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Celebrations & Events



Host the perfect event

Life's milestones are the moments we celebrate, the occasions we never forget. Individual and intimate, with limited room numbers and intuitive, personalised service, Aman resorts and hotels can be booked exclusively for family and friends, providing the ideal private settings for celebrations – from weddings and anniversaries to special birthdays and events. Each Aman tells a story, interwoven with the culture it's immersed within and the convivial spirit of its venues. We invite you to create an unforgettable story of your own when hosting your next event at Amanjiwo in Central Java, with the opportunity of an exclusive buyout of the property for you and yours alone.

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Welcome to Amanjiwo

Built to resemble nearby Borobudur's metaphorical ascent to Nirvana, Amanjiwo rests amid the forested Menoreh Hills, lapped by verdant rice paddies at its base, rising to a grand limestone Rotunda that marks the resort's highest tier, where guests are greeted by distant views of the world's largest Buddhist temple, perfectly framed by lofty stone columns. Frangipani trees shade the main steps, which appear to lead all the way to Borobudur, despite the cherished sanctuary being a few minutes drive away.



Venues

Amanjiwo offers a host of venues with both indoor and alfresco settings. A buyout of the resort promises your own private sanctuary for multi-day celebrations with private activities on hand and every detail of your event's evolution our priority. Whether a pre-wedding barbecue, a sunset ceremony or a glamorous poolside reception beneath the stars, we ensure your vision becomes a seamless reality, while you simply enjoy every minute. Specialising in Javanese and Balinese cuisines, Amanjiwo's expert chefs personally curate menus for private events and a host of other experts stand ready to make your event memorable.



The Restaurant

Up to 90 guests for an indoor seated dinner

Up to 200 guests for a cocktail reception

The hypnotic strains of the gamelan resonate through the colonnaded Restaurant and its Bar, out onto its magnificent terrace, with views over the area's rice fields to Borobudur and the volcano-fringed horizon.

Indonesian and international cuisines are served, along with a daily changing Makan Malam degustation menu. To create these vibrant flavours, chefs handpick fresh, seasonal ingredients grown in local gardens and neighbouring farms, and transform them through the simple alchemy of the kitchen.

The Restaurant acts as an exceptional setting for a welcome dinner or standing cocktail reception, set against a photogenic backdrop.



The Poolside

Up to 200 guests for a seated dinner

Up to 300 guests for a cocktail reception

This colonnaded deck overlooks the green-tiled 40-metre infinity pool, surrounded by rice paddies and banyan trees, and is Amanjiwo's most popular venue for a seated dinner. It can also be used for cocktail events.



Dalem Jiwo Suite

Up to 30 guests seated

Up to 40 guests for a cocktail reception

With its own private entrance amid the rice paddies, the Dalem Jiwo Suite offers 1,200 square metres (12,917 square feet) of living space. The suite has a large Javanese stone swimming pool, a wraparound terrace and two outdoor bales for lounging. Ideal for small, exclusive events and wedding ceremonies, it features expansive outdoor areas that overlook the Buddhist sanctuary of Borobudur.



Ceremonies

Amanjiwo's spectacular setting, unique architecture and natural surroundings mean that almost every turn reveals yet another setting suitable for exchanging or renewing your vows. Ceremonies can be held on the Dalem Jiwo Pool with a floating stage looking out to Borobudur temple, the Dalem Jiwo Rotunda at sunset for smaller groups or the Main pool for a more relaxed style ceremony, to name just a few of the possibilities.



Say 'I Do'

To officially say 'I do' in a ceremony at Amanjiwo, it is necessary to submit documents including birth certificates, proof of citizenship, copies of passports and a Certificate of No Impediment. All documents must be legally translated into English and Indonesian, stamped with an apostille and submitted to the registry office beforehand. The resort team can assist with every step of this process.



Exclusive use of Amanjiwo

With its own character, intimate spaces, a limited number of rooms and intuitive, personalised service, Amanjiwo provides the perfect opportunity for guests to take the entire resort as a unique venue for a special occasion.

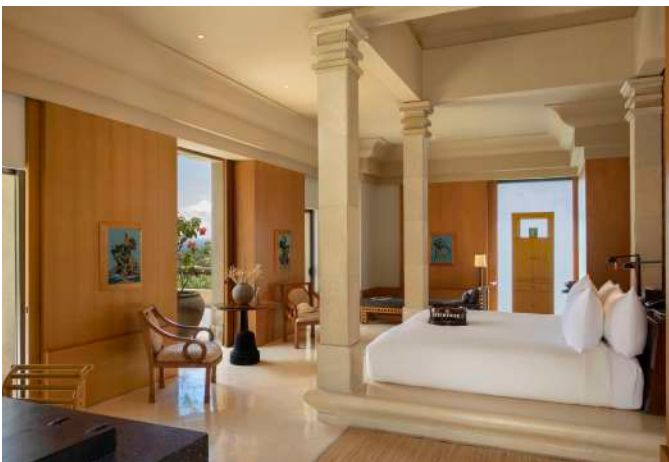
At Amanjiwo, enquiries from 33 free-standing rooms, accommodating up to 130 guests, are considered a full resort buyout. Buyouts are not available during the summer months of July and August.



Accomodation

Amanjiwo's 31 Suites lie in two crescents below the central Rotunda, all offering beautiful views of Borobudur or the surrounding rice terraces. All feature terrazzo flooring, high ceilings, domed roofs and sliding glass doors that open to a garden terrace with a thatched-roof bale (pavilion) for outdoor lounging and dining.

Fourteen Suites provide private swimming pools. The Dalem Jiwo Suite presents two standalone bedroom pavilions, extensive dining and living areas, and a 15-metre swimming pool built into the rice paddies. Suites are linked to the Rotunda and its dining venues, the Spa, Gym and swimming pool via stone walkways, cooled with limestone walls.





Relaxation and wellness

Dedicated to holistic wellness, Amanjiwo offers a spa menu informed by traditional Javanese healing and beauty rituals passed down through the generations. Treatments incorporate Aman's all-natural skincare range as well as local ingredients known for their healing properties.

Among the therapies on offer is the Mandi Lulur ritual – the classic preparation of a Javanese bride for her wedding day – which includes a soothing massage, a body mask and exfoliation with white turmeric, honey and rice, followed by a herbal bath. Alternatively, the intense Pijat massage is performed by a master masseur, working deeply into the muscles to rejuvenate and relax.



Adventures and excursions

From Amanjiwo, guests have access to Unesco-preserved heritage sites, authentic cultural and culinary experiences, and all the adventure of one of Indonesia's most naturally spectacular settings on their doorstep. Amanjiwo offers bespoke excursions and adventure experiences tailored to exceed all individual interests.



Borobudur

A picturesque 25-minute walk (or a short drive) from Amanjiwo, Borobudur is a ninth-century marvel, home to 504 life-size Buddhas and more than 2,500 intricate stone-carved panels.

The temple should be visited in two stages. Firstly, on an afternoon tour, and secondly, at during dawn's 'Mystical Hour'. Beginning the afternoon experience is a drive to the Kedu Valley where Amanjiwo guides, all born within the shadow of the temple, escort guests around the monument, revealing the secret meanings of this masterpiece and the knowledge contained within its reliefs.

For the 'Mystical Hour' tour, guests are woken before dawn in order to take in the sunrise from the atop of the temple – a rare spiritual experience and privilege, afforded to only a few.

Tour duration is two hours
Suitable for up to six guests

Menoreh Hill picnic

For the adventurous, an off-road experience awaits at the top of Menoreh Hill where a traditionally-designed Javanese bale has been built to enjoy the views of the Kedu Plains and four surrounding volcanoes. This location is ideal for breakfast and lunch but comes truly into its own for sunset cocktails to witness the end of another beautiful day in Java. The trip entails a short walk through a local village, up some steep steps, to the bale where waiters stand by or leave you in peace to take in the priceless view.

Experience duration is three hours
Suitable for up to six guests

A wealth of art and culture

Central Java is Indonesia's cultural heartland, where art in all its forms has been celebrated for centuries. Rural villages host frequent festivals and celebrations with gamelan music and spirited dancing, while Hindu and Buddhist temples exhibit remarkable architecture.

Occasionally, we'll get word that a local village is hosting a Jathilan, the traditional horse-trance dance of Central Java. These animistic rituals are far removed from the refined aristocratic dances of the Sultan's palace, revealing side of Java that few get to see.

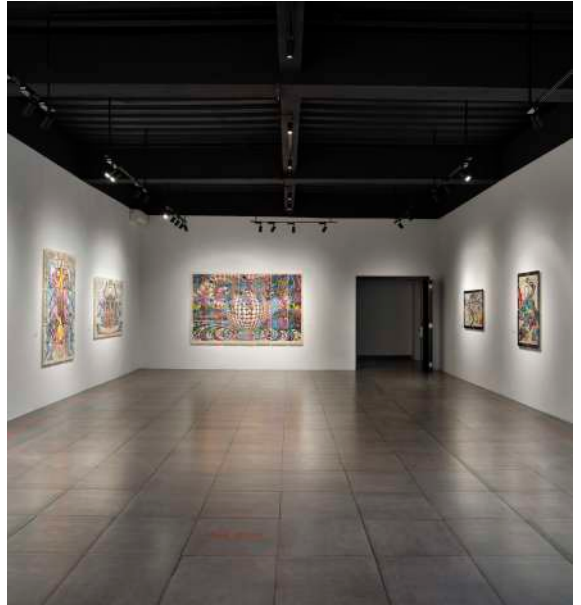
The Jathilan has now virtually disappeared from Java and can only be found in remote villages. As a cultural resort, Amanjiwo believes that trance still has a vital role to play in kampung (village) life and, thanks to ongoing guest support, does all it can to ensure its continued existence.

Experience duration is 1.5 hours
Suitable for up to 30 guests

Dinner at Pak Bilal's

Next to Pawon temple lives our old friend Pak Bilal, who has graciously opened his doors to our guests for an enchanting glimpse into Javanese rural life. Dinner at Pak Bilal's is not only a charming experience but also a fascinating reminder of local life from the Java of old. While guests absorb the atmosphere of Pak Bilal's home, the authentic aromas of Java pervade the senses as our cooks prepare a simple traditional menu cooked over charcoal. Relax to the gentle background music of gamelan and let life take its course the Javanese way. A simple but romantic experience, that doesn't get much more traditional.

Experience duration is two hours
Suitable for up to eight guests







Bespoke services

Certain aspects of a celebration require specialist services. Happily, Aman works with trusted professionals in every destination, known for their expertise. Our preferred photographers and videographers are some of the best in their fields, while our recommended florists will design floral decorations - from bouquets and buttonholes to table centrepieces and stands - in line with individual tastes.

As a crucial aspect of any event, the music and entertainment can be specially curated to contribute to the uniqueness of your celebration. Each Aman is very much a part of its cultural setting and can arrange for local musicians to perform traditional music, dance performances or cultural demonstrations. Classical and contemporary options are also covered, with a selection of recommended string quartets, soloists, bands and DJs.

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