

Amandayan

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Designed in the traditional architectural style of the indigenous Nakhi, Amandayan is housed in a series of dwellings arranged around peaceful courtyards. There are 34 Suites and one two-bedroom Amandayan Suite. Upstairs Suites offer terraces with mountain, Old Town or rooftop views, while downstairs Suites open onto tranquil courtyards.

The resort offers a number of dining venues. The Chinese restaurant, Man Yi Xuan ('lingering peace'), includes four private rooms and serves Yunnan and Cantonese cuisines with an additional dim sum menu at lunch. The Lounge serves Western and Asian dishes with an emphasis on seasonal produce.

Offering indoor and outdoor dining, the Tea House is set over two levels with views of Lijiang Old Town.

The Aman Spa at Amandayan comprises four two-person treatment rooms, each with a relaxation area overlooking the spa's 20-metre swimming pool. Four wet-treatment suites are available for pre- or post-treatment relaxation. Drawing on the teachings of traditional Chinese medicine, the spa menu includes massages, facials, scrubs and wraps. There are fitness facilities too, including a gym and a Pilates/yoga studio.

Overlooking the Old Town, Amandayan's library offers a broad range of reading materials in several languages. Situated close to the library, the meeting room can be arranged in a number of different configurations to seat up to 30 individuals. The resort also offers a private cinema with 32 reclining leather seats.

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Lijiang is a fabled city, tucked into the northwestern corner of China's Yunnan Province. Renowned as one of the most beautiful places in China, it is often favourably compared to the mythical Shangri-la of Himalayan lore. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks and home to a harmonious fusion of cultures, the city's Old Town was listed as a Unesco World Heritage Site in 1997.

Situated atop Lion Hill in the heart of Lijiang, Amandayan is set on a two-hectare property above the picturesque lanes of the Old Town – described by Unesco as 'an urban landscape of outstanding quality'. The resort's name combines the Sanskrit-derived word for 'peace' with *Dayan*, the historic name for Lijiang when it was first established by the ruling Mu family in the 13th century.

Designed in the traditional architectural style of the Nakhi – the indigenous people of northwestern Yunnan – Amandayan is housed in a series of dwellings arranged around peaceful courtyards. The 34 elegantly-appointed Suites offer views of the Old Town or, on the other side of Lion Hill, Lijiang New Town, with majestic mountains on the horizon in all directions. Suites are 72 square metres and offer spacious bathrooms and comfortable lounging areas. Traditional materials and fabrics have been incorporated throughout, ensuring that the Suites convey a sense of place with subtlety and style. The property also presents the two-bedroom Amandayan Suite.

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Lijiang Old Town. In the afternoons, traditional Chinese and Western tea sets with savouries, cakes and pastries can be enjoyed alongside dim sum.

Overlooking the Old Town, the library offers a broad range of reading materials in several languages. Reference books on many subjects are available, including a wide spectrum of material on the region's history, flora and fauna. Close to the library and perfectly suited to meetings or private functions, the conference room can be arranged in a number of different configurations to seat up to 30 individuals. The resort's private cinema, with 32 reclining leather seats and a 42.5-square-metre screen, is ideal both for movies and business presentations. There is also a boutique showcasing a variety of local handicrafts, silk embroidery, jewellery and artwork.

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