

Aman Summer Palace

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Steps from the East Gate of the Unesco-protected Summer Palace grounds lies Aman Summer Palace – the ideal location from which to discover Beijing. Situated just 15 kilometres from the Forbidden City, the 51-suite resort is housed in a series of pavilions, some of which are more than a century old and were originally used by guests of the Empress Dowager Cixi. A serene retreat, with peaceful internal courtyards embracing traditional Chinese architecture, the property offers a unique underground recreational facility including an Aman Spa, a heated swimming pool, skylit gym, Pilates studio, private cinema and squash courts.

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Built in 1750 and covering some 290 hectares, the Summer Palace is a beautiful garden estate dotted with pavilions and pagodas around Kunming Lake. Steps from the East Gate of the Summer Palace grounds, Aman Summer Palace is housed in graceful dwellings, some of which are more than a century old. Designed in the traditional Chinese style around a series of courtyards, the property offers accommodation in 51 guestrooms and suites.

The resort comprises eight Guestrooms, 10 Courtyard Guestrooms, 25 Suites (several with separate bedrooms) and seven Courtyard Suites – most of which feature king-size four-poster beds and Ming-style armoires. In addition, the Imperial Suite contains three separate 'dwellings': the private dwelling, the living/study dwelling and the formal dwelling.

Aman Summer Palace offers an extensive selection of dining options. The Chinese Restaurant serves Peking duck, imperial dishes, Sichuan cuisine and Cantonese cuisine across three large dining rooms and six private dining spaces. The Grill specialises in grilled-to-order prime cuts of meat and fresh seafood; a Japanese venue serves exquisite sushi and sashimi; and light refreshments are available in the Lounge. The Reflection Pavilion has a peaceful terrace overlooking a lotus pond.

Housed underground in a unique 5,000-square-metre recreational facility is the resort's expansive Aman Spa. As well as nine two-person treatment rooms, it provides fitness facilities including a gym, Pilates studio, yoga studio, two squash courts, a juice bar and a 25-metre heated lap pool. Additional facilities include a 37-seat private theatre, a library, cigar room, conference room, two boardrooms, the Cultural Pavilion and the Aman Club Pavilion.

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With its elegant juxtaposition of ancient monuments and gleaming skyscrapers, Beijing is a kaleidoscope of Old and New China. One of the city's most famous and historic destinations is the Summer Palace – and steps from the grounds of this Unesco World Heritage Site is Aman Summer Palace, a peaceful retreat from which to explore the many exciting facets of the Chinese capital.

Built in 1750 and covering some 290 hectares, the Summer Palace is a beautiful garden estate dotted with palaces, pagodas and pavilions around the contemplative Kunming Lake. It long served the Qing Dynasty as an imperial retreat from the summer heat of the Forbidden City.

Aman Summer Palace is housed in a series of dwellings, some of which are more than a century old and were once used by guests of the Palace awaiting an audience with Empress Dowager Cixi. Designed in the traditional Chinese style, with buildings arranged around a series of courtyards, the property comprises 51 guestrooms and suites, a variety of dining venues, a comprehensive Aman Spa and a range of recreational facilities.

The furniture and design of the property's Guestrooms and Suites are in keeping with the locality and its heritage, with a design aesthetic that draws on traditional materials. Floors are finished in polished Jin clay tiles, and the ceilings are mostly open to exposed wooden beams and supported by wood columns. There are eight Guestrooms and 10 Courtyard Guestrooms, most of which come with kingsize four-poster beds and Ming-style armoires. The 25 Suites – some with a combined bedroom and living area, others with separate bedrooms – are decorated with furniture inspired by the Ming Dynasty. Yet more spacious are the seven Courtyard Suites, while the Imperial Suite is comprised of three separate 'dwellings': the private dwelling, the living/study dwelling and the formal dwelling.

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Cantonese cuisine. The Grill, overlooking a courtyard with a tranquil reflection pond, serves Western cuisine, specialising in grilled-to-order prime cuts of meat and fresh seafood. Across the courtyard is Aman Summer Palace's Japanese venue, serving exquisite sushi, sashimi and delicacies using the finest ingredients, from shellfish to Wagyu beef. The Lounge, located in the resort's elegant Arrival Pavilion, serves light refreshments, with views of a courtyard shaded by indigenous trees. The Reflection Pavilion, with its peaceful terrace and lotus pond, is ideal for afternoon tea. Beyond the pond is the Music Pavilion, where, on balmy evenings, musicians perform traditional Chinese compositions.

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