

# ESCAPE INTO A ROMANTIC BLISS IN COZY AMARELA

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An uncanny attention to architectural detail, restoration and socio-cultural design, Amarela looms as an icon in resort excellence, truly one of Bohol's local treasure.

Portuguese for "Yellow," **Amarela** has the romantic appeal of Spanish apartments with its lush landscape, faded, crimson bricks and inviting country-inspired finishes, reminiscent of the simple but elegant Mexican dwellings.

There are places you can't help but fall in love with at first sight and consequently promise to return year after year.

Amarela in Panglao Island, Bohol is one such place. Perched atop a gentle slope, this quaint but elegant boutique resort boasts of a unique charm and functionality, which have effortlessly won over the hearts of a many guests.

A visit to Amarela may just as well be stepping back into time. Once inside, the lobby immediately reveals richly detailed furnishings. Doors, windows and other pieces from old houses are meticulously and cleverly restored into contemporary accents inspired by traditional pieces. A stroll among the corridors and hallways is always an enriching taste of paintings and woodcarvings by Boholano artists. Likewise, attractive and colorful, little, antique altars, religious icons and works by

renowned sculptors subtly dot every corner of the common areas. Patrons of antique furniture and beautiful handicrafts will have to take their time appreciating every detail in Amarela, as the resort is practically a work of art in itself.

As for the lover of literature, Amarela has a rich library of interesting titles with anything from fiction, history, and biography to architecture and children's books. Board games and DVDs are also readily available.

Amarela's unmistakable coziness makes one feel comfortable and right at home. Everything in the resort from the room's amenities to menu selections was well thought-out and carefully patterned to the needs and whims of every guest.

Also earning raves from the resort's guests are the sumptuous meals served in style

and enjoyed along with the remarkable view of the Bohol Sea and the neighboring islands. A delightful surprise would be the refreshing breeze that circulates throughout the hall, as if inviting guests to cool off and take a dip in the pool below.

A rugged but well-kept, downhill path of ornate flowers and other greenery leads guests into a well-maintained, white-sand beach lined up with summer umbrellas, hammocks and lounge chairs. Boats, kayaks and snorkeling gear are available for guests' use.

Plunging into the waist deep waters opens the door to a rich and diverse marine environment, teeming with creatures large and small – seahorses, among these, that served as inspiration for the resort's logo. Equally curious of their non-aquatic visitors, the marine life in Bohol is something travelers must not miss.



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