

Amanyangyun, China

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Meticulously designed by Kerry Hill Architects, Amanyangyun's 11 Antique Villas and 24 contemporary Ming Courtyard Suites are set within the camphor forest. The towering trees tell a remarkable story, as do the Antique Villas, moved in a remarkable feat of architectural and ecological conservation from Fuzhou to save them from inundation. Sensitively restored to include up to four bedrooms, every Antique Villa has its own garden and private swimming pool, while contemporary suites combine expansive living areas with twin courtyards.

Amanyangyun's 2,840-square-metre Aman Spa is one of the most comprehensive wellness centres in Shanghai, offering 10 treatment rooms, six relaxation lounges, extensive hydrotherapy facilities and a hair and beauty salon. Terraces with forest views surround the heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools. The expansive movement facility incorporates a Fitness Centre and studios for yoga and Pilates.

An exceptional setting for special events, Amanyangyun's expert chefs from around the globe offer a culinary journey across four notable venues. These include Lazhu (Chinese), Arva (Italian), Yin Lu (Cantonese) and Lounge. Other event spaces include the Ballroom, a Boardroom and Nan Shufang. Named after the Royal Reading Pavilion in the Forbidden City, Nan Shufang is a space in which to appreciate traditional crafts such as calligraphy, music and seal carving, or to watch a Kun Qu Opera performance. It also offers nine private rooms for traditional tea and incense ceremonies.

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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 2,840m<sup>2</sup> 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'. Celebrating China's healing lore with an extensive Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) offering, the spa also provides the finest modern diagnostic and treatment tools. Personalised spa journeys can be experienced in 10 spacious treatment rooms, complemented by six relaxation lounges, extensive hydrotherapy facilities, and a hair and beauty salon. Terraces

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Named after the Royal Reading Pavilion in the Forbidden City, Nan Shufang is the cultural heart of Amanyangyun. Dedicated to Chinese art forms, it is a cultural centre housed within the most architecturally impressive antique buildings to have made the journey from Fuzhou. A space in which to appreciate traditional crafts such as calligraphy, music and seal carving, or to watch a Kun Qu Opera performance, it also offers nine gracious private rooms for traditional tea and incense ceremonies. At the entrance of Nan Shufang stands the magnificent King Camphor Tree, a symbolic setting for blessings and other ceremonies.