

A person is seen from behind, sitting in a hot spring. They are holding a woven basket. Steam is rising from the water. In the background, there is a traditional Balinese structure with a tiered roof, surrounded by lush greenery. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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Experience our Peaceful Spirit

Here, on an island, less than 150 kilometres wide and only 80 kilometres from north to south, day-to-day life is layered in ceremony and festival, a parade of activities rooted among the island's 3.5 million inhabitants.

The joy of Bali is that daily life is just as memorable for its visitors. The island's complex and endlessly renewing culture offers new experiences from morning to evening – from temple ceremonies and Rindik performances to village festivals and palace theatre. Located in the cultural heart of Bali, Amandari will guide you to encounter the island's beguiling face and discover its soul.

In a country of rivers and volcanic mountains, tropical forests, terraced rice fields, sea vistas, and more, there is no shortage of activities to get close to the land, its people, and its culture. To help you get there, we have carefully curated our Experience Guide. Allowing you to immerse yourself in cultural and local experiences, nature and outdoor activities, and wellness.

At Amandari, we will be pleased to tailor any activity or visit your particular needs and interests to help you explore the magic of Bali!

Warm regards,

Tshewang Norbu
General Manager, Amandari



Cultural Insights

Ubud is known as the cultural heart of Bali. Discover the unique lives of the Balinese, their Hindu rituals and exquisite craftsmanship through personalised tours and experiences.

Cultural Ceremonies

Cultural ceremonies are part of everyday life for the Balinese. Whether annual temple ceremonies, weddings or cremations, there is always something happening in the cultural heart of Bali. Ask our Guest Assistants for information regarding any ceremonies during your stay. Should you wish to join a ceremony or enter a temple, you will be required to wear a sash, a sarong and a top that covers your shoulders. Sarongs and sashes are provided in your suite.

Please note that temple ceremonies may be unexpectedly cancelled in the event of a death in the village, and sometimes we learn of a ceremony – such as a cremation or wedding – just a few days ahead of time. Women who are menstruating or in an advanced state of pregnancy are asked not to enter the temple, in keeping with local customs.

Morning Markets

The morning market is an institution in Bali and there are several within a 10-minute drive of Amandari. Get there well before 8.00 am – ideally before 7.00 am – if you can. The crowds will tell you that you have arrived. So, too, will the spreading banyan tree and the modest shrine at the centre of most Balinese markets. While sprawling roofs of corrugated iron or tile cover much of the market, sellers and their wares also spread out along the roadside that fronts it.

The buyers and sellers are mostly women – indeed, the Balinese market has been called ‘the ladies club of Balinese society’. As for the market fare, it is a colourful cornucopia of the expected and the exotic. Meat, fish and vegetables are displayed in great abundance. Squeeze past stalls offering seaweed and tapioca sticks, tiny toes of ginger, bright red peppers the size of small Balinese lizards and belut – the small eels that thrive in flooded rice fields. Feeling peckish? Try some glutinous rice wrapped in banana leaf or roasted rice mixed with palm sugar.

For those wishing to venture a little further, the market visit can be paired with a walk through the surrounding rice fields. Leaving the bustle behind, narrow footpaths lead between terraces where farmers have tended the land for generations.

Balinese Maestro Fusion: Gamelan and Dance

A short drive from Amandari, in the village of Singapadu, a traditional Balinese home offers a rare opportunity to encounter one of the island’s foremost cultural figures.

Your host is Professor I Made Bandem, one of Bali’s most respected scholars and performers, and a recipient of the UNESCO Music Council Award. In the intimate setting of his home, he shares the stories, philosophies, and techniques that lie behind the island’s performing arts, offering insights seldom found beyond academic circles or the stage.

Listen to the distinct voices of Gendang Wayang, Selonding and Kebyar, each with its own character and ceremonial purpose. Between the music, dancers demonstrate the refined movements of Rejang and Baris before introducing the rhythmic energy of the more contemporary Kecak performance. Throughout the morning or afternoon, conversation flows as naturally as the music itself, inviting a deeper understanding of an artistic tradition that has long been woven into everyday life in Bali.

Aksara Bali

The Balinese script, natively known as Aksara Bali is an abugida used on the island of Bali, commonly for writing the Austronesian Balinese language and the liturgical language Sanskrit. The script is a descendant of the Brahmi script and has many similarities with the modern script of South and Southeast Asia. Aksara Bali, along with Aksara Jawa, is considered to be the most elaborate and ornate among Brahmic scripts of Southeast Asia. This script has a significant prevalence in many of the island’s traditional ceremonies and is strongly associated with the Hindu religion. It is mainly used today for copying lontar or palm-leaf manuscripts containing religious texts.

You can take part in preserving this age-old tradition with informative yet therapeutic script-writing sessions, accompanied by light refreshments.



Arts and Crafts Tour

The villages around Ubud are famous for their arts and crafts. Mas is famous for its intricate wood carvings, Batubulan is home to traditional Balinese batik, Batuan is known for its distinctive paintings, Lodtunduh is celebrated for handwoven rattan crafts, and Celuk is the heart of silver and gold jewelry. Our drivers will lead you through the artists' workshops, unveiling exceptional pieces of art along the way.

The tour lasts 3 to 4 hours, with additional hours charged at the hourly car rate. On your return, visit Amandari's boutique and gallery to browse a selection of antiques and local crafts.

Bali's Artisan Trail

East of Amandari, the regency of Klungkung has long been a centre of Balinese craftsmanship, where weaving, painting and architecture continue to preserve centuries of artistic tradition.

The journey begins at Tenun Setia Cap Cili, a family-run ikat workshop established in 1948 where traditional textiles are woven by hand on non-mechanised looms.

Continue to Kerta Gosa within the former Klungkung Palace, where richly painted ceilings recount stories from Hindu epics and Balinese philosophy, offering a glimpse into the island's royal past. The final stop is Kamasan, a village renowned for its classical style of painting. Visit the workshop of Bapak Sondra to observe artists at work and discover the symbolism and techniques behind an art form that has inspired the paintings displayed in Amandari Pavilion.

Balinese Painting Class

Amandari's private art class offer the chance to spend a peaceful morning or afternoon with a local Balinese artist. Choose your setting, whether the Golden Pavilion or your Suite's private terrace, then be inspired by the resort's pristine natural setting, its breathtaking views over the Ayung River Gorge and its tranquil shrines and temple. The canvas is yours to keep, and all paints and supplies are provided to complete your masterpiece.

Silver Making Class

Engage in a one-on-one session with an expert silversmith to craft your own unique piece of jewelry. Using a 10-gram silver plate and a standard gemstone, create a ring, pendant, bracelet, or earrings as a timeless keepsake.

Suitable for adults and children 4 years and above.



Textile Drapery

Within Amandari's Library, a collection of handwoven Balinese textiles offers an introduction to one of the island's oldest artistic traditions. Drawn from the private collection of interior designer Melati Danes, the textiles reflect distinctive weaving traditions, regional identities and ceremonial significance, with stories shared throughout the session. Accompanied by traditional makeup and styling, you are invited to experience these textiles as they have long been worn for important occasions in Bali.

Heritage Classic Look

The Heritage Classic introduces a selection of traditional Balinese textiles chosen for their craftsmanship and cultural significance. Learn about the origins, symbolism and weaving techniques behind each textile before being draped in an ensemble that reflects the island's traditions.

Payas Madya

The Payas Madya explores the use of sekar, fresh flowers arranged as part of traditional Balinese attire. Learn about the flowers selected for ceremonial occasions before being adorned with a floral headpiece and draped in a traditional ensemble.

Payas Agung

Payas Agung presents the elegance of Balinese bridal attire, where ceremonial textiles, intricate adornments and traditional styling come together as they would for a wedding. As each cloth is carefully draped, discover the customs and meanings behind one of Bali's most important rites of passage.



Photography Session

The experience may be enjoyed as a styling session or complemented by a professional photography session. Once the drapery and styling are complete, you are invited to a private portrait session, creating a personal keepsake inspired by Bali's living textile traditions, one frame at a time.



Roaming Around Taro

Depart to a traditional Balinese compound in Taro Village, where you may dress in Balinese attire before continuing on foot to Gunung Raung Temple, a local place of worship believed to have long served as a spiritual anchor for the Balinese community. The journey then leads to a firefly conservation area in the neighboring village, a protected natural habitat dedicated to preserving the fireflies that once illuminated the region more widely; its visit offers a reminder of the importance of safeguarding fragile ecosystems that shape the night landscape.

Cultural Tour

Ubud, known as the cultural heartland of Bali, offers a wealth of traditions and heritage to explore. Amandari is delighted to arrange personalized excursions that will lead you to the island's most cherished cultural landmarks. Our English-speaking guide will walk you through the rich history of Bali, tailoring the tour to your interests.

The cultural tour will take you to some of Bali's most iconic yet peaceful cultural sites. Start with a visit to a traditional Balinese compound, where you can experience the rich daily life and customs of a local family. Then, explore the Gunung Kawi Sebatu, a sacred water temple nestled in lush surroundings, perfect for a peaceful retreat or purification ritual. Finally, head to the mesmerizing Gunung Kawi Tampak Siring, where ancient temples are carved into the rock, offering a glimpse into Bali's spiritual past.

The tour lasts 3 to 4 hours. Additional hours will be charged based on the hourly car rate.

Bespoke Tour

Amandari is happy to arrange personal guided excursions to any part of Bali. Our English-speaking drivers know the island thoroughly and can curate a tour tailored to your interests.

We suggest visiting the places that are a bit off the main tourist trail – parts of the island that are less crowded, more peaceful and all the more rewarding for it.

For example, head north to Mount Batur to explore the extinct volcanoes and their craters, drink in the picturesque views over the thermal lake and visit the surrounding temples of the Kintamani Region. Speak to us about the myriad options available.

With an additional cost, an English-speaking guide who is familiar with all the special and undiscovered spots of Ubud is available to accompany your journey.

The tour is priced based on the hourly car rate.



Temples

Religious devotion is as much a part of daily life in Bali as eating, sleeping and breathing. Beautiful Balinese Hindu temples known as pura dot the island and can be explored with an Amandari guide.

Ubud is full of world-renowned temples, but we recommend visiting the area's lesser-known pura to ensure the most authentic experience possible.

Temple Etiquette

Foreigners are always welcome, but please be aware of the following out of respect for local traditions: Appropriate dress (no shorts or sleeveless tops) is required to enter temples and join blessing ceremonies. Women are asked not to enter temples or join blessing ceremonies when menstruating or heavily pregnant.

Amandari provides traditional Balinese outfits. While inside the temples, please refrain from smoking and photographing people praying.

Pura Penataran Sasih, Pejeng

This Moon temple is home to the sacred Bronze Age Moon Drum of the Dong Son people. Housed high up in its pavilion, this richly decorated bronze drum is over two metres high – the largest of its type. The Balinese believe that it is the moon itself, or a wheel of the chariot of Candra, the goddess of the moon, that fell from the sky and landed in a coconut tree in Pejeng.

East of Ubud, 20 minutes drive from Amandari

Pura Samuan Tiga, Bedulu

Pura Samuan Tiga is the site of a 10th-century meeting of three high priests during which the temple system, which still exists in Bali today, was formed. Worshippers come from far and wide to make offerings and pray for help in their business ventures.

East of Ubud, 25 minutes drive from Amandari

Pura Gunung Kawi, Tampaksiring

One of the most magnificent sites in the area, Pura Gunung Kawi is an 11th-century temple carved into the rock faces of a deep valley. Access to the temple is down a long and steep set of stairs, so a visit here is not for the faint of heart. The shrines inside provide amazing insight into the lives of their residents of old. As you head out of the complex through the stone arch, do not miss the small path to the left across the rice paddies, which leads to Bukit Gundul, the 10th tomb.

North of Ubud, 30 minutes drive from Amandari



Pura Gunung Kawi, Sebatu

Nearby is another temple with the same name. The crowds are fewer here, and Sebatu is known for its creative woodcarvers, a traditional art displayed on roadsides as you approach the temple. It is said that King Mayadenawa came here and slipped on the stone: Sebatu means 'slipping foot'. Several water fountains within and outside the temple also make it a popular bathing place.

North of Ubud, 35 minutes drive from Amandari

Pura Taman Ayun, Mengwi

Located in the village of Mengwi, Pura Taman Ayun is both a water temple and the family temple of the royal dynasty which once ruled the Mengwi Kingdom. The temple was constructed in 1634 and is known for its numerous Meru towers. Visitors cannot enter the sacred main area of the temple, but the spacious courtyard surrounding it provides clear views of the interior from many different angles. The outer part of the complex is also home to several interesting museums, including the Manusa Yadnya and Ogoh-ogohral Museums. Walking around the peaceful garden, you will come across seven soothing water fountains.

Southwest of Ubud, 35 minutes drive from Amandari

Pura Gunung Raung, Taro

Located in the village of Taro, Pura Gunung Raung is one of the oldest temples in the area and is associated in local tradition with the journey of Rsi Markandeya from Mount Raung in East Java to Bali. The temple is believed to have been established as a place of meditation and teaching during his time in Taro, forming part of the early development of Hindu settlements on the island.

The temple complex is modest in scale and surrounded by rural landscape and forest. It consists of simple courtyards and shrines used for daily worship by the local community, with the main sanctum reserved for ceremonial purposes.

Unlike larger temple complexes, Pura Gunung Raung does not feature extensive courtyards or monumental gateways, reflecting its function as a place of prayer rather than a destination for large gatherings.

What's interesting: locals believe that both Pura Gunung Raung and a sacred site in the valley below Amandari are associated with Rsi Markandeya's journey across the island of Bali.

North of Ubud, approximately 40 minutes' drive from Amandari.



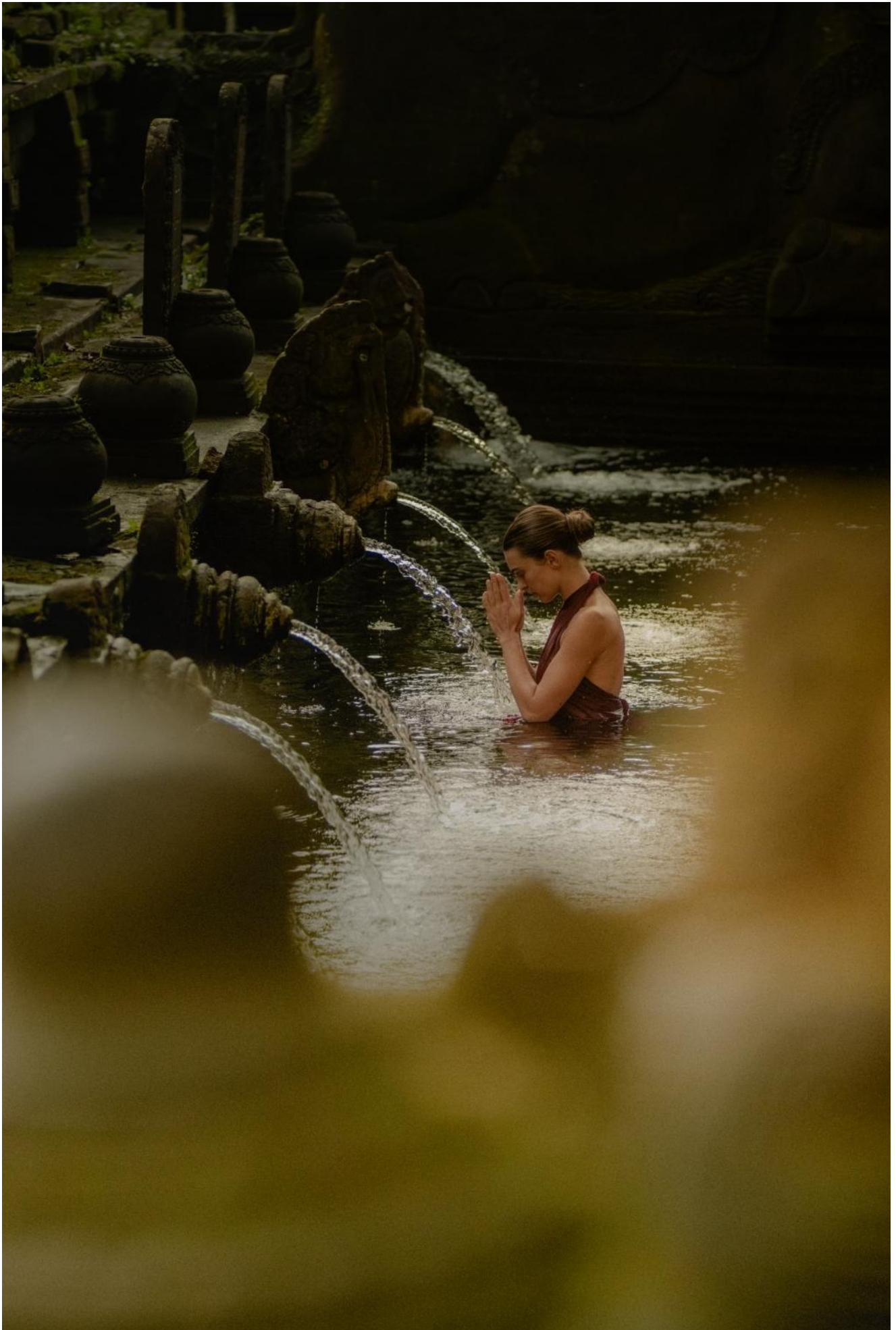
Blessings

Bali's traditions are deeply rooted in holistic healing. This intrinsic spirituality has long appealed to divine seekers and soulful healers – individuals devoted to a mindful, conscious way of life, who in turn further enrich our island paradise.

Balinese Temple Blessing

To cleanse and purify your spirit and relax your mind, the Balinese blessing is a meaningful ceremony involving offerings, prayers, holy water, incense and bija (consecrated rice).

Taking place at Amandari's temple, the pemangku (village priest) will invoke the gods to witness the ceremony. He will then consecrate offerings of flowers and rice and ask for good health and happiness for you. You will be guided in prayers, which are offered with flowers held before the forehead. Then the pemangku will sprinkle you with holy water and offer bija, which carries the blessings of the gods.



Melukat

Comes from the Old Balinese word *lukat*, meaning “to cleanse” or “to purify”. One of Bali’s most significant spiritual rituals, it is performed with holy water, often beneath a series of sacred water spouts at temples and natural springs across the island.

Morning Purification and Temple Walk at Tirta Empul

Before the first visitors arrive, the temple of Tirta Empul is at its quietest. Morning light falls across the courtyards, incense lingers in the air, and spring water continues to flow through the ancient purification pools as it has for centuries.

Through Amandari’s collaboration with the temple’s authorised operator, you are granted early access before the site opens to the public, allowing time to experience the ritual in a more tranquil setting.

Accompanied by a storyteller from the nearby village of Manukaya Let, whose community has long cared for the temple and its traditions, explore the history and symbolism of this sacred place. Learn about the significance of the natural springs before taking part in the purification ritual, then continue through the temple grounds, where shrines, courtyards and stone carvings reveal the spiritual life of Bali.

Early access takes place before normal visiting hours; however, Tirta Empul remains open to worshippers. Local pilgrims may be present as they perform their morning prayers.

Melukat at Pura Mengening

A short distance from Tirta Empul, Pura Mengening remains a place more often visited by worshippers than passing travellers. Many Balinese regard the two temples as spiritually connected, visiting both as part of a sequence of prayer or purification. Enclosed by forest and rice terraces, the temple presents a quieter setting, where sacred springs emerge naturally from the landscape.

Melukat at Pura Gunung Kawi Sebatu

Defined by natural springs, Pura Gunung Kawi Sebatu has served as a place of worship for generations. Here, Melukat is performed in clear spring waters that continue to flow through the temple grounds. Surrounded by stone shrines and gardens, the ceremony reflects the essential relationship between water and worship in Bali.



Spa & Wellness

Through our holistic approach to wellbeing, we strive to provide guidance, support and knowledge to support your personal wellness journey far beyond the physical boundaries of our Aman Spa.

Yoga

The practice of yoga can help to refine your body and quiet your mind, as well as improve your emotional well-being. With its unique spiritual energy, Amandari is the ideal setting in which to experience the benefits of yoga.

Join one of our complimentary classes or book a private yoga session on the terrace of your villa or one of our bales overlooking the Ayung River. For private sessions, please let us know which style you prefer 24 hours in advance.

Pranayama

Discover a heightened awareness of the moment through a pranayama session, immersing yourself in controlled breathwork. This powerful practice is guided by ancient yogic techniques to cultivate mindfulness and balance energy.

Energy Healing

Energy healing is a holistic practice centred on the body's subtle energy system. Your practitioner begins by scanning the body, using their hands and intuitive awareness to observe the flow of energy and identify areas of imbalance. The session is intended to restore harmony and promote overall well-being, concluding with time for discussion and questions.

Meditation

Meditation is a practice in awareness, of being present at the moment and letting go of distractions. An ancient practice, it is known to help with stress management, reduce negative emotions, and increase patience, tolerance, imagination and creativity. Guided meditation sessions can take place in the garden of your suite or in Amandari's lush Secret Garden.

Spa Treatment

Amandari's tranquil Aman Spa offers an array of treatments, from Aman Signature Journeys to traditional Balinese healing therapies utilising local ingredients and Aman's own all-natural skincare products. Please see our Spa Menu for more information.

Explore our Spa menu to discover the full range of our spa and wellness offerings.



Sports and Adventures

Barebow Archery

Step into a journey of self discovery and mindfulness through the ancient art of archery, in collaboration with Bali International Archery. This dedicated session goes beyond the mere mastery of skills; it's an exploration of awareness, focus and concentration, leading to a state of inner calm.

Delve into the philosophical ideas and teachings associated with archery, illuminating the path to achieving a meditative state of mind, where each arrow released marks a symbolic step towards inner peace and harmony.

This programme caters to both beginners and advanced archers, welcoming guests as young as six years old.

Tennis

Get your sweat on at Amandari's tennis court, located next to the spa. Our hard court is floodlit, to keep you hitting well after the sun sets. All equipment is provided and hitting partners are also available in case you cannot convince your partner to join you on the court.

Tennis with a Pro

Join a local tennis professional for a private lesson on Amandari's floodlit hard court. Whether refining technique or building confidence, each session is adapted to your experience and pace of play.



Exploring the Ayung River

White-water rafting down the Ayung River, with its black, glistening gorge walls rising high on either side, presents another side of Bali: nature uninterrupted. Endless waterfalls and streams cascade into the river from above, while kingfishers and sandpipers skim low over the foaming green water.

In places, the rock walls disappear behind dense vegetation – palms, betel nut, banana and bamboo – bending like fishing rods over the riverbanks. Where the gorge opens up, so too does the landscape, revealing orchids, hibiscus and frangipani alongside plots of taro, tapioca and sweet potato.

Rated as a Class 2 rafting trip, the 14km journey along the Ayung River is suitable for guests aged five and above. We recommend wearing shorts and a T-shirt or swimwear, as you will get wet!

Both private and shared trips are available. The adventure begins with a walk down into the gorge and concludes at Amandari's private riverside finishing point below the resort, followed by a hike back to the property. Please allow approximately three hours in total.

For young adventurers, rafting on the Ayung River is suitable for children aged 5 and above, under parental supervision.

Currents of Ayung

Discover the Ayung River on a private white-water rafting journey, reserved exclusively for you and your companions. Following a 14km route through lush valleys and waterfalls, the experience passes temples and intricate stone carvings inspired by the Ramayana, offering a different perspective on one of Bali's most scenic waterways. From the finish point, you may also choose to visit Pesiraman Temple on the walk back to the resort, where a sarong will be provided for temple entry.

Flows of Ayung

Ideal for those looking to enjoy an active morning together, this shared white-water rafting experience follows the same scenic 14km route. Each raft accommodates up to five guests, making it an enjoyable way to discover the Ayung River alongside fellow travellers.

Cycling and Trekking

Cycling and trekking are great ways to experience the countryside and vibrant culture of Bali, each offering different perspectives due to their pace. Combine them for the ultimate immersion.

Cycling Tours

Bali's Backyard: Around Juwet and Bongkasa

This biking tour starts only a 30-minute drive from Amandari and is best enjoyed in the late afternoon. Enjoy peddling a total of 25.4km along a mixture of backroads and rice paddy paths, watching farmers wrap up their daily work. The total cycle time is approximately 2 to 2.5 hours and has the same amount of ascent as descent (280m), with nothing too challenging. We would advise leaving no later than 3.30 pm to ensure you arrive in time for the sunset. It is easily possible to extend or shorten this ride.

Across the Caldera: Kintamani to Gunung Kawi Sebatu

After a one-hour drive up to Bali's Kintamani region, pause to enjoy spectacular views of Mount Batur, Mount Abang, Mount Agung and Lake Batur. Your 13.6km ride starts with an easy peddle through Bali's mandarin groves and remote villages before descending through rice terraces and lush paddy fields to Gunung Kawi, Sebatu, a temple famous for bathing and water blessings.

The ride takes about 1 to 1.5 hours to this point, with 526m of descent and only brief ascents totalling 60m. Spend some time exploring with your guide, then either drive back to Amandari, or peddle a further 17km back to the resort, with a few short, sharp uphill sections and some off-roading, but mainly downhill cruising.

Riding the Slopes: Bayung Gede to Taro

Begin in Bayung Gede, one of the Bali Aga villages nestled in the cool highlands of Kintamani. From here, the journey begins by bicycle through tangerine farms and local artisan workshops, including a visit to a pelinggih craftsman who creates statues for Balinese temples. The route continues toward Taro Village, concluding at a traditional Balinese compound where you may enjoy a refreshing pause. A visit to Gunung Raung Temple is also available for those seeking a deeper cultural encounter before returning to Amandari.



Trekking Routes

Ubud Valley Trails

Follow a forest trail on foot or by bicycle through the countryside surrounding Amandari, passing rice terraces, village paths and the Ayung Valley. The route leads to a hilltop overlooking the valley, where a picnic breakfast is accompanied by the sound of a live Rindik performance, before the morning concludes with the preparation of traditional Balinese snacks.

Subject to seasonal conditions, please contact our Guest Host for more information.

Bali's Rice Field Trek

Combine a country walk with a visit to one of the island's indispensable institutions. An Amandari driver will take you to Sindu Market, about 10 minutes from Amandari, where you are free to soak up the sights, the colours, and the fresh morning air. Then, with your guide, it is on into the countryside, through rice fields and villages, and back to the resort.

This trek is approximately 9.7km and starts at the market, followed by a lovely trek through rice fields and villages. You will arrive back at the hotel following a 2–2.5-hour scenic adventure.

Amandari Forest Trails

Discover the landscape surrounding Amandari on a walk through the valley. Descending 229 steps, the trail passes Pesiraman Temple and the original tiger statue, associated with Maha Rsi Markandeya's meditation in the 8th century. Following the river beneath the forest canopy, the path passes freshwater springs and family temples before returning to the hotel by a different ascent. Best explored in the morning or late afternoon, this circular route combines nature, history and the gentle rhythm of the valley.

Ayung Valley Trek

A must for anyone staying at Amandari, this guided wander into the wilds of the Ayung Valley is best done early in the morning. Walk down from the resort towards the gorge and cross the bridge to the other side. The natural ridge pathway just up from the river winds past, sweet potato plots, and mango, coffee, papaya, and clove trees. At the village of Bongkasa, relax in the shade of what may well be the oldest banyan tree in Bali. Continue along the narrow village road to the south side of the resort, through the farming land, and back to Amandari's organic vegetable garden. For shorter journeys, a car pick-up can be arranged.

Cross Training

Our cross-training tours include an Aman guide, mechanical support, water, light snacks, and a support car, in case you want to stop at any time.

Between Elevation and the Plains: Bayung Gede to Taro

Cross Bali's northern highlands by bicycle and on foot, following a route that links Bayung Gede, Taro Village and the surrounding countryside.

The cycling journey traces tangerine farms and artisan workshops before arriving at a traditional Balinese compound, where you may pause for refreshments and change into ceremonial attire before continuing on foot to Gunung Raung Temple for a cultural visit. The experience then extends into nature with a walk to the firefly conservation area before returning to Amandari.

By combining cycling and walking, the journey shifts in pace and perspective, allowing the landscape to be experienced not just as a route, but as a gradual unfolding of place, culture and environment.

The Way of Rice: Tunjuk Village to Jatiluwih

Depart Amandari before 7.00 am for the 45-minute drive to Tunjuk Village, the beginning of this cross-training adventure. The 12.8km bike ride is a beautiful trip through the heart of Bali's rice fields, peddling along back roads, rice paddy tarmac paths and small sections of off-road. The 1.5- to 2-hour ride has a very steady incline of 340m over the 12.8km (nothing too steep, but there is not much freewheeling). After reaching Senganan Village, the car will pick you up and drive you 15 minutes to the base of Jatiluwih's rice terraces.

From here, you will hike up to the top of the renowned Jatiluwih rice terraces (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). The hike is 3.6km of meandering uphill (160m ascent) through the spectacular scenery of dramatically contoured rice terraces and an up-close look at the rice goddess shrines. The drive back to Amandari takes about 1.5 hours.

Bali's Backyard: Juwet to Bongkasa

This exceptional tour offers unique insight into traditional Balinese villages and daily life. Our experienced guides will take you on a journey, combining cycling and trekking, from the rice fields of Juwet back to the Ayung River Valley. If you are feeling especially energised, you can even ride back to Amandari.

Depart Amandari in the early morning and drive for 30 minutes to Juwet, on the other side of the Ayung Valley. Mount your mountain bike for a leisurely 1-hour bike tour to Carangsari Village. Along the way, you will pass small river gorges, traditional villages and some of the most fertile agricultural lands the island has to offer.

Upon arrival in Carangsari, leave your mountain bike and begin your 4.5km, 1-hour trek during which you will enjoy stunning green scenery – field after field being cultivated, each guarded by rice goddess shrines.

Mount your bike once again for the ride to Bongkasa over the west side of the Ayung River Valley. After that, return to Amandari by car or jump back on your bike for an additional 8.5km ride to the resort.

All Cross Training, Cycling Tours, and Trekking already include transportation to/from the start and finish points, an Aman guide, a support car, cold water, and towels.



Culinary Indulgences

From romantic meals in the Secret Garden or Lotus Pond Pavilion to village cooking classes, you'll never forget the tastes and smells of Bali's unique ingredients and how they're put together. Amandari offers multiple beautiful locations in which to enjoy authentic Balinese dishes, as well as numerous culinary experiences that allow you to get as hands-on as you desire. Special arrangements can also be made for a romantic dinner in your suite.

Traditional Tea by Balinese Ibu

Every day at 4.00 pm, Ibu Made and Ibu Wayan from Kedewatan Village arrive with an array of traditional Balinese sweets and home-brewed tea and coffee for your enjoyment. The Afternoon Tea is served at Terrace Bar, offering a magnificent view of the Ayung Valley. This is a complimentary experience for all resident resort guests.

Sundowners on the Hill

You won't want to miss Golden Hour at Amandari—watching the sun set over the Ayung River Valley with a glass of champagne in hand and a selection of cheese platter to satisfy your savoury cravings. We recommend arriving by 5.00pm to witness the changing colours and drifting shadows—and to allow enough time to enjoy your drink before dinner.

This experience includes one 375ml bottle of Duval-Leroy Champagne and cheese platter for two guests.

Ngejot Balinese Feast

Ngejot is a Balinese tradition of sharing food with neighbours during important religious celebrations, including Galungan, Nyepi and Kuningan. Prepared according to each household's beliefs and customs, the exchange reflects the communal spirit that continues to shape village life across the island.

Served in the privacy of your own balé, the dinner presents a selection of Balinese dishes, beginning with soup before progressing through regional specialities, including Babi Guling, Bebek Betutu, rice and sambals. Seasonal tropical fruits and traditional Balinese sweets with coconut ice cream conclude the meal.

A performance of Tari Penyembra may also be arranged upon request, offering a nice prelude to the evening.

A 24-hour advance reservation is required.

Jamuan Makan Nusantara

Indonesian cuisine reflects the diversity of the archipelago, with each region shaped by its own ingredients, techniques and traditions. This dining experience presents a selection of dishes from across Nusantara (a term used to describe the Indonesian archipelago), accompanied by regional condiments and side dishes that showcase the breadth of the country's culinary heritage.

The menu includes vegetables, seafood and meat, alongside a dedicated vegetarian selection, all prepared with seasonal ingredients and traditional spice blends. Enjoy the experience in the privacy of your suite or at the restaurant overlooking the Ayung Valley.

A 24-hour advance reservation is required.



Ayam Betutu Dinner

The Ayam Betutu Dinner features a whole local free-range chicken prepared in the traditional betutu style, marinated with Balinese bumbu rajang, a carefully prepared spice blend of locally sourced herbs and spices.

The chicken is slowly cooked and smoked in pelepah pinang leaves, allowing the aromatics to infuse deeply into the meat. This patient preparation results in tender, richly flavoured chicken that reflects the depth of Balinese culinary tradition.

Served as the centrepiece of the meal, the Ayam Betutu is accompanied by a selection of local side dishes and condiments, offering a balanced and authentic dining experience.

A 24-hour advance reservation is required.

Babi Guling Feast

The popular Balinese delicacy, Babi Guling (literally meaning 'turned pork') is a whole, spit-roasted suckling pig. An important window into Balinese history, religion, and culture, prepared more to honour the Gods than for private consumption. The juicy pork is going to be served next to the Balinese cuisine and delicious local sweets. It is a perfect combination of traditional cuisine, in the midst of Amandari's beautiful surroundings, and live 'Rindik' music enveloping the atmosphere.

A 48-hour advance reservation is required.

Purnama and New Moon

In Bahasa, Purnama means 'full moon', but also complete, infinite and perfect. The Balinese believe that on this day, Chandra, the moon god, showers his blessings and magic on Earth's people by offering his light and reminding them of their own light within.

The new moon is equally enticing. A symbol of birth, it is representative of new beginnings and is believed to release a purifying energy offering individuals a clean slate or a second chance.

Amandari celebrates each full moon with a culinary event, featuring a thoughtfully crafted menu that highlights local ingredients and seasonal flavors alongside traditional Balinese favorites.

The event is subject to change according to the Balinese calendar and resort programming. For further information, please contact your Guest Host.



Children and Family

Through hands-on learning, active exploration and immersion in cultural events and traditions, all ages can gain insight into this remarkable island and its culture. At Amandari we have developed an exciting range of activities for our younger guests to enjoy and for families to spend quality time together. Learn with your little ones about Bali's rich culture by participating in traditional activities.

Balinese Tradition for Youth

Balinese Children's Dance and Rindik Class

Ibu Agung, our talented in-house dance teacher, has been part of the Amandari family for over 30 years. She comes to the resort daily to teach local children traditional Balinese dances. Her son is a local music teacher, who shares the art of gamelan playing.

You can watch the children practice daily between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm at the Lotus Pond Pavilion next to the Restaurant. The children also perform at monthly dance evenings in our Lobby.

Canang Sari Making

Ibu Made and Ibu Wayan from our village, Kedewatan, are available to teach our younger guests how to prepare a Canang Sari, a simple yet significant Balinese offering. This traditional offering is made from natural materials such as flowers, leaves, and coconut leaves, and is an integral part of Balinese Hindu rituals. This experience can be particularly engaging and educational for children, providing them with a hands-on introduction to Balinese customs and traditions.

Kindly check the Weekly Activities or speak with our Guest Assistants for the scheduling of this monthly event

Balinese Wayang Experience

Discover the tradition of Balinese shadow puppetry through a series of experiences at Amandari. Learn traditional techniques in a Puppet-Making Class or add colour in the Puppet-Making and Coloring Class. Conclude with a private Shadow Puppet Performance, telling the story of Amandari's tiger stone and Maha Rsi Markandeya. A balance of craft and storytelling, these experiences reflect the cultural heritage of Bali.

Puppet-Making Class

A fun and creative experience for the whole family, where you'll learn to craft your own shadow puppet from cow leather, from sketching to carving.

Puppet-Making and Coloring Class

A family-friendly class where everyone can participate in carving and painting your own shadow puppet.

Shadow Puppet Performance

Enjoy a private 45-minute shadow puppet show for the family, telling the captivating tale of Amandari's tiger statue and Maha Rsi Markandeya.



Little Artisan

There are few better ways to learn than with hands-on undertakings, and we have the perfect assortment of workshops and classes to keep the little ones busy. The best part? Our junior guests will go home with a souvenir made by them – the perfect way to remember their holiday in beautiful central Bali.

Totebag Painting

In this fun session, children will paint unique designs on a canvas totebag. Guided by our instructors, they can bring their imagination to life with various colors and patterns. At the end, they'll take home their personalized totebag as a cherished keepsake of their artistic experience at Amandari.

Crafting Toys from Banana Stem

Let your children unleash their creativity by crafting toys from banana stems. Guided by our experienced instructors, kids will transform banana stems into charming houses or animals. This hands-on class teaches sustainability and encourages imagination and fine motor skills. After the 2-hour session, children will proudly take home their handmade creations as a delightful reminder of their time at Amandari.

Painting Class

Enjoy painting in a new and refreshing way! Explore traditional Balinese styles and fun modern and abstract forms.

Air-Dry Clay Class

Explore the world of air-dry clay, allowing our younger guests to unleash their creativity. This particular type of clay air dries naturally, eliminating the need for firing. Each participant receives 500 grams of clay, along with tools and acrylic paint for shaping and colouring. During the session, they will master basic techniques, create decorative objects like animals or fruits, and then paint finished pieces.

Note: items made from air-dry clay are not food grade.

Batik Class

Calling all young artists! Join us for an unforgettable Batik experience, where you'll learn to dye and design your own masterpieces.

Young Explorers

Cycling

Amandari has a selection of children's bikes, which can be easily transported for trips into the countryside.

Trekking

Take a gentle, family-friendly trek to the Ayung River with one of our experienced guides and enjoy a wonderful walk along the scenic ricefields. Alternatively, we can also arrange a less hilly walk through the rice fields.

Tennis

Opening hours: 8.00 am – 9.00 pm

Learn to play tennis, or improve your skills, with a hitting session on the Amandari courts led by one of our excellent tennis partners. Children's rackets are available to borrow at no charge. Please book in advance.



Lifestyle

Private Shopping Experience

We invite you to explore the exquisite craftsmanship and unique treasures of the Amandari Boutique in a setting tailored to your personal preferences. Choose to have a curated selection delivered to your suite, or privatise the boutique for your exclusive visit—an intimate way to find something special, at your own pace.

In-Suite Curations

Discover the treasures of our boutique from the comfort of your suite. Our retail specialist will present a curated selection of our most coveted pieces—from local artistry and bespoke jewellery to the elegance of the Aman Essentials collection—allowing you to browse at leisure and select pieces that speak to your sense of style.

A Boutique of Your Own

For those seeking a more expansive yet equally private experience, we offer the opportunity to privatise our boutique for personal exploration. Enjoy undivided attention as you browse a curated collection of resort wear, bespoke jewellery, handcrafted keepsakes, and Aman Essentials—each piece thoughtfully selected to reflect the spirit of the destination. Take your time, explore at your leisure, and allow our retail specialist to assist as much or as little as you wish.



Refunds are not applicable for cancellations made within 24 hours prior to the activity.

For further information or reservations for any of the above activities, please contact our Concierge & Pre-arrival Team at amandari.fo@aman.com. We will be delighted to assist you.

From all of us at Amandari, we wish you a happy and peaceful stay with us.

Best wishes,

Your Amandari Family

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