

AMANKORA

Festive Itinerary 2026



Welcome to Amankora

Ancient rituals passed down through 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. Blessings in historic temples, traditional performances of Bhutanese folk tales 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

GIVING BACK

Aman properties around the world are an integral part of the communities in which they are set, providing unique insight into the lives and needs of each community. At this time of year, when reflection and counting our blessings go hand in hand with reaching out to those less fortunate, we are pleased to be able to share our local initiatives.

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 DECEMBER 2026

Tree Decorating

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES

17:00

Gather to decorate the Christmas tree while enjoying canapés and mulled wine. Traditional mask dances, folk songs and cultural performances bring Bhutan's rich traditions to the celebration, while guests in Paro can also experience the art of Bhutanese calligraphy.

24 DECEMBER 2026

Christmas Eve: 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

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

19:00

Mark Christmas Eve with a seven-course dinner accompanied by traditional Bhutanese live music.

SPECIAL EVENTS

25 DECEMBER 2026

Morning Yoga

WELLNESS

ALL LODGES

7:30-8:30

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.

Morning Blessing Ceremony

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES

9:00

Start the day with a moving and memorable experience by joining local monks as they conduct morning blessings.

Christmas Breakfast

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

6:00-10:30

Christmas morning is marked by a special visit from Santa, who shares gifts with our youngest guests over breakfast.

Christmas Lunch

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

12:00-15:00

Embrace the warmth of community as you create lasting memories over a barbecue lunch with family-style dishes and festive cocktails.

Archery

CULTURAL

ALL LODGES

15:00-17:00

Embrace the festive spirit with a friendly archery competition held on the grounds of each Amankora lodge and celebrate Bhutan's national sport together.



SPECIAL EVENTS

25 DECEMBER 2026

Calligraphy Session

CULTURAL

PARO LODGE

17:00-19:00

An important art in the Himalayas, Calligraphy is the first of the thirteen crafts that were promoted by the Bhutanese state since the 17th century. Enjoy a personalised calligraphy session with a local monk at the lodge.

Dart Game

CULTURAL

THIMPHU LODGE

17:00-18:00

Played for generations across Bhutan, khuru is a traditional dart game that combines skill with camaraderie. This experience offers guests an introduction to one of the Kingdom's most cherished community traditions.

Archery Competition

CULTURAL

PUNAKHA LODGE

17:00-18:00

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

Cultural Performances

FESTIVE

BUMTHANG LODGE

17:00

Join us for an enchanting evening of live performances, including traditional mask dances and Bhutanese folk songs.

SPECIAL EVENTS

31 DECEMBER 2026

Cultural Performances

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES

17:00

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

New Year's Eve Dinner

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

19:00

Close out the year with a seven-course dinner and traditional Bhutanese music. As the countdown to midnight nears, gather by the bonfire with the Amankora family, sharing good wishes and raising a glass to new beginnings.



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New Year Blessings

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES

8:00-10:00

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

New Year's Brunch

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

12:00-16:00

Welcome the New Year with a celebratory barbecue lunch accompanied by cultural performances. Each lodge also offers a distinctive local experience, reflecting the traditions of its valley.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1 JANUARY 2027

Calligraphy & Prayer Flag Workshop

CULTURAL

PARO LODGE

15:00-17:00

Join us for this calligraphy and Bhutanese prayer flag workshop to celebrate two traditional Himalayan crafts. Prayer flags promote peace, compassion and wisdom, and hanging them in high places sanctifies the air and spreads their blessings.

Calligraphy was the first of the thirteen arts and crafts promoted by the Bhutanese state since the 17th century and continues to be a significant piece of cultural heritage. A local monk will visit the lodge to guide you in this personalised session making calligraphy and prayer flags together.

Bead Making

CULTURAL

GANGTEY LODGE

15:00-17:00

Learn the traditional craft of bead making, using locally inspired materials to create a handcrafted keepsake while discovering the artistry and symbolism behind this enduring Bhutanese tradition.

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Bhutanese Name-Giving Ceremony

CULTURAL

BUMTHANG LODGE

17:00

A Bhutanese name-giving ceremony is a heartfelt ritual where a lama or elder bestows a name upon an individual. This name is selected with profound spiritual significance, believed to serve as a guiding and protective force throughout one's life.





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