AMANKILA

Experience Guide

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Karangasem Regency, which sits in the shadow of the majestic Mount Agung, is known as one of the most traditional regencies in Bali. Showcasing some of Bali's most beautiful hidden treasures, including famed Water Palaces and stunning temples, this peaceful corner of Eastern Bali also boasts a beautiful coastline. From cultural tours, to scenic treks and cycle rides, to chartered snorkelling trips on one of Amankila's traditional outrigger boats, Amankila offers a wide variety of activities to keep guests of all interests entertained.

With the Beach Club set back from our private black sand beach and our famed three-tiered swimming pool overlooking the Lombok Strait, secluded places to relax abound. Indulge in Aman Signature Rituals at our Spa or opt for a private sunrise breakfast or beachside dinner. The options are endless, and we hope that you will make this a truly memorable stay.

At Amankila, we would be pleased to tailor any activity to your particular needs and interests. Should you wish to organise any of our activities, please speak with our Guest Hosts at Reception or by dialling '1' from your Suite phone. I would also be happy to discuss your itinerary with you personally to share my own insights and recommendations for an unforgettable stay in East Bali.

Akira Shiota
General Manager

Water Adventures

Take in the beauty of the East Bali coastline from the water with a variety of water activities. As sun care and ocean safety are very important to us, we provide SPF 30 organic sun block, hats, life jackets, fresh aloe vera for after-sun care, snorkelling masks, fins and towels for all water activities.

Cruising and Snorkelling

Aman XII and Aman XVI are styled after the Jukung, a traditional Balinese outrigger. Aman XII is a 15m (50ft) vessel used for morning and afternoon cruises along the coastline, while Aman XVI is a 12m (40ft) vessel used for private charters. Neither boat has bathroom facilities, so we recommend changing into your swimwear before leaving the resort. Towels, sunscreen, snorkeling equipment, drinks and snacks are provided onboard.
Amankila offers two schedules for shared cruises:
Morning Cruise (9.15am)
Afternoon Cruise (1pm)

Private cruises are available on request, including the Sunrise Cruise that starts at 5.30 am.

White Water Rafting

An exhilarating rafting excursion on the Telaga Waja River in Karangasem will get the adrenalin pumping. Classified as a Class IV river (Class III being the easiest), the trip starts in Muncan and takes on rapids down a gentle gradient towards the coast.

The excursion takes approximately half a day.

Fishing

Amankila overlooks the Lombok Strait, which happens to be one of the finest stretches of water for big game fishing in Bali. Whether you are a seasoned angler or a novice fisherman, our crew will show you the ropes in our purpose-built boat. While weather and luck play a role in the success of every fishing expedition, the chances are very good that you will come home with an impressive tuna, snapper or trevally.

For those who want a less time-intensive and physical fishing experience, why not try your hand at traditional Jukung handline fishing? This can be enjoyed from a boat or the coastline, and the thrill of hooking a rainbow runner or jackfish (pike) is almost as great as hauling in a tuna on the deeper sea experience.

Diving

Indonesia is renowned for its pristine reefs, beautiful dive sites and remarkable diversity of coral and fish species. East Bali is no exception, and Amankila offers scuba diving through an experienced local provider. As well as daily dive trips for certified divers, we can also arrange introductory dives, PADI courses, snorkelling trips, bubble maker programmes (for children under eight years old) and diving for seniors. To join a daily dive trip, please bring along your PADI, NAUI or SSI diving license or a picture of it to prove your DSD (Discover Scuba Diving), OW (Open Water) or AOW (Advanced Open Water) certification.

All diving equipment is provided and refreshments are included.

Padang Bai
Type: Coastal reef (maximum 25m), slope, wall, jetty and wreck
Location: 15-minute drive from Amankila, then five minutes by boat.
State of coral reef: Good variety of hard and soft corals, various types of gorgonians, healthy staghorn corals, huge coral boomies and table corals
Current: Mild to moderate
Visibility: 15m to 20m (Best June to October)
Highlight: White-tip reef sharks, green turtles, rich macro life and great coral
Note: Dive conditions are best in the morning
No. of dives: One or two
Prerequisites: Open Water (easy)

Tulamben USS Liberty
Type: Coastal reef, wreck and wall
Location: 60-minute drive from Amankila, no boat ride
State of coral reef: Good variety of hard and soft corals, barrel sponges and large sea fans
Current: None to mild, perfect conditions for beginners
Visibility: 15m to 20m+
Highlight: Over 400 species of coral, gigantic swirls of jackfish, potato groupers, king barracudas
Note: Bali's most popular dive-site, so leave at 8.30am to avoid crowding
No. of dives: Two
Prerequisites: Open Water (easy)

Gili Mimpang
Type: Three mini rock islands, slope and walls
Location: 15-minute drive from Amankila, then 15 minutes by boat
State of coral reef: Excellent coral coverage and variety
Current: Moderate to strong (can reach five knots and more)
Visibility: 25m+ (Best June to October)
Highlight: Shark junction, ideal for capturing footage of sharks swimming above
Note: Strong currents at new moon suitable only for experienced divers
No. of dives: Two
Prerequisites: Advanced Open Water (medium)

Gili Tepekong
Type: Small island, reef slope, deep walls, rock pinnacles and cave
Location: 15-minute drive from Amankila, then 15 minutes by boat
State of coral reef: Excellent coverage of hard and soft corals
Current: Moderate to strong and very strong
Visibility: 25m+ (Best June to October)
Highlight: Magnificent rock pinnacles covered in hard and soft corals and breathtaking vertical walls with sea fans and schools of tropical fish
Note: Currents can be tricky around new and full moon
No. of dives: Two
Prerequisites: Advanced Open Water (medium to hard)

Manta Point
Type: Stunning views with arched islands and steep hills
Location: 15-minutes drive from Amankila, then 60 minutes by boat
State of coral reef: Excellent coverage of hard and soft corals
Current: Moderate (buoyancy skills needed)
Visibility: Poor visibility is often synonymous with more manta rays
Highlight: Diving with mantas is almost guaranteed, although nature can be fickle
Note: Due to distance, private trips are preferred for flexibility
No. of dives: Two
Prerequisites: Advanced Open Water (hard)

Crystal Bay
Type: Sheltered bay opening on deep channel between Nusa Penida and Nusa Cenningan
Location: 15-minute drive from Amankila, 50 minutes by boat
State of coral reef: Healthy in parts, damaged in others
Visibility: Lives up to its name with excellent 30-50m visibility
Note: Can get crowded in mola-mola season (July to October)
No. of Dives: Two
Prerequisites: Advanced Open Water (medium)

Surfing

Bali is renowned for its spectacular breaks and its virtual year-round surfing season. Amankila offers surfing expeditions in association with East Bali Surf and Sail (EBSS), catering to all levels. Beginners can learn at the Sanur Reef headquarters of EBSS, whilst intermediate and advanced surfers can expect tailored experiences of East Bali's finest surf breaks, away from the crowds.

Headed by Oka Sulaksana, a professional surfer, sailor and windsurfer, the EBSS team is multilingual (including Japanese).

Surfing in Bali

Sanur Surf

Hyatt Reef
A few kilometres south of Sanur Reef is the Hyatt Reef, home base of EBSS. Here we take beginners out on the boat to the baby reef and get them standing on their boards generally in knee- to waist-high white water. For the intermediate to advanced surfer, we go across the reef to where the bigger waves are suitable for fit intermediate and advanced surfers only. Booties optional.

Sanur Baby
275m (900ft) north of the Bali Beach Hotel is a gentle beach break known as Sanur Baby, which is suitable for beginners. Booties optional.

Sanur Reef
This famous right hander is one of the best waves in Bali when it breaks overhead. Recommended for intermediate and advanced surfers only as it breaks over sharp coral. This is a territorial break and guests are required to be accompanied by our local guides. Booties optional.

East Bali Surf

Secret Point
A 40-minute drive south of Amankila in a quiet restricted area, Secret Point is an easy-going right-hander breaking on sand, just offshore from a deserted beach. Suitable for beginners on small days only. Booties optional.

Cucukan
A 50-minute drive from Amankila, Cucukan is a great spot for intermediate and advanced surfers. A fun right-hander breaking 140m (450ft) out, best on rising tides, often with barrel sections. A more challenging option is on offer just down the beach, with top to bottom barrels breaking over sharp reef. Booties optional.

Keramas
The most famous right-hander in East Bali, Keramas is often crowded, but on a full-day trip, guides can assure a fun session. Recommended for advanced and intermediate surfers comfortable in strong waves and proficient in duck diving. Waves break over sand and reef about 90m (300ft) out. Best on incoming tides. A great beach club with food, showers and toilets awaits onshore. Booties optional.

Surfing in Bali

East Bali Surf

Gumicik & Padang Galak
Close to Sanur, these right breaks are ideal for beginners and intermediate surfers. Both break over sand close to shore. Booties optional.

Lemons
Down the beach from Keramas is this challenging right-hander, breaking farther out in deeper water. Recommended for good intermediate and advanced surfers only. Challenging conditions, often with a strong rip, but worth it for long rides and barrel sections. Booties optional.

Jasri
A 20-minute drive north of Amankila, this mellow right hander is not recommended for beginners. The waves generally break at waist to chest height in multiple sections but can get overhead and close out with bigger swell. Booties are recommended as waves break over river rocks.

Clampys
Down the coast from Keramas is Clampys. A barreling right-hander over sharp coral, it needs to be surfed on a medium to high tide. Many good surfers lose skin looking for a barrel here, so it is recommended for advanced surfers only. Booties recommended.

Klotok Main Peak
Not for beginners, this challenging right-hander breaks over sand about 90m (300ft) offshore. Works best on low tides and can get very challenging on big days. Big faces lend themselves to carves and hacks, usually no barrels. Booties optional.

Beach Club Activities

Beach Games
From beach bats to soccer, volleyball or frisbee, our beach attendants are happy to provide the equipment and make up a team. Test your balance on our slackline, suspended between two anchors in the coconut grove. Great for posture, balance and strength, it can also be incorporated into yoga workouts.

Boogieboards
The small waves that lap our beach are ideal for boogie boarding and guaranteed fun for all ages. Great surfing spots are available a short drive from the resort.

Kayak
Amankila's crystal clear waters are ideal for kayaking. Mornings are particularly calm, with flat seas perfect for coastal exploration. Our Naish boards offer superb buoyancy and balance, and our watersports team is happy to assist with carrying boards and kayaks in and out of the water, as well as helping out beginners.

Adventures on Land

From treks and cycle rides through the rice paddies at the foothills of the famed Mount Agung to practices in mindfulness and yoga, Amankila provides guests with opportunities to explore the regency beyond the resort and see the natural environments of Bali through a different light. Outdoor activities are recommended in the morning, as the afternoons can get very warm.

Nature & Adventure

Cycling

Budakeling to Perasi
Virtually all downhill, this cycling route starts in Budakeling Village, with spectacular views of Mount Agung towering above. After a 45-minute drive from Amankila, set off on your mountain bike through picturesque rice fields, passing villages and witnessing day-to-day life. Expect to see blacksmiths at work, mud bricks being made, the threshing of rice, and more. After about an hour's ride, you will finish a 25 minutes' drive from Amankila.

Budakeling to Ujung
One of the most popular cycling routes, this trip starts in Budakeling in the shadow of Mount Agung. Following quiet rural roads, you will soon pass the Water Palace of Tirta Gangga, emerald green rice terraces, quiet villages and the King's Palace, before ending alongside the Water Palace of Ujung. Built by the late King of Karangasem, who reigned from 1909 to 1945, this opulent monument is called Taman Soekasada Ujung by locals. With transfers and cycling, this entire route takes approximately three hours.

Putung to Perasi
20 minutes by car from Amankila lies the peaceful village of Putung, where this route begins. Its high altitude ensures a cooler start, but you'll soon warm up as you ride through rice paddies, salak (snake fruit) plantations and other villages on your way to Perasi on the coast. After approximately 90 minutes, you will come to a junction leading to Pasir Putih, a beautiful sandy beach with panoramic views.

Selumbung Self-Guided Ride
Taking approximately 60 minutes, this self-guided route sees you, your mountain bike and an excellent map finding your own way through the Selumbung region. Passing through emerald rice paddies with Mount Agung as a constant backdrop, you are also sure to see drying pandanus leaves on the roadside, small warungs (family-run restaurants), local schools and the beautiful temple in Selumbung Village.

Trekking Routes

Wates to Abian Canang

This scenic two-hour trek starts in the village of Wates, famous for its salak (snake fruit) plantations. After walking for about 15 minutes, you will encounter Mount Agung in all its glory - a view especially breathtaking at sunrise. Continue on and soon the sea will appear in the distance. Finally, with coconut palms on either side, you will reach Abian Canang, a particularly traditional East Balinese village. Transfers to the start and back to the resort take an hour in total.

Kastala to Tenganan

This very beautiful trek involves several hills, rice fields and a rocky riverbed that is in full flow during the wet season. On this trek, you will have the opportunity to visit some very isolated and 'time-forgotten' villages. The trek ends in the village of Tenganan, where you may want to bargain for exquisite basketry or the prized Geringsing ikat cloth. This intermediate trek takes approximately two hours and the total trip is three hours, including driving.

Macang to Tenganan

Begin this trek in Macang, a village surrounded by salak trees heavy with the delicious snake fruit. Pick some to enjoy as you hike up Badu Badu Hill, taking in magnificent views of Mount Agung. The view from the top is even more stunning: A mango garden opens onto an ocean panorama with Amankila in the distance. Finishing at Tenganan Village, this advanced trek takes approximately two hours, with an additional hour for transfers each way.

Bugbug to Timbrah

These two villages are well-known for their fascinating festivals and ceremonies. On this trek you will see view of the rice paddies and farms of "old Bali". Occasionally, you may find yourself amidst one of their spectacular ceremonies.

Tenganan to Tirta Gangga

One of only two Bali Aga (Original Villages) on the island, Tenganan is renowned for its double woven ikat fabric, said to have magical powers. Once you have explored the village, set off uphill to the top of a ridge boasting 360-degree views of rice fields. The route continues through several other villages, with numerous river crossings, before you reach the Water Palace of Tirta Gangga. This one-hectare complex was built in 1946 by the late king of Karangasem but was almost entirely destroyed by the eruption of Mount Agung in 1963. Carefully restored, at its heart lies an 11-tiered fountain, while many beautiful statues adorn the gardens.

Amankila Hiking Trail

Experience our hiking trail at Amankila where you can see Indrakila Hill, the forest and the Lombok strait. You will also come across Amankila's sustainability programmes, including our organic garden. The produce we grow and harvest is used by our culinary team to ensure the freshest ingredients on our menu.
Complimentary

Permaculture Tour

We invite to join us to experience Permaculture Tour at Amankila organic garden. It is a great experience to learn how Amankila is managing sustainable farming practices and principles to grow and produce organic farm.
Complimentary

Climbing Mount Batur

Situated in Bali's Bangli region, Mount Batur has long attracted mountain climbers eager to watch the sunrise over Mount Agung and Mount Abang. The hike to the top of the 1,717m (5,633ft) peak takes about two hours, and is considered of medium difficulty, requiring a reasonable level of fitness. We recommend leaving Amankila at 2am to catch the sunrise whilst enjoying a delicious picnic breakfast. Visit the temples of Pura Jati Batur and Puma Ulun Danu Batur on your way back to Amankila.
Proper hiking gear and shoes are recommended, along with a sweater. We provide dry bags, stainless steel water bottles, headlamps, walking poles, refreshments and a first aid kit.

Climbing Mount Agung

Mount Agung, towering 3,142m (10,308ft) above sea level, has a spiritual and cultural significance to the Balinese people and is home to the mother temple of Besakih, believed as the home of the Gods.
Climbing Mount Agung is the "royal" discipline of climbing in Bali and is not for those who are after a "leisure" climb. With an unmatched vertical route of ascent and mesmerizing vistas of the surrounding landscape and beyond, climbing Mount Agung is destined to be an iconic and exhilarating adventure.

Sunrise trail: There are two options of the track to reach Mount Agung. Those are via Pasar Agung Temple and via Pengubengan Temple.

a. Pasar Agung Temple

Your climb would start directly at Pasar Agung Temple (60 min. drive from Amankila) at the altitude of 1.700 metres and brings you up to 3,000 metres. The trail would take between 4-5 hours of strenuous climbing to reach the summit. A less strenuous route is available and would take 6 hours to reach the summit.
We recommend leaving Amankila at 01.00am to catch stunning sunrise and panoramic view.
Proper hiking gear and shoes are recommended, along with a breathable long sleeve shirt and T shirt, lightweight pants, warmer pants layer, sweatpants, beanie, gloves, rain coat. We provide dry bags, stainless steel water bottles, headlamps, walking poles, refreshments and a first aid kit.

b. Pengubengan Temple – Besakih

Your climb start from Pengubengan Temple and it would be divided into three points. To go to the first point it needs one hour trek. And from the first point to the second one would take around two hours; whilst to get the sunrise point, it would take 2-3 hours. Through this route, the highest peak / the crater is accessible subject to the strength of the wind. The route from Pengubengan Temple Is categorized as the hardest climb in Bali. And the duration is quite long with total of 8 hours of ups and downs.

Sport & Mindfulness

Yoga Class
Stretching your body and soul is the best way to start the day. Amankila's yoga instructor teaches the art of yoga and meditation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9am at Coconut Grove, by our Beach Club.

To ensure the best experience, the maximum capacity is eight guests per class. Whilst no reservation is required, please make sure you arrive on time.
Complimentary
If you wish to have a more personalised experience, at the time of your convenience, private yoga classes are also available. Please reach out to our Guest Assistant Team to make a booking.

Bootcamp
Bootcamp group class at our outdoor gym is active fun and designed to suit all fitness levels. Each session consists of a variety of aerobic, interval training and bodyweight exercises and leaves you with a wonderful feel-good factor at the end.
Complimentary

Cultural Insights

The Balinese calendar is filled with auspicious and holy days. Festivals are a joy to witness, and Amankila will notify guests of any special community events.

Cultural Etiquette

Foreigners are always welcomed, but please be aware of the following out of respect for local traditions: Appropriate dress (no shorts or sleeveless tops) is required to enter temples and join blessing ceremonies. Women are asked not to enter temples or join blessing ceremonies when menstruating.

Amankila provides traditional Balinese outfits. Please refrain from photographing people praying and smoking inside temples.

Balinese Celebrations

Balinese Cultural Blessing

Experience a traditional blessing ceremony performed by Pak Mangku, our local priest, at Padmasan, Amankila's picturesque resort temple. The Hindu prayers that form the blessing ask for hope, physical strength and determination, ensuring the blessed can face all life's challenges with happiness and fortitude. At the close of the blessing, Pak Mangku will place a yarn bracelet around your wrist, to be worn as long as you desire.

Odalan

Occasions when Balinese village communities come together to commemorate the establishment date of a temple, Odalan festivals are annual celebrations that contribute greatly to the rich traditions of Balinese theatre and dance. Conducted to ensure spiritual harmony and show gratefulness for blessings received, Odalans are relatively frequent, considering that each village is home to at least three temples. Celebrations include processions, street decorations, entertainment and dancing in temple courtyards.

Nyepi

Usually celebrated in March, Nyepi is a 'Day of Silence' in Bali's Hindu calendar, reserved for self reflection and meditation. As such, anything that might interfere with that purpose is restricted, including the lighting of fires, working, travelling, and any form of entertainment. Bali's usually bustling streets and roads are empty, and few signs of activity are seen even inside homes. Observed from 6am for 24 hours, Nyepi is followed by the Balinese New Year's Day, when families and friends gather and the hum of daily life resumes.

Galungan & Kuningan

Celebrating the victory of dharma (good) over adharma (evil), this 11-day period marks the time when ancestral spirits visit the island, according to Hindu tradition. During this time, it is the responsibility of the living to make the spirits feel welcome through prayers and offerings. Roadside decorations known as penjors – long bamboo poles hung with offerings – are erected along roadsides as a show of hospitality. Other traditions include the cooking of bananas, the making of jaja (fried rice cakes), and the slaughtering of pigs or chickens for a feast. Kuningan is the last day of the festival, when the spirits depart.

Cultural Tours & Parks

Sidemen Rice Fields
Set amongst emerald rice fields, Sidemen is also home to some of the best traditional textiles in Bali. A weaving room and adjoining shop are well worth visiting to witness the intricate craft and perhaps purchase some of the clothing or prized fabrics, including Ikat. A trip to Sideman is an ideal excursion after a picnic breakfast in Amankila's Tamansari Bale.

Klungkung Market
A vast and colourful storehouse, Klungkung Market is a 30-minute drive from Amankila. Home to vibrant fresh vegetables and meats, it is also one of the best places to shop for textiles, handmade tools, knives and coconut fibre-based twine items. Book a private driver and guide to experience the fun and chaos of an early morning shopping trip.

Bali Safari & Marine Park
Home to more than 100 animal species including endangered specimens, the Bali Safari & Marine Park combines a Balinese cultural ambience with an African savannah experience. Traverse the jungle in a safari-style vehicle and if you are lucky you might spot Sumatran elephants, tigers, leopards, Komodo dragons, cheetah, hippos and many more amazing creatures.

Nusa Penida Tour
Nusa Penida is a relatively undeveloped island southeast of mainland Bali with beautiful beaches and magnificent cliffs. On a day trip from Amankila, expect to discover Atuh Beach, Titi Bahu Cliff Giri Putri Cave Temple and the Angel's Billabong Pond.

Amandari Detour
For those moving on to stay at Amandari, Amankila's sister resort near Ubud, why not explore more of Bali on route? Amankila presents two options to guests to make the trip a journey in itself.

North Ubud Tour:
Kehen Temple
Ulun Danu Batur Temple
Pengelipuran Village
Tirta Empul Temple
Four hours including one and a half hour of driving

South Ubud Tour:
Kusamba Salt Making
Traditional Klungkung Market
Kerta Gosa
Batuan Temple
Five hours including one and a half hour of driving

East Bali Tour

Tailored to your interests, Amankila's East Bali tour takes approximately three hours and includes the highlights of the region. Travel in a private vehicle with your own private guide at your own pace, stopping whenever you desire. We recommend starting in the ancient village of Tenganan, where you can see the making of the famous double ikat. From here visit the temples and royal palaces of the area, gaining insight into the region's regal past.

Puri Agung

Built in the 19th century by the first king of Karangasem, Puri Agung refers collectively to several royal palaces within a 100-metre radius of the capital, Amlapura. Featuring Balinese, Chinese and European design motifs, the main Puri Agung complex reveals towering red-brick gates, relief-covered walls, black and white portraits of the last raja in his elegant Maskerdam building (named after Amsterdam) and a floating 'Gili' pavilion surrounded by a lotus-filled moat.

Tirta Gangga Water Palace

A delightful maze of pools and fountains surrounded by lush gardens, Tirta Gangga Water Palace is a one-hectare garden estate built in 1946 by the heir to the former Kingdom of Karangasem. Destroyed almost entirely by the eruption of Mount Agung in 1963, it has been carefully rebuilt and restored to its original splendour. Many beautiful stone carvings and statues adorn the gardens, but the centrepiece of the palace is without a doubt its eleven-tiered fountain.

Ujung Water Palace

Built by the late king of Karangasem, Ujung Water Palace is reached via a winding road through rice paddies, just a few kilometres from Amalapura. Damaged during World War II and almost completely destroyed in 1963's eruption, today the palace has been meticulously rebuilt. From the roadside, one's first glimpse is of a grand Romanesque hall, decorated with ornate archways. Their distinctive shape, more baroque than Balinese, finds fresh resonance today in the doorways and alcoves of Amankila. The land then drops to a sunny valley claimed by two royal bathing pools, and beyond, the brilliant blue sea.

Tenganan Village

East Bali is full of villages showcasing a way of life little changed over the centuries. None is more rooted in the past than the religious community of Tenganan. While most of Bali embraced a form of Hinduism over the centuries, Tenganan still believes in its own divine origin. In this tiny society, clothing has always been central to religious ritual and today, families still painstakingly fashion double ikat cloth. It is only in Tenganan and Gujarat, India, that this rare textile is still produced, the warp and weft threads dyed before the fabric is woven.

Pura Lempuyang Luhur

One of Bali's oldest and most important temples, Pura Lempuyang Luhur lies 1,175 metres above sea level at the peak of Mount Lempuyang. It is reached via a steep staircase of 1,700 steps, that ascend through a forest to offer breath-taking views from the top. Combining culture and natural beauty, this visit could well be the highlight of your trip.

East Bali Tour

Craft Villages

In Kamasan, just south of Klungkung, a distinctive style of Balinese art is produced. Kamasan style painting makes use of figures resembling the puppets of wayang kulit, Bali's shadow puppet theatre. In the village of Budakeling at the foot of Mount Agung meanwhile, a number of goldsmiths and silversmiths have produced intricate temple crafts and containers for generations. Handicrafts and souvenirs can be found in the village of Candi Dasa, just a few minutes' drive from Amankila, and in recent years, a few shops selling exquisite jewellery have also opened in the area.

Kusamba Salt Making

A traditional village close to Amankila, Kusamba is famous for its sea salt production. Those villagers not involved in salt making are fishermen, making this truly a community that relies on the sea. Explore the town and learn more about how this vital cooking ingredient is extracted from the ocean.

Temples

Goa Lawah Temple

A 25-minute drive from Amankila, Goa Lawah is a temple dedicated to the Sea God, although its name translates to 'Bat Cave'. Appropriately enough, the temple is situated in front of a small cave that is home to thousands of large fruit bats. Believed to be the temple's sacred guardians, every evening at sunset they depart the cave in a photogenic, smoke-like drift.

Pasar Agung Temple

A 60-minute drive from Amankila, Pasar Agung is considered the marketplace of the gods and a potent source of energy. Set beneath brooding Mount Agung with beautiful views on clear days, the temple is reached after driving through the villages of Selat, Sebudi and Sorga into high altitude woods, followed by a 20-minute walk along a winding path and staircase.

Batuan Temple

A 60-minute drive from Amankila, Batuan Temple is known for its well-preserved sandstone bas reliefs and traditional Balinese temple architecture, as well as its roofs lined with black palm leaves. Founded in the 11th century, it is set within a complex of shrines on a one-and-a-half-acre estate.

Kehen Temple

A 60-minute drive from Amankila on the way to Amandari, Kehen Temple is said to be the most beautiful in East Bali. It is renowned for its magnificent banyan tree, which is over 700 years old. Set on a wooded hillside with eight terraces, Pura Kehen is described as a miniature version of the famous Besakih Temple.

Helicopter Transfers & Tours

Mount Batur Sky Tour
Duration: 60 minutes
Route: A round trip from Ulakan, flying over Mt Batur, Lake Kintamani, Ubud and Tanah Lot
Available: From 12 noon (subject to weather conditions)

Nusa Penida Sky Tour
Duration: 30 minutes
Route: A round trip from Ulakan, flying over Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida
Available: From 12 noon (subject to weather conditions)

Uluwatu Coast Line
Duration: 40 minutes
Route: A round trip from Ulakan, flying over Uluwatu Temple, GWK Statue and Jimbaran Beach
Available: From 12 noon (subject to weather conditions)

Culinary Experiences

The grounds of Amankila offer multiple breath-taking locations in which to dine, whether celebrating your honeymoon and would prefer a romantic beach dinner for two, or a milestone with family and friends.
Please speak with us, and we will do our best to exceed your expectations.

It is important to note that some experiences are weather dependent. We recommend booking in advance, due to high demand and limited availability. Cancellations within a certain time frame may incur the full cost of the experience. Please inquire should you require more information regarding our cancellation policy.

All Day Enjoyments

Sunrise Breakfast at Tamansari

There is no better way to start the day than breakfast with a view. As the sun's first rays light up Mount Agung and the rice terraces of the Buitan Valley, relax in our open-air bale atop Tamansari Hill and enjoy a delicious home cooked breakfast served by your own personal waiter.
Recommended starting time is 6.30am.

Cooking Class

Learn the secrets of Indonesian cuisine in this hands-on cooking class with Amankila's Balinese sous chef. After choosing your own fresh products from our resort gardens and learning about traditional ingredients, you will be guided step-by-step in the preparation of a multi-course Indonesian meal. Recipes have been passed down through the generations and remain uncorrupted by modern additives, ensuring a freshness of flavour unique to this historic region.

Floating Afternoon Light Bites

While relaxing on the terrace of your private Pool Suite, why not enjoy a floating afternoon light bites? A variety of freshly prepared sweet and savoury treats will be floated to you across your pool, with your preference of beverage. Tea or coffee, juice or cocktails may all be ordered.
Only available in suites with personal pools, please note the Floating Afternoon Light Bites requires orders five hours in advance.

Traditional Tea

Served daily outside the library, our Traditional Tea includes Bali Kopi (coffee) and tea, as well as local Balinese snacks. While you enjoy the treats, observe local girls preparing traditional floral offerings known as *Canang sari*.
Complimentary

Shisha Experience

Add some extra flavour to your poolside or bar relaxation with our 'Meduse' Shisha pipes. Choose from a variety of local flavours and special Hookah mixes. For more information, please contact our Bar & Beverage team.

Sunset Canapés

Toast the sunset from our Batu Jati Rock Platform overlooking the Lombok Strait and Amankila's black sand beach or Tamansari, Amankila's hilltop Bale. As the sky changes colour, sip locally crafted cocktails accompanied by a selection of delicious canapés.

Special Evenings

Megibung Dinner

An East Balinese tradition, Megibung translates as 'sharing a meal from one platter'. Common during festivals and ceremonial occasions, the platter is usually presented with Nasi Tumpeng - a cone of rice representing Mount Agung. This is, of course, where the Hindu Mother Temple of Besakih is located. Surrounding the cone of rice are a variety of Balinese dishes celebrating the abundance and quality of food the island provides. As well as in our restaurant, you may also enjoy this experience in the privacy of your suite, or at a private table alongside our three-tiered pool.

We can also provide traditional Balinese attire. Please order two hours in advance, with last orders at 6pm.

Rijsttafel Dinner

Named after the Dutch word for 'rice table', Rijsttafel was adopted as a style of eating in colonial times, when the Dutch wanted to introduce guests to the exotic abundance of Indonesia. Including ten vegetarian, seafood and meat dishes (choose only vegetarian if you prefer) with rice, our Rijsttafel Dinner is rounded off with a trio of sorbets. As well as in our restaurant, you may also enjoy this experience in the privacy of your suite, or at a private table alongside our three-tiered pool.

Satay Evening

This unique dining experience takes place at the top of Tamansari Hill. Arrive at 5.30pm in good time for sunset and follow the candlelit pathway to Amankila's private bale with spectacular views over the Buitan Valley and Lombok Strait. As the setting sun gilds the valley's rice fields and the distant island of Nusa Penida, your private waiter and personal chef will serve an authentic Balinese satay feast.

Candlelit Dinner by the Main Pool

Dine by candlelight with a multi-course menu specially curated by our Executive Chef. Consummately private and impossibly romantic, enjoy this experience alongside our iconic three-tiered pool with a private bale for after-dinner relaxation.

Private Beach Dinner

The entire Amankila Beach Club, pool and private black-sand beach will be reserved for you to enjoy. A table with candles and flowers is set on the sand while a private chef and waiter tend to your every need. Following dinner, with a bonfire casting flickering shadows, relax in a private bale and enjoy an après dinner snooze in complete privacy to the sound of lapping waves.

Kila Kids & Families

Diving (Bubblemaker Class)
Those aged eight and above can learn the basics of scuba diving in the safety of Amankila's swimming pool.

Snorkelling
Snorkelling equipment is available on a complimentary basis with sizes for younger guests.

Surfing
Surfing lessons are a great way to build confidence in the water.

Amankila Beach Club
The Beach Club incorporates a casual restaurant and a 41-metre swimming pool. Complimentary water sports equipment includes boogie boards and kayaks.

White Water Rafting
Let your little adventurers get a thrill on the gentle rapids. The minimum age for rafting on the Telaga Waja River is seven.

Cycling
Fully-suspended mountain bikes are available for cycling excursions. The scenery is beautiful, and the roads are quiet.

Trekking
The scenic hills surrounding Amankila offer multiple trekking routes. Treks can be tailored to age and fitness levels, and guides carry water.

Balinese Dancing Classes
Wearing an authentic dance costume, learn a traditional Balinese dance with a professional dancer from our local Village.

Kila Kids & Families

Juniors

Beach Entertainment
A range of beach toys and activities are available, including footballs, croquet sets, fishing rods and boogie boards. Children's golf clubs are also available for a fun round of beach golf.
Complimentary

Kids' Picnic
During the high season and over major holidays, a supervised kids' picnic is held daily at the Beach Club between 4pm and 5pm.

Making Balinese Offerings (Canang sari)
In Bali, girls are taught to make floral offerings from an early age. Your children can learn this unique skill while making new friends. Leaves are pre-cut.

Origami
Offered at tea time in front of the library and throughout the day in the Kids' Room, origami – the art of folding paper to create various animals and other objects – is a fun and educational hands-on activity.

Children's Books
We have a wide selection of children's books in our library, from Harry Potter to classic Balinese stories. Most books are available in English.

Teens

Kite Making
Kite-flying is a popular hobby in Bali. Make your own kite with the help of our Guest Assistants, then try them out on the hilltop.

Painting
Learn to paint with traditional watercolours, as demonstrated by Bapak Wayan, our resident artist.

Basket Weaving
Weave a beautiful basket from atta (natural straw grown in East Bali) with Bapak Nyoman, an experienced local craftsman.

Sand Castle Building
The soft black sand of our private beach is ideal for building sand castles. Create a masterpiece before it is claimed by the tide.
Complimentary

Kila Kids & Families

Infants & Toddlers

Babysitting
Available on a per hour basis.

Safety
Safety gates and pool gates for Pool Suites are available.

Bedding
Cots and sofa bed can be provided.

Equipment
Highchairs, car seats, booster seats, bottle warmers, sterilisers, baby bathtubs and swim nappies are all available should you need them.

Food
We provide special meals for toddlers and infants, including fresh fruit and vegetable purees and more substantial finger foods.

Amankila & Sustainability

We are dedicated to preserving the environment through a number of initiatives. Some of these commitments are outlined below.

We have not used plastic straws since 2017.
We are the first hotel in Indonesia to use refillable coffee capsules for our in-suite coffee machines, supporting Balinese coffee producers and producing zero waste.
We are on our way to becoming single-use plastic free.
We recycle and compost all waste on the property.
As well as regular beach clean-ups, we join various monthly clean-up projects in the surrounding communities.

Soul Bali Charity

Founded by Amankila's Front Office staff in 2015, Soul Bali Charity is a non-governmental organisation working in favour of children and the elderly, who live in poor conditions or with difficult access to medical care and social contact. Heart, spirit, humanity, integrity, compassion and selfless service are the essential values that drive the foundation every day.

There are many ways in which you may contribute to Soul Bali Charity during your stay at Amankila. If you wish to participate with the foundation, please reach out to our Guest Assistant team, and we will inform you of any workshops happening during your stay. Alternatively, prior to your arrival, you may pack clothes or belongings that you no longer need for donation.

Amankila also works with Soul Bali Charity for a selection of our turndown gifts, which are offered each evening. These unique items showcase the beauty of Bali and also help to financially support the organisation.

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