

A photograph of a modern, circular building with a flat roof and large windows, situated next to a swimming pool. A large, mature tree stands to the right of the building. The scene is captured during the golden hour, with warm sunlight illuminating the building and the pool. The sky is a clear, light blue. The overall atmosphere is serene and luxurious.

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Lunar New Year 2023

*Chum Reap Sou!*

Season Greetings from Amansara,

Once upon this mighty kingdom of Angkor, a Chinese diplomat Zhou Daguean visited the court of King Indravarman III. Known for his portrayal of the 12th century Khmer empire in his report; *The Customs of Cambodia*, this account is one of the most important sources of understanding of the historical Angkor and the Khmer empire. Throughout the course of history, Chinese customs and traditions meander through the daily Khmer life.

Today many are celebrating this auspicious holiday.

At Amansara, we welcome our guests to spend this special time with us here in the former residence of Cambodia's king with a carefully curated holiday calendar featuring festive feasting, spiritual blessings, performances, and cultural experiences.

If you are interested in participating in any of the events across these pages, please contact our team, who are dedicated to making the coming days as seamless as possible. The team is also happy to assist with any special requests, to make your stay even more memorable.

We wish you a pleasant stay with us and a prosperous New Year!

Gong Xi Fa Cai

Your Amansara Family





## Supporting the Local Community

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 Amansara, giving plays a significant role in our efforts to participate in Cambodia's post-war recovery. Our guests have been touched by their experiences here and wishes to help.

Our numerous guest experiences already give back to the local community in one way or another, whether through supporting local orphanages, dance troupes and musicians, or working with local artisans to provide our unique turndown gifts. Our organic produce is locally grown, and we support various educational initiatives.

Speak to us about joining a food drop or visiting a local school, orphanage or remote temple. These experiences are always eye opening and inspiring, and often life changing.

22 January

Jasmine Blessing Ceremony  
9am at the Buddha Statue

A personal encounter with Cambodia's Buddhist traditions is the ideal way to welcome the new year at Amansara with a lasting sense of peace. In a 15-minute blessing ceremony, one of the monastery's monks administers a water blessing – pouring flower-infused water while chanting to purify the spirit.

*Complimentary*

Pre-dinner Cocktail  
6pm at the pergola

Start at dusk and watch the evening turn to dark while sipping on curated cocktails and drinks, then relax in an open-air hideaway with Khmer traditional music playing in the background.

*Price depending on drink  
Reservations essential*

Dinner Under the Moonlight  
7pm at the Roof Terrace

Celebrate the Year of the Water Rabbit with a special dinner, set amidst the beautiful roof terrace and brought alive by a candlelight. The exclusive five-course menu features Chinese specialities, showcasing the finest ingredients from the land to the sea.

This culinary journey will be accompanied by a special performance of Apsara Angkor Dancers – a unique blessing of prosperity and fulfilment to end the festive evening.

*US\$ 100++ per adult  
Reservations essential*





**23 January**

Lotus High Tea  
2-4 pm at the Dining Room

Begin the Year of the Water Rabbit with a Lotus High Tea. Indulge in a hand-picked selection of freshly baked cakes, seasonal fruits, assorted scones with homemade jams, and delicious savouries paired with a cup of hot tea. This afternoon delights will be complemented by a lively Khmer background music and a panoramic view of the former royal guesthouse.

*US\$ 45++ per adult*  
*Reservations essential*



## Suggested Activities

### Angkor Wat, The Great Wonder

Witnessing the majestic monument of Angkor Wat, firstly by nightfall and then from the inside as the sun rises is our preferred way of experiencing this to the fullest.

### Angkor Thom, The Great City

The discovery of Angkor Thom commences at the Victory Gate, walking on the enclosure wall heading south to the fifth, East Gate. Then drive onwards to Vihar Bram-Pi Loveng where we will stop to admire a stone carved Buddha seated on a naga that was moved from Bayon temple to this shrine by the French in 1933.

### Ta Prohm, The Jungle Temple

Once home to 615 exquisite dancers, the one hour spent within Ta Prohm provides the opportunity to ponder, not only in a man's ingenuity, but also to witness the forces of nature as the forest has gradually taken a firmer hold over the temple ruins. It is ideal for those feeling adventurous and wishing to explore.

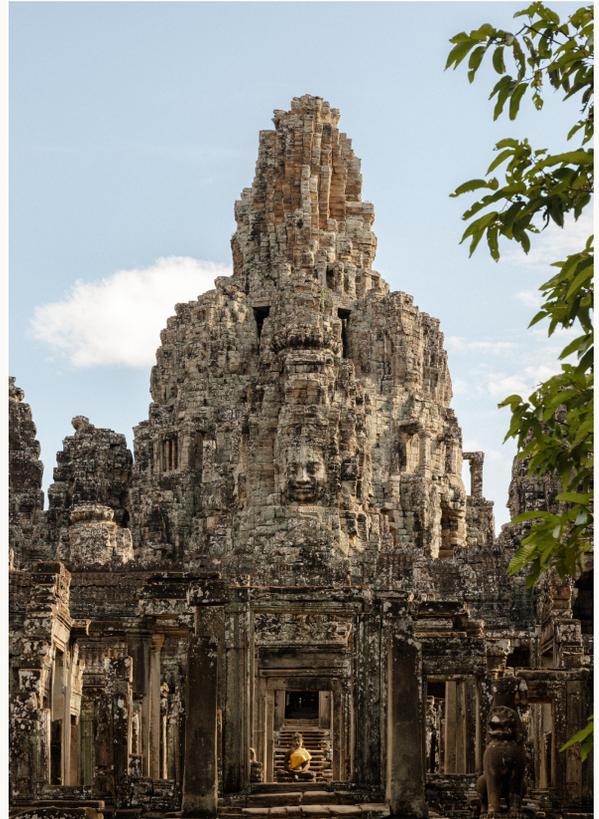
### Countryside Jeep Rally

Witness the life of a local Cambodian in the remote areas of Siem Reap and Angkor Park with our well-chosen route on the jeep outing excursions. Explore the off-road countryside and experience the breathtaking scenery overlooking the rice field and villages.

US\$230++ for two persons

US\$150++ for an additional person

*Reservations required*



### Tonle Sap Lake Private Cruise

Amanbala Boat

Aboard our renovated local motorboat and take in Cambodia's captivating landscape at a soothing pace. As you recline on our comfy daybeds, cruise around the nearby lake of Tonle Sap, visiting the floating village of Chong Kneas along the way. Our skillful, local drivers motor their boats swiftly with just inches to spare. It is a fascinating experience to view the adaptation of village life on water.

US\$500++ for a sunset cruise for up to two guests

US\$100++ for an additional person

*Reservations required*



## Wellness

### **Khmer Kick Boxing – Pradal Serey at Movement Studio**

Pradal Serey is a Cambodian Martial Art and national sport. Our master is a former Khmer boxing professional, and currently a professor and judge for the new generation. This class enables you to exercise with a former Khmer boxer, learn about the traditional martial art, focus on cardio fitness and striking techniques such as proper mechanics of pinches, elbow and knee strikes.

### **Apsara - Scrub, Wrap & Facial at Aman Spa**

This treatment commences with a steam, followed by a full body scrub with an aromatic blend of Khmer herbs known to exfoliate, stimulate and hydrate. A natural clay wrap to soothe and energise. A traditional Khmer mask tones the chest while a warm rice compress relaxes the stomach. The treatment is completed with a nourishing mini facial.

### **Temple Walk – Foot Scrub, Cooler & Massage at Aman Spa**

This treatment begins with a crystal salt soak and then a foot scrub to clean and refresh tired feet, followed by a 100% natural Aman cooling lotion to stimulate and revive. This effective treatment culminates in a soothing foot & leg oil massage.

### **Sor Om Massa – Hot Herbal Compress Massage at Aman Spa**

This Khmer herbal compress massage is renowned for its invigorating, purifying and tension relieving effects. It stimulates whilst the deep penetrating heat soothes muscle tension and triggers a powerful all-over detoxification process. Your choice of oil or dry massage is available with this treatment.

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