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Welcome to Aman Kyoto

We are delighted to welcome you this enchanting holiday season, when our winter garden sparkles with morning frost, and the gentle steam of onsen baths merges with the crisp forest air.

As the holiday season unfolds, we invite you to gather with loved ones over seasonal cuisine, savour moments of connection, and embrace the beauty of winter. Traditional Japanese rituals welcoming the New Year offer an opportunity to reflect, renew and celebrate new beginnings.

Some experiences require advance reservations. Should you wish to join us, our team will be pleased to assist with arrangements. May this holiday season be filled with warmth, tranquillity, and meaningful moments shared with those closest to you.

Yasuo Mizobuchi

General Manager

Aman Kyoto

GIVING BACK

Join us in giving back and showing gratitude this festive season by getting involved with our local initiatives.

Firefly & Habitat Preservation

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 being thankful go hand in hand with reaching out to those less fortunate, we are pleased to be able to share our local initiatives.

Children's Home Support

As part of our ongoing efforts to combat climate change and its impacts, we are inviting guests to have bed linen and towels changed every other day, or upon request, to reduce the amount of water and chemicals used. For every guest that opts into this programme, Aman Kyoto will contribute to the Kamiyagawa River Beautifying Association, which supports firefly population growth.

Over the festive period, Aman Kyoto will distribute homemade snacks and sweets made by Executive Chef Tatsuya Ozawa and Executive Pastry Chef Hiroyuki Matsuo to the local children's home, where children who are unable to live with their guardians due to various family circumstances are cared for.

For more information on these initiatives and how you can get involved please speak to our Reservations team

REGULAR EVENTS

A Moment for Matcha

TEA HOUSE

ACTIVITY

DAILY | 14:30 - 16:00

In our tea house, we invite you to savour a bowl of matcha served with a seasonal Japanese confection. This refined experience offers a quiet interlude of serenity—a moment that transcends the ordinary and awakens a sense of graceful stillness.

Evening Aperitifs

THE LIVING PAVILION
BY AMAN

CULINARY

DAILY | 16:00 - 18:00

Gather around the central fireplace and enjoy complimentary evening aperitifs of Champagne, wine or sake, paired with delicious canapes meticulously prepared by Executive Chef Tatsuya Ozawa using locally-sourced ingredients.

Garden Tour

ARRIVAL PAVILION

ACTIVITY

DAILY | 8:30 - 9:30

Enjoy a guided garden tour led by our knowledgeable staff. Take in the invigorating air of a winter morning and stroll through the grounds bathed in the soft glow of the sunrise—a tranquil experience akin to forest bathing.



WINTER SEASONAL DELICACIES

Snow Crab Kaiseki

TAKA-AN

CULINARY

8 NOVEMBER - 30 DECEMBER 2026 | 18:00 - 22:00

For a true taste of winter, savour a multi-course omakase feast showcasing the snow crab. Chefs will prepare the dishes in front of you, adding a sense of theatricality to the evening. Dishes include fragrant roasted crab prepared over bincho charcoal and steamed crab with a rich miso and comforting rice.

¥120,000 per person | Reservation required three days in advance

Winter Celebration Course

THE LIVING PAVILION
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CULINARY

19 - 25 DECEMBER 2026 | 12:00 - 14:00 | 17:30 - 22:00

Kyoto vegetables deepened in flavour by the winter cold, sustainably sourced Wagyu delicately scented with straw fire, and the layered complexity of fermentation and ageing. Rooted in the bounty of nature and a reverence for the land, this special course by Executive Chef Tatsuya Ozawa invites you to savour each dish with intention, sharing moments of joy and togetherness around the table.

Lunch ¥18,000 per person | Dinner ¥29,000 per person

Reservation required at least one day in advance

SPECIAL EVENTS

Festive Afternoon Tea

THE LIVING PAVILION
BY AMAN

CULINARY

10 DECEMBER 2026 - 15 JANUARY 2027 | 13:00-17:00

The first tier of this festive afternoon tea features refined savoury delicacies crafted by our Executive Chef using the finest seasonal winter ingredients, while the second tier presents wagashi-inspired sweets. Enjoy this afternoon indulgence with a selection of over 20 premium teas. To conclude, savour a moment of tranquillity as freshly whisked matcha is prepared before your eyes.

¥14,500 per person | Reservation required at least one day in advance

Festive Treats

THE LIVING PAVILION BY
AMAN

GIFTING

1 - 25 DECEMBER 2026

Tamba Chestnut Home-Baked Stollen

This year's signature Aman Kyoto festive treat is a delicious, home-baked stollen made with chestnuts and yuzu grown locally in Kyoto.

¥5,200 | Reservation required by 3pm four days in advance

Aman Kyoto's Christmas Hamper

Our annual festive hamper includes a home-baked stollen, Kamigamo honey, Christmas cookies and financier.

¥15,000 | Reservation required by 3pm four days in advance



NEW YEAR'S CULINARY MOMENTS

Toshikoshi Soba

THE LIVING PAVILION
BY AMAN

31 DECEMBER 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00

The long, slender strands of Toshikoshi Soba (New Year's Eve Buckwheat Noodles) symbolise wishes for longevity and enduring prosperity, a tradition cherished in Japan on New Year's Eve for generations. As you savour this timeless ritual, we wish you a peaceful and joyful beginning to the year ahead.

New Year's Eve Set

IN ROOM

31 DECEMBER 2026 | APPROXIMATELY 21:00

In the comfort of your room or suite, enjoy a toothsome New Year's Eve spread including Champagne and celebratory canapés.

Kyoto Hirai Beef Kaiseki

TAKA-AN

31 DECEMBER 2026 - 3 JANUARY 2027 | 18:00 - 20:00

Favoured by chefs, Hirai beef is a well-kept secret of Kyoto cuisine. Raised in nature and nurtured with spring water, the meat has a unique sweetness. Taka-An's new kaiseki tasting menu maximises the flavour of the beef with complementary ingredients and carefully selected wine pairings.

¥59,000 per person | Reservation required two days in advance

Osechi Tasting

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1 & 2 JANUARY 2027 | 7:00 - 11:00

A cherished New Year ritual in Japan, Osechi cuisine embodies wishes for happiness, wellbeing, and prosperity. Savour a tasting of specially prepared Osechi, featuring auspicious ingredients such as lobster and abalone for longevity, and kurikinton for abundance and good fortune.

Sushi Dinner

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1 -3 JANUARY 2027 | 18:00 - 22:00

Presented in a traditional jubako box, the New Year sushi dinner celebrates the season through the finest ingredients and skilled craftsmanship. Savour the elegance of Japanese culinary tradition and the festive spirit of the New Year with every bite.

¥20,000 per person



NEW YEAR'S DAY ACTIVITIES

1 JANUARY 2027

Lion Dance

THE LIVING PAVILION
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SESSION ONE 8:30 | SESSION TWO 9:30

Marking the arrival of a new year, Shishimai, Japan's traditional lion dance, brings blessings of good fortune and prosperity. A cherished custom passed down through generations, it is said that a gentle bite from the lion helps dispel misfortune and invite good luck. Join us in celebrating this timeless tradition and the festive spirit of the season, with wishes for health, harmony and abundance in the year ahead.

Mochi Pounding

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BY AMAN

10:00 - 12:00

For centuries, mochi (traditional Japanese rice cake) has been cherished as a symbol of vitality and blessing, believed to carry the spirit of the gods and bestow strength for the year ahead. As the rhythmic sound of the mortar and mallet echoes through the winter air, savour freshly pounded mochi and share in a moment of connection and quiet celebration, welcoming the New Year in harmony and joy.

Please note that programme times may be adjusted according to weather conditions

Ema Plaque

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10:00 - 12:00

With wishes for a year filled with abundance, fulfillment and happiness, we have prepared zodiac ema plaques from two of Kyoto's most cherished shrines: Kamigamo Shrine, one of the city's oldest and most revered sanctuaries, and Kitano Tenmangu Shrine, beloved as the home of the deity of learning. We invite you to inscribe your hopes and aspirations upon an ema and entrust your wishes to this timeless tradition.

Sake Tasting

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11:30 - 18:00

Celebrate the arrival of the New Year with a ceremonial sake offering and a curated tasting of Japanese sake. Reflecting the character of the land and the craftsmanship of its makers, each pour offers an introduction to Japan's rich sake culture. A selection of alcoholic beverages and light refreshments will also be available.

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1 JANUARY 2027

Kakizome: The First Calligraphy of the Year

THE LIVING PAVILION
BY AMAN

13:30 - 15:00

Japan's elegant tradition of kakizome, the first calligraphy of the year, offers a peaceful moment to express aspirations and resolutions with brush and ink. Surrounded by the fresh atmosphere of the New Year, participants can reflect mindfully and write with purpose and grace. Beginners are warmly welcomed, with gentle guidance provided throughout the experience.

Origami Art

From a single sheet of paper emerges the quiet beauty of a timeless Japanese tradition. Created exclusively for the New Year, this experience invites you to fold a crane, a symbol of longevity and happiness, and have it elegantly framed as a keepsake to take home. Embrace a moment of mindful creativity and set your intentions for the year ahead.

Available upon request | Reservation required

NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

2 JANUARY 2027

Zen Meditation with a Monk

TEA HOUSE

11:00 - 12:00

Enveloped in the pure stillness of the New Year, join a Zen monk for a guided meditation experience and a moment of quiet reflection. Through the practice of zazen, learn to sit with presence, reconnect with yourself and embrace a sense of calm that extends beyond the meditation cushion. A gentle invitation to begin the year with clarity, balance and intention.

Reservation required

Sushi Making

TAKA-AN

SESSION ONE 11:30 | SESSION TWO 13:00

Discover the art of sushi making using carefully selected ingredients, including tuna, salmon and shrimp. Under the guidance of Taka-An's chefs, learn the techniques behind nigiri and maki sushi while gaining insight into the craftsmanship of Japanese cuisine. Following the experience, savour your own creations accompanied by a cup of warm tea.

¥40,000 per person | Reservation required

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Singing Bowl

7:30 - 8:30

Surrender to the delicate resonance of singing bowls in a deeply restorative sound journey. As layers of soothing vibrations gently envelop the body and mind, tension begins to soften, creating space for balance, harmony and inner stillness. Allow yourself to unwind, reconnect and experience a profound sense of relaxation and wellbeing.

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