mainly on the lower back, latissimus dorsi, deltoid and trapezius muscle stretching, core and leg strengthening, as well as balance. A brief closing meditation soothes the soul to inspire the mental agility and build focus for taking on the waves once again.

*USD 475 per person, USD 850 per couple.*

### Kite Surfing in Cabarete

The vibrant seaside town of Cabarete, 45-minutes from the property, boasts some of the best beaches in the world for kitesurfing and is known as the birthplace of the sport. Amanera has partnered with Kite Club, the largest and most renowned water sports center in the country, giving guests unique access to the sport. Catering from absolute beginners up to advanced kite-surfers, the Kite Club's certified training program offers comprehensive lessons either private or semi-private with three-hour to three-day packages. If you are a beginner, we recommend the three-day package to get a successful start in this watersport.

*Three hours private lesson: USD 600. Semi-Private (2 people); USD 900. Additional person: USD 300. All packages include round-trip transportation, refreshments, equipment and instructions.*





## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

### Daytrip to Colonial Santo Domingo

Enjoy this daytrip to Santo Domingo to travel back in time and explore the history of the Dominican Republic. The scenic two and a half-hour drive takes you to the southern coast of the island where you can discover the oldest European settlement which has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This beautiful 15th century city features charming avenues and cobblestone streets teeming with quaint shops and restaurants. Our guide will show you some beautiful sights and museums and if you are interested takes you to some art galleries and shops selling local handicrafts. Combine your trip with a visit of the world-famous Dominican rum distillery Ron Barceló, located one-hour drive from Santo Domingo.

*The tour takes about nine hours, including two and a half hours' drive per way. USD 900. Includes roundtrip transportation with Amanera vehicle and private guide, entry tickets to museums, refreshments.*

### Daytrip to Puerto Plata

Enjoy a daytrip to the oldest town on the north coast of the Dominican Republic, one and a half hours' drive from Amanera. Guests can take the cable car to the top of Pico Isabel de Torres (799 meters), for spectacular views of the city and the coastline. After the funicular ride, you can enjoy the tree-shaded, 19th-century Parque Central, located in the historic town center with its once-opulent, pastel-colored homes built by wealthy tobacco merchants in the 1870s. Gain an insight into the life of the country's independence leader at the Luperon museum; wander on the newly refurbished malecon (pier); visit the 16th-century San Felipe Fort. The trip concludes with a private tour of the famed Brugal rum distillery.

*The tour takes about seven hours including one and a half hours' drive per way. USD 700. Includes roundtrip transportation with Amanera vehicle and private guide, entry tickets to museums, refreshments.*









## CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Amanera offers a variety of private dining options additional to our restaurants. If you would like to enjoy a special evening with a private venue, our Chefs and the culinary team will ensure to cater to all of your wishes. Please let us know the evening before to allow us some time to prepare your bespoke dining experience.

### **Private BBQ in your Casita**

Enjoy your bespoke barbecue menu in the privacy of your casita where a private Chef and a waiter will take care of you. Let the Chef know your preference from a variety of local soups, ceviches and meat-cuts such as Rib-Eye, T-bone steak or Wagyu beef. If you are a fish and seafood lover, then ask for the local lobster or for the fresh catch of the day. Everything can be served with vegetables or with a selection of local side dishes. We will treat you at the end with a dessert of your choice and make sure that the Amanera family style service will make your dining experience unique and unforgettable.

*Setup fee USD 350 per couple.*

*Additional person USD 75.*

### **Lounge Bar, "Salon del Tabaco", Library, Pool Side**

With the most spectacular views on Amanera and Playa Grande, a private dinner in either of these locations is an unforgettable experience. The breath-taking backdrop, soft music, a gentle breeze and a personal waiter are awaiting you for a memorable dinner. Enjoy the nature's beauty in this romantic setting as well as your favorite dishes from our menu prepared from our Chef.

*Setup fee USD 250 per couple.*

*Additional person USD 75.*

### **Private Beach Dinner**

Treat yourself to a once-in-a-lifetime experience with one of Amanera's beach dinners. Close your eyes and imagine your feet in the sand, the sounds of the waves and the soft flickering of a bonfire glowing in the background. A table for two with candles and seashells will await while a private waiter tends to every need. Our Chef will prepare a tailor-made menu based on your preferences. This is a truly magical experience.

*Beach Dinner set-up fee USD 350 per couple.*

*Beach BBQ set-up fee USD 350 per couple, including a welcome drink and your very own Private Chef.*

*Additional person USD 75.*





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### Sunset Experience

Scattering of light, vast spaces, vistas of the soothing, colorful hues on the horizon. Susurrus of the wind, the ocean softly murmuring under your feet, birds bidding farewell to daylight. The spectacular sunset drawing vibrant colors in the sky while the sun hides timidly on the skyline.

The Platform offers the perfect space to become present and allow a state of potent tranquility. We invite you for a sunset experience, a voyage of the senses, influences that awaken your emotions and inspire unforgettable sensations under the tropical firmament.

Enjoy delicate canapes and local cocktails in the comfort of nature: taste, listen, contemplate while taking in the natural Dominican wealth and allow yourself a moment of complete serenity.

*USD 150 per couple including canapes and welcome cocktail.*

*Additional person USD 75.*

### S'Mores on the Beach

Years pass by, seasons change and summers come and go. Yet, there is this timeless piece of childhood joy that allows us to remember everything sweet and happy: the perfectly toasted marshmallow.

Seasoned campers and those new around bonfire rituals all agree that the best recipe for s'mores is rather simple: hunt for a good stick, slightly burn your marshmallows, put them between oozing chocolate and slightly sweet crackers.

For perfection add some Amanera twists: bonfires, starlight, sand between your toes and the finest of all Dominican chocolates.

Enjoy an evening on our private beach with your loved ones and we guarantee that childhood magic is bound to happen.

*USD 150 per couple.*

*Additional person USD 50.*





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### **Rum Tasting Class**

How many kinds of rum exist? What are the countries producing rum? What is the difference between rum and rhum? All those questions will be answered by our bartender during a tasting of local rums. You will be sipping the finest products from the Dominican Republic and appreciate them even more with our selection of organic chocolate. Finally, our barman will help you prepare your very own Amanera Old Fashioned, our signature cocktail to be enjoyed with an Amanera cigar. Recommended time 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

*USD 110 per person.*

### **Cigar Class with a Maestro del Cigarro**

The Dominican Republic is famous for its tobacco and cigars. Learn more about the process of cigar-making in our private cigar class with Juan Alberto, our Maestro del Cigarro who has more than a decade's experience at Arturo Fuente, one of the Dominican Republic's most exclusive cigar brands. In this exclusive class, guests can discover how to blend, roll, press and distinguish different types of cigars and try one of our very own Amanera cigars.

*USD 130 per person, includes a cigar and a shot of Mama Juana.*

### **Cocktail Class**

Become a bartender for the night and showcase your skills back home in front of your friends and family. Take a one-hour class with our skilled bartenders to create a margarita, a traditional martini or any of our Amanera signature cocktails. You name it and we will show you the Amanera standard. Guests can prepare up to three cocktails they wish to learn. Recommended time 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

*USD 110 per person.*





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### **Ceviche Cooking Class**

Learn how to prepare a ceviche with our Chef who will explain you every step. The class starts by demonstrating how to cut the fish, create our signature seasoning and then mix it with the freshest local ingredients. The Chef will show you three kinds of ceviches and explain how to match the different garnishes according to the type of fish. After the class you will receive the recipes, so you are able to make your own ceviche to surprise your friends at home.

*USD 125 per person.*

### **Pizza Baking Class**

Meet our Chef at the Beach Club and learn how to make the perfect pizza dough. After that the Chef will share with you the difference between the various styles of pizza throughout Italy. Next step is the creation and tasting of your own pizza.

*USD 95 per person.*

### **Dominican Cooking Class**

Learn how to prepare plantain and yuca like the Dominicans do. With unripe plantain, you'll learn to create tostones and mofongo; with ripe plantain we will teach you to make the best pastellon; and with the yuca, you'll get the techniques to cook the famous empanadas de yuca. Ready to show all your friends back home what Dominican cuisine is all about?

*USD 110 per person.*









## ON-SITE EXPERIENCES

Our recreation center is equipped with LED floodlights for easy night play. Complimentary rackets, balls and shoes are provided upon request.

### **Tennis**

Our two har-thru courts can be used on your own or with a hitting partner. Lessons also available.

### **Pickleball**

Get initiated or perfect your game any time of the day.

### **Basketball**

Choose to play three-points shooter or three on three with our Recreation team.

We have on our beach watersport equipment ready for you to use on a quiet day of the Atlantic Ocean.

Single or Double Kayaks

Standup Paddleboards

Surf Boards

Body Boards

Snorkel Equipment





## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### Pottery Class

Come to the Lounge Bar and get started on the basics of Pottery. Our ancestors Tainos used the clay to make all kinds of figures and items. Learn about their techniques having fun as you shape by hand a pinch pot and engrave your designs on.

### Dominican Jewelry Making

This activity is perfect for the little ones to make their own bracelets and necklaces. Come to the Library and get started on creating jewelry for the whole family.

### Arts and Crafts

Our crafts are quick and easy, require minimal equipment and materials because we know that even creative kids enjoy seeing the fruits of their labor in action within minutes rather than hours. Please meet us in the Lounge Bar for this activity.

### Face Painting

Time to get creative and let your artistic self be free. Learn great tips on how to transform your face. From pirates to princesses, pumpkins to kittens, there are plenty of characters you can shift into.

### Mandala Stone Dotting

This soothing and quiet activity is perfect for creative minds to spring forth into the art of mandala dotting. We can show you simple yet beautiful designs to practice with the dotting tools necessary and the paint for this type of art. This activity takes place in the Library.

### Sand Sculpting

Meet us at the beach and get started with creative sand sculpting ideas. Learn how to use your surroundings in order to create a mermaid, sea animals, a formidable-looking castle or a sand man. We will bring along sunblock.

### Polymer Clay Introduction

Learn about polymer clay and master the basics on how to mold, twist and fold the different colored clays. Settle in the Library with us to get started. Create colorful roses in 3 simple steps, cute little piggies you can turn into charms or yummy looking donuts!

### Bird Watching

Amanera hosts a range of different species of birds thriving in their natural habitat on property. Here you learn about Dominican Republic's national pride, the palmchat, along with the Hispaniola woodpecker, the smooth-billed ani, the American kestrel, the mourning dove and many others. For this outdoors activity let's meet in the lobby and be provided with binoculars and a list with an image of each bird.

### Tie Dye by the Sea

Tie dyeing has always been popular since the 1960s and everyone needs to do at least one tie dye t-shirt during their vacation time. Join us next to the platform on the lawn where we will set up everything you'll need to get started on your unique t-shirt. Activity for children ages seven and up. Parents: Kindly dress your children with clothing you don't mind getting stained.





## CHILDREN'S CULINARY EXPERIENCES

### Cupcake Decoration

Let your inner pastry chef take over in this hands-on, messy and fun activity. We will show you different styles and ways on how to decorate your unique cupcakes. Afterwards you can sample your own creations.

### Churro Making at the Beach

Learn the perfect recipe to make mouthwatering churros with one of our eager chefs. It's a traditional pastry snack from Spain and Portugal we all love to treat ourselves to. Afterwards, sit by the beach and enjoy your creations with friends and family.

*USD 25++ per person.*

### Crispy Rice Bars

Time to make homemade, wonderful crispy rice bars! Meet up with our chef at the Beach Club where they will show you the simple steps in making these sweet treats. Sample your creations with friends and family at the end of the activity by the beach.

### Healthy Smoothie Class

If you like smoothies and learning fun ways on how to eat healthily, then this activity is perfect for you. Come to the Lounge Bar and learn how to make the Green Monster, the Red Sludge and the Golden smoothie which you'll get to taste as you move onto the next one.

Parents: Kindly advise us ahead of time if you're concerned of certain ingredients your children could be allergic to.

### Pizza Baking Class

Meet our Chef at the Beach Club and learn how to make the perfect pizza dough, next step will be rolling out the pizza and creating a variety of different delicious toppings and before you know it you will be tasting your own pizza.

*The pizza is charged according to the menu price.*









**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 & Pre-arrival Team at [amanera.fo@aman.com](mailto:amanera.fo@aman.com). We will be delighted to assist you.

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

Best wishes,

**Your Amanera Family**