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An hour's drive from Yogyakarta Airport, Amanjiwo offers guided excursions to the 9th-century Borobudur – the world's largest Buddhist sanctuary and the inspiration behind Amanjiwo's design. Mimicking the tiered nature of Borobudur's metaphorical ascent to Nirvana, Amanjiwo consists of a series of descending stone arcs, and is lapped by rice paddies at its base. A grand limestone rotunda marks the resort's highest tier, where lofty stone columns perfectly frame Borobudur.

Amanjiwo's 30 Suites lie in two crescents below the central rotunda, all offering views of Borobudur or the surrounding rice terraces. Each offers a

garden terrace and 14 have private swimming pools. The Dalem Jiwo Suite presents two bedrooms and a 15-metre swimming pool.

The resort's main swimming pool offers exceptional views of Borobudur. Surrounded by rice paddies and overlooked by banyan trees, the 40-metre infinity pool lies adjacent to the Pool Club where light meals and drinks are served. Other dining facilities are situated within the rotunda.

From Amanjiwo's entrance, five steps lead to the Bar, a circular salon with columns and drop fans. Further steps drop to the Restaurant, with its silver-leaf ceiling, double row of stone columns and incredible views over Borobudur and the Kedu Plain. The Restaurant overlooks the Terrace, an alfresco dining area offering the same expansive views.

As well as providing a library, boutique, art gallery, spa suites, a gym and tennis centre, Amanjiwo also arranges excursions farther afield, whether to historical sites such as Pawon, local markets via *andong* (horse-drawn cart) or trekking into the hills.

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An hour's drive from Yogyakarta Airport and a scenic two-hour drive from Solo Airport, the resort offers guided excursions to Borobudur – especially atmospheric at sunrise and sunset. This 9th-century wonder is the world's largest Buddhist sanctuary and its form and symmetry inspired Amanjiwo's elegant design.

Mimicking the tiered nature of Borobudur's metaphorical ascent to Nirvana, Amanjiwo rests against the forested Menoreh Hills in a series of descending stone arcs, and is lapped by verdant rice paddies at its base. A grand limestone rotunda marks the resort's highest tier, where guests are greeted by distant views of Borobudur, perfectly framed by lofty stone columns. Frangipani trees shade the main steps, which appear to lead all the way to Borobudur, despite the fact that the sanctuary is a few minutes' drive away.

Amanjiwo's 30 Suites lie in two crescents below the central rotunda, all offering beautiful views of Borobudur or the surrounding rice terraces. All feature terrazzo flooring, high ceilings, domed roofs and sliding glass doors that open to a garden terrace with a thatched-roof *bale* (pavilion) for outdoor lounging and dining. Fourteen Suites provide private swimming pools. The Dalem Jiwo Suite presents two standalone bedroom pavilions, extensive dining and living areas, and a 15-metre swimming pool built into the rice paddies. Suites are linked to the rotunda and its dining venues, the spa suites, gym suite and swimming pool via stone walkways lined with limestone walls.

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Also offering exceptional views of Borobudur is the resort's 40-metre infinity swimming pool. Surrounded by rice paddies and banyan trees, it lies adjacent to the Pool Club, a raised and colonnaded semi-circular terrace where light meals and drinks are served. Additional facilities include a library, boutique, art gallery and children's playroom, and a tennis centre rounds out the resort's fitness facilities.

Borobudur is not the only attraction in the area. Other historical sites include the haunting shrines of the Dieng Plateau northwest of Amanjiwo, jewel-like Pawon, the ancient Hindu complex of Prambanan and more. Exploring the local villages and markets by *andong* (horse-drawn cart) is a great way to experience local culture, while hikes and treks into the hills are ideal for appreciating the region's natural beauty.