

A serene sunset over a beach. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, transitioning into a darker orange near the horizon. The sea is calm with gentle waves, and a larger wave is breaking in the foreground, creating white foam. In the background, a dark, silhouetted hillside with trees rises against the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and reflective.

AMANERA

A TIME TO REFLECT

FESTIVE 2023 / 2024

Queridos amigos,

We are delighted to welcome you to the golden sands of Playa Grande this festive season, where we know you will create unforgettable memories with those you love on the Dominican Republic's north coast.

Inspired by Aman's philosophy of providing guests a sense of peace in our blissful cliffside paradise – we have curated a festive programme that includes beloved holiday traditions from the Caribbean and across the globe, with several experiences unique to Amanera. These range from exceptional gastronomic events to live entertainment showcasing the rich heritage of this island nation.

To find out more, please contact our Guest Assistants, who are devoted to making each day of your stay unforgettable.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy year ahead.

Your Amanera Family





A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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.

TREE OF WISHES

Every year, our Tree of Wishes helps to support a local community initiative through donations made during the festive season.

This year, we are fundraising to support a local Children's Foster Home, located in Nagua. Founded in 1976, the home has touched the lives of many children over the years who have found refuge in the caring arms of the orphanage's founders, Mr Eliezer and Mrs Olga Pereyra. The Tree of Wishes will be up from 15 December to 2 January and all funds will go towards purchasing much-needed infrastructure refurbishments at the orphanage – currently home to 25 children.

15 DECEMBER



Chakra Yoga

Meet at the Porte Cochère - 8 am

Reservation required, maximum of 8 guests

Begin your day by activating the energy centres inside your body with a 45-minute Chakra Yoga session.

Soap Workshop

The Library - 11am

Reservation required, maximum of 6 children

Little ones can embrace their creative side while crafting soap bars with skin-friendly, nourishing ingredients – the perfect Christmas present.

Aman Champagne and Oysters

Lounge Bar - 6pm

No reservation required, chargeable experience

Enjoy Rio San Juan oysters with Aman Champagne as you soak in local live music and sunset views across Playa Grande.



Tennis Tournament

Meet at the Porte Cochère - 8 am

Reservation required, maximum of 8 guests (over 13 yrs)

Showcase your tennis skills in a fun, inclusive 120-minute tournament with Amanera's Recreation team and a local tennis pro.

Tree Planting

Meet at the Porte Cochère - 11 am

Reservation required, maximum of 10 children

Little ones can connect to the earth and learn the meaningful art of gardening when planting a variety of local plants in our jungle backyard.

Spirit of Aman Cocktail Hour

Lounge Bar - 6 pm

No reservation required, chargeable experience

Drawing inspiration from Aman's remarkable 35-year history, Amanera invites you to enjoy a cocktail menu inspired by Aman's properties across the globe.



Active Kids

Kids' Pool - 10 am

Reservation required, maximum of 10 children

Amanera's Recreation team has designed a fun workout programme for kids, encouraging little ones to improve balance and coordination.

Spa Healing Herbs

Beach Club - 11 am

Reservation required, maximum of 8 adults

Create your own healing herbal compress guided by Amanera's expert spa therapists. Can be used as a massage tool to ease tension and pain.

Dominican Night

Beach Club - 7 pm

No reservation required

Savour Dominican cuisine the likes of Sancocho and Empanadas de Yuca, before strolling along the beach lined with atmospheric rum and cigar stands.

Our Main Restaurant will remain open.



18 DECEMBER

Wind Bells Crafting

The Library - 11am

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Latin Mix Dance Lesson

Gym Terrace - 4pm

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Learn to dance to the rhythms of bachata, merengue and salsa - Latin dance styles each with their own unique flair and energy.

Seafood Barbeque

Beach Club - 12pm

Reservation not required

Bask in the warmth of the Taíno sun as you indulge in a seafood feast featuring the freshest line fish, calamari, shrimps and more.

Our Main Restaurant will remain open.

Night of Lights

Lounge Bar - 6pm

Reservation not required

Lit by hundreds of candles, Amanera's Lounge Bar becomes a magical, reflective space this evening with live music contributing to the entrancing atmosphere.



19 DECEMBER

Puppet Crafting

The Library - 11am

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Little ones are invited to craft their own Christmas puppet and discover the art of storytelling this holiday season.

Yoga for Balanced Emotions

Meet at the Porte Cochère - 4pm

Reservation required, maximum of 8 adults

Nurture body, mind and soul with a reflective afternoon yoga session lasting 45 minutes.

Noche de Cuatro Fuegos

Beach Club - 7pm

Reservation not required

This extraordinary dining event sees Amanera's chefs igniting four different fires. Each dish on the specially curated menu is then cooked on the fire that complements its own specific flavour profile.

While enjoying this culinary performance, revel in live music and select from a bespoke cocktail menu designed by Amanera's skilled mixologists.

Our Main Restaurant will remain open.



Gingerbread Cookies

The Library - 11am

Reservation required, maximum of 6 children

Let loose your child's inner pastry chef decorating a delicious selection of Christmas gingerbread cookies with all kinds of sweet treats and icing.

Pickleball Tournament

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Whether a seasoned player or a beginner, have a blast on the court and enjoy the excitement of pickleball with a 90-minute tournament.

Christmas Movie Marathon

Lounge Bar - 6pm

Reservation not required

Celebrate the season with a Christmas movie marathon, enjoying popcorn and Dominican hot chocolate in the Lounge Bar.



Functional TRX

Gym - 8 am

Reservation required, maximum of 4 adults

Take part in suspension training with the guidance of a personal trainer, challenging your body and working towards your fitness goals.

Chocolate Bar Making

The Library - 11 am

Reservation required, maximum of 6 children

This hands-on experience will engage little ones and connect them with their creative side as they decorate their very own chocolate bars.

Nikkei Night

Beach Club - 7 pm

Reservation not required

Celebrate Peruvian and Japanese gastronomy with a special Nikkei night designed to honour culinary excellence.

Our Main Restaurant will remain open.



Flow Yoga

Beach Cabanas - 10 am

Reservation required, maximum of 10 guests

Designed for children and parents alike, this 30-minute yoga practice combines animal-inspired postures and breathwork exercises.

Self Care

Meet at the Porte Cochère - 11 am

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Learn more about skincare as our spa therapists guide you in making a hydrating lotion in the serene embrace of our Wellness Casa.

Aman Champagne and Oysters

Lounge Bar - 6pm

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23 DECEMBER

Animal Face Painting

The Library - 11am

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Four Wheels

Amanera Beach - 4pm

Reservation required, maximum of 6 adults

Drive a four-wheeler along the Playa Grande coastline, connecting with nature during a 20-minute session.

Dominican Festival

Beach Club - 6pm

Reservation not required

Savour an array of Dominican dishes before interacting with local artisans who will introduce you to the traditions of Cigarros, local rum and the fascinating Larimar stones unique to the island.

Our Main Restaurant at Casa Grande will remain open.



Fitness Training

Gym - 8 am

Reservation required, maximum of 6 guests

Improve your fitness level with one of Amanera's dedicated gym instructors - the perfect start to a day in Playa Grande.

Rainbow Bracelet Crafting

The Library - 11 am

Reservation required, maximum of 6 children

Little ones are invited to express their creativity while creating one-of-a-kind rainbow bracelets at the Game Room.

Christmas Eve Dinner

Main Restaurant - 7 pm

Reservation not required

Celebrate the magic of Christmas Eve with live music and a multi-course culinary journey designed by Chef Landeo.

Our Main Restaurant will be the only venue open this evening.

CHRISTMAS EVE MENU

GALA DINNER

Salmon mini tartar with avocado, capers, chives, yellow chili and nori

Creamy cauliflower soup with roasted artichokes and chips with homemade focaccia

Beetroot salad with asparagus, baby carrots, candied walnuts, goat cheese and ginger dressing

OR

Kataifi prawn salad with fresh greens, orange and grapefruit supreme, local avocado and raspberry dressing

Roasted organic turkey with bread and dried fruit stuffing and cranberry sauce

OR

Local grouper with roasted broccolini and Champagne sauce

OR

Farmer's lamb rack with herb crust and Anticuho chili sauce

Sides to share include roasted harvest vegetables, sweet potato purée and brussels sprouts

Christmas yule log

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White chocolate and pistachio brownie with yuzu ganache and mandarin sorbet



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Dominican Homemade Eggnog Workshop

Lounge Bar - 5pm

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Learn to make Ponche - a beloved Dominican eggnog creation infused with local ingredients. Its alcohol-free nature means the whole family can have a taste.



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New Year's Eve Gala Dinner

Porte Cochère - 7 pm

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Begin New Year's Eve with cocktails, canapés and live music in the Lounge Bar, before being seated for an exceptional gala dinner inside our Main Restaurant. As the clock approaches midnight, enjoy a magnificent fireworks display.

In preparation for this New Year's Eve event, the main pool will be unavailable from early morning on 30 December until late afternoon on 1 January.

Our Main Restaurant will be the only venue open on 31 December.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MENU

GALA DINNER

Beetroot cylinder with goat's cheese, pistachio crumble and mandarin

Salmon and grouper mosaic with Imperial Russian Oscietra caviar with Acevichada sauce
and fresh leaves

Caribbean spiny lobster risotto with black truffle, parmesan crisps, confit tomatoes and
green peas

Duck magret with corn panna cotta, caramelised onions, brussels sprouts and festive
raspberry sauce

Halibut with white and green asparagus, lime and lemon gel

OR

Wagyu A5 rib-eye with chanterelle mushrooms, potato sticks, kale and beef jus

Hazelnut and vanilla mousse with mini pineapple pavlova, cacao soil and mint leaves

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