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A Mindful and Cultural Journey

Aman Jet Expedition

21 September - 07 October 2021

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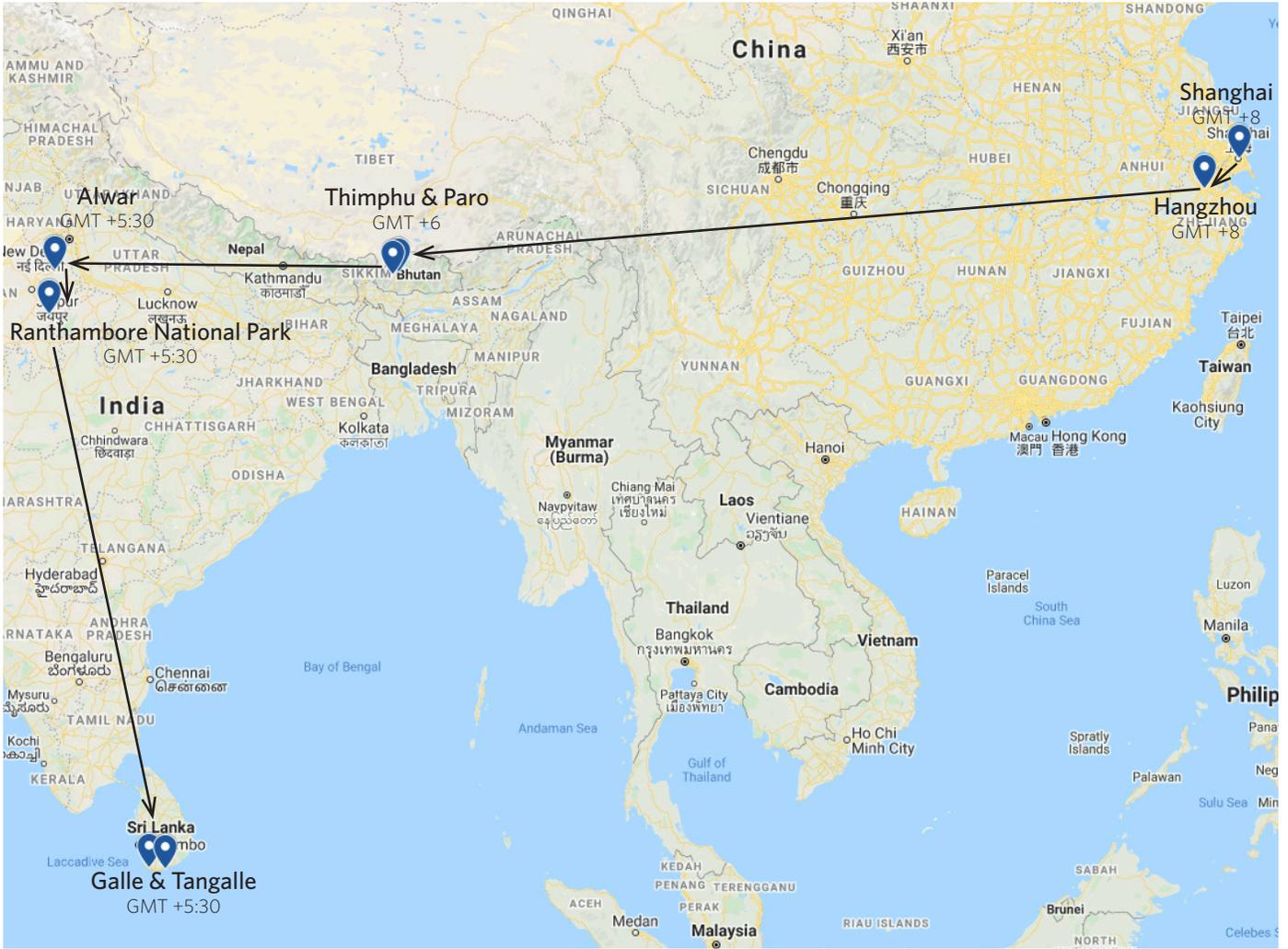
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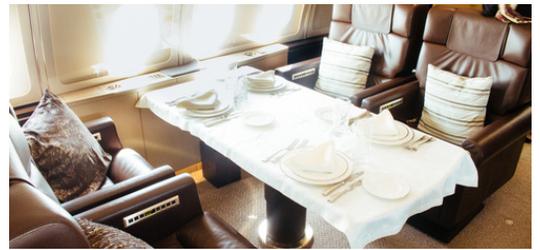
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25 September 2021	Hangzhou (HGH)	Paro (PBH)	10:30	12:50	4 hours 20 minutes with touchdown in Dhaka or Chittagong (-2 hours time difference)
29 September 2021	Paro (PBH)	Jaipur (JAI)	09:30	11:50	2 hours 50 minutes (-30 minutes time difference)
03 October 2021	Jaipur (JAI)	Colombo (CMB)	12:30	15:35	3 hours 5 minutes



YOUR PRIVATE JET

AIRBUS ACJ 318

- 19 seats
- 2 restrooms
- 2 flight attendants
- 1 engineer
- 2 pilots





THE JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

DAY 1

Tuesday, 21 September 2021

Amanyangyun, Ming Courtyard Suite (Shanghai, China)

D

- Arrive in Shanghai, China, on your flight.
- Private transfer to Amanyangyun (1 hour).
- Welcome cocktails and dinner.

DAY 2

Wednesday, 22 September 2021

Amanyangyun, Ming Courtyard Suite (Shanghai, China)

B

- Full day touring in Shanghai including optional Bund architecture tour with an expert.
- Dinner on your own.

DAY 3

Thursday, 23 September 2021

Amanfayun, Village Room (Hangzhou, China)

B D

- Private transfer to train station at 09:00 (30 minutes).
- High-speed train from Shanghai to Hangzhou in Business Class (09:58-10:53).
- Private transfer to hotel (50 minutes).
- Afternoon temple touring in Hangzhou.
- Welcome cocktails and dinner.

DAY 4

Friday, 24 September 2021

Amanfayun, Village Room (Hangzhou, China)

B

- Full day touring.
- Dinner on your own.

DAY 5

Saturday, 25 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Thimphu, Bhutan)

B L D

- Private transfer to airport at 08:45 (50 minutes).
- Private jet Hangzhou, China to Paro, Bhutan (10:30-12:50), with lunch on board.
- Private transfer to Amankora Thimphu (1 hour).
- Welcome cocktails and dinner.

DAY 6

Sunday, 26 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Thimphu, Bhutan)

B L D

- Full day touring.
- Dinner in the lodge at your leisure.



DAY 7

Monday, 27 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Paro, Bhutan)

B L D

- Full day touring in Paro and Thimphu.
- Private transfer Thimphu to Paro at your leisure (1 hour).
- Private blessing with Rimpoche in Paro at 17:00.
- Dinner in the lodge at your leisure.

DAY 8

Tuesday, 28 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Paro, Bhutan)

B L D

- Full day hike to Tiger's Nest.
- Farewell cocktails and dinner.

DAY 9

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Amanbagh, Courtyard Haveli Suite (Alwar, India)

B L

- Private transfer to airport at 08:00 (30 minutes).
- Private jet Paro to Jaipur, India (09:30-11:50), with lunch on board.
- Afternoon touring in Jaipur.
- Private transfer to hotel in Alwar (2 hours).
- Dinner on your own.

DAY 10

Thursday, 30 September 2021

Amanbagh, Courtyard Haveli Suite (Alwar, India)

B D

- Full day of touring and visit to local village.
- Fire meditation.
- Farewell dinner.

DAY 11

Friday, 1 October 2021

Aman-i-Khás, Luxury Tent (Ranthambore, India)

B L D

- Private transfer Alwar to Ranthambore (3 hours 30 minutes).
- Packed lunch en route or upon arrival at Aman-i-Khás.
- Late-afternoon camel safari.
- Welcome cocktails and special dinner with live entertainment.

DAY 12

Saturday, 2 October 2021

Aman-i-Khás, Luxury Tent (Ranthambore, India)

B L D

- Morning Jeep safari.
- Enjoy lunch at the lodge.
- Afternoon Jeep safari.
- Farewell cocktails and dinner.



DAY 13

Sunday, 3 October 2021

Amangalla, Bedroom (Galle, Sri Lanka)

B L

- Private transfer to Jaipur at 08:30 (3 hours).
- Private jet Jaipur to Colombo, Sri Lanka (12:30-15:35), with lunch on board.
- Private transfer to Amangalla (3 hours + traffic).
- Dinner on your own.

DAY 14

Monday, 4 October 2021

Amangalla, Bedroom (Galle, Sri Lanka)

B D

- Full-day guided exploration of Galle Fort on foot with private butler.
- Cocktails and farewell dinner.

DAY 15

Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Amanwella, Garden Pool Suite (Tangalle, Sri Lanka)

B

- Private transfer to Amanwella at your leisure (2 hours + traffic).
- Welcome cocktails.
- Dinner on your own.

DAY 16

Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Amanwella, Garden Pool Suite (Tangalle, Sri Lanka)

B D

- Enjoy your day at leisure.
- Optional morning visit to Tangalle Market and village nature walk.
- Farewell cocktails and dinner with live entertainment.

DAY 17

Thursday, 7 October 2021

(Tangalle, Sri Lanka)

B

- Private transfer Tangalle to Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo (3 hours 30 minutes + traffic).



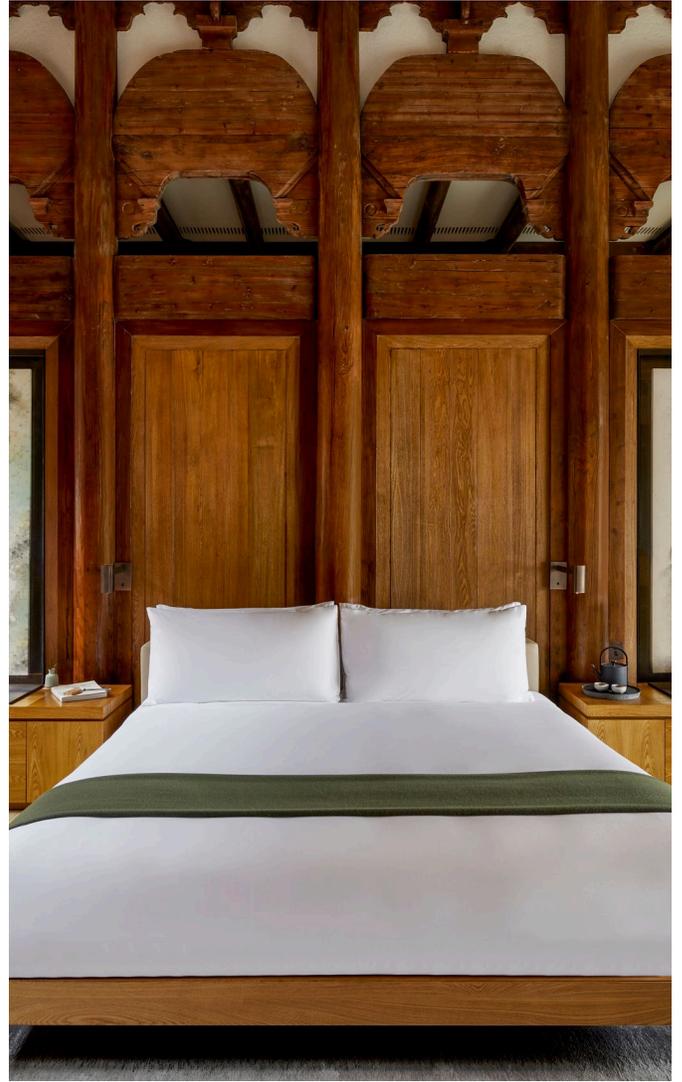
SHANGHAI, CHINA

Shanghai is one of Asia's most dynamic metropolises, buzzing with new architecture, world-class dining, shopping, arts, and nightlife. Of the city's many unique traits, perhaps the most striking is its mix of architectural styles: traditional Chinese, European colonial, and ultra-modern. From the dense shikumen, two- to three-story tenements protected by brick walls, to the stately, colonnaded financial buildings on the Bund, to the newest stamps on the city's landscape made by the world's "starchitects," Shanghai's skyline is truly unforgettable.



AMANYANGUN

A peaceful resort on the outskirts of Shanghai, Amanyangyun is the culmination of an ambitious feat of architectural and ecological conservation. Amid a flourishing forest of camphor trees near a tranquil lake, 13 re-mastered Ming and Qing Dynasty villas have been carefully moved brick-by-brick from Fuzhou to offer a glimpse of China's past in a magnificent natural setting.



VILLAS & COURTYARD SUITES

Amanyangyun's 13 restored Antique Villas and 24 contemporary Ming Courtyard Suites are set on spacious grounds within the camphor forest. Every Antique Villa has its own garden and private swimming pool, and has been sensitively restored to include up to five bedrooms. The contemporary suites combine expansive living areas with twin courtyards.

RESTAURANTS & WELLNESS

Amanyangyun's six dining venues - including the Chinese Restaurant, the All Day Dining Pavilion and a 200-seat Banquet Hall, along with a Club Lounge, Lakeside Café, and Aman Deli Village Shop - each enjoy a distinctive ambience. From fine dining to relaxed alfresco meals, guests can expect the freshest, locally sourced delicacies wherever they choose to dine.

Amanyangyun's Aman Spa is one of the most comprehensive wellness centres in Shanghai, offering ten treatment rooms, six relaxation lounges, extensive hydrotherapy facilities and a hair and beauty salon. Heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools offer terraces with forest views, while an expansive movement facility incorporates a Fitness Centre, a Pilates Studio and a spacious Yoga Studio.



Day 1

Tuesday, 21 September 2021

Amanyangyun, Ming Courtyard Suite (Shanghai, China)

Included Meals: **D**

Guests will be met in the arrivals hall at Hongqiao or Pudong Airport in Shanghai. Look for an Aman signboard.

Private transfer to Aman (approximately 1 hour).

Welcome Cocktails and Dinner - 18:00: A private cocktail reception to meet fellow travellers and your tour leader, Shantum Seth, will be held in the restaurant.



Day 2

Wednesday, 22 September 2021

Amanyangyun, Ming Courtyard Suite (Shanghai, China)

Included Meals: **B**

Optional Morning Meditation - 07:30.

Breakfast - 08:00: Enjoy in the lobby lounge.

EXPERIENCES: Today's touring will be with your private car, driver and guide.

Suggested collection time is 09:00.

Suggested return time is 17:00.

Lunch: Enjoy lunch at a casual local restaurant of your choice, on your own.

French Concession Streets: Relive Shanghai's Jazz Age heyday while strolling the tree-shaded streets of the French Concession, whose Huaihai Road is lined with smart boutiques. Little disrupts the pre-World War II layout and architecture of the neighbourhood, making it easy to imagine the glamorous life of Shanghai's elite.





Yu Gardens: Visit the old Chinese city and the Yu Gardens. The Yu Gardens are the most celebrated classical Chinese gardens in Shanghai, capturing the essence of southern Chinese landscape design from the Ming and Qing dynasties and characterised by an exquisite layout, beautiful scenery and artistic architecture.

Afternoon Bund Walking Tour (Group): *If you wish, join your tour leader and fellow travellers for a half-day Bund walking tour led by an expert. Alternatively, you may choose to tour the Bund with your private guide.*

Meet an expert in Shanghainese history for a lively tour of the city via its architecture, which encompasses classical Chinese, Sino-European versions of Art Deco and contemporary styles. The expert will regale you with tales of the city's past and present as they relate to single-storey shikumen dwellings and towering skyscrapers.

Walk along Shanghai's landmark waterfront, the Bund, a vestige of the city's capitalist days in the first half of the twentieth century. Great foreign commercial houses, banks and consulates built their imposing office buildings on this stretch of Zhongshan Lu on the Huangpu River. The area was initially a British settlement; later the British and American settlements were combined into the International Settlement.

A building boom at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century led to the Bund becoming a major financial hub of East Asia. By the 1940s, the Bund housed the headquarters of many, if not most, of the major financial institutions operating in China, including the 'big four' national banks in the Republic of China era. However, with the Communist victory in the Chinese civil war, many of the financial institutions were moved out gradually in the 1950s, and the hotels and clubs were closed or converted to other uses.

Dinner: Have dinner on your own at Amanyangyun or in Shanghai (approximately 45-minute drive). *Please let us know in advance if you would like to dine in town so that we can make arrangements.*





Day 3

Thursday, 23 September 2021

Amanfayun, Village Room (Hangzhou, China)

Included Meals: **B**

Optional Morning Yoga - 07:00

Breakfast - 08:00: Enjoy breakfast before checking out.

09:00: Departure via private transfer to the train station (approximately 30 minutes).

09:58-10:53: High-speed train from Shanghai to Hangzhou in Business Class (55 minutes).

Please note: if you wish to take a later train to Hangzhou, there are also high-speed trains departing from Shanghai at 10:58 or 11:51.





HANGZHOU, CHINA

In traditional Chinese aesthetics, the ultimate harmony in a landscape arises from the concept of shan-shui, or the interplay between mountains and waters. Hangzhou, a beautiful city home to the vast, scenic West Lake, possesses this concept in abundance. A thriving, commercial city for hundreds of years, Hangzhou hosted, among others, Arab traveler Ibn Battuta and Italian merchant Marco Polo, who once described the city as “beyond dispute, the finest and noblest in the world.”



AMANFAYUN

Surrounded by tea plantations and bamboo groves, Amanfayun is a spiritual sanctuary informed by Chinese tradition and Buddhist monastic culture. Explore this centuries-old village, restored using ancient techniques, at your own pace. Each of the 46 Rooms, Suites and Villas is unique, showcasing its history within this former teaplanting village and accented with contemporary touches.



SUITES

Embracing the layout and spirit of a traditional Chinese village, Amanfayun is a place of winding stone footpaths and shaded courtyards through which the dwellings – some dating back over a century – are accessed. Roofs are clay tile and interior floors are stone or wood, and some offer upper floors with views over the treetops. Fine calligraphy art pieces decorate the walls

DINING, WELLBEING, & FACILITIES

Amanfayun’s varied culinary options are dotted across the grounds: the glass-walled Restaurant looks out over an evergreen grove, while the relaxed Steam House serves up traditional fare in a simple high-ceilinged pavilion, with outdoor tables for summer dining. Two independently operated eateries are also set within the village: the Hangzhou House and the Tea House.



Day 3

Thursday, 23 September 2021

Amanfayun, Village Room (Hangzhou, China)

Included Meals: **B**

10:53: Arrive in Hangzhou by high-speed train (55 minutes).

Private transfer to Amanfayun (approximately 50 minutes).

TODAY'S SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

China National Tea Museum: China is the birthplace of tea and the country with the longest history of tea culture. China National Tea Museum has no external walls but is enclosed by vegetation, giving the unique impression that the halls and the tea plants inside depend upon each other. The museum consists of four groups of buildings which display the history and development of tea in China.

Hefang Street: Stop by Hefang Street for a taste of ancient Hangzhou. Built adjacent to the former location of the Southern Song dynasty's imperial palace, this pedestrian market evokes antiquity, with Ming- and Qing-style restaurants, teahouses, street vendors and shops, as well as live performers dressed in traditional regalia who enact the everyday lives of ancient people. Pending availability, sample beggar's chicken, a Hangzhou speciality of marinated, spiced chicken covered in a clay shell and baked for several hours - resulting in a moist, tender and flavourful dish.

Traditional Chinese Check-Up: Enjoy a traditional medicine check-up at Huqingyutang, the most famous Chinese pharmacy in southern China. Medicine in China dates back some 4,000 years and began with the ancient emperors' interest in finding the elixir of life. Today, treatment is still founded on the use of herbs, diet and acupuncture, with an emphasis on qi, the vital force of living things. Qi gives rise to the opposite and interdependent forces of yin and yang. Unlike in Western medicine, where an outside force, such as bacteria or a virus, is cited as the cause of disease, in Chinese medicine a medical problem is caused by a yin/ yang imbalance within the patient.





Optional Circle Talk – 18:30: Join Shantum in a quiet place at the hotel for a reflection.

Welcome Dinner and Cocktails – 19:00: Gather for cocktails and dinner with the group this evening.

Day 4

Friday, 24 September 2021

Amanfayun, Village Room (Hangzhou, China)

Included Meals: **B**

Optional Morning Meditation – 07:30.

Breakfast – 08:00: Enjoy in the lobby lounge.

EXPERIENCES: Today's touring will be with your private car, driver and guide.

Suggested collection time is 09:00.

Suggested return time is 17:00.

Boat Ride on West Lake: Go on a private, two-hour cruise on the waters that inspired the Chinese saying, 'In heaven there is paradise; on earth, Hangzhou and Suzhou'. Traditionally, there are ten beautiful scenic spots on the West Lake, each remembered by a four-character mnemonic. Collectively, they are known as the 'Ten Scenes of West Lake': Spring Dawn on the Su Causeway, Orioles Singing in the Willows, Viewing Fish at Flower Pond, Lotuses in the Breeze at the Crooked Courtyard, Evening Bell Ringing at Nanping Hill, Autumn Moon over the Calm Lake, Leifeng Pagoda in Evening Glow, Three Pools Mirroring the Moon, Lingering Snow on the Broken Bridge, and Twin Peaks Piercing the Clouds. Visit a selection of these ten scenes in a motorised boat with a covered deck.

Leifeng Pagoda: Visit the Leifeng Pagoda for a bird's eye view of Hangzhou. Originally built in 975 AD to commemorate the birth of King Qian Chu's son, the first Leifeng Pagoda was set ablaze by marauding pirates during the Ming dynasty, leaving nothing but a charred brick skeleton. In 1924, the temple finally collapsed, leaving nothing but a foundation, until





2002, when the pagoda was rebuilt. To satisfy both the historical concerns of scholars and the convenience of visitors, the pagoda has been reconstructed according to ancient specifications, using modern architectural techniques and featuring the amenities of a modern museum, such as climate control and flat screen monitors.

On the first floor of the pagoda, visitors will find the crumbling foundation of the original pagoda, encased in glass and surrounded by wall murals depicting the Legend of the White Snake, a local folk tale dating back to the Ming dynasty that prominently features the Leifeng Pagoda. From here, you can take either an escalator or an elevator to the pagoda's fourth storey, where a panoramic view of Hangzhou awaits you.



Beside the museum, a smaller contemporary temple houses a hair of the Buddha plaited together with gold and silver thread, a relic from a mausoleum long rumoured to be buried beneath the Leifeng ruins and finally unearthed in 2001.

'Soul's Retreat' Temple: Visit the renowned Buddhist temple Lingyin Si, or 'Soul's Retreat'. Founded in the first year of Xianhe of the Eastern Jin dynasty (326 AD), the temple once housed 3,000 monks, who worshipped in more than 70 halls. Although now reduced in size, it remains one of the ten most important Buddhist temples in the country. In the main hall sits a 25-metre (or 82-foot) high, gold-gilded statue of Sakyamuni Buddha, the largest sitting Buddha in China.



Temple of Goodness: Adjacent to Lingyin Temple is Yongfu Si (Temple of Goodness). Set in the forest with meandering paths and extensive gardens, this is one of the prettiest temples in the area. Higher up the mountain lies the Temple of Taoguangguanhai, boasting views across the hills and valleys to West Lake and Hangzhou City in the distance. At the very top of North Peak Mountain, the highest peak in Hangzhou district, is the 1,600-year-old Lingshun Temple (Temple of Wealth). This popular temple sees a constant stream of pilgrims lighting incense and praying for increased fortunes.



Hike through Tea Trails: Hike along trails among the ‘Bordeaux’ of Chinese teas, which comprises all the tea grown in the valleys around Hangzhou that are watered by a single source. Although it is a hotly debated point, the best brew may be made from well water drawn in Longjing. The result is a mild tannic ‘green tea’ that is actually the palest of yellows. Sipped slowly from tall, thin glasses, it is an astringent drink that sharpens the senses.

The most precious tea is designated ‘first leaf’, traditionally harvested before 5 April. Tea cultivation is a labour-intensive process, as all picking is done by hand so that the young leaves are not damaged. The leaves are pan-dried immediately after picking to prevent oxidation and bacterial growth. They are then rolled by hand to squeeze out excess moisture and to release flavour enzymes. Finally, the leaves are fired in large driers and packed.

Optional Circle Talk – 18:30: Join Shantum in a quiet place at the hotel for a reflection.

Dinner: Have dinner this evening on your own.



Day 5

Saturday, 25 September 2021
Amankora, Suite (Thimphu, Bhutan)
Included Meals: **B L D**

Optional Morning Yoga – 06:30

Breakfast – 07:30: Enjoy in the lobby lounge.

08:45: Departure via private transfer to the airport (approximately 50 minutes).

10:30-12:50: Private jet from Hangzhou, China to Paro, Bhutan (4 hours 20 minutes, -2 hours time difference). *There will be a brief touchdown in Dhaka, India or Chittagong, Bangladesh to pick up a Bhutanese navigator.*

Lunch: Enjoy lunch on board your private jet.





THIMPHU, BHUTAN

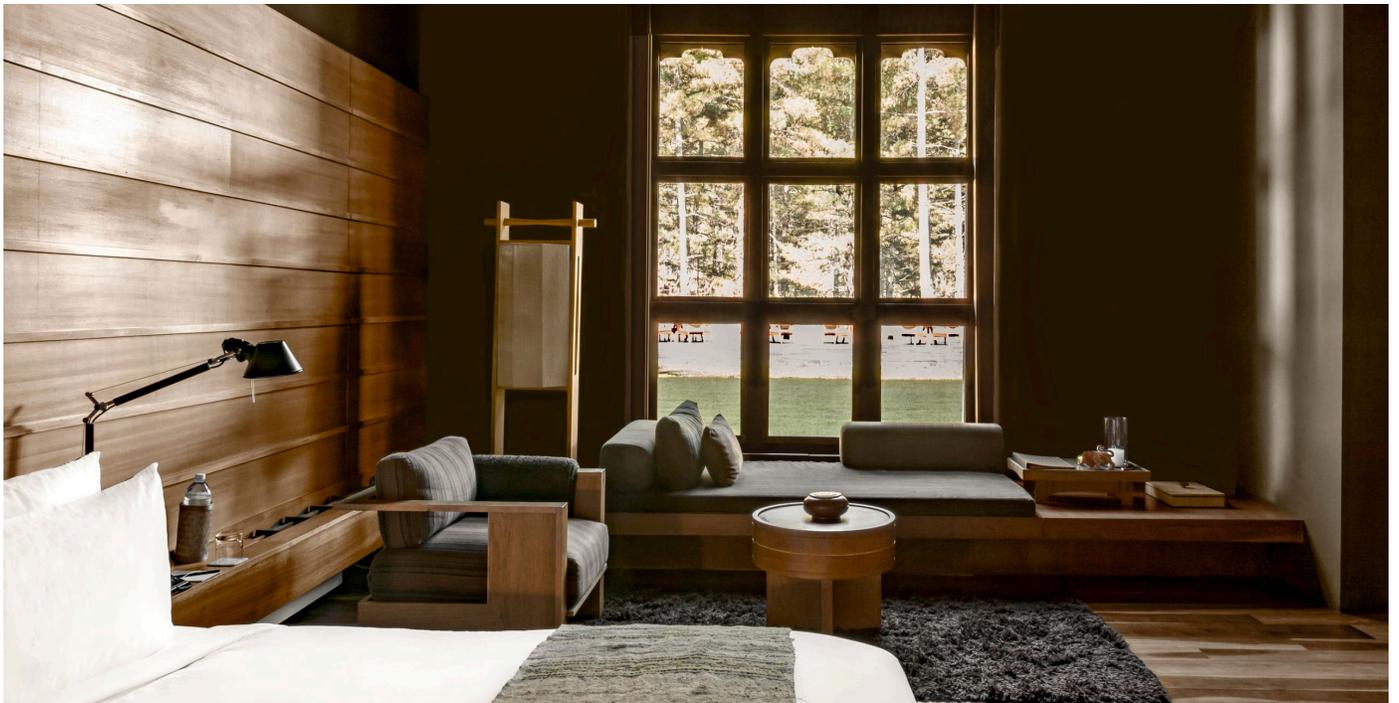
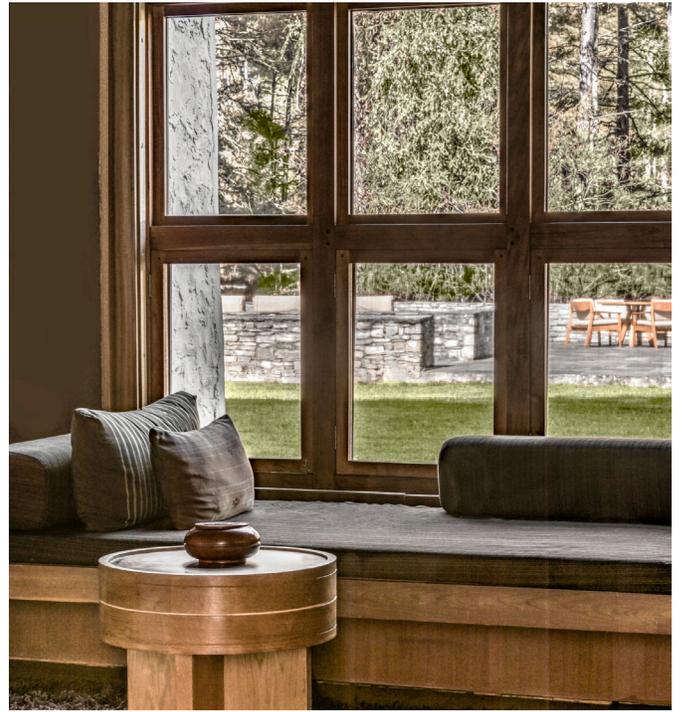
Set in a steep valley at an altitude of 2,350 metres (7,709 feet), Thimphu is surrounded by richly forested mountains dotted with ancient monasteries and temples. The town, Bhutan's capital since 1961, is built up from the Thimphu Chhu (river) and is centred around the Clock Tower and its surrounding lanes of shops and vegetable and meat markets. Although Thimphu is home to some 104,000 people and is an architectural hybrid of past and present with monasteries, palaces and dzongs side by side with more modern additions, the town is still entirely free of traffic lights. Elsewhere in the valley, you can visit Pangri Zampa, two sixteenth century buildings that now house a monastic astrologer training school, and, at the head of the valley, walk across one of the country's oldest cantilever bridges, which leads to Cheri Goemba, where the Kingdom's first monk community was based.



AMANKORA THIMPU

Its name combining the Sanskrit word for 'peace' with kora or 'circular pilgrimage' in Dzongkha, the Bhutanese language, Amankora is a series of lodges across the central and western valleys of Bhutan. The sole surviving Himalayan Buddhist kingdom, Bhutan is located between the Tibetan Plateau and India, making it one of the most remote and pristine environments on earth. Descending from 7,000-metre-high peaks in the north to the low-lying plains of the south, Bhutan's rivers have forged deep valleys separated by high mountain passes. Historically isolated, each valley's scenic beauty and topography affords visitors an opportunity for unique journeys of discovery.

Situated in a blue pine forest in the upper reaches of the Motithang area of the Thimphu Valley, the 16-Suite Amankora Thimphu is close to the capital's sights and shopping, while remaining a quiet retreat away from the hustle and bustle of the Kingdom's main commercial centre. The resort's dzong-inspired architecture incorporates whitewashed stone buildings accessed through an enclosed arrival courtyard. Stairs lead from this entryway to a combined living and dining room with soaring ceilings and wood-panelled walls. An outdoor dining deck provides views of the nearby stream and surrounding forest. The Spa features three treatment rooms (two single and one double), a steam room and changing areas.



ROOMS, SUITES AND VILLAS

Amankora Thimphu Suites combine a bedroom and lounge, and feature a king-size bed, a reading chair and a window banquette. Each Suite's interior features wood panelling and chocolate brown walls, and the spacious bathroom opens from the bedroom and provides twin vanities, separate shower and toilet, hanging space, and a terrazzo-clad bath.



DINING

The Dining Room

Dine on traditional Bhutanese cuisine prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients in a warm ambience of soaring ceilings and wood-panelled walls. Amankora Thimphu's dining room, looking out on the nearby stream and forest, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, specialising in Indian, Western and Bhutanese dishes. The stay at Amankora includes full board of breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.



Day 5

Saturday, 25 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Thimphu, Bhutan)

Included Meals: **B L D**

Lunch: Enjoy lunch during the flight.

12:50: Arrive in Paro, Bhutan by private jet (4 hours 20 minutes, -2 hours time difference).

Private transfer to Amankora Thimphu (1 hour).

You will be escorted to your suite. Freshen up and relax; spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

Cocktails and Dinner with Special Guests - 18:00:

Enjoy cocktails and meet Lhatu Wangchuk, the former UN Ambassador from Bhutan. Engage in a discussion about the Gross National Happiness (GNH), the Bhutanese philosophy which serves as a beacon in the search for greater wellbeing and advancement. Crafted by the fourth king of Bhutan, the concept of GNH offers an index system within which material and spiritual needs are measured as a way of ranking citizens' contentment.



Day 6

Sunday, 26 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Thimphu, Bhutan)

Included Meals: **B L D**

Optional Morning Meditation - 07:30.

Meals: Your stay at Amankora is all-inclusive; enjoy your meals on your own.

EXPERIENCES: The day is yours to explore Thimphu with your private car, driver and guide. Discuss with your guide what you would like to see.

Suggested collection time is 09:00.

Suggested return time is 17:00.





Astrology School - Pangri Zampa Lakhang: This former temple is now used as an astrology centre by the state clergy, and is home to around 100 monks studying astrology.

National Library of Thimphu: Home to ancient Dzongkha and Tibetan texts, this stunning example of Bhutanese architecture was established in 1967 to protect religious and cultural heritage from rapid modern development. The library holds more than 10,000 volumes of scriptures in classical language, and, on the top floor, rare and sacred classical texts written in gold and silver letters are displayed.

National Textile Museum: Learn about the art of weaving, one of the Kingdom's most important arts. The exhibition displays the major weaving techniques, and the styles of local dress and textile made by the Bhutanese people.



Memorial Chorten: Drive to the Memorial Chorten, dedicated to the third king, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. The basic structure of the chorten consists of a square foundation symbolising the earth, a dome symbolising water and 13 tapering steps symbolising the element of fire. The shrine is surmounted by a golden sphere that resembles a shimmering crown.

Motithang Takin Preserve: The takin is the national animal of Bhutan. There is a folk legend that when the Buddhist saint known popularly as the Divine Madman visited Bhutan in the fifteenth century, he was asked by the people to perform a miracle to demonstrate his credibility. He first demanded to be fed, and he quickly devoured a large cow and a goat. The saint then placed the remains of the goat inside the cow's carcass and ordered this new creature to rise and run into the fields, thus creating the takin.



Trashi Chhoe Dzong: Also known as Thimphu Dzong, this monastery and fortress serves as the seat of the government and the centre of all religious affairs of the Kingdom.

Handmade Paper Factory: Visit Thimphu's paper factory, where lovely sheets of traditional Bhutanese paper are made, which sometimes incorporate flowers



or plants into their fibre. The art of handmade paper in Bhutan dates back to the eighth century, although usage was limited mainly to religious purposes. Today it is considered an important element in the preservation of Bhutan's cultural heritage. The tiny factory allows guests to view the papermaking process and purchase samples and gift items from its shop.

Optional Circle Talk - 18:30: Join Shantum in the banquet hall for a talk on the life and teachings of the Buddha while enjoying a glass of champagne.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner in Amankora Thimphu's dining room on your own.



Day 7

Monday, 27 September 2021
Amankora, Suite (Paro, Bhutan)
Included Meals: **B L D**

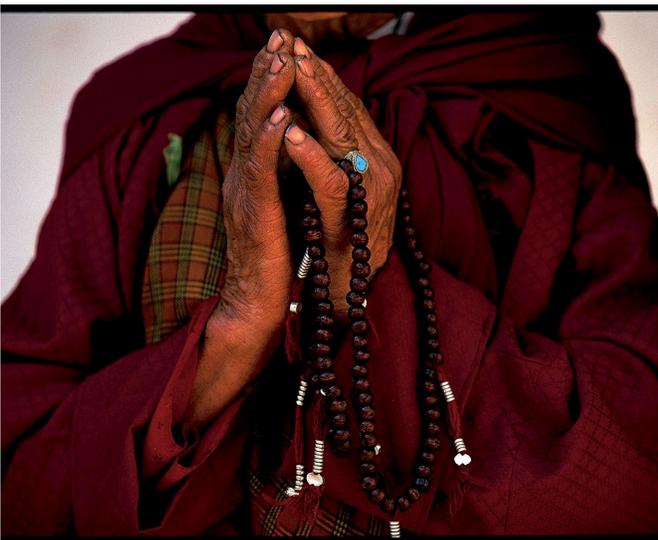
Optional Morning Yoga - 07:30.

Meals: Your stay at Amankora is all-inclusive; enjoy your meals on your own.

Today you will move from Thimphu to Paro. Official check-out time is at 12:00. Depart for Paro at your leisure (1 hour); we suggest you leave after lunch.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS IN THIMPHU: Continue to explore Thimphu with your private car, driver and guide.

Folk Heritage Museum: A restored three-storey traditional packed mud and timber house, which showcases traditional artefacts used in both the present and the past as well as local folklore and legends.





Changangkha Lhakhang: An old fortress-monastery dating from the twelfth century, which remains an active centre of Buddhist worship for Thimphu residents. The temple houses a statue of the 11-headed God of Compassion, Avalokitesvara, and it is also a place of pilgrimage for families praying for the health of sick children.

Cheri Monastery: Explore the Cheri Monastery, home to Bhutan's first community of monks. Established in 1620, Cheri Monastery has hosted its share of distinguished guests, from visiting Tibetan lamas to the founder of the Bhutanese state. A short distance outside Thimphu, Cheri Monastery sits atop a hill and offers striking views of the valley below.





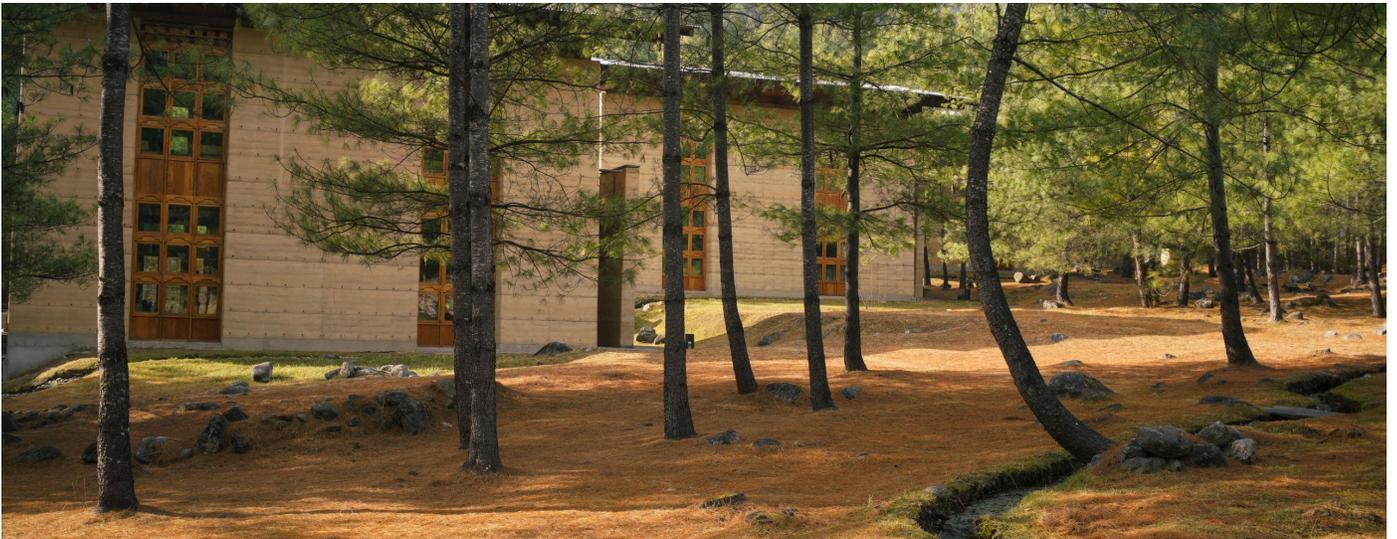
PARO, BHUTAN

Nestled among the brush-covered hills of the Paro Valley, the village of Paro is home to some of Bhutan's most treasured historical sites. The surrounding valley's mixture of rolling hills and steep, mountainous inclines makes Paro an ideal location for both novice and expert hikers, on their way to marvel at the Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) or simply ascending to appreciate the beauty of the sun sinking beneath the lip of the timberline.



AMANKORA PARO

Situated in Balakha village, the 24-Suite Amankora Paro contrasts rustic elements with contemporary design. Its architecture features natural rammed-earth walls, gently sloping roofs and wood-panelled interiors. Centred around a large flagstone courtyard, a lime-washed stone pavilion houses the living and dining room facilities, library and outdoor terrace, all warmed by fireplaces.



SUITES

Like those at Amankora Thimphu, Amankora Paro Suites combine a bedroom and lounge and feature a king-size bed, a reading chair and a window banquette. A traditional bukhari (space heater) is positioned between the bedroom and the bathroom, and the Suites' interior features wood and black stone panelling. The spacious bathroom opens from the bedroom and provides twin vanities, separate shower and toilet, hanging space, and a terrazzo-clad bath.

DINING

The Dining Room

Located below the living room, the dining room opens onto an external terrace which overlooks a small stream. Views extend to snow-clad Jhomolhari and the ruins of an ancient dzong. Classic simplicity of form meets a warm ambience, with communal tables and dark wood walls reflecting historic Bhutanese motifs. Amankora Paro's dining room serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, specialising in Indian, Western and Bhutanese dishes.



Day 7

Monday, 27 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Paro, Bhutan)

Included Meals: **B L D**

Arrive in Paro from Thimphu and check in.

Meals: Your stay at Amankora is all-inclusive; enjoy your meals on your own.

Lunch: Dine at Amankora Paro if you haven't had lunch at Amankora Thimphu.

EXPERIENCES IN PARO: If you wish, continue touring with your private car, driver and guide.

Paro Dzong: Also known as the Fortress of the Heap of Jewels, Paro Dzong contains several important temples dedicated to prominent deities. Today the dzong is the administrative seat of the District of Paro, and it also houses a state-sponsored monastic community of 350 members. The central tower, or utse, is one of the most beautiful in Bhutan and displays superbly carved woodwork.

National Museum of Bhutan: View the extensive collections of Bhutanese cultural and religious artefacts spanning the centuries, including perhaps the most significant group of thangkhas (Tibetan paintings of Buddhist gods) in the country. Don't miss the large Temple of the Tree of Wisdom, an intricately carved sculpture depicting the history of Buddhism and its various branches.

Kyichu Lkakhang: One of the oldest and most sacred temples in the Kingdom, dating back to the seventh century when the seed of Buddhism was planted in Bhutan.

Blessing Ceremony with Rimpoche - 17:00: Gather at Amankora Paro for a long-life ceremony and blessing, conducted by a tulku, a reincarnated lama.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner in Amankora Paro's Dining Room on your own.





Day 8

Tuesday, 28 September 2021

Amankora, Suite (Paro, Bhutan)

Included Meals: **B** **L** **D**

Optional Morning Meditation – 07:30.

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast in the dining room. Don't forget to pick up your packed lunch to take on the hike (*please let Remote Lands know in advance if you wish to order one*).

Tiger's Nest: Rise early for a half-day hike to Tiger's Nest. We recommend you leave no later than 8:30 for this activity. Tiger's Nest Monastery, or Taktshang Goemba, is one of Bhutan's most revered monuments. It hangs on the face of a cliff 900 metres (2,952 feet) above the valley floor - and has an altitude of 3,121 metres (10,240 feet). The legend states that Guru Rinpoche flew into Bhutan on a mythical tigress and meditated in a cave before bringing Buddhism to Bhutan. An approximately 2-hour trek of moderate difficulty straight uphill will bring you to an observation pavilion at the halfway point to the monastery, where you may pause for tea and contemplation. Many people turn back here, but we recommend that you brave the final approach to Taktsang, which takes about 45 minutes longer.

After the hike, relax at the hotel or continue to explore Paro and the valley.

Optional Circle Talk – 18:30: Join Shantum in the banquet hall for a discussion on Vajrayana Buddhism in Bhutan while enjoying a glass of champagne.

Farewell Cocktails and Dinner – 19:00: Come together and enjoy cocktails, then a special menu of seasonal Bhutanese cuisine, on your last night in Paro.





Day 9

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Amanbagh, Courtyard Haveli Suite (Alwar, India)

Included Meals: **B** **L**

Breakfast - 07:30: Enjoy breakfast in the dining room before checking out.

08:00: Departure via private transfer to the airport (approximately 30 minutes).

09:30-11:50: Private jet from Paro, Bhutan to Jaipur, India (2 hours 50 minutes, -30 minutes time difference).

Lunch: Enjoy lunch on board your private jet.





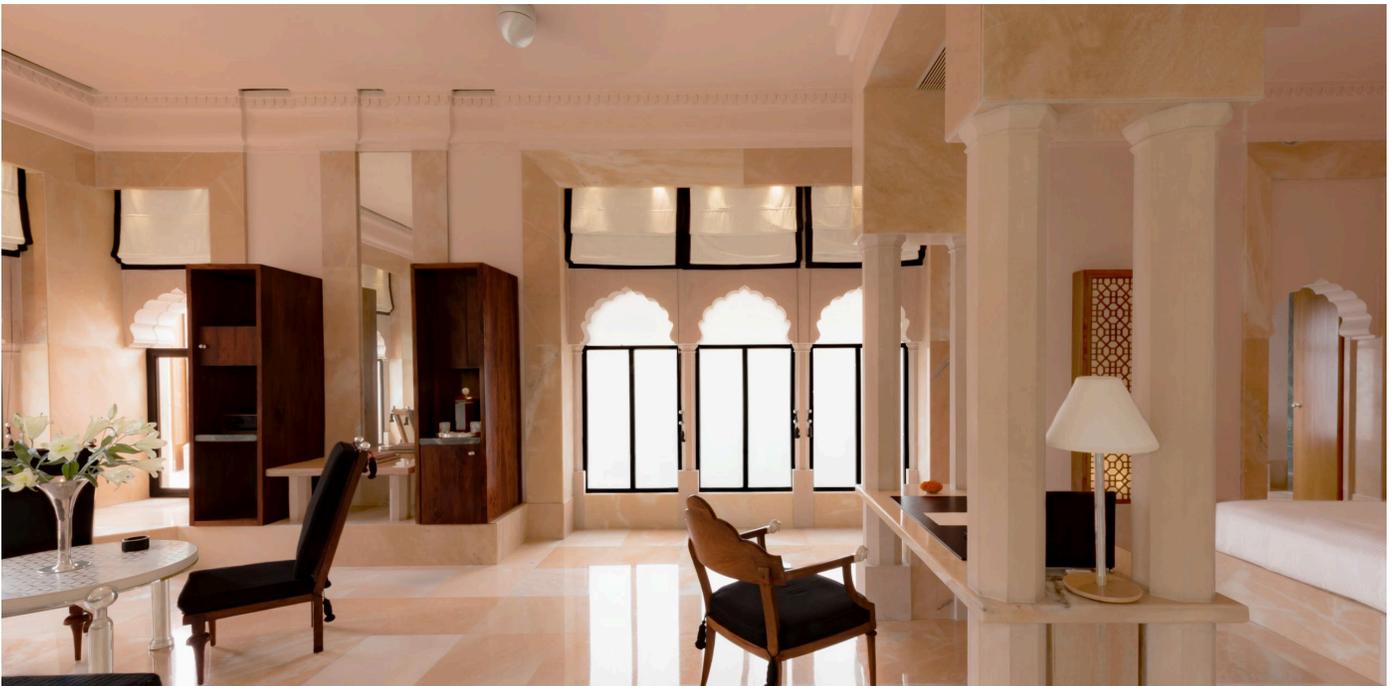
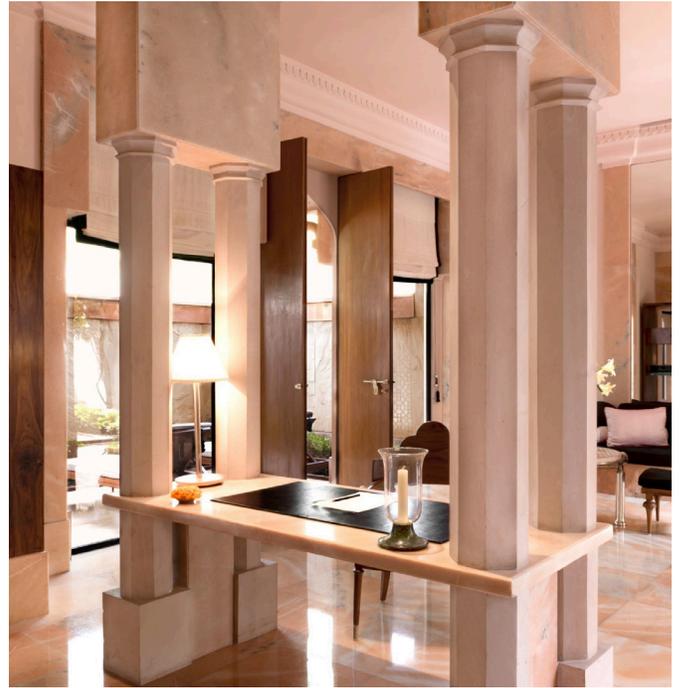
ALWAR, INDIA

Under the British Raj, Alwar was the capital of a 'princely state', a semi-autonomous kingdom typically ruled by a maharaja. In contrast to much of the rest of Rajasthan's desert and arid hills, Alwar is set in a picturesque valley and enclosed by the verdant Aravalli Hills. The city is home to a wealth of historical and natural attractions, and serves as a centre of agricultural production.



AMANBAGH

Amanbagh is a verdant oasis of mature palm, fruit and eucalyptus trees lying within a walled compound once the staging area for royal hunts. Evoking the palatial elegance of the Moghul era, Amanbagh provides a tranquil base from which to explore the rich heritage of Rajasthan, India's dramatic frontier region. The topography of the surrounding Alwar region consists of sandy plains interspersed with craggy hills, a stark contrast to the verdant setting, which gives Amanbagh its name, from aman, meaning 'peace' in Sanskrit, and bagh, meaning 'garden' in Hindi.



SUITES

Haveli Suites

Haveli Suites are located on the ground level on either side of the swimming pool. The entrance to each Suite is via a courtyard with an outdoor dining area. Inside, a living area includes a large daybed, two armchairs and a writing desk. Beyond is a private courtyard. The adjoining bedroom features a domed ceiling high above a king-size bed and a bathroom filled with natural light.



DINING

The Restaurant

The restaurant is positioned on the ground floor of the main building and provides a regal atmosphere beneath a double-height ceiling. The menu's focus is fresh and seasonal Indian and Western cuisine. Salads, herbs and many vegetables are grown in the Amanbagh organic kitchen gardens.

The Library Terrace

Located on the second floor of the main building, the library terrace is ideal for informal dining in the evening, particularly under a starlit sky.

The Roof Terrace

Elevated above a canopy of trees, the roof terrace provides sweeping views over the surrounding landscape and is another option for dining and refreshments.



Day 9

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Amanbagh, Courtyard Haveli Suite (Alwar, India)

Included Meals: **B** **L**

Lunch: Enjoy lunch on board your private jet.

11:50: Arrive in Jaipur, India by private jet (2 hours 50 minutes, -30 minute time difference).

EXPERIENCES: Spend some time in the Pink City of Jaipur with your private car, driver and guide.

Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace): Built in 1799 by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh, the Wind Palace is the most recognisable monument of Jaipur. The five-storey, octagonal monument has 152 windows with overhanging latticed balconies and is now a museum.

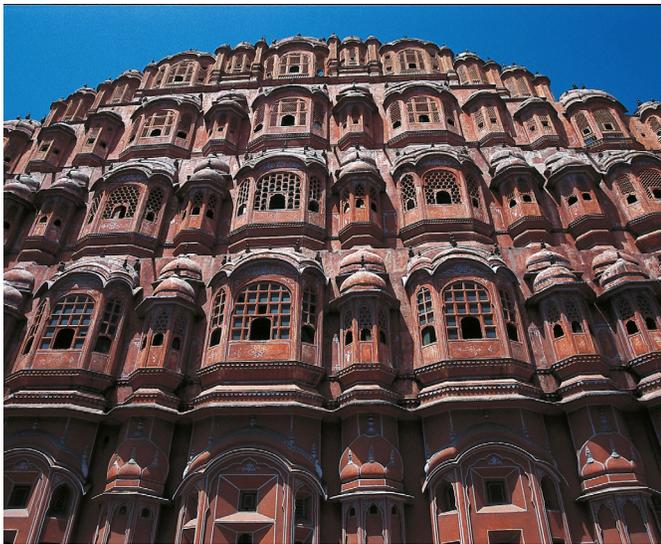
City Palace Museum: Home to the ruling families of Jaipur since the mid-eighteenth century, the palace's many courtyards and sprawling grounds occupied one-seventh of the old walled city of Jaipur, and its ornate architecture perfectly blends Rajput and Mughal styles.

Markets: A treasure trove for shoppers, Jaipur's markets and bazaars offer a wide range of handicrafts, most of which are produced in and around the city. The city is also one of the most important centres in the world for cutting and polishing precious and semi-precious stones, including diamonds.

Visit **Johri Bazaar** for silver jewellery, **Tripola Market** and **Chaura Rasta** for textiles, utensils and ironware, **Bapu Bazaar** and **Nehru Bazaar** for local perfumes and shoes made of camel skin, and finally **Mirza Ismail Road (M.I. Road)** to find a large number of shops selling goods ranging from jewellery and brass-work to textiles, blue pottery and woodwork.

Amber Fort: Drive 30 minutes out of town to Amber, which was the ancient capital of this region and an active centre until 1727, when the rulers moved their court to Jaipur.

Please note: Your guide will remain in Jaipur and you will not see him again, so please be sure to tip him. We recommend \$50.





Depart for Amanbagh in Alwar at your leisure (approximately 2 hours); we recommend you leave Jaipur no later than 17:00.

Spa: If you wish, book a treatment at the Aman Spa at your leisure, on your own account.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner in Amanbagh's restaurant on your own. Alternatively, have an early dinner in Jaipur before transferring to Amanbagh.

Day 10

Thursday, 30 September 2021

Amanbagh, Courtyard Haveli Suite (Alwar, India)

Included Meals: **B** **D**

Optional Morning Meditation – 07:30.

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast at the restaurant.

EXPERIENCES: Visit the villages and ruins of the region with your private car and driver-cum-guide.

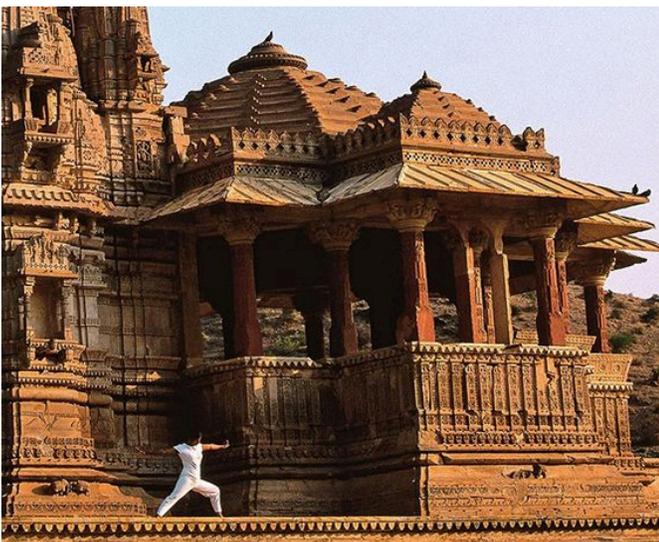
Suggested collection time is 09:00.

Suggested return time is 15:00.

Bhangarh: Twelve kilometres from Amanbagh, 15 minutes by Jeep, sits the intriguing old ruined city of Bandhavgarh. A medieval site of great archeological importance, it was built in the late 1500s and legend has it that the now uninhabited city of once magnificent bazaars, palaces, gardens, temples and bathing pools was deserted overnight just a generation after its completion – it is famously named the 'Bhangarh of Ghosts'.

Mansarovar Lake: Head to Mansarovar Lake by the Kashmiri-built shikara boat. The lake was named after a body of water in the Himalayas that promises beauty and youth to anyone who bathes in it.

Ajabgarh Fort and Village: Visit Ajabgarh, a remote tribal village of the Meena minority people, who have maintained their own separate and distinct customs as





a result of their isolated lifestyle. The Meena, who are said to be descended from the Matsya Avatar, or the fish incarnation of Vishnu, inhabit the area from Jaipur to Sikar in the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan.

Lunch: Have lunch on your own back at the hotel or enjoy a packed lunch. *Please let Remote Lands know if you would like to make these arrangements in advance.*

Cowdust Tour - 15:30: *Shared Jeep (four guests per Jeep)*

Explore the villages surrounding Amanbagh in the afternoon, when our local neighbours are herding their goats, cows and buffalo home after a day's grazing. The locals will wave and the children will run after the car, and you may even be invited for chai in one of our neighbours' homes - for many guests, it is a profound and inspiring experience.

Don't forget your camera, your warm smiles and your genuine respect. You are welcome to support our local neighbours by way of a donation back at Amanbagh.



Fire Meditation - 17:45: Take part in fire meditation, based on the idea that fire is the most pure of the five elements. Participants sit on cushions around a fire called a hawan, which is made up of natural herbs and fragrant wood from the Himalayas. The session consists of chanting the Gayatri mantra, one of the most powerful mantras in Hindu, intended to energise all of the body's 24 chakras, or centres of spiritual power.



Optional Circle Talk - 18:30: Join Shantum in a quiet place at the hotel for a discussion on the Diversity of India, it's history, culture, religions, politics etc. while enjoying a glass of champagne.

Farewell Dinner - 19:00: Come together for a final dinner at Amanbagh.



Day 11

Friday, 1 October 2021

Aman-i-Khás, Luxury Tent (Ranthambore, India)

Included Meals: **B** **L** **D**

Optional Morning Yoga - 07:30.

Breakfast: Have breakfast at the restaurant before checking out.

Private transfer to Aman-i-Khás, Ranthambore (approximately 3 hours 30 minutes). Depart at your leisure. *This transfer will be with driver only. If you wish to have a guide and tour along the way or stop in Jaipur, please let us know at least one day in advance (additional cost).*

Lunch: Lunch is included. You can either order a packed lunch from Amanbagh to enjoy during the drive to Ranthambore, or you can enjoy lunch at Aman-i-Khás upon arrival. *(Please let Remote Lands know in advance if you wish to order a packed lunch).*





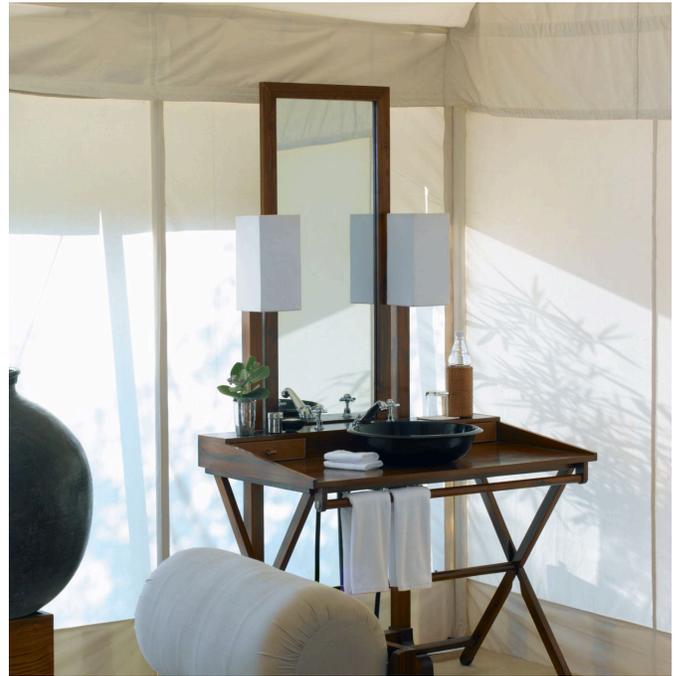
RANTHAMBORE, INDIA

Set beside the starkly handsome Aravalli Hills, Ranthambore National Park is one of the world's premier tiger sanctuaries. Measuring 1,334 square kilometres, the park is home to an array of wildlife and takes its name from nearby Ranthambore Fort, one of the oldest forts in the subcontinent, with a history stretching back more than a millennium. More recently, the region was a hunting ground for the maharajas of Jaipur and was designated a nature preserve in 1955, one of the first in India.



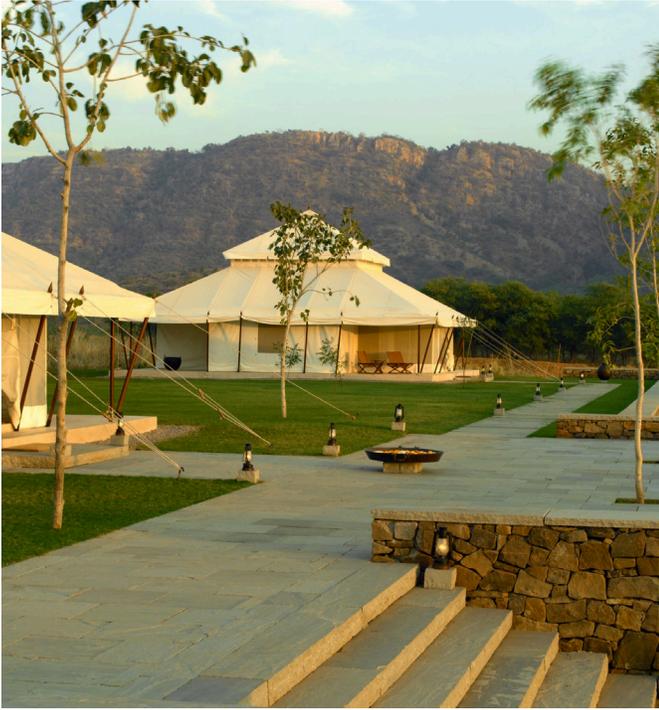
AMAN-I-KHÁS

Open from October to May each year, the best season for wildlife spotting, Aman-i-Khás is a wilderness camp located in a brushwood forest on the fringes of Ranthambore National Park. Its name combining the Sanskrit word for 'peace', aman, with the Hindi word for 'special', khás, Aman-i-Khás offers accommodation in ten air-conditioned tents with soaring canopies draped in the Moghul style. There are also three separate tents for dining, spa treatments and relaxing. Twice daily, guided wildlife viewing excursions take guests into the park to spot indigenous game including tigers, leopards, hyenas, sloth bears, crocodiles and chital deer.



TENTS

Aman-i-Khás features ten tents identical in style, each set on a raised concrete plinth. They echo the rich Moghul travelling tents of bygone days, with 'rooms' separated by cotton drapes. Constructed of canvas and supported by a steel frame, with interior walls and ceilings draped in fine cotton, each tent is air-conditioned and measures 108 square metres. Entry is through a screened area that contains an armchair, dining table and chairs. There is also room to sit outside on the concrete deck. The centre of the tent, with its soaring 6-metre canopy, features an oversized daybed ideal for resting between safari drives.



RESTAURANT

The Dining Tent

Softly lit by lamps, the dining tent is furnished with one large central table and several smaller tables. Indian cuisine and a range of Western dishes are served, and the freshness of produce is ensured by the camp's own organic vegetable garden.



Day 11

Friday, 1 October 2021

Aman-i-Khás, Luxury Tent (Ranthambore, India)

Included Meals: **B L D**

Arrive at Aman-i-Khás and check in. Freshen up and relax for the rest of the afternoon.

Spa: If you wish, book a treatment at the Spa Tent at your leisure, on your own account.

Welcome Cocktails and Dinner - 19:00: Enjoy welcome cocktails at the camp's fireplace, followed by a special dinner at the pool accompanied by a live music performance.



Day 12

Saturday, 2 October 2021

Aman-i-Khás, Luxury Tent (Ranthambore, India)

Included Meals: **B L D**

Morning Wildlife Safari (four guests per Jeep) - 06:30: Enjoy tea or coffee and a quick bite before the first safari excursion.

Trips are led by National Park-appointed guides who take guests through the park on a variety of routes. Snacks and drinks are provided.



Journey in an open-top vehicle that transports guests on wildlife safaris into the core of Ranthambore National Park, which measures around 400 square kilometres and presents the best opportunities to search for tigers, leopards, jungle cats, hyenas and sloth bears. Guests are not guaranteed a tiger sighting, but the area is among the best places in India to spot these majestic animals. Chital deer, antelope and gazelle can also be seen roaming the savannah, while the lakes and waterholes are home to the Indian marsh crocodile. Bird life, both resident and migratory, is prolific and over 350 species have been sighted within the park.



Breakfast - 10:00: Return to camp and enjoy breakfast. Freshen up and spend the rest of your morning at leisure.

Optional Meditation - 12:00: Join Shantum in a quiet place at the hotel for a meditative reflection.

Lunch: Have lunch at Aman-i-Khás before the afternoon safari.

Afternoon Wildlife Safari (four guests per Jeep) - 14:30: Depart from the camp at around 14:30 and return around 18:00. Excursion times are set by the park authorities as only a limited number of vehicles are permitted inside the park core at any one time.

Farewell Cocktails and Dinner - 19:00: Enjoy cocktails and dinner together at the camp, reflecting on the day's sightings.



Day 13

Sunday, 3 October 2021

Amangalla, Bedroom (Galle, Sri Lanka)

Included Meals: **B** **L**

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast in the dining tent before checking out.

08:30: Private transfer to Jaipur airport (3 hours).

12:30-15:35: Private jet Jaipur, India to Colombo, Sri Lanka (3 hours 5 minutes).

Lunch: Enjoy lunch on board your private jet.





GALLE, SRI LANKA

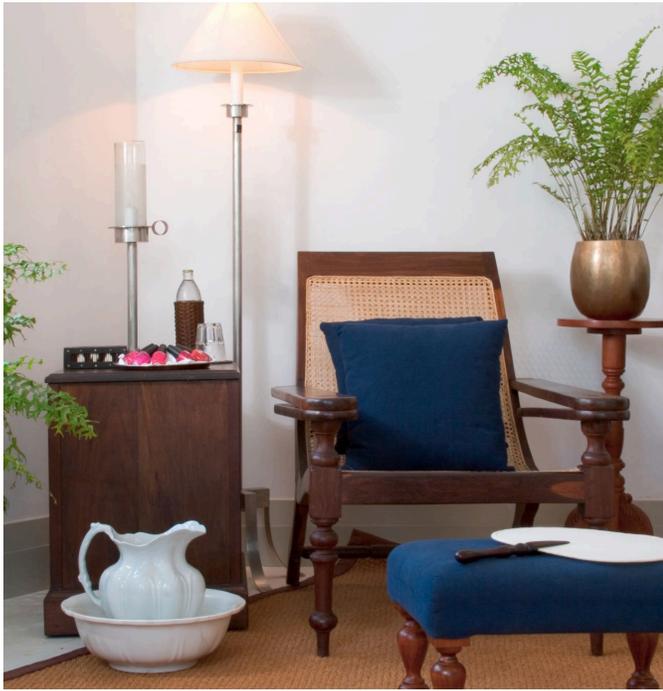
A charismatic Unesco World Heritage site that combines native Sri Lankan traditions with Portuguese, Dutch and British heritage, the cosmopolitan port city of Galle has been a centre of trade for more than a millennium. Nowadays, eclectic architectural styles sit side by side, and the energetic city radiates out from seventeenth-century Galle Fort on the coast.



AMANGALLA

In the historic port of Galle, Amangalla sits within the ramparts of Galle Fort. Named after the Sanskrit word for 'peace', and Galla, the Sinhalese name for the town of Galle, the resort reveals the Fort's daily activities and rich legacy, its narrow streets lined with buildings from the Dutch and British colonial eras. Offering views of the resort's 200-year-old gardens and of the Fort and harbour beyond, Amangalla provides for the leisurely exploration of the port and the surrounding countryside.

Gentle strolls directly from the hotel unravel the unique history of this magnificent 36-hectare hexagonal stone fort, revealing colonial buildings still in use today, bustling narrow streets proffering the crafts of many generations, and the ramparts and seawall, where locals and visitors alike gather to fly kites, play cricket or simply inhale the wonders of the town's maritime legacy.



BEDROOMS

Amangalla's bedrooms overlook the Dutch-colonial Groote Kerk (Great Church). The bedrooms feature jackwood floors and elegant colonial-influenced furnishings. The bathroom has a large shower and free-standing bathtub. A gracious and authentic turn-of-the-century ambience is recreated with a four-poster king-size or twin bed arrangement, planter's chair, writing desk, dining table, pettagama chest and gleaming teak floorboards.



RESTAURANT

The Zaal

The Zaal - the great hall - as it was known in Dutch times, is the entry point to the resort and features high ceilings, overhead fans and chandeliers. There is relaxed seating within, as well as on the veranda facing the tree-lined street. The menu provides light meals and snacks in the morning, and afternoon tea is served daily.

The Dining Room

Adjacent is the dining room, which provides an intimate setting for dining with a colonial accent. The dining room is furnished with period chairs and tables, crisp white linens, and antique silverware, with many of the original pieces having been returned to their rightful place in the room. The dining room serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and provides a choice of traditional Sri Lankan curry and home-cooked dishes.



Day 13

Sunday, 3 October 2021

Amangalla, Bedroom (Galle, Sri Lanka)

Included Meals: **B** **L**

Lunch: Enjoy lunch on board your private jet.

15:35: Arrive in Colombo, Sri Lanka by private jet (3 hours 5 minutes).

Private transfer to Amangalla (approximately 3 hours + traffic).

After checking in, freshen up and relax.

Spa: Enjoy a 90-minute complimentary treatment at the Amangalla spa, the Baths. Recapturing a bygone era, five serene treatment rooms and two hydrotherapy pools host a variety of treatments: traditional aromatic massages, ayurvedic anointments, classical facials, reflexology, scrubs and wraps. An ayurvedic doctor is on hand to diagnose your dosha (energies found throughout the human body and mind according to Ayurveda), give any lifestyle advice or heal an ailment. *Valid once per person during your stay. We recommend scheduling your treatment in advance.*

The heart of the Baths is two chambers of hydrotherapy pools with sauna, steam room and cold plunge pool. Ask the staff to turn on the steam and sauna 10 minutes before you need them, and spend an hour going from one to the other for purifying relaxation. It is complimentary for all guests.

Dinner: Have dinner at Amangalla's dining room or a local restaurant on your own.





Day 14

Monday, 4 October 2021

Amangalla, Bedroom (Galle, Sri Lanka)

Included Meals: **B** **D**

Optional Morning Meditation - 07:30.

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast in the dining room.

EXPERIENCES: Explore Galle Fort on foot accompanied by your private butler to learn the history of the Unesco World Heritage Site.



Galle Fort: Spend time walking through the Dutch fort and along the old ramparts overlooking the turquoise sea. The fort covers 36 hectares (90 acres) and includes the well-preserved Groote Kerk (Dutch Church), Dutch Government House, the New Oriental Hotel (built in 1684), an old bell tower and, perhaps most impressively, a tide-based sewage system. The Fort was set up by the Portuguese in 1505 when a small foreign trading post was established. In 1640, the Dutch captured Galle, and by 1663 they had constructed great ramparts and massive bastions to protect their interests. Within these ramparts, narrow streets are lined with houses displaying their Dutch and English heritage. Flanked by pillared verandas, these colonial homes and government offices remain in use today.



Galle National Museum: Housed in an old Dutch building at the centre of the Fort, the museum features exhibits on colonial weaponry, including a collection of Portuguese and Dutch swords, stone cannonballs, and battle axes made of brass and iron. Native handicrafts like turtle-shell ornaments and decorative pieces are also on display.

Lunch: Enjoy lunch on your own at your choice of restaurant.

Maritime Archaeology Museum: Destroyed in the 2004 tsunami, the collection has been re-established in the newly renovated Dutch warehouse in Galle Fort. The exhibits of artefacts discovered on the ocean floor



around Sri Lanka include the *Avondster*, a Dutch ship that was wrecked off Galle Fort in 1659.

Gem Shopping: In a country where precious gems are mined, jewellery shops are in abundance. Browse the shops in search of treasure and don't forget to bargain. *Please keep in mind that buying gems in Asia as a visitor is always a risky endeavour. Before making any purchases, be sure to inquire as to the return policy for the gems. With that in mind, we advise that you do not purchase any jewels with the intention of resale, but rather buy reasonably priced jewellery that you enjoy for its aesthetic qualities.*

Farewell Cocktails and Dinner - 19:00: Gather for cocktails and enjoy a presentation by a local history expert, followed by dinner together.

Day 15

Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Amanwella, Garden Pool Suite (Tangalle, Sri Lanka)

Included Meals: **B**

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast in the dining room before checking out.

Today you will move from Galle to Tangalle. Official check-out time is at 12:00.

Depart for Tangalle at your leisure (approximately 2 hours + traffic); we suggest you depart before lunch.

Lunch: Have lunch at your choice of restaurants in town or at Amanwella.





TANGALLE, SRI LANKA

Tangalle is one of the largest towns in south-western Sri Lanka, a haven of sandy beaches, mild temperatures and lush forests. The name of the town in Sinhalese means 'projected rock', referencing the rocks which form the coastline in the town area, and it remains a vital fishing port for the region.



AMANWELLA

Amanwella is situated just west of Tangalle in a mature coconut grove fronting a crescent-shaped beach. The resort's name derives from combining the words aman, or 'peace' in Sanskrit, and wella, the Sinhalese word for 'beach'. The modernist design, informed by Sri Lanka's most notable architect, Geoffrey Bawa, makes use of local materials, and Suites are linked by pathways, spread out along the hillside to the west of the public areas, providing views of the ocean and beach flanked by two rocky headlands.



SUITES

Mostly situated on the hillside, the Suites enjoy views of the coconut grove and ocean. Floor-to-ceiling glass and latticed panels form two sides of the dwelling - one opening onto a private walled-in entry courtyard and plunge pool, with the terrace side opposite affording open views. There is a combined sleeping and living room with a king-size bed, writing desk, armchair with footstool and credenza. Sliding screens divide this area from the open-plan bathroom featuring a freestanding bathtub, twin vanities, dressing area and shower. Access to the spacious terrace, with dining table and lounge, is via sliding doors from the living areas and bathroom.



RESTAURANTS

The Restaurant

Set within the cluster of public buildings at the southern end of the resort and open all day, the restaurant is perched 8 metres above sea level, offering stunning views across the pool towards coconut palms and the beach. Inside the Restaurant, doors open onto an internal grassed courtyard landscaped with frangipani trees and reflecting pools. The cuisine is Asian and Mediterranean with an emphasis on fresh local seafood from the Indian Ocean.

The Lounge and Bar

Adjacent to the restaurant, the lounge and bar also feature panoramic views, serving drinks and snacks alongside a range of sundowners. A selection of cigars is also available until late.

The Pool Terrace

Next to the swimming pool, the pool terrace is ideal for alfresco dining. During the day, simple lunches as well as fresh young coconuts and local fruit are served, while evening menus include antipasti and home-style dishes.

The Beach Club

Close to the beachfront amid coconut trees, the Beach Club provides an alternative venue for lunch and private dinners. The menu includes simple Asian salads, Mediterranean classics (using fresh local seafood), granitas and freshly churned ice cream. Seafood is cooked over a coconut charcoal barbecue and served with garden-fresh salads and local relishes.



Day 15

Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Amanwella, Garden Pool Suite (Tangalle, Sri Lanka)

Included Meals: **B**

Arrive at Amanwella from Amangalla and check in.

Enjoy a refreshing afternoon stroll through the surrounding forests, or relax on the idyllic beach.

Spa: If you wish, book a Spa treatment at your leisure, on your own account.

Dinner: Dine in the dining room or a local restaurant on your own.



Day 16

Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Amanwella, Garden Pool Suite (Tangalle, Sri Lanka)

Included Meals: **B**

Yoga: If you wish, start the day off with an early-morning complimentary yoga session on the beach.

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast at your leisure.

EXPERIENCES: Explore Tangalle and the surroundings with a private car and driver-cum-guide.

Early-Morning Tangalle Market Visit: Ten minutes' drive east of Amanwella, the town's large fishing fleet and busy harbour make for a vibrant experience, and the daily fish, fruit and vegetable markets provide a colourful insight into Sri Lankan life.

Morning or Evening Village Nature Walk: Stroll along the village paths that wind through the jungle offers a snapshot of daily village life. Amanwella is situated in the heart of Wella Wathura village, and chances abound to also view the diverse plants and wildlife in the area, including monkeys, migratory birds, monitor lizards, hare and mongoose.





Optional Circle Talk – 17:30: Join Shantum for a final reflection while enjoying a glass of champagne.

Farewell Cocktails and Dinner – 19:00: Enjoy farewell cocktails and dinner on the beach with a short cultural show.

Day 17

Thursday, 7 October 2021

Included Meals: **B**

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast at the restaurant.

Official check-out time is at 12:00. Leave your luggage with the bell desk and enjoy the hotel's facilities until your private transfer.

Private transfer from Tangalle to Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo (approximately 3 hours 30 minutes + traffic).

End of Aman Jet Expedition by Remote Lands.

TOUR LEADER

Shantum Seth

Shantum Seth is a Zen Master (Dharmacharya) in the Mindfulness Buddhist lineage (of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh). He has been teaching in India, Asia and across the world, and has been leading pilgrimages 'In the Footsteps of the Buddha' and other multi-faith and transformative journeys since 1988.

He is actively involved in social, environmental and educational programs including work on cultivating mindfulness in society, with educators, the police and paramilitary forces, the corporate sector amongst other. This is pioneered by the non-profit trust, Ahimsa www.ahimsatrust.org of which he is the founder.



He has been a Senior Advisor to the World Bank and also advises the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India on Pilgrimage Tourism. He worked in the corporate sector and later in social advocacy and development, fifteen years of which were with the United Nations Development Program, managing programs on volunteer promotion and artisan development across 16 countries, as also initiating the Endogenous Tourism program in India.

Shantum Seth has contributed to a number of books including, 'Walking with the Buddha', 'Planting Seeds, Sharing Mindfulness with Children', and 'Volunteers against Conflict'. He has also been a consultant on films including 'Life of the Buddha' made by the BBC and Discovery and 'The Story of India' made by BBC and PBS.

He has spoken on Tedx and had a weekly program on Zee TV in India, where he offered teachings on Buddhism and Meditation in Everyday Life. He has been a guest speaker, and lead mindful journeys for many institutions including the Young Presidents' Organization, Philips Exeter Academy, Rietberg Museum, the United Nations Development Program executive board, the Confederation of Indian Industries, and a number of other educational institutions, corporations and museums East and West. He has also lead private sessions and tours for individuals such as Drew Barrymore and Sting.

Shantum Seth comes from a well-known family, studied at The Doon School and St Stephen's College in India and then graduated in Development Studies with his thesis in Gandhian Economics from the University of East Anglia, while also graduating in Footwear Technology and Management in England.

His commitment to a cross-cultural understanding, with a mission of 'Peace in Oneself, Peace in the World' has led him to travel to more than 65 countries and nearly every state of India. Having lived in England, the USA and France (in a monastery) for over 14 years, he now lives with his family in Dehradun, in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas.

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