

Amanbagh

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Amanbagh's graceful domed main building houses the Restaurant on the ground floor, which opens onto a terrace overlooking the garden. The menu focuses on seasonal Indian and Western cuisines, with vegetables and herbs grown in the organic kitchen garden. The Salon Bar is located opposite the Restaurant.

The Library Terrace, located on the second floor of the main building, is ideal for informal dining in the evenings. The Library itself offers a variety of reference books on the history, arts, culture and wildlife of India. Elevated

above a canopy of trees, the Rooftop provides sweeping views over the surrounding hills and is another option for alfresco dining. The main building also houses a small boutique.

A 33-metre swimming pool and a 12-metre wading pool lie at the heart of Amanbagh's gardens. Both are heated during the cooler months. Light meals, snacks and drinks are available poolside throughout the day.

In the Ayurveda-influenced spa, skilled therapists draw on India's ancient healing philosophy to provide a range of treatments, including facials, massages, scrubs and traditional henna art. Multi-day, tailor-made Wellness Immersions embracing Ayurveda are also offered. Yoga and meditation take place within the gardens and at scenic spots beyond Amanbagh's grounds.

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The stark beauty of the Alwar region is in dramatic contrast to Amanbagh's setting, which is an oasis of greenery. A modern-day Mughal Palace, Amanbagh is a contemporary creation that pays homage to the architecture and design of India's opulent past.

The ground floor of the graceful domed main building houses the regal Restaurant, a grand venue with double-height ceilings and marble floors. Tables and chairs are also set on the terrace that overlooks the garden. The menu focuses on fresh and seasonal Indian and Western cuisines, with many of the vegetables and herbs grown in the resort's organic garden. Opposite, the Salon Bar provides a cosy place in which to relax and unwind.

The Library Terrace, located on the main building's upper floor, is ideal for informal dinners, particularly during the hotter months when guests are cooled by the breeze under a starlit sky. The Library itself offers reference books on the history, arts, culture and wildlife of India, as well as a variety of board games and novels. Elevated above the tree canopy, the Rooftop provides a pleasant alfresco venue for dinners and refreshments, with sweeping views over the gardens and surrounding hills. The main building also houses a small boutique, providing a wonderful selection of the region's silverware, jewellery and textiles.

Amanbagh's 33-metre swimming pool lies at the heart of the property, offering cool respite from the heat of the day. Beyond the main swimming pool is a 12-metre wading pool. Both pools are heated during the cooler months from October to February, known for their balmy days and cooler nights. Light meals, snacks and drinks are available poolside throughout the day.

At Amanbagh's spa, skilled therapists provide a comprehensive range of treatments including facials, massages, scrubs and traditional henna art. Therapies are conducted using Aman's own chemical-free products, made from the purest ingredients. Multi-day, tailor-made Wellness Immersions with guidance from the resort's resident Ayurveda physician are also offered. Yoga and meditation can be enjoyed within the resort's gardens, as well as at scenic spots beyond Amanbagh's grounds.

In the countryside surrounding the resort, the remains of many grand architectural ruins provide evidence of a lost empire. Excursions on a cultural trail within a 30-kilometre radius of Amanbagh include visits to the 17th-century Ajabgarh Fort and Baba Kapoor Shah Mosque, as well as Bhangarh, a national heritage site comprising an entire city of bazaars, palaces, gardens, temples and bathing pools deserted overnight by inhabitants who feared a curse. One of Amanbagh's most popular activities is the cow dust tour – a Jeep ride through the countryside at dusk, when animals are being herded home.