With sacred Mount Phousi as its backdrop, Amantaka lies in the centre of picturesque Luang Prabang, Laos’s spiritual capital. White-walled and green-shuttered, the period building retains all the genteel tranquillity of its French-Colonial past, with private pools and an expansive spa meeting the needs of contemporary travellers. Taking its name from *tipitaka*, meaning “the teaching of the Buddha”, Amantaka supplies guests with myriad suggestions for cultural and spiritual immersion in Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site – from giving alms to monks at dawn to navigating the fabled Mekong on Amantaka’s boat.

**Location**

- Amantaka lies in the center of picturesque Luang Prabang
- The former royal capital, Luang Prabang is famed for its unique architecture and many golden-spired temples
- The property is walking distance from boutiques, bakeries and restaurants, as well as the Mekong River and the town’s night market

**Getting There**

- 10 minutes by car from Luang Prabang International Airport
- The airport is serviced by scheduled flights from Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Hanoi, Kuala Lumpur, Siem Reap, Singapore, and Vientiane, Laos’s capital
Accommodation

Drawing on the town's Buddhist heritage, Amantaka's suites are peaceful sanctuaries that feel close to nature. Entered via a courtyard through louvered doors, suites have high wooden ceilings, large windows, freestanding bathtubs, kingsize four-posters and private outdoor areas.

8 Suites
71 m² interior, 159 m² in total
4 Pool Suites
71 m² interior; 159 m² in total
8 Khan Pool Suites
75 m² interior; 200 m² in total
2 Mekong Pool Suites
102 m² interior; 204 m² in total
2 Amantaka Pool Suites
117 m² interior; 347 m² in total

Pool Suite
- Living area with writing desk
- Private terrace with loungers and parasols
- Private 35 m² pool and outdoor lounging area

Khan Pool Suite
- Overlooks garden, the central pool or a private outdoor area
- Living room with chaise longue and writing desk
- Private 45 m² pool and outdoor lounging area

Mekong Pool Suite
- Spacious areas for lounging, dining and sleeping
- Living room with chaise longue and writing desk
- Private 45 m² pool and outdoor lounging area

Amantaka Pool Suite
- Freestanding suites with wraparound veranda
- Living room, library, study
- Garden, private relaxation sala and 45 m² pool

Suite
- Living area with writing desk
- Private terrace with loungers and parasols
Dining

The Dining Room
Capacity: 50 seated
- Airy colonial setting, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Elegant pairings of Lao and Western flavours, led by local produce

The Lounge Bar
- French Colonial setting with rattan furniture
- Ideal for pre- and post-dinner drinks and cigars

The Pool Terrace
Capacity: up to 24 seated
- Casual alfresco venue for lunch, dinner and cocktails
- Lao and Western menu

Private dining
- Available in-suite or in guests’ private gardens
Other Facilities

Library
- Wide range of reading material in several languages
- Tranquil relaxing space with wi-fi

Boutique and gallery
- A selection of Lao handicrafts and artworks available to buy
- Textiles, silk, local art and photography

Relaxation & Fitness

Swimming pool
- 26-metre main pool lined with beautiful dark green tiles

Aman Spa
- Four treatment rooms, each with a dressing area, Jacuzzi and relaxation room
- Steam and sauna facilities with hot and cold plunge pools
- Massage and beauty treatments drawing on Lao traditions

Fitness facilities
- A fully equipped gym and yoga studio overlook the central pool
- Private yoga lessons available on request
- Tennis court located nearby; hitting partners can be arranged
Activities & Excursions

Walking and cycling
• Guided tours on foot or by bike are the best way to explore Luang Prabang
• Visit the National Museum, the Buddhist Archives, or the Phra Bang, the 83cm Buddha statue that is the town’s namesake
• Private temple visits can be arranged
• Journey into the countryside to explore a traditional village

Cultural activities
• Rise at dawn to give alms to the monks as they pass Amantaka
• Enjoy a lecture at Amantaka, which hosts regular events led by academics
• Join the monks in their chanting on a pilgrimage to the Buddhist Academy

Cooking classes
• Learn traditional Lao cooking at Amantaka’s private morning and afternoon classes
• Visit the morning market with the chef to handpick ingredients for Lao dishes

Elephant experience
• Meet the baby elephants of the ethical Mandalao Elephant Sanctuary, and follow them on a hike through the jungle and along cool mountain streams

Mekong River cruises
• Charter Amantaka’s custom-built boat for a private sunset cruise with cocktails and canapés
• Explore more of the Mekong, including Pak Ou Cave, where pilgrims have been leaving Buddha statues for hundreds of years

Kuang Si waterfall and bear sanctuary
• Stroll through the forest for a private tour of the Bear Sanctuary – a haven for endangered Asiatic black bears
• Afterwards, enjoy a refreshing swim in the pools of Kuang Si – a majestic tiered waterfall that tumbles 100 metres over white limestone formations

Tad Se waterfalls (seasonal)
• Reached by a scenic boat trip, the Tad Se waterfalls flow out of the forest and into the Nam Ou River
• Spend a leisurely morning or afternoon swimming in numerous limestone pools