

Amanera

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Perched atop 60-foot cliffs at the western end of Playa Grande beach, Amanera offers extensive dining, spa and recreational facilities. Designed to maximise the extraordinary views, each of the 24 one-bedroom, freestanding Casitas enjoys unobstructed ocean vistas from an expansive terrace. Every Casita is accessed via a winding pathway through a private garden, and 14 have private 10-metre swimming pools. The two-bedroom Bay View Casita enjoys one of the finest settings on the property, with panoramic views of the ocean and Playa Grande beach, a 20-metre infinity pool and a private footpath down to the sand.

The property's main pavilion, Casa Grande, appears to float above a three-tiered water feature, its elevated position providing sweeping panoramas of ocean, fairway and jungle at every turn. It houses the bar and lounge, a discreet reception, a library and a convivial cigar bar, and leads to Amanera's signature restaurant with its indoor and outdoor dining areas. Beyond the restaurant is the main swimming pool. The informal Beach Club is tucked into a sandy cove on Playa Grande beach and offers a casual dining area, water sports equipment and a children's club.

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Famed for its natural beauty, balmy climate and year-round golf – along with a revered reputation for its exquisite chocolate and cigars – the Dominican Republic is part of one of the largest and most geographically diverse islands in the Caribbean. Playa Grande is known as the Republic's most beautiful beach, prized for its golden sands and azure seas. At the beach's western end, atop 60-foot cliffs, Amanera combines the island nation's finest attractions in one breathtaking destination. Water is central to the design of the property, its name combining the Sanskrit-derived word for 'peace' with *era*, the word for 'water' in Taíno, the language historically spoken by the indigenous people of the Caribbean.

Every aspect of Amanera, from the indoor-outdoor restaurant to the extensive recreational and spa facilities, has been designed to maximise the magnificent views – and the guest casitas are no exception. Demonstrating a raw, organic design, these 25 freestanding structures appear to emerge from the jungle, their clean, modernist lines allowing for biodiverse green roofs and cool, contemporary living spaces that blur the lines between dwelling and jungle.

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