

A wide-angle, aerial photograph of a tropical island. The foreground shows a white sand beach curving along the shore. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to deep blue further out. In the distance, several small, hilly islands are visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

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Dear Travel Partner,

Warm greetings from our peaceful island.

The pure white sand beach of Amanpulo is like a blank slate for every traveler. The quiet isolation of its untouched shores holds diverse personal experiences for each guest and touches each one in infinitely different ways.

We hope that by sharing our authentic connections with our island home, and by revealing some of Amanpulo's best-kept secrets, we can keep the sense of wanderlust alive in all of us. In the spirit of travel, we bring you - postcards from Amanpulo.

Enjoy the read.

Sincerely,



Audeline Witjaksono
General Manager



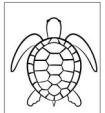
Grounding, Energising

It truly is incredible how a tiny island that barely takes space in the world can make such immense, powerful impact in one's life. From swimming in the sea surrounded by marine life to being blanketed by millions of stars on a clear night, I am completely humbled as surrendering to nature reminds me how small we are in this universe. Amanpulo inspires me to not overcomplicate things, and to be genuine and sincere in my actions and intentions.

The simplicity in the beauty of Mother Earth's creations, abundant in Pamalican Island, spurs the team's creativity in curating experiences that embrace what we have been given stewardship of. I am blessed that I have such a wonderful team of service professionals whose passion is to take care of our guests in our home. This Amanpulo family is the heartbeat of this island home of ours and a major source of my inspiration.

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Best-Kept Secret

For those seeking to tap into the energy of Pamalican

If I had to choose one place that energises me the most on Pamalican, it would be the Island Grotto. There is just something spiritual and peaceful about this place that I am so drawn to it. Every time I need to be grounded, centered, or energised, I just visit this place and it always does the trick.

- Audeline Witjaksono, General Manager

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Life Lessons

Letting the locals show you around is the best way to discover Amanpulo. Who is the local? Not myself, but I am referring to the birds and marine wildlife that inhabit the island. The island blesses us with the opportunity to observe these creatures in their natural habitat with minimal disturbance to their ecosystem. Follow the sounds of the birds in the morning, and discover these winged residents searching for food or tending to their young. Explore the waters around the island, and witness the sea turtles, rays, shark pups and fishes dive, glide and play. These creatures impart lessons on our roles in the circle of life and how to simply enjoy the present.

The type of respect that I witness each day between man and nature on our island moves me. It inspires me to teach my own children to value nature and to raise the next generation of Mother Nature's stewards.

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Best-Kept Secret

For those seeking once-in-a-lifetime experiences

On rare occasions, there are sightings of the Philippine dugong in our waters. It is the only remaining herbivorous sea mammal in the world. From afar their tails are mistaken as mermaid tails, adding to their mystique. Playful spinner dolphins also make surprise appearances. They swim alongside moving boats, and leap from the water like acrobats.

- Irene Tan-Meca, Marine Biologist

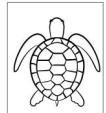
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Shelter for The Soul

The first time I stepped foot in Amanpulo, I was immediately drawn to the magic of Pamalican Island. I understand now that the rush of emotions - stirred by the feeling of the finest white sand between my toes, the cascading greens of the forest shimmering in the sunshine, colourful wildlife thriving in harmony across the landscape - was my spiritual self connecting with my home. In Amanpulo, I have found shelter for my soul.

To see how Filipinos connect with a higher being before and after each meal, to feel their happiness in a very simple island lifestyle, to witness how they work for their families even before rewarding themselves, all these inspire me to view the world with a grateful heart. As a way of paying forward, I wish to inspire others to discover the vibrations of the universe. Enlivening the soul comes from living life with a genuine purpose.



Best-Kept Secret *For those who seek healing from the land*

One of the medicinal plants of the Philippines that amazes me is the *akapulko*, used to treat tiny infections, insect bites, ringworms, eczema, scabies, and itchiness. Therapists apply steamed *akapulko* leaves on the area, then apply coconut oil to hydrate the skin. I was very excited to learn about this because I am from Mexico. Centuries ago, trade galleons made voyages between the ports of Acapulco in Mexico and Manila. Acapulco is famous for the abundance of the same plant. The *akapulko* treatment is not on the Aman Spa menu, but our therapists would be more than happy to share our Filipino-Mexican healing heritage with guests.

- *Iwao Liles, Director for Experiences*

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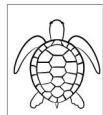
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Celebrating the Sky

The Amanpulo evening is pure inspiration. Immersed in seclusion, millions of stars fill the night sky. I feel a sense of enlightenment and awe when I allow myself to be completely consumed by the breathtaking sky. When we remove ourselves from distraction, nature reveals so much meaning to life.

We wish to capture the beauty of the evening sky for our guests celebrating special moments in Amanpulo. Our team is inspired to create celebrations set on the runway, where nightfall features an extensive open space draped in the wonders of the sky. Overlooking the sea, serenaded by the wind, illuminated by the flicker of lanterns and the mystical light of the moon across the water, every minute is pure Amanpulo, an island of peace. Senses are set to enjoy exotic, tropical cocktails and exquisite degustation menus prepared by our talented culinary team.



Best-Kept Secret

For those who seek an exotic sip of the tropics

When I am traveling, the thing I most need is ginger, ginger, and more ginger! I must admit that I do not do well during travel, so I make ginger my best friend every time I take a trip. It is my favourite source of natural healing. I love how it tastes and I love how good it is for our bodies.

Here in Amanpulo, we recently discovered this amazing liquor called Domaine de Canton, a ginger-based liquor that makes a great martini. You may not find it on the menu, but our bartenders would gladly mix this delicious cocktail for you.

- Angelo Marconi, Executive Assistant Manager of Food and Beverage

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COVID-19 UPDATE



Amanpulo is certified compliant with the Aman Covid-19 Safety Assessment in partnership with SGS, and is pleased to earn the Sharecare VERIFIED™ with Forbes Travel Guide verification that covers over 360 global health security standards.

Metro Manila remains under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine until 7 September 2021. Leisure flights from Manila are suspended during this period. Palawan remains to be categorised under a more relaxed Modified General Community Quarantine. Amanpulo continues to operate for guests who have chosen to quarantine on the island. The resort is still accessible via private charter flights, provided they secure clearance from governing authorities. Regular flights are expected to resume once quarantine guidelines ease.

Filipino citizens, Filipino 'balikbayans', and select foreign nationals with valid and existing visas are allowed to enter the Philippines. For the Bureau of Immigration Guide to Travel Restrictions and Quarantine Procedures, click: [BOI Travel Advisory](#).

When the world is ready for travel, we are here for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are more than happy to discuss future travels with you.

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