# AMANEMU



# Season's Greetings

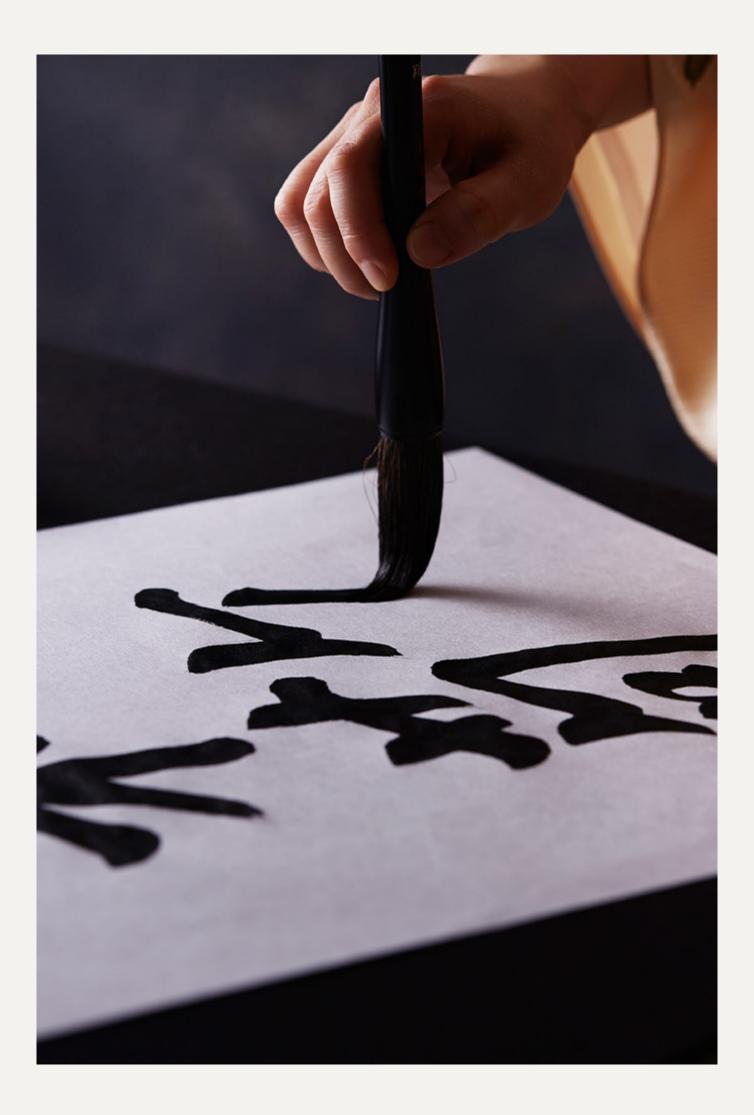
We are delighted to share the festive season with you here at Amanemu, our ryokan-inspired retreat resting in the forested hills of Ise-Shima. Here, we invite you to sit back, relax and rejuvenate as you prepare for the new year ahead.

Inspired by the serene beauty of our surroundings, we have curated a festive programme filled with unique activities and exclusive experiences, all imbued with the warmth and spirit of Aman and designed to help you create unforgettable memories with your loved ones this festive season.

If you would like to join any activities or reserve a table for our special dining experiences, please do not hesitate to contact our activities team who can assist with any special requests.

We wish you a joyful holiday season.

Your Amanemu Family



#### DAILY EVENTS

### 1 - 31 DECEMBER 2024

# Christmas Cocktail

FESTIVE

THE BAR & LOUNGE

11:00

Bringing the festive spirit, Amanemu's talented mixologists have created an exclusive festive-inspired cocktail, available to try throughout the holiday season.

# Lantern Lighting

FESTIVE

RESORT PATHWAYS

18:00 - 06:00

Join us in the daily, ritualistic lighting of our takeakari bamboo lanterns that line the resort's pathways throughout the festive season.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

24 & 25 DECEMBER 2024

## Christmas Dinner

DINING

THE RESTAURANT

17:30

Amanemu's Head Chef Katsutoshi Kitahara has designed a bespoke Christmas menu which will be served in the Restaurant on 24 and 25 December. Guests can enjoy views across the surrounding forest and bay, while indulging in a menu that highlights the exceptional produce from the Ise-Shima region, including Matsusaka beef and Ise lobster.

# Wreath Making

FESTIVE

LIBRARY

THREE SET TIMES PER DAY

A local florist will visit Amanemu to teach guests how to design and make their own traditional Christmas wreath – a creative way to embrace the festive spirit.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

Countdown Party

FESTIVE

THE BAR & LOUNGE

23:15 - 00:30

Come together in the final hours of 2024 and enjoy a traditional Japanese drum performance from local musicians, enjoyed alongside toshikoshi soba noodles and Champagne before the official countdown to midnight begins. In local tradition, soba noodles are thought to bring good luck for the year ahead and eating them on New Year's Eve is a custom that dates back to the Edo period. The evening culminates with an impressive firework display (weather permitting) to mark the arrival of 2025.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY 2025

# Osechi Breakfast

#### DINING

THE RESTAURANT/IN-ROOM

1 JANUARY 2025 | 07:00 - 10:30

Osechi, a traditional Japanese New Year breakfast, comprises an assortment of colourful dishes, each holding a special meaning. Come together and enjoy this nourishing New Year feast in the Restaurant, or in the comfort of your own private space.

# Kagami Biraki Ceremony

#### FESTIVE

1 JANUARY 2025 | 14:00 - 15:00

GARDEN AT PUBLIC AREA

Celebrate 2025 with *Kagami Biraki* – a traditional Japanese New Year's ceremony, where a sake cask is smashed and opened with a wooden mallet. Its contents are then served to everyone as a gift. *Kagami* refers to the lid, whereas *biraki* means 'to open'. The round lid is said to symbolise harmony and breaking it can bring good fortune for the year ahead.

# Japanese Calligraphy Class

#### FESTIVE

1 & 2 JANUARY 2025 | TIME TBA

LIBRARY

Write out your hopes and wishes for the year ahead and reflect on 2024's achievements in the serene setting of Amanemu's Library during a guided *kakizome* class.

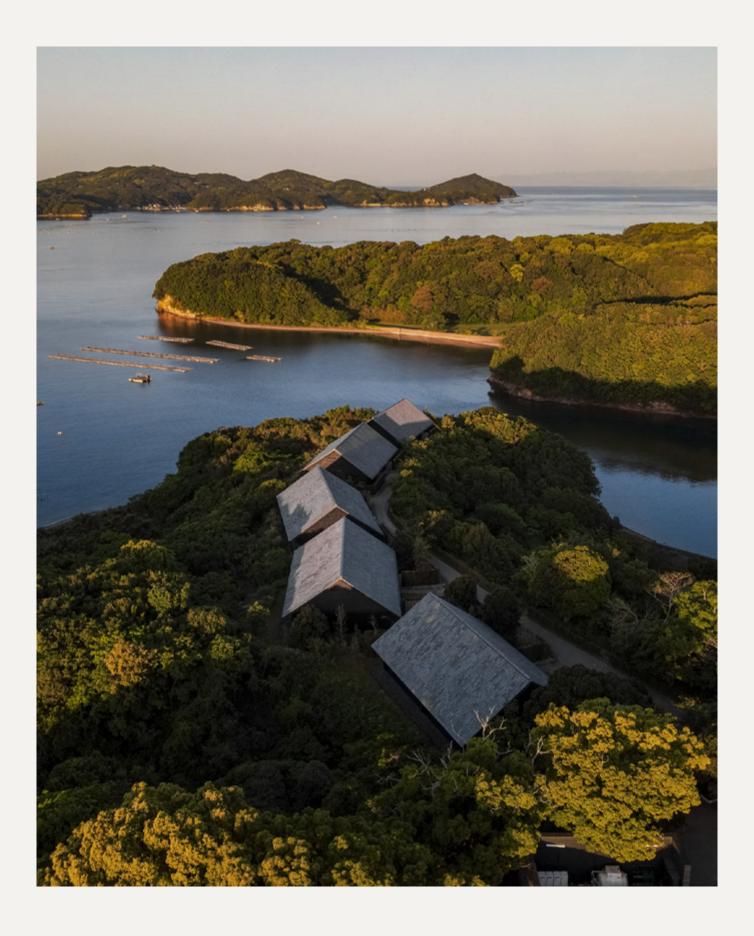
# Rice-cake Pounding

## FESTIVE

GARDEN AT PUBLIC AREA

2 JANUARY 2025 | TIME TBA

To bring good fortune for the year ahead, guests are invited to come together and taste freshly pounded mochi – they can even try to pound the rice themselves.



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