

AMANKORA

Festive Itinerary



Welcome to Amankora

Ancient rituals passed down through the generations lie at the heart of the festive season at Amankora. In the stillness of its valleys, vivid cultural experiences offer a window into the singular character of this extraordinary place. From traditional performances of Bhutanese folk tales to blessings in historic temples and celebratory feasts crafted from local ingredients, Amankora invites you to discover how this part of the world unites to mark this special time of year.

We are delighted to share the festive season with you in our kingdom, the Land of the Thunder Dragon, where myth and magic thrive and the symphony of nature reigns supreme.

Your Amankora Family

A SUSTAINABLE WAY OF LIFE

At Amankora, sustainability is a way of life. We prioritise sourcing locally-grown ingredients by working with over 500 aggregators from the Chukha district, ensuring that our practices support the community and preserve the environment. This commitment not only enhances our culinary guest experience but also contributes to the wellbeing of our local ecosystem.

Tree Plantation in Punakha

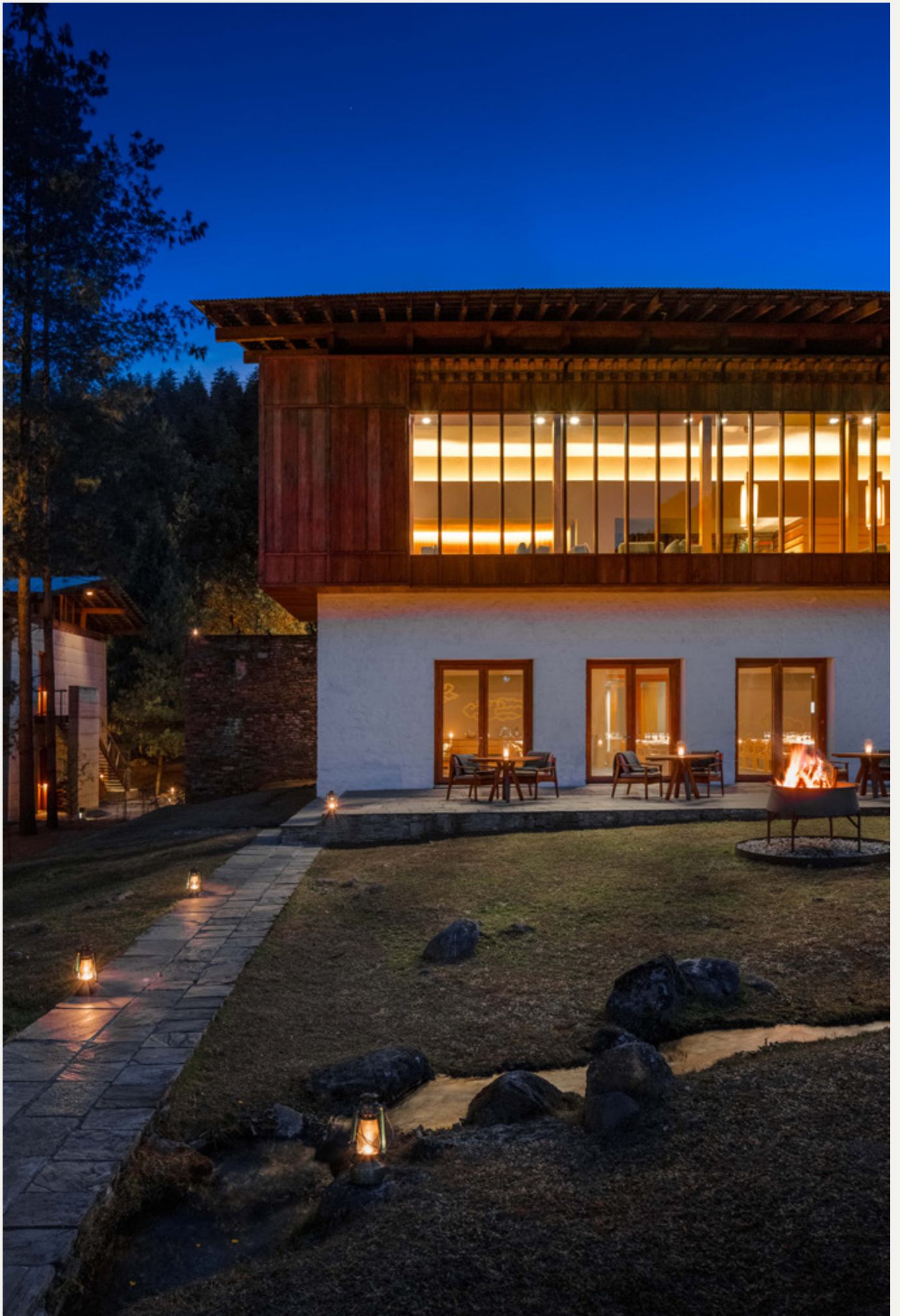
Bhutan is the world's first carbon-negative country and with environmental protection imbued in its constitution as one of the core pillars of happiness, Amankora invites guests to join its team members in planting tree saplings.

Celebrate with the Community

Amankora will offer meals, tea and snacks to local monks on New Year's Day. Guests are invited to contribute to this charitable initiative by sponsoring a meal, snack or beverage.

Thoughtful Gifting

Across the five valleys, the Amankora team will play the role of Santa Claus, distributing gifts to less fortunate children and the elderly in local villages. Please enquire if you would like to sponsor a gift or assist with the process.



SPECIAL EVENTS

16 - 24 DECEMBER 2024

Tree Decoration

16 DECEMBER 2024

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES | 17:00

Welcome in the festive season with an evening of Christmas tree decorating accompanied by cultural performances, traditional mask dances and Bhutanese folk songs.

Christmas Eve

24 DECEMBER 2024

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES | 17:00

Join us for an enchanting evening of cocktails, live performances and a showcase of mask dances and Bhutanese folk songs. Guests can dress up in traditional Bhutanese attire, available on loan for the festivities.

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

DINING

ALL LODGES | 19:00

Gather with us for a special dinner featuring Western and Bhutanese specialties, accompanied by live music from a Bhutanese troupe.

SPECIAL EVENTS

25 DECEMBER 2024

Morning Yoga

ALL LODGES

WELLNESS

08:00 - 09:00

As the year draws to a close, embrace serenity with our morning yoga class. Start the morning with mindful movement, connecting body and breath before the day's festivities commence.

Butter Lamp Lighting

ALL LODGES

FESTIVE

10:00

Celebrate Christmas morning with the lighting of butter lamps at Bhutan's sacred temples, a ritual believed to dispel negativity and usher in blessings. Experience this spiritually moving tradition at monasteries across Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Gangtey and Bumthang.

Christmas Lunch

ALL LODGES

DINING

12:00 - 15:00

Come together and embrace the warmth of community, savouring indulgent festive flavours as you create lasting memories with loved ones over a barbeque lunch, or a special family-style meal in Gangtey.

Archery

ALL LODGES

CULTURAL

15:00 - 17:00

Embrace the festive spirit with friendly competition at the on-site archery grounds of each Amankora lodge, celebrating togetherness and Bhutan's national sport.

Mini Stupa-making Class

GANGTEY

CULTURAL

16:00 - 17:00

Come together to create Tsa Tsas, miniature stupas, about three inches tall, made from clay in metal moulds. Found around Bhutan in caves and sheltered spots, they are often white, gold or red, and hold relics and mantras after being blessed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

25 DECEMBER 2024

Calligraphy & Prayer Flag Workshop

PARO

CULTURAL

15:00 - 17:00

Bhutanese prayer flags promote peace, compassion and wisdom, and hanging them in high places sanctifies the air, spreading their blessings.

Afternoon Tea

ALL LODGES

DINING

15:00 - 16:00

Enjoy a festive Bhutanese-inspired Christmas afternoon tea, complete with traditional sweets and savoury bites that capture the spirit of the season.

Singing Bowl Class

THIMPHU LODGE

WELLNESS

17:00 - 18:00

Sit back and enjoy the soothing sounds of Tibetan singing bowls – an ancient practice that uses resonant frequencies to help induce relaxation, reduce stress and enhance emotional wellbeing.

Dart Competition

PUNAKHA LODGE

CULTURAL

17:00 - 18:00

Come together for a thrilling dart competition, accompanied by community tree planting – an opportunity to test your skillset while also giving back to Mother Earth.

Cultural Performances

BUMTHANG LODGE

FESTIVE

17:00

Embrace the community spirit and join us for an enchanting evening of live performances including a vibrant showcase of traditional mask dances and Bhutanese folk songs.



SPECIAL EVENTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

Cultural Performances

ALL LODGES

FESTIVE

17:00

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New Year's Eve Dinner

ALL LODGES

DINING

19:00

Close out the year with a delightful feast of Western and Bhutanese flavours and an array of live performances. As the countdown to midnight nears, each guest will receive a glass of Champagne to toast to the new year. Gather by the bonfire with the Amankora family, sharing good wishes and raising a glass to new beginnings.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1 JANUARY 2025

Morning Yoga

ALL LODGES

WELLNESS

08:00 - 09:00

Welcome the New Year with serenity in our morning yoga class. Begin the day with mindful movement and connect body and breath before the day's festivities unfold.

Morning Blessing Ceremony

ALL LODGES

FESTIVE

08:00 - 09:30

Start the year with a moving and memorable experience, joining local monks as they conduct their morning blessings.

Local Greetings

ALL LODGES

FESTIVE

08:00 - 10:00

Celebrate the New Year with traditional 'Lolay Lolay' greetings as local children in vibrant costumes sing joyfully.

New Year's Barbecue Lunch

ALL LODGES

DINING

12:00

Gather and celebrate the arrival of the New Year with a delicious barbecue lunch, or a festive family-style brunch in Gangtey.

Afternoon Tea

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DINING

15:00 - 14:00

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Stone Painting

GANGTEY LODGE

CULTURAL

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Channel your inner creative with a guided painting class. A local artist helps you create beautifully painted stones – a traditional Bhutanese craft and the perfect Amankora keepsake.

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GIFT

Turndown Gifting

This season, every guest will be gifted a unique turndown stocking. Handmade by local artisans, each reflects the distinct culture of its valley, bringing a touch of Bhutanese tradition to your celebrations.





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