

An aerial photograph of the Amankila resort, a large complex of buildings with traditional-style roofs and a swimming pool, situated on a lush, green hillside. The resort is surrounded by dense tropical forest. In the foreground, the ocean waves are breaking onto a pebbly beach. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky with soft, wispy clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall atmosphere is serene and scenic.

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Celebrations & Events



Host the perfect event

Set in East Bali, where water palaces speak of the region's royal past and temples honour the island's gods, Amankila's dramatic setting makes it one of the most captivating destinations in Asia. But it is not just its beauty that makes this serene retreat such a special place for private celebrations.

Rich strands of Balinese traditions and culture imbue every occasion with a sense of place and a feeling of time-stilling tranquillity presides over this quiet corner of the Island of the Gods.

Purifying Mandi Lulur bathing rituals can be incorporated into wedding preparations, while event spaces are blessed with the presence of Penjor (bamboo flags) that symbolise Mount Agung. Traditional music sets the scene at parties and receptions, and ancient dances – whether the romantic *oleg tambulilingan* or the refined *legong* – entertain and delight.

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Welcome to Amankila

Amankila rests on a lush hillside beneath sacred Mount Agung, overlooking the Lombok Strait.

Standalone stilted suites, connected by frangipani-lined walkways, offer spectacular views down to the ocean and the resort's three-tiered infinity pool, which cascades at the property's heart. On the shoreline, the Beach Club leads to a private black-sand beach.

Beyond in East Bali, sacred mountains rise over local villages, tucked between emerald-green rice paddies, where local life unfolds. Royal ruins, cultural heritage sites and active pursuits on land and sea are all in reach from this restful resort.



Venues

Amankila offers a host of venues with both indoor and alfresco settings making ideal for multi-day celebrations with personalised activities in between. Having the whole place to yourself promises your own private coastal retreat, with every detail of the event's evolution and execution taken care of as our priority.

Whether a pre-wedding beach barbecue, a sunset ceremony or a glamorous poolside reception beneath the stars, we ensure your vision becomes a reality, while you get to simply relax and enjoy every minute. To make the event one to remember, Amankila's expert chefs personally curate menus, focussing on Indonesian and international cuisines, using only the freshest, seasonal ingredients from our idyllic island.



The Restaurant

Up to 100 guests for an indoor seated dinner
Up to 150 guests for an indoor & terrace seated dinner
Up to 200 guests for a cocktail reception

The hypnotic sounds of the ocean and the chime of birdsong resonates through the colonnaded open-sided Restaurant located above the main pool.

Chefs use fresh herbs from the resort's own garden to create exquisite Indonesian and international cuisines, combined with locally sourced fruit and vegetables, grown from Mount Agung's fertile soil.

The perfect setting for an exclusive cocktail and dinner reception in Bali.



The Terrace

Up to 60 guests for an indoor seated dinner
Up to 100 guests for an indoor & outdoor seated dinner
Up to 120 guests for an indoor & outdoor standing cocktail reception

Situated below the Restaurant, The Terrace is set back from Amankila's three-tiered infinity pool that cascade through the property's heart, offering panoramic views of the coast and tropical hillsides of East Bali. A perfect venue for cocktail receptions and seated dinners.



Beach Club & Coconut Grove

Up to 250 guests for an outdoor seated dinner
Up to 350 guests for a cocktail reception
Barbecue menu only

Located below the resort, this beautiful setting is set back from the water's edge in a peaceful coconut grove, lulled by the sound of the waves.

Surrounded by palms and partially shaded by a frangipani tree, the Beach Club overlooks a 40-metre swimming pool. The volcanic black-sand beach in front offers the opportunity for a bonfire and Balinese dance performance.

The ultimate venue for a private event, particularly during the evening, as the clear nights of Manggis reveal dramatic star-lit skies. A shuttle from the main resort to the Beach Club is always on standby.



Ceremonies

Amankila's spectacular setting, unique architecture and natural surroundings means that almost every turn reveals another setting suitable for exchanging or renewing your vows.

Ceremonies can be held at the main pool overlooking the Lombok Strait, within the Coconut Grove or on Amankila's private beach for a more relaxed style ceremony, to name just a few of the possibilities. For smaller groups, the Amankila Suite poolside at sunset is not to be missed.



To Say 'I Do'

To officially say 'I do' in a ceremony at Amankila, it is necessary to submit documents including birth certificates, proof of citizenship, passport copies and a Certificate of No Impediment. All documents must be legally translated into English and Indonesian, stamped with an apostille and submitted to the registry office beforehand. The resort team will assist with every step of this process.



Exclusive use of Amankila

With its own character, intimate spaces, a limited number of rooms and intuitive, personalised service, Amankila provides the perfect opportunity for guests to hire the whole resort as a unique venue for a special occasion. At Amankila, bookings of the resort's 28 free-standing rooms, accommodating up to 56 guests, are considered a full buyout. Buyouts are not available during the summer months of July and August.



Accommodation

Amankila's freestanding suites, all with alang alang thatched rooves and surrounding frangipani trees, are designed in the style of Balinese beach houses with a twist. They subtly reflect their east coast surroundings with particular reference to nearby Taman Soekasada Ujung, the Royal Water Palace, just outside Amlapura. Each suite features a large bedroom with picture windows, a spacious ensuite bathroom and an expansive terrace. Twelve suites, including the Kilasari, Indrakila and Amankila Suites, have private pools.



The Kilasari Suite, which takes its name from a picturesque temple on the property, is perched high on the hillside with spectacular sea views.

The Indrakila Suite, named after the green hill upon which Amankila resides, enjoys privileged sea views along the east coast.

The Amankila Suite provides butler service and two separate bedrooms, opening onto a large terrace with beautiful views of Amuk Bay.

All suites are connected to the resort's entrance pavilion and restaurant areas by elevated walkways.



Relaxation & Wellness

Drawing on the energy of East Bali, the Spa's therapies aim for complete relaxation and presence in the moment. Natural ingredients are used in traditional Balinese baths, scrubs and wraps – available in the privacy of guest Suites, the massage pavilion, a beach bale or another secluded open-air spot with a tropical canopy. Healers – trained to facilitate deep transformation – utilise a variety of tools to assist with relaxation and healing. Holistic practitioners offer treatments ranging from hypnotherapy to reiki.

With the island acting as a centuries-old centre for yoga, Amankila also offers a range of dynamic and restorative styles taught by resident and visiting practitioners, including hatha, pranayama and vinyasa flow. Bapak Eka, Amankila's resident yoga instructor, also conducts entertaining hour-long Laughing Yoga classes for a fun addition to your group event. Classes are held in our Yoga Bale, next to the beach, accompanied by the sound of rolling waves.



Adventures & Excursions

In East Bali, Karangasem Regency, in the shadow of majestic Mount Agung, is known as one of the most traditional regions in Bali. Showcasing some of Bali's most beautiful hidden treasures, including famed water palaces and tranquil temples, this peaceful corner of eastern Bali also boasts a beautiful coastline. From cultural tours and scenic treks to cycle rides and snorkelling trips on one of Amankila's traditional boats, Amankila offers a wide variety of activities to keep guests of all interests entertained.



East Bali Tour

Tailored to the interests of individual guests, Amankila's East Bali Tour takes approximately three hours and includes highlights of the region. Travel from the ancient village of Tenganan with a private driver and guide to the area's temples and royal palaces, gaining insight into the region's royal past.

Stops include Tirta Gangga Water Palace, a one-hectare garden estate and maze of pools and fountains, 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 stone carvings and statues adorn the gardens, but the centrepiece of the palace is without a doubt, its eleven-tiered fountain.

East Bali is also full of villages showcasing everyday local life. None is more rooted in the region's rich traditions than the religious community of Tenganan, whose people are seen as the original residents of Bali, with their own unique gods and beliefs. In this tiny society, clothing has always been central to religious rituals and today, families still painstakingly fashion double *ikat* cloth.

Balinese Celebrations

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

Beyond Amankila, another fascinating local tradition is that of Odalan festivals: occasions when Balinese village communities come together to commemorate the establishment date of a temple. Held annually, these celebrations 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 often home to multiple temples. Celebrations include processions, street decorations, entertainment and dancing in temple courtyards.

Water Adventures

Amankila's two traditional outrigger boats are available for guests to explore the wonders of the Lombok Strait. Guests can enjoy half-day cruises to explore the local coast or venture a little further afield to experience some of the best snorkelling and diving sites in East Bali, including Manta Point and Crystal Bay.

Bali is also renowned for its spectacular surf breaks and year-round accessible waves, so Amankila has partnered with East Bali Surf and Sail to offer guests the finest surfing experience possible. Guests can also take advantage of the typically calm mornings and head out from Amankila's beach on a stand-up paddleboard.

The Lombok Strait is one of the finest stretches of water for big-game fishing in Bali. Whether you are a seasoned angler or a novice fisherman, Amankila's crew will show you the ropes in the resort's purpose-built boat. For those who prefer dry land, traditional *jukung* handline fishing from the shore is also an option. The thrill of hooking a rainbow runner is almost as great as hauling in a tuna on the deep-sea experience.

Land Adventures

From treks and cycle rides through the rice paddies in the foothills of sacred Mount Agung to adventurous ATV rides through the jungle and sessions of mindfulness and yoga, Amankila provides guests with opportunities to explore the regency beyond the resort and dive deeper into the natural landscapes of East Bali.

Virtually all downhill, the Budakeling-to-Perasi cycling route starts with spectacular views of Mount Agung soaring 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, a 25-minute drive will take you back to Amankila.

A beautiful trek from Kastala to Tenganan involves several hills, rice fields and a rocky riverbed that is in full flow during the wet season. On this trek, you will 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 double-*ikat* cloth.





Bespoke Services

Certain aspects of a celebration require specialist services and Aman has a trusted black book in-the-know professionals in every destination, prided for their expertise.

Our preferred photographers and videographers are some of the best in their fields, while our recommended florists will design floral decorations, from bouquets and buttonholes to table centrepieces and stands, in line with individual tastes.

Music and entertainment are also a crucial aspect of any event. The music can be specially curated to contribute to the uniqueness of your celebration. Each Aman is imbedded in its cultural setting and can arrange for local musicians to perform traditional music on request.

Dance performances or cultural demonstrations can also be arranged, depending on the destination. Classical and contemporary options are also covered, with a selection of recommended string quartets, soloists, bands and DJs available.

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