

# A M A N B A G H

Festive Itinerary



Namaste and welcome to Amanbagh,  
our 'peaceful garden'.

We are delighted to share the festive season with you in our oasis, where you can create unforgettable memories with your loved ones beneath the open skies of glorious Rajasthan.

To help you make the most of your time at Amanbagh, we have crafted a festive calendar rich with holiday traditions from across India and beyond, all infused with the warmth and generosity of the Aman spirit. As we reflect on the year gone by, join us in making these final moments of 2024 special.

If you wish to sign up for any of the activities detailed across the following pages, or reserve a table for one of our celebratory meals, please contact the Reservations team. Some activities have limited availability and may require advance booking.

With best wishes for a peaceful festive season and prosperous year ahead.

Your Amanbagh Family

## GIVING BACK

For those who wish to give back this festive season, Amanbagh offers meaningful ways to contribute to the wellbeing of our community and the conservation of our natural environment.

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### Support Local Education

Through the Amanbagh Seva Trust, we have established initiatives to support local schools by enhancing education, equipment and facilities. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so through this trust and help uplift.

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### Books, Clothing & Gifts

If you have books, clothing or gifts you'd like to bring from home, we would be delighted to donate them on your behalf. Your contributions will bring joy and support to those in need within our community.

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### Contribute to Wildlife Conservation

For those interested in supporting wildlife conservation efforts, our team can connect you with dedicated animal and nature conservation groups. These organisations work tirelessly to protect our fragile ecology and preserve the region's natural beauty.



## DAILY EVENTS

### Yoga, Movement & Meditation

WELLNESS

#### AMAN SPA

The New Year ushers in new beginnings, offering fresh opportunities and a chance to refresh. Join our daily yoga (morning only), movement and meditation classes and, under the guidance of our expert instructors, embrace a transformative journey of self-discovery and renewal.

Private sessions can also be arranged, tailored to encompass a New Year reset programme.

### Marwari Horse Experience

CULTURAL

#### AMANBAGH GROUNDS

Embark on an extraordinary journey with our herd of Marwari horses, a breed Amanbagh is committed to preserving. On a 45-minute safari to the fringes of the wilderness just outside the resort, explore nearby farms, pass ancient forts and temples and follow a lesser-travelled path once traversed by maharajahs on their steeds.

### Ayurveda at Amanbagh

WELLNESS

#### AMAN SPA

Treat yourself to our Ayurvedic treatments and programmes this festive season, harnessing Ayurveda's preventive power to improve memory, strengthen the sense organs, boost physical endurance and fight the signs of ageing. Renowned for its wisdom and gentle efficacy, Ayurveda remains a hidden gem to many who could benefit from its long-term benefits.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 1 November

#### THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

DIWALI

COURTYARD | 18:30

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, spans five consecutive days, with the pivotal celebration falling on 1 November 2024. On this auspicious day, Hindus around the world venerate Mother Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. Families come together, cleanse themselves spiritually and gather with their priest, or Pandit, to worship Goddess Lakshmi, seeking her blessings for prosperity and the triumph of good over evil.

We extend a heartfelt invitation to our guests to join us in the courtyard for the Puja ceremony beginning at 6.30pm as we welcome the Goddess into Amanbagh. Following the ceremony, which lasts approximately an hour, guests will be treated to traditional Diwali offerings of sweets and almond milk. The celebration culminates with a special Diwali menu, featuring an exquisite selection of dishes that reflect India's rich culinary heritage.

### Christmas Eve

24 DECEMBER

#### GALA DINNER

CULINARY

RESTAURANT | 19:00

Indulge in a sumptuous festive feast curated by our culinary team, served in the Restaurant and the Courtyard and accompanied by flute melodies, vibrant tabla rhythms and Rajasthani folk music.

Dinner can also be served in the privacy of your suite or pavilion upon request.

### Christmas Day

25 DECEMBER

#### MEET BABU

FESTIVE

GARDENS | 10:00

While Rudolph is busy in the Arctic, meet Babu, our resident camel, who will transport Santa around our peaceful gardens, spreading Christmas cheer to young and old guests alike.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

26 December

### THE ART OF MAKING BANGLES

CULTURAL

GARDENS | 11:00

Experience the traditional art of lac bangle making in our gardens. Learn how vibrant lac bangles are created by local artisans using natural resin secreted by tiny crimson insects.

### HENNA ARTISTRY

CULTURAL

POOL COLONNADE | 15:00

Discover the ancient art of henna with our artist, who uses dried henna leaf powder and lemon juice to create beautiful, temporary body art. Enjoy the enchanting sounds of the *ravanahatha*, a traditional Rajasthani instrument, during the session.

28 December

### RANGOLI ART

CULTURAL

POOL COLONNADE | 15:00

Immerse in the vibrant tradition of *rangoli* with guidance from our resident artist. This ancient art form, meaning 'colourful row' in Sanskrit, symbolises good luck.

### JALTARANG SESSION

WELLNESS

AMAN SPA | 17:00

Experience the soothing sounds of *jal tarang*, the rhythm of water, with an ancient Indian instrument that uses water-filled porcelain bowls struck with fingers to create light, soulful melodies that transport to a place of blissful tranquillity.

29 December

### CAMEL POLO

SPORTING

GARDENS | 11:00

Experience Camel Polo in our garden oasis, where camels replace horses for a uniquely thrilling game. Cheer on our players as they aim for victory, with the lively beats of the *dhol* enhancing the excitement.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### New Year's Eve

31 DECEMBER

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#### TURBAN TYING

CULTURAL

LOBBY | 17.30

Celebrate the New Year in true style, mastering the art of turban tying and embracing the Indian tradition.

#### A TRADITIONAL INDIAN FAIR

CULTURAL

COURTYARD GARDEN & LIBRARY | 19:00

Spend the last day of 2024 at Amanbagh's annual Indian Fair, where fortune tellers, fire dancers and Manganiyar singers celebrate with traditional Northern Indian flair. A gala dinner follows, ringing in 2025 together.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### New Year's Day

1 JANUARY

#### CAMEL POLO & NEW YEAR TEA

CULTURAL

FRONT LAWN | 11:00

Kick off the New Year with a rematch between our Camel Polo teams. Enjoy the action, elevated by the energising beats of the *dhol* (drum) and accompanied by a cup of warm, spiced Indian chai tea.

#### TABLA MUSIC CLASSES

CULTURAL

FRONT GARDEN | 16:00

Learn the basics of this essential Indian percussion instrument. Whether you're a beginner or enthusiast, our talented musicians offer a unique chance to immerse yourself in Rajasthani rhythms.



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