

Amanfayun

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Amanfayun is a place of stone pathways leading to shady courtyards, quaint restaurants and peaceful abodes. Situated on 14 hectares on the outskirts of Hangzhou and the Unesco-protected West Lake, the resort is comprised of 42 dwellings surrounded by tea fields, natural woodland and lush groves of bamboo. An Aman Spa, swimming pool and several eateries range along Fayun Pathway, the village's main thoroughfare. Just a 20-minute drive from the city centre, Amanfayun is the ideal location from which to explore the region's ancient Buddhist temples, botanical gardens and Hangzhou's famous silk markets.

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Amanfayun lies to the west of the Unesco-protected West Lake on the outskirts of Hangzhou – a historic site surrounded by natural forest and seven Buddhist temples. Designed as a traditional Chinese village, the resort comprises 42 stone dwellings, including 37 Suites and 5 Villas arranged around peaceful courtyards. A few of the village dwellings date back more than a century.

Located in the centre of the village, Fayun Place is the most commanding of the original structures. The lower level houses a relaxed lounging area, while the upper level contains a cigar room and informal sitting and reading rooms. The library extends over both levels.

Running the full extent of the property is Fayun Pathway. This is the village's main thoroughfare – a stone pedestrian path that extends 600 metres. Located along Fayun Pathway are a number of eateries.

The only outlet serving Western cuisine, the Restaurant houses the Bar and is the resort's main dining facility. On the upper floor is the meeting room with two external terraces offering sweeping forest views.

The Steam House is a casual venue serving dumplings and other steamed fare, while Hangzhou House offers local dishes such as Beggar's Chicken. Further along Fayun Pathway lies a homely Tea House, providing traditional tea service and handmade snacks. At the northernmost end of Fayun Pathway is the Lingyin Vegetarian House, offering a wide variety of authentic temple dishes.

The resort's Aman Spa comprises five buildings set around tranquil courtyards with a 20-metre heated, outdoor swimming pool. The Reception and Reflexology House is the first Aman Spa building accessed from Fayun Pathway. The second building is the Bath House. The Fitness Centre includes a Pilates studio, gym and meditation room, while the Finishing Salon offers hair spa treatments, manicures, pedicures and waxing. The last two-storey structure is the Treatment House, where guests can enjoy a comprehensive spa menu.

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Named for the Tang Dynasty village that once inhabited the site, Amanfayun offers guests a unique rural retreat on the outskirts of Hangzhou. Described by Marco Polo as 'the city of heaven', today Hangzhou is regarded as the most beautiful city in China due to its historic temples, famous Longjing Tea plantations and Unesco-protected West Lake.

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Located in the centre of the village, Fayun Place is the most commanding of the original structures, incorporating two stately courtyard houses dating back to the 1800s. The lower level houses a relaxed lounging area where light traditional snacks and tea are served. The upper level contains a cigar room and informal sitting and reading rooms. The Library extends over both levels and features an interesting array of books and documentary DVDs.

Running the full extent of the property is Fayun Pathway. This is the village's main thoroughfare – a stone pedestrian path that extends 600 metres. Located along Fayun Pathway are a number of eateries. Amanfayun offers the Restaurant and the Steam House, while expert external chefs run a number of other eateries including the Tea House, Hangzhou House and Lingyin Vegetarian House. Together, these dining venues imbue Amanfayun with the ambience of a vibrant community, providing home-cooked cuisine in relaxed surroundings.

The Restaurant is tucked behind a grove of evergreens above Fayun Pathway. This is the resort's main dining facility and the only outlet serving Western cuisine. The Restaurant also houses the Bar. Located above the Restaurant is the meeting room with two external terraces offering sweeping forest views.

The Steam House is a casual venue serving dumplings and other steamed fare. Hangzhou is renowned for its aromatic local cuisine and the Hangzhou House eatery serves well-known dishes such as Beggar's Chicken. Further along Fayun Pathway lies a homely Tea House, providing traditional tea service along with a variety of handmade snacks. At the northernmost end of Fayun Pathway is the Lingyin Vegetarian House, offering a wide variety of authentic temple dishes unique to this local eatery.

Central to Amanfayun's status as a relaxing retreat is the resort's Aman Spa, which consists of five buildings set around tranquil courtyards and a 20-metre heated, outdoor swimming pool. A healthy spa menu offers tempting snacks and drinks served around the pool.

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