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Just steps from the UNESCO-protected Summer Palace grounds lies Aman Summer Palace, the ideal location from which to discover Beijing. A serene retreat, with peaceful internal courtyards embracing traditional Chinese architecture, the 51-Suite resort is housed in a series of pavilions. Some date back over a century and were originally used by guests of the Empress Dowager Cixi.

Location

- Adjacent to the East Gate of the Summer Palace
- 15km from the Forbidden City
- Provides easy access to the *hutongs*, the Temple of Heaven, Beijing's restaurants and art galleries
- 90 minutes from the Great Wall

Getting There

- 35km from Beijing Capital International Airport
- Car transfers take approximately 45 minutes each way



Accommodation

- 51 Rooms and Suites
- Overlook courtyards shaded by bamboo and indigenous trees
- Furniture and design features draw influence from the Qing and Ming Dynasties
- Jin clay tiles and intricate wooden screens
- Suites can be connected in different configurations

8	Guestrooms	38m ²	409ft ²
10	Courtyard Guestrooms	39m ²	420ft ²
8	Suites	66m ²	710ft ²
17	Deluxe Suites	63-78m ²	678-840ft ²
7	Courtyard Suites	90m ²	969ft ²
1	Imperial Suite	283m ²	3,047ft ²

Guestrooms

- Hollywood twin beds
- Ming Dynasty-styled armoire
- Bathroom with twin vanities, separate shower/toilet

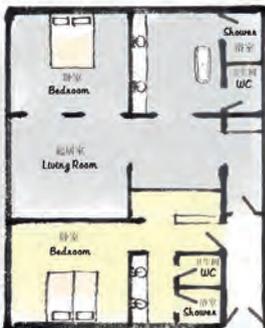
Courtyard Guestrooms

- King-size bed or twin beds
- Bathroom with twin vanities, separate shower/toilet

Suites

- King-size bed
- Living area with daybed, reading chairs, writing desk
- Bathroom with twin vanities, island bathtub, separate shower/toilet

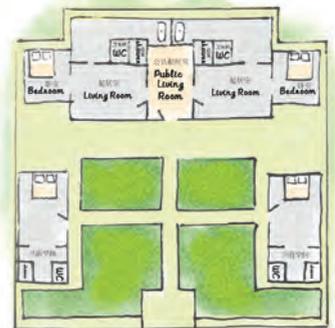
Suite



Courtyard Suite



Deluxe Suite





Deluxe Suites

- King-size, four-poster bed
- Combined bedroom and living area, or separate bedroom
- Daybed, reading chairs, writing desk
- Bathroom with twin vanities, island bathtub, separate shower/toilet
- Dressing area with two large Ming-style wardrobes

Courtyard Suites

- Identical in design to the Suites, but more spacious

Imperial Suite

- Includes a private pavilion, a living/study pavilion and a formal pavilion
- The private pavilion houses a reception room, bedroom, bathroom, lounge, dining area and spa treatment room set around an enclosed courtyard
- The living/study pavilion overlooks the private courtyard
- The formal pavilion is a boardroom-style meeting/dining room for 14

For families or friends travelling together:

- The two-bedroom **Family Suite** combines a Suite (king-size bed) with a Guestroom (twin beds)
- The two-bedroom **Deluxe Pavilion** combines a shared living area with two connecting Deluxe Suites (both with king-size beds)
- The four-bedroom **Traditional Courtyard** combines a Deluxe Pavilion (two Deluxe Suites) with two Courtyard Guestrooms, all within the same private garden courtyard

Dining

The Chinese Restaurant

- Open for lunch and dinner
- Serves Peking duck, imperial dishes, Sichuan cuisine and traditional Cantonese cuisine
- Three large dining rooms
- Six private dining spaces
- Decorated with classic Ming Dynasty-inspired furniture

The Grill

- Open for breakfast, dinner and weekend lunches
- Serves Western cuisine
- Specialises in grilled-to-order prime cuts of meat and fresh seafood
- Overlooks a courtyard with tranquil reflection pond across from Naoki

Naoki

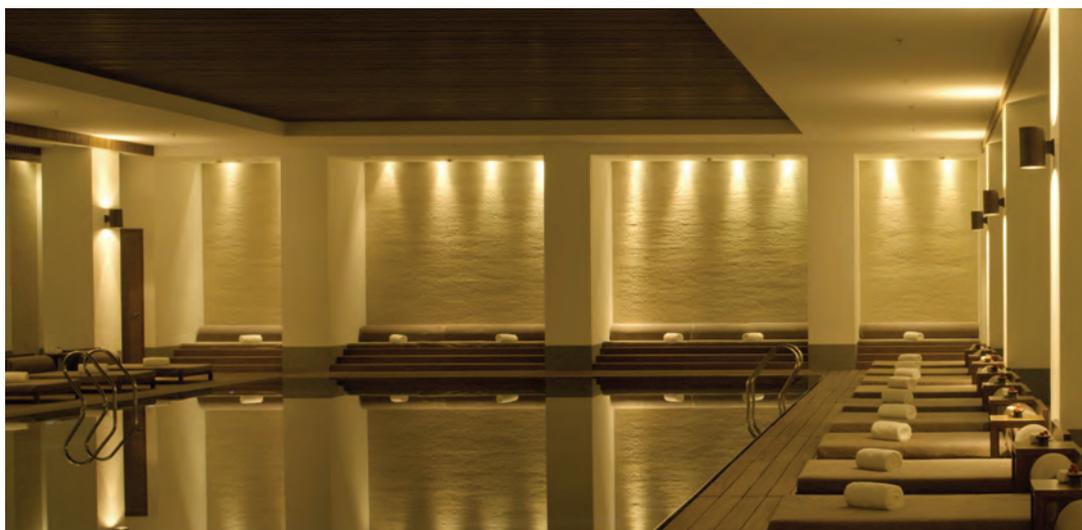
- Open for lunch and dinner
- Serves a menu of original French *kaiseki* fare created by Chef Naoki Okumura
- Open kitchen
- Counter and table seating available

The Lounge

- Located in the resort's elegant Arrival Pavilion
- Serves light refreshments
- Relaxed seating overlooks a traditional courtyard, shaded by indigenous trees

The Reflection Pavilion

- Serves international cuisine
- Tranquil setting for afternoon tea
- Peaceful terrace overlooking a lotus pond



Relaxation, Fitness & Recreation

Spa

- Housed in the resort's 5,000m², double-level, underground recreational facility
- Tranquil reception area
- Nine self-contained double treatment rooms
- Hair Salon
- Extensive spa menu of health and beauty treatments
- Signature Spa Journeys incorporate reflexology, gemstone massage and aspects of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Fitness & Recreation

- Sky-lit gym with Technogym equipment (including Kinesis)
- Sky-lit Pilates and Yoga Studio with reformers
- One squash court and one ping pong court
- Fitness consultants on hand to offer personal training and squash partners

Swimming Pool & Relaxation

- 25m indoor, heated lap pool surrounded by loungers
- Juice bar serving healthy fruit and vegetable drinks

Library

- Wide selection of reading material on various subjects in several languages
- Hosts regular demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy and other traditional crafts

Theatre

- 37 reclining leather seats and 21m² screen

Boutique

- Offers a variety of unique artefacts and textiles available for purchase

Meeting Rooms

- Conference room
- Two boardrooms
- Audio equipment and LCD projector
- Ideal for business or social events

Cigar Room

- Located adjacent to the Reflection Pavilion
- Built-in humidior
- Offers a wide selection of premium cigars

Music Pavilion

- Local musicians perform in the afternoons and evenings on warm days
- Overlooks a serene reflection pond
- Ideal for private dining

Cultural Pavilion

- Local experts demonstrate traditional Chinese arts such as calligraphy and kite building

The Aman Club Pavilion

- Open to members only
- Houses a gracious lounge
- Located adjacent to the Arrival Pavilion
- Features a Wine Cellar and Tasting Room serving wines from all over the world



Activities & Excursions

China is a land that has fascinated outsiders for centuries. It boasts one of the world's oldest civilisations, and its capital, Beijing, is home to a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the five below.

The Summer Palace

Also known as *Yihe Yuan* or 'Gardens of Nurtured Harmony', the Summer Palace was built in 1750. This beautiful 290-hectare garden estate long served the Qing Dynasty as an imperial summer retreat, and today is considered one of China's most peaceful and photogenic sites. The resort shares a wall with the estate and offers easy access.

The Forbidden City

Located in the very heart of Beijing, the Forbidden City was completed in 1420. It served as home for 24 emperors, and as the ceremonial and political centre of Chinese government for almost five centuries. It covers over 720,000m² and consists of 980 surviving buildings with over 8,000 bays of rooms.

The Temple of Heaven

Also completed in 1420, the Temple of Heaven is a complex of graceful buildings once visited by the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties for annual harvest ceremonies. It is regarded as a Taoist temple, although Chinese Heaven worship predates Taoism.

Hutongs

Beijing is renowned for its atmospheric *hutongs*, which give visitors a glimpse of what life in the city was like in days gone by. Narrow lanes formed by lines of *siheyuan* - traditional courtyard residences - they are clustered around the Forbidden City.

The Great Wall

Passing through spectacular scenery, the Great Wall grew to its vast length of 6,700km after the unification of China under Qin Shi Huangdi in 220 BC. The Wall stood for centuries, but was breached in the 1300s by the Mongols and in the 1600s by the Manchu. Today, sections have been restored.

Within Beijing are a number of other impressive historic sites including **Tiananmen Square**, **Lama Temple** and **Fayuan Temple**. Beijing is also a treasure trove of contemporary Chinese art. 798 Art Zone, a Soviet-designed former weapons factory, has been transformed into a centre for local modern art and fashion, offering travellers insight into the artistic landscape of China today.

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