



Aman-i-Khas

Festive 2021/22

Namaste

Welcome to Aman-i-Khas.

We are delighted to have you and your family in the pristine wilderness of Rajasthan this festive season - a perfect time to come together, to discover hidden worlds, and to find a journey of renewal.

On the fringes of Ranthambhore National Park with a dramatic back drop of the Aravalli Hills, we look forward to sharing memorable moments with you at Aman-i-Khas - from game drives and cultural excursions, to the festive schedule of events we have prepared for you at the camp.

We wish you a magical festive season and a very happy new year!

Your Aman-i-Khas Family





Supporting the Local Community

Aman properties around the world are an integral part of the communities in which they are set, and all members of our team and their families are part of the larger Aman family. This provides a unique insight into the needs of each community, and Aman-i-Khas is no exception. 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.

Aman-i-Khas supports a small school for disabled children in the local village by contributing to the cost of food, stationery, medicine, beddings, furniture and maintenance when required. With many schools still struggling to operate as normal due to lockdowns and regulations, our focus has recently shifted to contributing directly to their homes.

If you have books, clothing and gifts that you would like to bring to Aman-i-Khas and donate to this cause, we will be more than happy to gift them on your behalf.

For those who would like to contribute to our wildlife conservation efforts, our team at Aman-i-Khas can also help to connect you to animal and nature conservation groups that help protect our fragile ecology.



17 - 31 December

Bangle Making in the Vegetable Garden

10am – 1pm

Ram Babu and his wife Sobha Devi, our neighbours from a small hamlet two kilometres away, will visit our camp every day and showcase the ancient art of bangle making. For many generations, Ram Babu and his family, who are part of the “Lakhera Tribe” - the famous bangle makers, would use tree sap gum over a small charcoal fire to roll beautiful bangles and decorate them with rainbow colors. They traditionally sell these colourful bangles during the festive period, walking through the village roads.





18 December

**Christmas Cake Mixing
in the Dining Tent**

11am

A 'sweet' ritual religiously followed around the globe and said to be a harbinger of good tidings and happiness, creating festive cakes and confectionary is a tradition for many in the days leading up to Christmas.

We invite you to join our pastry team at Aman-i-Khas and get creative with some classic festive baking.

22 December

**Christmas Tree Decoration
in the Lounge Tent**

11am

Guests are invited to join the Aman-i-Khas family in our beloved annual tradition of decorating our camp Christmas Tree inside the Lounge Tent.

Our team will also prepare a Camp Masala Chai (Tea) party for everyone, following the lighting of the tree.



23 December

Marwari Horse Lecture Lakeside

4pm

Learn about the majestic Marwari Horses - a historically important breed once prized by the Rajput rulers of Rajasthan. Gather round and listen to an insightful lecture on these wonderful creatures by Mr. Vikram Singh Chauhan, founder of Maa Ashapura Farm.

Mr. Vikram Singh Chauhan has been active in the hospitality industry for 14 years and is also an avid traveller and nature lover. With his immense experience in the industry and fondness for adventure, he endeavours to make every moment with our guests memorable.

24 December

Henna Art

on the Lawn

10am – 1pm

Seema, from the local village of Sherpur, will be at Aman- i-Khas to leave traces of her art on the hands and feet of our guests. Henna is part of life all over Rajasthan and used during festivities and celebrations. The artist uses dried henna leaf powder with lemon juice, making a handmade paste to use as ‘ink’. These decorations are temporary and usually wash away after about a week.

Puppet Show

around the Firepit

6.30pm

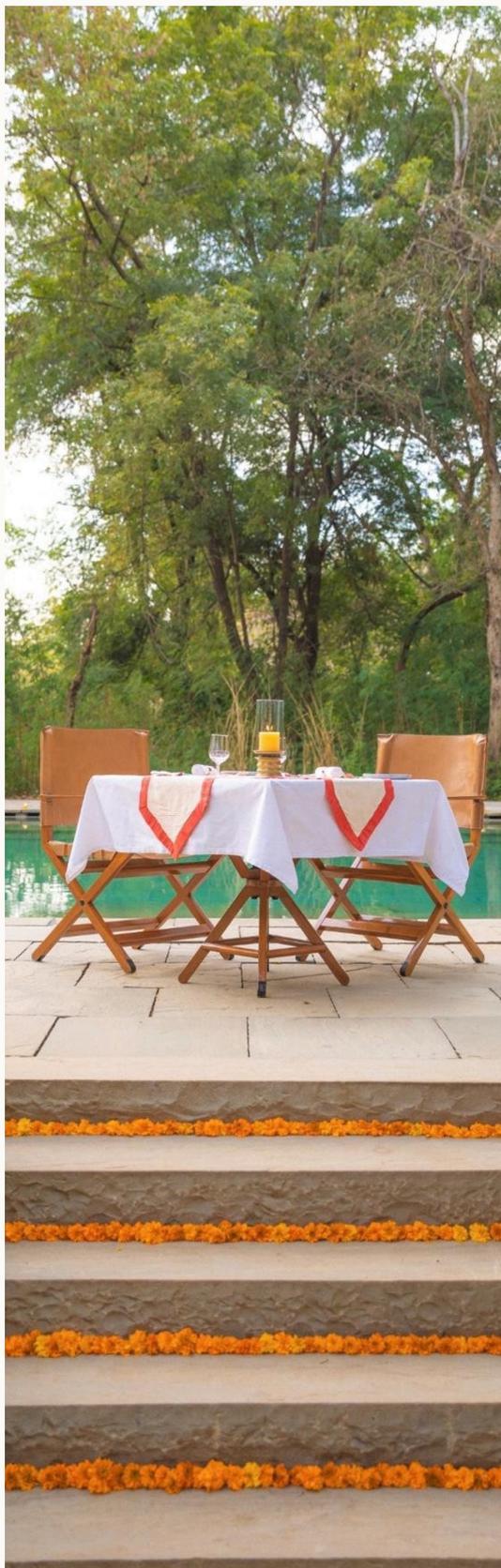
Under the banyan tree, we will be organizing a short puppet play by a local artist, who ferries between local fairs keeping both children and adults entertained. The beloved puppets dance to the tune of his whistles and songs, which tell poetic stories from the days of warrior Kings and beautiful Queens. Enjoy the performance whilst roasting marshmallows over the camp's central firepit.

Sound of the Jungle Dinner

on the Terrace

7.30pm onwards

A small group of musicians will perform using unusual local instruments, keeping you entertained while chef Santosh and his kitchen team prepare a gourmet journey, where your Batman will serve a “Khas Khana” – a special dinner to celebrate the festive spirit.



AMAN-I-KHAS CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Amuse bouche

Red wine, caramelised onions, goats cheese tartlets, thyme

Soup

Palak nariyal ka shorba | coconut broth

Shahi badami gosht shorba | mutton broth with almond

Kebab platter

Til tali macchi, tandoori bater, chicken burra, galauti kebab | sesame fish and Indian spiced quail cooked in a clay oven, marinated chicken thighs, pan seared mutton

Vegetarian kebab platter

Kesari paneer, Rajmah ki galouti, Malai gobhi, Tandoori aloo | Saffron paneer, kidney beans, spiced cauliflower and stuffed potatoes cooked in a clay oven

Served with tandoori sweet potato, capsicum, onion salad

Non-vegetarian thali

Keema matar, safed maas, chicken korma, pork vindaloo | Minced mutton and peas sauteed with Indian spices, creamy Rajasthani mutton curry, chicken thigh in a rich korma sauce, traditional Goan pork curry

Vegetarian thali

Shahi paneer, Nav ratan korma, Amrood ki sabzi, Kofta curry | paneer with cashew nuts, exotic vegetable curry, traditional Rajasthani guava curry, potato dumplings with a tomato and onion curry sauce

Served with

Aloo methi, Dal lahsuni, Sabz dum biryani, Bundi raita | Yellow lentils with garlic, traditional fried basmati rice, spiced yogurt with fried gram flour

Dessert platter

Jalebi rabri, Kala jamun, Badam ka halwa | a range of traditional Indian deserts with milk, nuts, cardamon and saffron

Festive dinner supplement charge INR 10800 ++ per person - inclusive of paired alcoholic beverages and selection of soft beverages

25 December

Christmas Day Mass

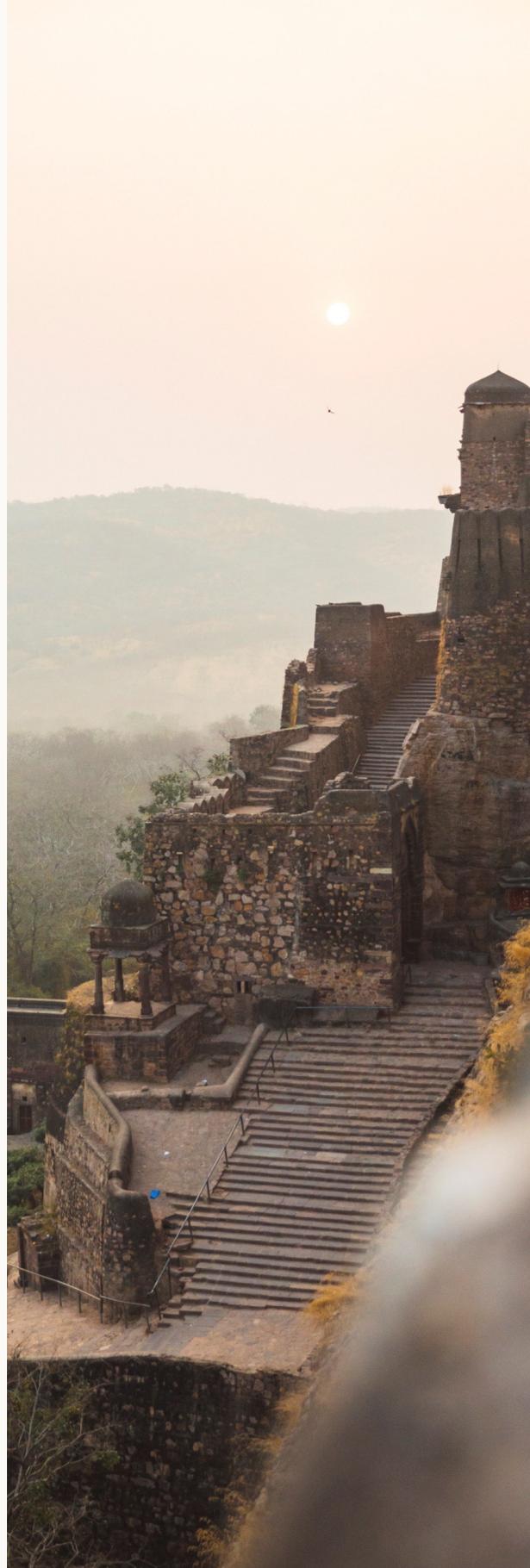
8.30am

For those who wish to join the festivities, a short 30-minute drive from the camp, you will reach a British colonial-era church in the middle of the town where a Christmas Day mass will be celebrated with the local congregation.

Picnic Barbecue Lunch

12pm

A perfect way to enjoy a winter afternoon, spend the day with a sumptuous Christmas Day lunch fresh off the grill, under the glistening sunshine and surrounded by loved ones and Mother Nature.





26 December

Milk a Goat

5pm

An incredibly fun experience for guests of all ages, join us to walk and milk our in-house goats at the camp and learn how to use their fresh milk to prepare delicious Indian masala chai tea.

29 December

Block Printing at Dastkar

11am

In the spring of 1989, the Ranthambhore Foundation invited Dastkar to set up an organisation that would utilise the unique talents of the displaced villagers and thus generate income for the region. Join the women from the villages to practice the art of block printing, a unique tradition passed down through generations.



31 December

Turban & Churni

6.30pm

At Aman-i-Khas, we begin the celebrations on the last evening of 2021 by tying a traditional Rajasthani turban for gentlemen & “chunri” head scarf for the ladies. These customary headgear is widely used in festivities and celebrations across the globe. The wearing of these turbans and chunri's is believed to bring the wearer bliss and blessings in a nod to Rajasthani culture.

Once everyone is set, a puppet show will be performed while drinks and refreshments are shared between guests. The New Year's Eve dinner follows, featuring a fine delicious feast prepared by our chef and enjoyed under the blanket of stars.



AMAN-I-KHAS NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

Amuse bouche

Red wine caramelized onions and goat cheese tartlets with thyme

Soup

Genovese minestrone

Seafood broth

Starters

Herb and chili calamari salad

Confit quail served with apple and celery sauce

Warm artichoke salad served with lemon sauce

Leek and potato tart served with goat cheese salsa

Mains

Oven roasted turkey with cranberry sauce

Lamb rack confit with garlic potato mash

Pesto potato gnocchi or Parmesan tortellini

Baked ratatouille with garlic and cheese bread

Dessert

Sticky date pudding served with caramel sauce and ice cream

Baked yoghurt served with berry compote

New Year's Eve dinner supplement charge INR 10800 ++ per person - inclusive of paired alcoholic beverages and selection of soft beverages



1 January

Tiger Talk
6.30pm

Meet Mr. Daulat Singh, an ex-forest officer and renowned tiger expert, who will be recalling stories around the fireplace of his experiences in the wild and on expeditions to rescue wild striped cats. His life has been filled with adventure and his tales both entertaining and culturally enriching.



Time for Yourself

The Spa Tent at Aman-i-Khas

Available Daily

Treat yourself to an invigorating treatment or massage at the Aman Spa Tent - a must after a thrilling safari or an exploration of Ranthambore's natural or historic destinations. Treatments are varied and the therapists' healing hands will work away all tensions. Treatments can also be carried out inside your tent.

Children are also welcome at the spa, and therapists can offer gentle massages, along with Mehndi or Henna art, which is very popular with the little ones.





Time for Yourself

Yoga, Movement and Meditation

Available Daily

The New Year ushers in new beginnings, new opportunities and a chance to refresh ourselves and our goals. Join our daily yoga, movement and meditation classes at Aman-i-Khas, which take place next to Stepwell Pool. Through gentle movements and breathing, rediscover the path to your inner self as we learn how to find our center and shed the shadows of our old paths.

Private sessions in the camp or in historic ruins by the Ranthambore Fort can be arranged and can be individually designed to encompass a new year reset program - a deeply symbolic journey of self-discovery and renewal.



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