

# AMANPULO

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Dear Travel Partner,

Warm greetings from Amanpulo.

There is a certain kind of magic in the unexpected, an exhilarating thrill in a pleasant surprise. There are moments when the sudden revelation of an unexplored spot catches our breath, or we are left in awe of the fleeting explosion of colours in the sky. Nature is an artist, and our island is its favourite muse.

True to the origin of its name which means 'to keep coming back', Pamalican Island continues to enchant travellers who journey to its shores. Even for us residents of this peaceful island, a lingering craving to unravel its many secrets enamours our core.

In this issue, we endeavour to share with you untold stories about Amanpulo that we hope will keep you as captivated as we are, and ceaselessly keen for more.

Enjoy the read.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Audeline'.

Audeline Witjaksono  
General Manager





## OF PROMISES MADE IN PARADISE

From dreamy proposals to intimate weddings, Amanpulo provides a blissful backdrop for life's milestone events. With nature's hand orchestrating stunning settings, promises made in paradise are incredible sights to behold, creating indelible memories made to last a lifetime.

May it be an engagement on a cruise enveloped by a fiery sunset sky, or an exchange of vows on the beachfront surrounded by divine tropical blooms, the island offers numerous unique venues that conjure the ambiance of blissful romance. The resort's

dedicated team of specialists is well-versed in the language of turning dreams into reality, and will look after every detail so the couple can simply relish in the joy of their big day.

No request is too great and no detail is too small. Bespoke events in Amanpulo are unparalleled with exceptional focus on privacy and safety. To learn more, visit [Amanpulo Celebrations and Events](#).



*Beach wedding photo by Robert Blancaflor; Instagram @robblancaflor / Sunset proposal photo by Earth Colors; Instagram @earth\_colors.*





## ELEVATING IN-ROOM DINING

Amanpulo unveils an elevated dining experience that mirrors the quiet elegance of Pamalican's glass-like sea. A delectable menu served in handmade, exquisite glass vessels with lids awaits guests who choose to savour delicious moments in the privacy of their own Casitas and Villas.

Inspired by the graceful aesthetic and practical function of the traditional Japanese bento box, the elegantly designed glass servers will keep food safely covered, and convenient to handle. Within the Casitas and Villas, guests may enjoy their meals indoors on coconut shell tables overlooking the sea, or al fresco in the veranda amidst the salty sea breeze.

Amanpulo's in-room dining is available 24 hours, with a culinary selection designed to please the palate any time of the day, and satisfy every midnight craving until the wee hours of the morning. A minimal service fee will be charged.





## FAMILY WELLNESS

Perched on a hill amongst the treetops, the stunning island views at the Aman Spa inspire vision for holistic healing. Bonding treatments and activities designed to strengthen ties between parents and children are curated by the spa's wellness specialists tailor-made for families spending time together in paradise.

**Chillax Massage** - This treatment is designed for parents and young adult children ages 13-16 years old. Through specific touch points and using all natural products, the massage relaxes the muscles, eases tension, and encourages the progression of verbal and social interaction.

**Pre-Natal Massage** - Designed for women up to six months of pregnancy, the massage promotes relaxation and connection between mother and child. The treatment begins with a soothing foot ritual, followed by gentle massage on the legs, lower back, shoulder and neck areas. The treatment is gentle and safe, however prior consultation with their family physician is prescribed.

Other family wellness activities include group yoga, Zumba, and personal training. The Jungle Run is a fun and interactive cardio workout that members of the family of all ages will enjoy. Funky nail manicure and pedicure, hand and foot massage, and sun-kissed facial are other pleasurable options.







## SEA TURTLE ENCOUNTERS

Locally-known as *pawikan*, sea turtles are often found swimming by their lonesome around the azure waters of Pamalican. Amanpulo's marine biologist offers private guided snorkelling and diving tours that centre around encounters with these gentle giants.

Classified as endangered species, the green and hawksbill sea turtles are under threat. Sadly, their population in the Philippines has decreased by up to 80% in the last ten years. Only 1 out of 1,000 hatchlings survive to adulthood. Their existence is vulnerable to habitat loss from uncontrolled coastal development, fisheries bycatch that needs stricter regulation, shifts in water conditions due to global warming, and worldwide ocean pollution. The Amanpulo Marine Conservation Program aims to address these urgent concerns of the sea turtles through its initiatives of protecting turtle hatchlings and raising awareness among guests and the local community. Funds raised from the private guided tours contribute directly to the program. Sea turtle encounters are carefully guided to ensure that the creatures are not disturbed or harmed.



Green sea turtle photo by Katrina Razon, Instagram @katrinarazon.

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## MANAMOC ISLAND WOVEN HANDICRAFTS

The women of Manamoc Island continue the long-standing tradition of basket-weaving, an art that the region of northern Palawan is famous for. Using *pandan* leaves as raw material and applying skills that were passed down for many generations, the women put their hearts and souls in their woven handicrafts, that range from baskets to bags to sleeping mats for the home.

In remote coastal island areas, weaving is encouraged as a sustainable source of livelihood. The *pandan* plant naturally grows in the environment, and when properly propagated, aids in protecting the beach from erosion. Weaving is an enterprise that the women are able to do in their homes, allowing them to support the family while still caring for the household.



In support of the weavers of Manamoc Island, Amanpulo's Boutique carries a line of their beautiful products. A favourite among fitness enthusiasts is a finely-woven yoga mat with matching carrying case. For the avid hostess, the mat is alternatively used as an accent for the dining table.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

Starting 16 February 2021, foreign national with certain valid and existing visas as outlined in the Bureau of Immigration document may enter the Philippines. However, tourists are still not allowed entry unless they are covered by exceptions. For detailed information on the accepted visas, please click: [BOI Travel Advisory](#). All incoming international passengers must have pre-booked accommodation for at least six nights in an accredited quarantine hotel or facility, and must undergo a PCR swab test on the sixth day from their arrival.

General community quarantine continues to be in effect in Metro Manila until the end of March 2021, subject to review. Amanpulo operates daily domestic flights as inter-island domestic leisure travel is allowed in the Philippines. To learn more about Amanpulo's health and safety guidelines, please click on this link: [Amanpulo and Your Wellbeing](#).

Should you wish to begin planning for future travels, please do not hesitate to reach out to us and we will be more than happy to assist.

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