

# AMANKORA

Festive Itinerary 2025







## 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.

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### 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 2025

## Tree Decoration

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES

17:00

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

24 DECEMBER 2025

## 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

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



## SPECIAL EVENTS

25 DECEMBER 2025

### Morning Yoga

WELLNESS

ALL LODGES

07:30-08:30

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

09:00

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

### Christmas Lunch

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

12:00-15:00

Come together, embrace the warmth of community and savour festive flavours as you create lasting memories with loved ones over a special family-style meal in Gangtey or a barbecue lunch at other Amankora lodges.

### 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 2025

### 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.

### Sacred Mala Stringing

CULTURAL

THIMPHU LODGE

17:00-18:00

Craft your own set of sacred mala prayer beads. Each bead is strung with personal intention, reflection and care, allowing you to carry a piece of your own spirit as a tool for meditation or prayer.

### 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 2025

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





# SPECIAL EVENTS

1 JANUARY 2026

## Morning Yoga

WELLNESS

ALL LODGES

07:30-08:30

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## Local Greetings

FESTIVE

ALL LODGES

08:00-09:00

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

## New Year's Barbecue Lunch

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

12:00

Gather and celebrate the first day of the New Year with a family-style meal in Gangtey, or a barbecue lunch at other Amankora lodges.

## Afternoon Tea

CULINARY

ALL LODGES

14:00-15:00

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



## SPECIAL EVENTS

1 JANUARY 2026

### 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.

### Stone Painting

CULTURAL

GANGTEY LODGE

15:00-17:00

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.

### Archery Competition

CULTURAL

PUNAKHA LODGE

16:00-17:00

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

1 JANUARY 2026

### Singing Bowl Class

WELLNESS

THIMPHU LODGE

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.

### 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.







## 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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