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A TIME TO REFLECT

FESTIVE 2023 / 2024

Welcome to the 'peaceful soul'.

Thank you for choosing to spend your festive season with us at Amanjiwo. Here, in Central Java, we have created a daily programme of unique experiences, designed to showcase the best of our home in the shadows of ancient Borobudur. We hope that these activities - from special cultural performances to festive-inspired meals - will help you create unforgettable memories with loved ones and fill your hearts with our warm, community spirit.

In addition to the range of wellness and cultural insights offered in our Festive Schedule, we would be pleased to discuss your wishes to further explore our wonderful home – either through adventurous treks in our scenic surroundings, private dining activities both on and off property, and wellness activities to relax and rejuvenate your mind, body and soul.

We hope that you fall in love with Java, our history and our people, and enjoy our suggestions to discover this special part of Indonesia. We wish you a relaxed and joyful festive season and a very happy New Year, Javanese style!

Selamat Natal dan Tahun Baru! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jann Hess and the Amanjiwo 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.

YAYASAN BADAN WAKAF MIFTAHURROHMAH ORPHANAGE

Amanjiwo has supported the Yayasan Badan Wakaf Miftahurrohmah Orphanage – home to 100 children – since 2010. If you would like to learn more about, or donate to, our scholarship, sustainability, art and sports programmes, or join the children for their bi-monthly art class in the Rotunda, please speak to our Guest Assistants.

OCCURRING FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

Morning Yoga

The Pool Club – 7.30am

on 24, 25, 27 & 29 December and 1 January

Start your day with a calm mindset as you are guided through a series of asanas by Ibu Agustin, our wellness consultant. Practicing yoga can help refine your body, quiet your mind, and improve your emotional and personal well-being.

Semedi Meditation Class

The Padma – 7.30am

26 & 28 December

Generations of Javanese spiritual and ascetic practitioners have performed this method of meditation, which is part of the Semedi lifestyle, in order to attain calmness and clarity of mind through perfecting one's life. Samadhi in ancient Sanskrit language means 'mental absorption' and was considered a yogic foundation for the understanding of truth. It is achieved by a series of exercises, which sequentially bring a practitioner through stages of breath optimization, mudra concentration, awareness meditation and calmness of body, spirit and mind. This practice will be preceded by a 15-minute lecture on some of the core components of Javanese Spirituality and a 45-minute meditation.

Pottery Making

The Rotunda – 4pm

on 26 & 29 December and 1 January

Amanjiwo's neighbouring villages preserve craft traditions dating back centuries, including pottery. Local potter families are delighted to open their studios to Aman guests and share their skills with hands-on sessions at the wheel – but for this insight into the craft, you do not even need to leave the resort. Try your pottery skills during this interactive session.

Jamu Bar

The Rotunda – 4pm

on 24, 26, 28 & 30 December

The Jamu Bar introduces the fascinating world of herbal remedies, locally known as Jamu, a staple element of Javanese personal healthcare. A blend of roots, seeds, and other natural ingredients creates soothing and reinvigorating herbal potions for all physical ailments.

Javanese Ginger Tea Service

The Rotunda – 4pm

on 25, 27, 29 & 31 December and 1 January

Enjoy a relaxing cup of homemade ginger tea, served with Javanese sweets in our Rotunda. Freshly brewed with local ingredients, the tea will reinvigorate you for the rest of the afternoon.

Borobudur Lecture

The Library – 6.30pm

on 25, 28 & 30 December

Become entrenched in the stories and history of the famed temple of Borobudur during this engaging session with our resident anthropologist.

Prambanan Lecture

The Library – 6.30pm

on 26 December

The cultural journey continues with a dedicated lecture about Prambanan temple, the second biggest Hindu temple after Angkor Wat but was built 300 years earlier.

Snack Time for Kids

The Kids Room – every day at 4pm

Movie Night for Kids

The Pool Club – every day at 6pm
(except 24 & 31 December)



Gingerbread Making for Kids

The Rumah Pizza – 9.30 am

Begin the celebration of Christmas with a splendid session of creating Gingerbread cookies. Practice your inner creativity by decorating your cookies as best as you can!

String Quartet & Christmas Carols

The Rotunda – 6pm

Experience the charming sounds of Christmas, while enjoying our exquisite string quartet's harmonious notes and let the joyous joy of Christmas from a tapestry of Christmas songs and timeless carols.

Christmas Eve Dinner with Javanese Mask Dance

The Restaurant – 7pm

Celebrate with a delicious four-course set menu prepared by Chef Reza Kurniawan, which will be accompanied by a classical Javanese Mask dance.

Javanese Mask Dance

Amanjiwo preserves the tradition of traditional dance through mutual interaction with neighbouring communities in the Borobudur region and nurtures its transmission over time. A medley of evocative dances originating in the Magelang region is presented as art within the venerable dukun villages, which lie on the slopes of Mount Merapi. The Javanese Mask dance (Topeng dance) is derived from an old Javanese masked drama and tells the story of Prince Pandji from the kingdom of Janggala and Princess Tjandrakirana from the kingdom of Daha of Kediri.

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

24 DECEMBER 2023

Amuse Bouche V NF

truffle steamed egg custard, thyme foam, pecorino twist

1st Course

Crayfish Fricassee NF SF

local farmed chicken wings ballotine, braised leeks, cream-shellfish essence

paired with **Wave Sauvignon Blanc**, Chile, 2021

2nd Course

Tortellini En Brodo V NF

Jiwo's garden smoked oyster mushroom consommé

paired with **Miraval Studio by Miraval Rose**, France, 2022

Sorbet VE V GF DF NF

limoncello & pomelo pulps

Main; a choice of

Turkey Ballotine GF

sweet potato pure, Brussel sprout, spiced apple, port-gravy

paired with **Xanadu Exmor Cabernet Sauvignon**, Australia, 2018

or

Veal Loin GF NF

bone marrow butter, kale, crushed potato, port wine jus

paired with **Zola Primitivo Merlot**, Italy, 2021

Buche De Noel V

strawberry and East Kalimantan Berau dark chocolate swiss roll, vanilla ice cream

paired with **Vigneti del Vultura 'sensuale' Moscato**, Italy, 2020

VE Vegan

V Vegetarian

GF Gluten Free

DF Dairy Free

NF Nut Free

SF Soulful Food

CHRISTMAS EVE VEGETARIAN DINNER

24 DECEMBER 2023

Amuse Bouche V NF

truffle steamed egg custard, thyme foam, pecorino twist

Cream of Goat Cheese Mille Feuille V NF

phyllo pastry, caramelized onion, rucola oil, dehydrated kalamata olives

paired with **Da Vinci Pinot grigio**, Italy, 2021

Mushroom Consommé VE V GF NF

shiitake, grilled onion, bok choy

paired with **Miraval Studio by Miraval Rose**, France, 2022

Sorbet VE V GF DF NF

limoncello & pomelo pulps

Roasted Cauliflower Steak VE V GF

sweet potato pure, greens parcel, spiced apple, pomegranate molasses

paired with **Protos Roble, Ribera del Duero**, Spain, 2018

Buche De Noel V

strawberry and East Kalimantan Berau dark Chocolate Swiss roll, Vanilla ice cream

paired with **Vigneti del Vultura 'sensuale' Moscato**, Italy, 2020

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Meeting Santa Claus

The Porte-Cochere – 10am

Watch out for a joyful spectacle, in which Santa Claus himself has arrived at Amanjiwo's Porte-Cochere and brought with him an entire collection of charming and splendid gifts to cheer your loved ones.

Borobudur Lecture

The Library – 6.30pm

Become entrenched in the stories and history of the famed temple of Borobudur during this engaging session with our resident anthropologist.

Jathilan Children's Dance

The Porte-Cochere – 3.30pm

This annual dance is performed by the village children of our local community. Jathilan is a traditional dance used across villages' ceremonies for births, marriages, house dedications and deaths. The dance consists of two horsemen and depicts the relationship between the upper and lower social classes. Jathilan performers wear costumes of traditional cloth or warrior-like clothing with their faces painted according to their role.



Trekking to the Village for Kids
starting at The Lobby – 9.30 am

Enjoy the view of our spectacular environment by taking a simple trek around the rice fields in the village. A guide will accompany you to walk around the villages and explain about the Javanese culture you meet.

Prambanan Lecture
The Library – 6.30 pm

The cultural journey continues with a dedicated lecture about Prambanan temple, the second biggest Hindu temple after Angkor Wat but was built 300 years earlier.





27 DECEMBER

Kite Making for Kids

The Kids Room – 9.30am

Decorating a kite is a joyful way for your loved ones to express their creativity and imagination. With a few simple materials, a kite can be created that is truly their own.

Aksara Jawa

The Rotunda – 4pm

Looking at the Aksara Jawa (Javanese script), it's almost impossible to believe, simply from an aesthetic point of view, that it is highly endangered. Manuscripts and printed documents from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, both on palm leaves and later on paper, show a flowing line that is clear and ornate.

Purnama Meditation

The Padma – 6pm

A Javanese Full-Moon Purification Ritual. An ancient Javanese ritual held collectively under a full moon night sky, Ruwatan Purnama, or the full-moon purification ritual is intended to return a balance of energy within body, spirit and mind. It is believed in Java/Bali cultures that humans are inherently born with energetic weaknesses and vulnerabilities due to karmic laws.

The ritual commences with a water purification bath (Tirtayatra) followed by a procession with flowers offerings and incense to the spot prepared for a collective ritual under the full moon sky. Pak Sugeng Karyanto, a local Javanese healer, will lead all these parts by reciting mantras and guiding a final meditation.



Mask Painting

The Kids Room – 9.30am

Mask painting at the Kid Room is the perfect opportunity to let your kids get creative. Witness your loved ones come up with their own unique creative animal masks.

Borobudur Lecture

The Library – 6.30pm

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Batik Making Class with Orphanage

The Rotunda – 4pm

Indonesian culture has been shaped by indigenous customs and influences from around the globe. Local art expresses this cultural mix, with the country producing some of the most varied assortments of handicrafts in the world, such as the renowned batik fabric.

Here our guests can mingle with the children and teachers from the orphanage and take some time to appreciate their batik works. Yayasan Badan Wakaf (YBW) is located in Amanjiwo's home village of Majaksingi, Borobudur, Central Java.

Traditional Javanese Games

The Kids Room – 9.30am

An exciting experience for our young adventurers to uncover the vibrant tapestry of Javanese culture through engaging play and learning of the traditional Javanese games and gain a meaningful understanding of the region's rich cultural heritage.

Chanting and Meditation with the Monks

The Art Room – 6.30pm

Join the local Buddhist monks at the Art Room, where the Monks meditate with chants, a symphony of devotion to the sacred teachings of Buddhism. A smooth transition sets us on the path of meditation, carefully guided and nurtured by the venerable Monks, which in turn gives us a state of profound introspection and serenity.

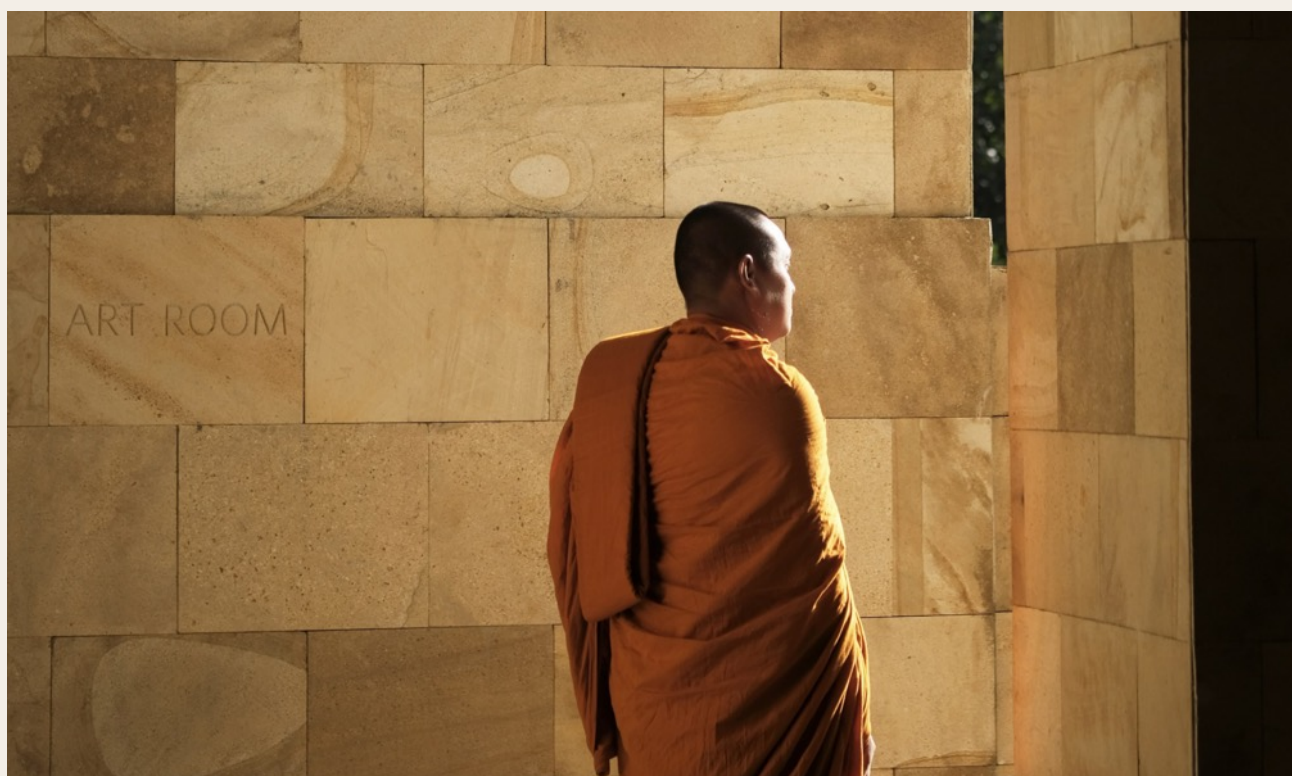
Dāna Makan Malam

The Restaurant – 7.30 pm

Dāna is a Sanskrit and Pali word that connotes the virtue of generosity, charity or giving of alms. In Buddhism, dāna is the practice of cultivating generosity. 10 % of the dinner profit will be donated to Veluvana Vihara monastery. The dinner will be accompanied by a Javanese Dance.

Dewi Sri

Dewi Sri remains highly revered especially by the Javanese, Balinese, and Sundanese of Indonesia though there are many regional analogues or variations of her legend throughout Indonesia. Dewi Sri is believed to have authority over the underworld and the moon. Thus, she encompasses the whole spectrum of the Mother Goddess, having dominion over birth and life. She is the Goddess of Rice, the staple food of Indonesians; hence controlling life and wealth or prosperity. She is also said to have governed rice surpluses for the wealth of the Kingdoms of Java, including Mataram, Majapahit, and Pajajaran, and their inverse: poverty, famine, hunger, disease (to a certain extent) and death.



MAKAN MALAM DĀNA

29 DECEMBER 2023

STARTERS

Pecel Bakwan Sayur VE V GF DF

Javanese vegetable salad, chilli peanut sauce, vegetable fritters

Sop Ayam Herbal GF DF

herbal soup, baby cage-free chicken, dried herbs, and spices

MAIN COURSE

Sayur Lodeh VE V GF

banana flower and vegetables and coconut milk

Progo Bacem Beong SF GF DF

local river fish, palm sugar, salam leaf and galangal sauce

Sate Rusa GF DF NF SP

charcoal grilled venison skewer

Srombotan VE V GF DF

market vegetable salad, roasted coconut grated, fried soya bean

Perkedel Tahu VE V GF DF

tofu cake and leeks

Rojo Melik VE V GF DF NF

steam black rice

DESSERT

Rondho Royal VE V DF NF

fermented cassava fritter and young coconut ice cream

VE Vegan

V Vegetarian

GF Gluten Free

DF Dairy Free

NF Nut Free

SF Soulful Food

Menus are subject to change based on the seasonal availability of ingredients.

MAKAN MALAM DĀNA VEGETARIAN

29 DECEMBER 2023

Pecel Bakwan Sayur VE V GF DF

Javanese vegetable salad, chilli peanut sauce, vegetable fritters

Sop Herbal VE V GF NF

herbal soup, mushrooms, dried herbs, and spices

MAIN COURSE SET

Sayur Lodeh VE V GF

banana flower and vegetables and coconut milk

Bacem Tahu Tempe VE V GF DF

fermented soya bean cake, palm sugar, salam leaf and galangal sauce

Sate Rendang Kentang VE V GF DF SP

charcoal grilled spicy baby potato skewer

Srombotan VE V GF DF

market vegetable salad, roasted coconut grated, fried soya bean

Perkedel Tahu VE V GF DF

tofu cake and leeks

Rojo Melik VE V GF DF NF

steam black rice

Rondho Royal VE V DF NF

fermented cassava fritter and young coconut ice cream

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Tolak Balak Cleansing Ritual

The Padma – 7.30am

The Tolak Balak experience brings you into the fascinating world of ancestral techniques for self-protection and self-purification in Javanese culture. Our resident anthropologist will share proven techniques known to avert danger and preserve good health, as still practised by many Javanese people.

Palm Leaf Figure Weaving

The Rotunda – 4pm

The art of weaving is a tradition passed down from generation and still very much alive today. Pandan leaves, banana leaves and palm leaves are all typically used for weaving. Join our artisans to discover this craft and create something special of your own.

Gamelan Lesson

The Kids Room – 9.30am

Take your young Maestros on a journey to the fascinating world of Javanese Gamelan! Let them experience the symphony of cultural enrichment, where our youngest guests embark on a journey to unlock the magic of Gamelan's music.

Sound Healing Session

The Art Room – 7.30am

In a sound bath, similar to a yoga savasana, you lie down and soak in healing sound vibrations. Led by our resident therapist, Frendy Agung Dewanta, who is of Javanese and Balinese descent, he grew up in a family of healers with generations of experience. Using sound healing therapy which will resonate different musical tones and frequencies to clear the mind, and renew your sense of purpose, well-being, calmness, and happiness. Experience a transformational journey with the power of resonating healing energy vibration.

Javanese Sweets Cooking Class for Kids

The Rumah Pizza – 9.30am

Get off the beaten path and indulge in our gastronomic heaven, where you will learn to make Javanese Sweets with a particular touch of Amanjiwo.

Batik Making Class with Orphanage

The Rotunda – 4pm

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New Year's Eve Dinner with Traditional Dance Performance

The Pool Club – 7.30pm

Prepare to welcome the New Year with a delicious six-course Fusion of International-Indonesian set menu prepared by Chef Reza Kurniawan with a wine pairing option available! Enjoy each dish while watching a range of varied Javanese performances throughout the evening and waiting for the anticipated countdown to 2024.

The New Year's Eve Dinner includes all food, a midnight glass of Champagne, live music and cultural entertainment from our local Borobudur and Magelang communities. Closer to the countdowns guests will be directed to the Pool Club to witness the New Year by continuing to enjoy some performances and a selection of alcoholic beverages is available.





Traditional Dance Performance (New Year's Eve Dinner)

Tari Edan Edanan

The dance is performed by a couple of men and women who put on make-up like a clown and act like crazy people. They dance with energetic and funny movements. It is usually performed in order to put bad things away.

Tari Kipas Mego

This dance portrays the joy of the mothers during their daily life in the village and is performed by women from Gejayan Village, situated on the slopes of Mount Merbabu.

Tari Geculan Bocah

This dance originates from East Java and, when performed by adults, can be very magical and dark. However, when performed by kids from the Gejayan Village, the dance has a more lively and fun approach.

Tari Topeng Ireng

This dance combines Islamic religious movement with traditional Javanese martial arts or pencak silat. For the Topeng Ireng dance, the dancers are in a straight line and the rhythmic music is loud and full of energy.

Tari Konceran

The dance portrays a joyful activity from a group of royal servants. They entertain and create a happy atmosphere for the king and the states. It is performed by some servants wearing unique and funny costumes, with lively music accompaniment.

Tari Runtang Runtung

The dance describes nowadays community which consist of various character. It is performed by women with energetic and lively movements.

Tari Kuda Lumping

This traditional Javanese dance shows a group of horse-riding soldiers.

Tari Mak Glondang

The dance describes about daily activities of traditional blacksmiths known as Pandhe.

Tari Soreng

This dance derives from the story about the people of Mount Merbabu and their support of Aryo Penangsang, who rebelled against the Demak Kingdom in Java in the 16th century. It depicts how the soldiers prepared themselves for war.

AMANJIWO NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

31 DECEMBER 2023

AMUSE BOUCHE

Mangrove's Oyster Sambal Wansui GF SF SP
raw oyster with chilli garlic and coriander

Chicken Liver Pate Mini Sandwich NF
caramel pineapple

Salmon Tartare & Crayfish Beignet SF DF
with bumbu rujak and ebi powder

Avocado - Crab Roll GF SF NF
sea urchin, buttermilk and kemangi oil
paired with **Mouton Cadet Blanc**, Bordeaux AOC, 2017

Ginger & Duck Consommé GF SF
sous vide duck breast
paired with **Miraval Studio by Miraval Rose**, France, 2022

Black Ink Angel Hair & Lobster NF SF SP
poached lobster tail, cassava leaf tempura,
chilli and coconut milk sauce, bottarga
paired with **Colossal Reserva**, Lisboa, Portugal, 2016

Miso - Wagyu Striploin GF NF
potato puree, green asparagus, onion jus
paired with **Chateau Bel Air Haut-Medoc**, France, 2018

Sorbet VE V GF DF NF
Champagne-Citrus sorbet

Ubi Manis & West Sulawesi Polewali Chocolate V
sweet potato pommes dauphine, sweet potato sauce,
klanceng bees honey ganache, Gula Aren ice cream, cocoa nib crumble
paired with **Vigneti del Vultura 'sensuale' Moscato**, Italy, 2020

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AMANJIWO NEW YEAR'S EVE VEGETARIAN DINNER

31 DECEMBER 2023

AMUSE BOUCHE

Grilled Cheese √

with roasted walnut and pepper puree mini sandwich, caramel pineapple

Avocado Beignet VE √ SP

with bumbu rujak

Avocado Roll √ GF NF

compressed watermelon, cream cheese, pickled cucumber, red onion
paired with **Black Cottage Sauvignon Blanc**, New Zealand, 2020

Hot & Sour Soup VE √

silken tofu, Lemongrass and galangal,
oyster mushroom, coriander, chilli paste, lime
paired with **Miraval Studio by Miraval Rose**, France, 2022)

Green Angel Hair & Comte Cheese √

green puree, edamame, edible garden grass
paired with **Zola Primitivo Merlot**, Italy, 2021

Grilled Seytan Meat & Coconut Curry Espuma √

grilled vegetables
paired with **Protos Roble, Ribera del Duero**, Spain, 2018

Sorbet VE √ GF DF NF

champagne-citrus sorbet

Ubi Manis & West Sulawesi Polewali Chocolate √

sweet potato pommes dauphine, sweet potato sauce,
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1 JANUARY

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Arts & Crafts Lecture
The Library - 6.30pm

Embarking on a trip that will enrich your post-New Year's holiday with our resident anthropologist, Patrick Vanhoebrouck, who will lead you through an amazing exploration of Javanese arts and crafts. Under his expert guidance, you will learn the intricacies of this ancient tradition and gain a deeper understanding of the cultural tapestry.

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