

Amanyangyun, China

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Amanyangyun's 2,840m² Aman Spa is one of the most comprehensive wellness centres in Shanghai, offering ten treatment rooms, six relaxation lounges, extensive hydrotherapy facilities and a hair and beauty salon. Heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools offer terraces with forest views, while an expansive movement facility incorporates a Fitness Centre, a Pilates Studio and a spacious Yoga Studio.

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Amanyangyun's story began 700 kilometres away in Jiangxi Province, known for its camphor forests and historic villages. When plans for a much-needed reservoir were approved, the fate of these remnants of Old China appeared to be sealed. But Fuzhou native and philanthropist, Ma Dadong, conceived a bold plan to relocate as many Ming and Qing Dynasty villas as possible, and ultimately 10,000 camphor trees. Aman joined the restoration project in 2009, and after years of dedication, Amanyangyun opened in January 2018.

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Amanyangyun's 2,840m² Aman Spa is one of the largest and most comprehensive wellness centres in Shanghai. Its ethos draws inspiration from the resort's name, 'Yang Yun', part of a 300-year-old inscription within Beijing's Forbidden City meaning 'nourishing cloud'. While celebrating the past, the spa also offers the finest modern diagnostic and treatment tools, as well as ten spa treatment rooms, six relaxation lounges, extensive hydrotherapy facilities, and a hair and beauty salon. Heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools offer terraces with forest

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