



amanoi

Seasonal Calendar

2024 Calendar

January

1 New Year's Day

Jan/Feb Tet / Lunar New Year

February

Jan/Feb Tet / Lunar New Year

14 Valentine's Day

March

8 International Women's Day

March/Apr Easter Celebrations

April

March/Apr Easter Celebrations

29 – 30 Local Golden Week

May

1 – 7 May Local Golden Week

June

1 International Children's Day

July & August

School Holidays

September

1 – 3 Local Independence Holiday

17 Mid-Autumn Festival

October

1 – 5 Cham Kate Festival

20 Vietnamese Women's Day

December

24 – 31 Festive Season



Seasons at Amani

Situated in south-central Vietnam – within Nui Chua National Park's Unesco-listed Biosphere Reserve – Amani boasts a distinct microclimate, characterised by minimal rainfall and more than 250 sunny days a year, opening up the possibility for year-round travel. From March to October, Amani experiences dry, hot weather, and even from June to September – when cities like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City face rain – Amani consistently enjoys dry weather.

These favourable conditions invite guests to celebrate a full 12-month calendar of events at Amani. From major international holidays to traditional local festivals, every season presents a fresh opportunity to experience the wonders of coastal Vietnam.



January

January marks the dawn of a new year, a time when resolutions are made and hopes are high. It's a month steeped in possibility, where people around the world embark on journeys both physical and spiritual to set the tone for the months ahead. As part of Amanoi's curated festive programme, guests are invited to join a local Cham blessing on New Year's Day to usher in good fortune and wellbeing for the coming year.

With temperatures ranging from a comfortable 22 to 29°C, the pleasant January climate – known as one of the mildest in Vinh Hy – serves as a natural invitation to embrace the new year with energy and enthusiasm.

For those seeking a more active annual start, a trek to Goga Peak is known for its breathtaking views at sunrise, while the 20km Nui Chua-King Mountain trek reveals sweeping views of the lush vegetation-dotted landscape.

Key dates:

1 January – New Year's Day

Suggested experiences:

- Cham blessing ceremony
- Goga Peak trek for sunrise
- Nui Chua-King Mountain trek





February

February in Vietnam brings the vibrant celebration of Tet, also known as Lunar New Year – a time when families come together to usher in the forthcoming months. As each auspicious year unfolds, Amanoi is always delighted to offer a curated programme of events to immerse guests in the richness of Vietnamese tradition. Join in calligraphy sessions, pagoda visits timed to take in local ceremonies, Tet ‘chung’ cake workshops and mesmerising performances.

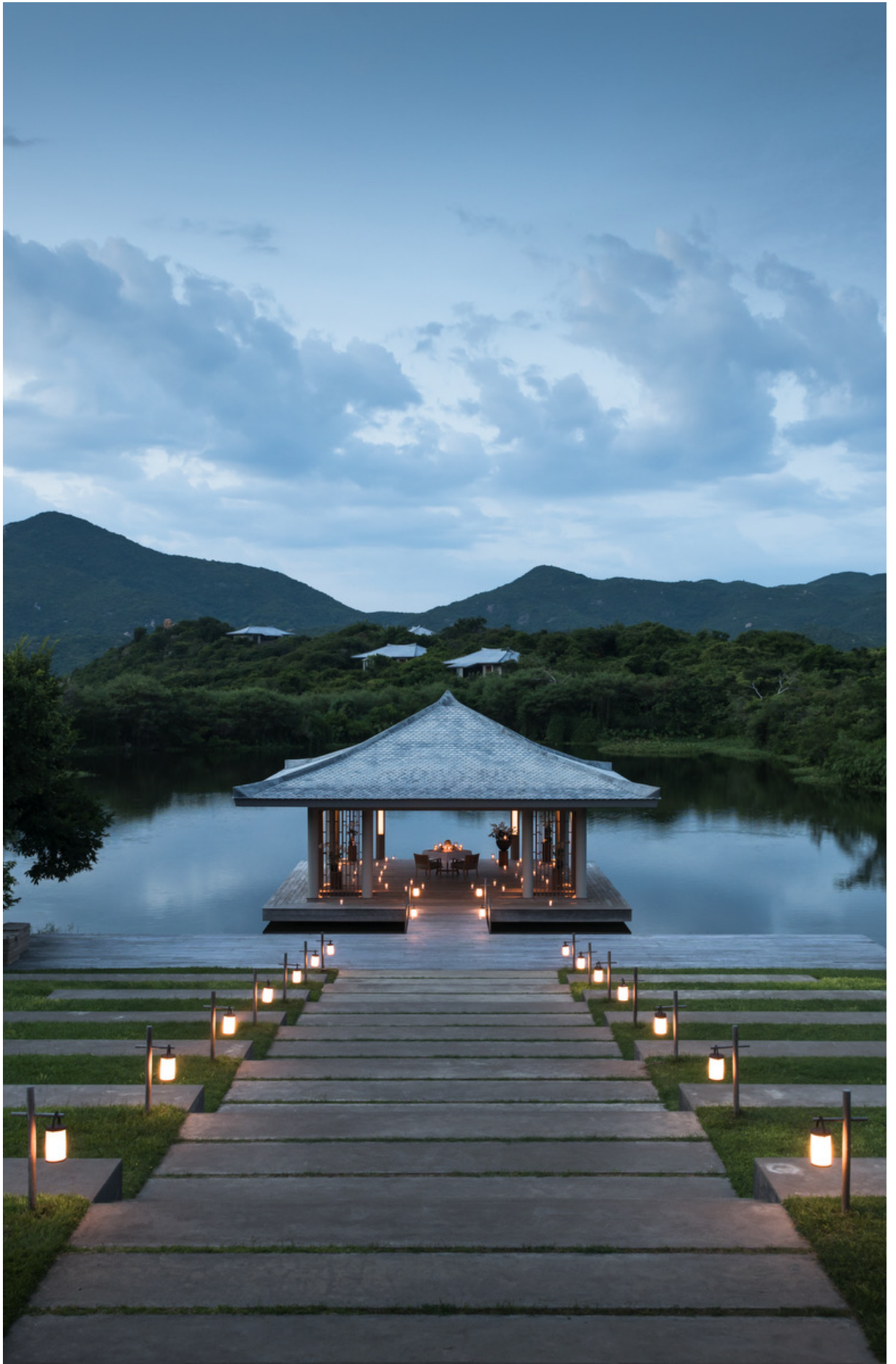
Valentine's Day also offers couples the chance to enjoy secluded moments with private treatments in Aman's Wellness Pool Villas – each with its own 15-metre pool, steam room, cold plunge pool and Jacuzzi – or a romantic dinner by the lotus-covered lake.

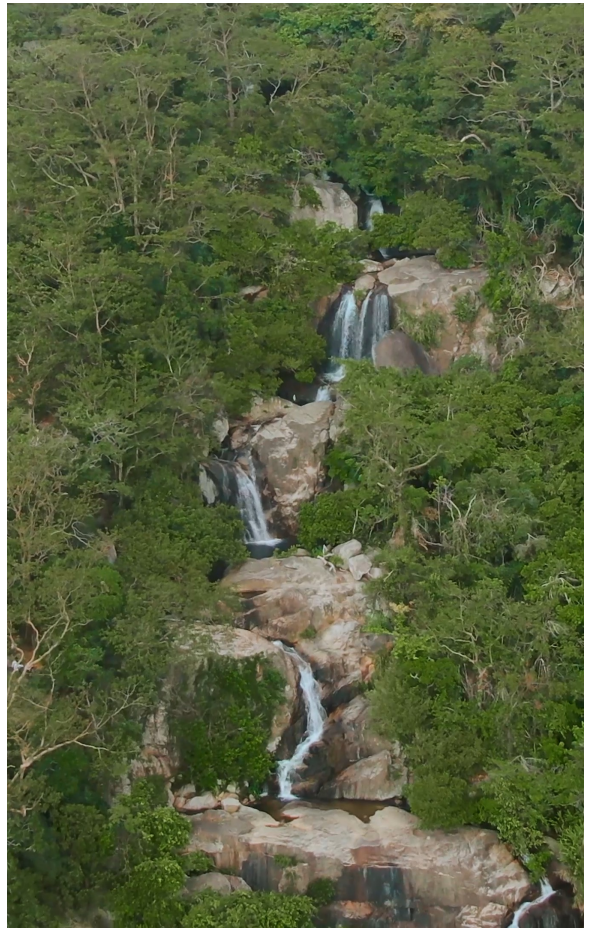
Key dates:

Variable dates Tet /Lunar New Year
14 February Valentine's Day

Suggested experiences:

- Tet programme: dances, calligraphy, pagoda visits and cake workshops
- Half- or full-day treatments in a Wellness Pool Villa
- Romantic dinner by the lake





March

In March, the region is garlanded by elegant neem flowers, coinciding with International Women's Day. As these exquisite blooms unfurl, they blanket the national park in a delicate shade of white, creating a contrast to the greenery.

As sun-drenched days usher in a period of warmth, fishermen set sail into the crystalline waters, commencing the season for prized mackerel and anchovy. A stroll through Vinh Hy fishing village offers a perfect start to the day, followed by breakfast in a local's home, savouring authentic flavours while forging connections with the community.

March also brings forth the spectacle of rice paddy fields, ripe and ready for harvest, painting the countryside in hues of amber and gold. Guests are invited to join a scenic tour to Ba Tang waterfall, which passes by the quaint Da Hang village, showcasing the surrounding fields.

Key dates:

8 March International Women's Day
Variable dates Easter

Suggested experiences:

- Vinh Hy village walk
- Ba Tang waterfall trek





April

In April, lush vegetation awakens in the Vinh Hy area, signalling the start of new beginnings and the spirit of Easter. Painting sessions and beachside egg hunts typically mark this moveable holiday, which can also fall in March, and children are invited to scour the sandy shores in search of hidden treasures, delighting in the joy of discovery.

As evening descends, indulge in authentic Vietnamese hospitality at Ong Nam's house in the village - owned by an elderly couple and their family, who've been fishermen for generations. Here, amid the convivial atmosphere, feast on a Vietnamese family-style meal, rich in home-cooked dishes and cultural heritage.

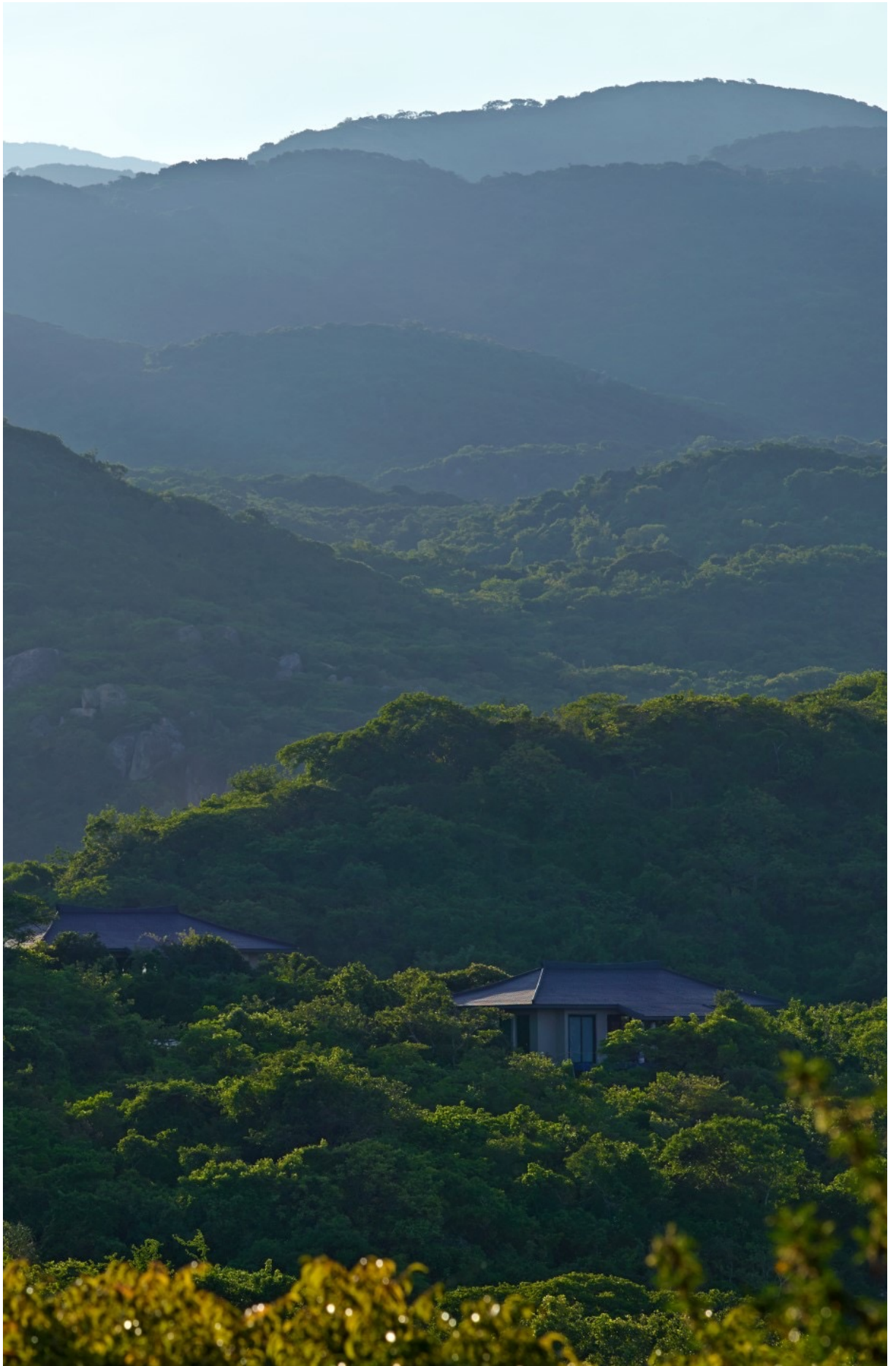
Key dates:

Variable dates Easter

29 to 30 April Local Golden Week

Suggested experiences:

- Easter programme: egg painting, beachside egg hunt and signature cocktail journey
- Dinner at Ong Nam's house





May

In May, the region basks in sunshine, painting the landscape gold and infusing the air with warmth. As mango trees unfold, orchards burst with vibrant greens and golden fruits, tranquil lakes become havens for little egrets and the hum of cicadas fills the air.

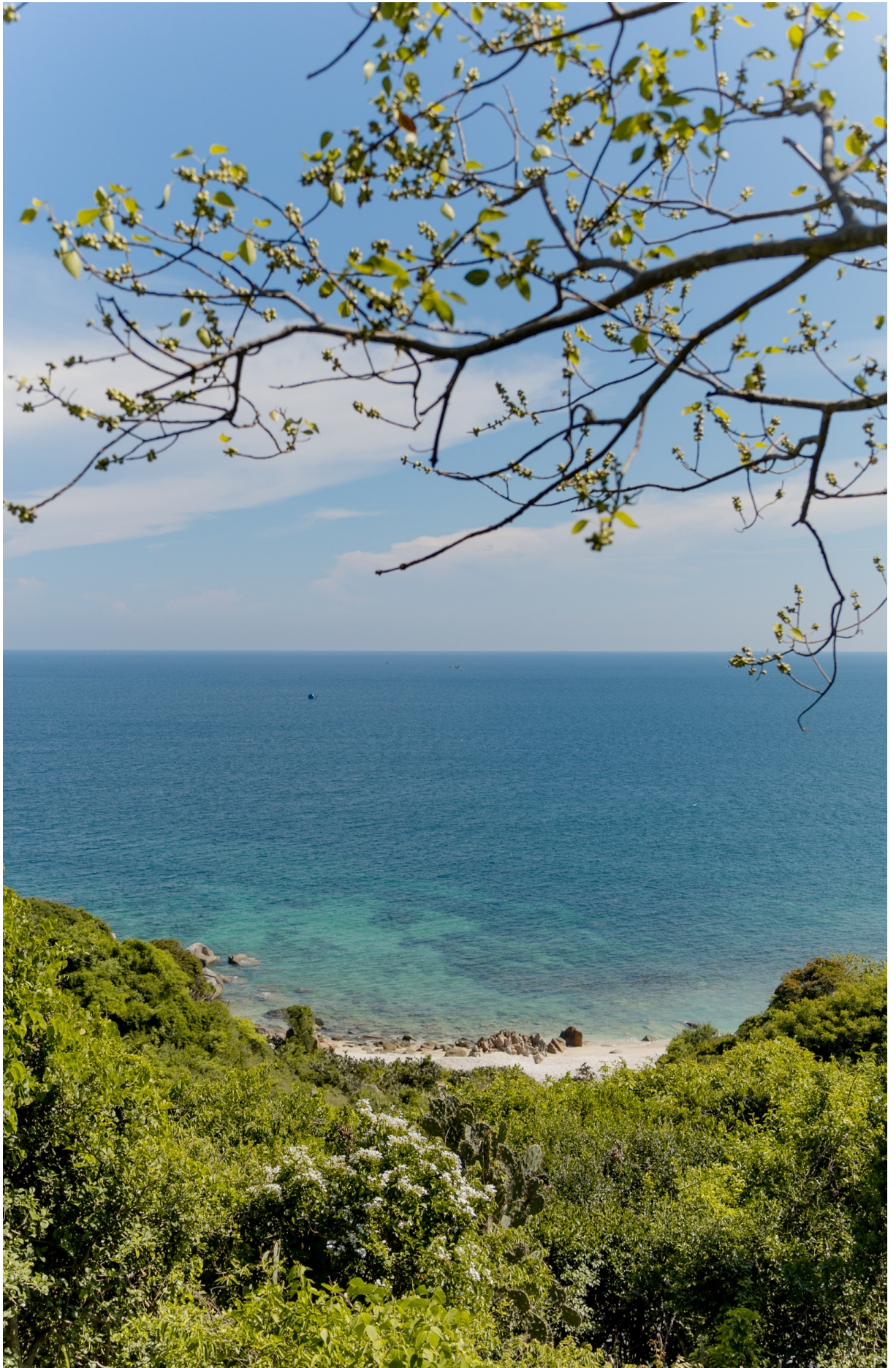
It's the perfect time to embark on the Wild Cat trek, tracing the wild civet through Amanoï's surrounding wilderness and forest. For those seeking a more intimate experience, embark on a serene boat ride to Vinh Hy Bay, before journeying to Amanoï's cliffside Twilight Cliff Lounge for an unparalleled vantage point of the mountain ranges of Nui Chua National Park at sunset, reserved for just four people with Champagne and tapas served.

Key dates:

1 – 7 May Local Golden Week

Suggested experiences:

- Wild Cat trek
- Twilight Cliff Lounge





June

In June, Vinh Hy is adorned with the queen crape myrtle, vibrant blooms which paint the area in shades of magenta, as the azure waters of Amanoi's private beach beckon. Amid this vibrant tapestry, you can also spot flocks of squirrels frolicking in the grounds and colourful lizards hiding in the foliage.

This is the perfect time to enjoy every aspect of the beach, where a plethora of water sports awaits, including paddleboarding, kayaking and snorkelling. Another way to savour the seaside serenity is a beach lunch picnic, spotting corals amid the shallows as you dine al fresco on the sand in an experience that kids will love.

Key dates:

1 June International Children's Day

Suggested experiences:

- Watersports at the private beach
- Beachside lunch picnic
- Weekend beach barbecue dinner





July

In July, the peak turtle-nesting season arrives in the tranquil surroundings of Rock Park. Here amid rugged landscapes, Bai Thit is a revered site where generations of endangered green turtles return to lay their eggs each year – representing the only mainland spot in Vietnam where turtles still come to nest.

July is also the season to seek out blue and pilot whales along Vinh Hy Bay, as warm summer waters attract these magnificent marine giants, making it a prime time for whale watching.

Key dates:

School holidays

Suggested experiences:

- Rock Park and Bai Thit turtle trek
- Cruising along the coast





August

Amanoi's surrounding Ninh Thuan province sits within the driest area of Vietnam, with its own semi-arid climate, reminiscent of desert regions. Against this backdrop, a striking phenomenon occurs: the blooming of cactus flowers. Amid the rugged terrain, these hardy succulents burst into vibrant displays of pink, red and orange, making it an ideal time to join a painting class to capture the beauty of nature.

The region also reaches the peak season of its grape harvest. Despite being an international secret of sorts, Ninh Thuan is famed throughout Vietnam for its succulent grapes and this month sees the landscape adorned with bountiful vineyards.

An ideal activity during this time is to embark on a cycling tour around Thai An village, where the grape fields flourish. Aided by gentle breeze, guests can pedal along scenic pathways that wind through lush vineyards, each row bursting with clusters ripe for the picking.

Key dates:

School holidays

Suggested activities:

- Painting class
- Thai An cycling trip





September

In September, the locals celebrate the vibrant Mid-Autumn Festival, a cherished tradition that marks the arrival of the most beautiful full moon of the year. For children, the Mid-Autumn Festival is a day of pure joy and excitement. The streets of Vinh Hy come alive with the colourful spectacle of lion dances, where performers don costumes and parade through the town, accompanied by the rhythmic beat of drums and cymbals. Amid the festivities, children eagerly anticipate the highlight of the celebration: delicious mooncakes. These sweet treats (filled with rich lotus-seed or sweet-bean paste) are lovingly crafted and shared among family and friends.

September also marks a great time for guests to take a moment to marvel at the night sky during an evening of stargazing or come together for a magical evening of private outdoor cinema, where the glow of the full moon adds to the cinematic experience.

Key dates:

1 to 3 September Local Independence Holiday

Variable date Mid-Autumn Festival

Suggested experiences:

- Stargazing
- Outdoor movie night





October

In October, Ninh Thuan comes alive with the vibrant celebrations of the Cham New Year, known as the Kate Festival. This auspicious occasion, which falls on the seventh month of the Cham calendar, is a time of joy, renewal and cultural reverence for the Cham community, filled with colour and pageantry, elaborate processions, spirited dances and intricate rituals. Dressed in vibrant traditional attire, participants parade through the streets, carrying ornately decorated palanquins and offerings to be presented at the temples.

During this time, join a tour exploring the rich cultural heritage of the Cham people by visiting the revered Cham temple named after King Po Klong Garai in Phan Rang, marvelling at the intricate carvings and ornate details that adorn the temple walls, while gaining insight into the spiritual beliefs and cultural practices of the Cham people. Amanoï also offers the opportunity to join a Cham pottery class, led by a local master.

Key dates:

Variable dates Cham Kate Festival
10 October Vietnamese Women's Day

Suggested experiences:

- Explore the Lost Kingdom of Cham
- Cham pottery-making class





November

In November, as Ninh Thuan's landscape is draped in lush greenery, the melodious songs of white-crested laughing thrush fill the air, their cheerful chirps echoing through the trees.

Ahead of the busy festive season, this month is also a great time to take stock and slow down by joining a Vietnamese cooking class at the Rock Studio to master the art of preparing traditional dishes under the guidance of skilled chefs or indulging in rest and relaxation in Amanoi's award-winning Spa with massages, facials, body scrubs and wraps.

Suggested experiences:

- Vietnamese cooking class
- Spa treatments





December

The festive spirit comes alive in December at Amanoi, as we deck the halls and illuminate the grounds with twinkling lights in celebration of Christmas, and curate a special programme of events to delight guests of all ages, ensuring a memorable holiday season.

One of the highlights of our December festivities is the Christmas dinner, a lavish affair featuring a feast of holiday favourites. Another eagerly anticipated event is the arrival of Santa Claus, who makes a grand entrance to spread joy among our guests. Children can gather round, share their holiday wishes and pose for photos. Finally, as the year draws to a close, Amanoi hosts a spectacular New Year's Eve celebration, where guests can ring in the festivities in style with live performances and music.

Key dates:

Variable dates Festive celebrations

Suggested experiences:

- Festive programme: Christmas dinner, New Year's Eve party, cocktail masterclasses and workshops



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