

AMANTAKA

Festive Itinerary



Sabaidee. Season's Greetings from Amantaka.

We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend this special time of year with us in the heart of Laos' spiritual capital.

Inspired by the peace intrinsic to every Aman sanctuary, here at Amantaka we have curated a festive calendar that echoes local culture, the rhythms of nature and the art of celebration. From traditional music performances to sound healing sessions, each experience is designed to resonate with the warmth and generosity of Aman's spirit.

If you are interested attending any of the events listed across the following pages, please do not hesitate to contact our Reservations team. The team is also on hand to assist with any special requests to make your stay even more memorable.

Wishing you a harmonious and joyful festive season and a happy and healthy year ahead.

Your Amantaka Family

AMAN & THE 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 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.

Contemplative & Connected

Amantaka is deeply rooted in the spiritual and cultural fabric of Luang Prabang, a UNESCO-protected heritage site known for its 30 golden-spired temples and monastic community. Guests are invited to engage with the monks at Wat Pha O, the Buddhist Academy, where local boys from farming families receive free education. Exclusive private tours and meditation sessions offer a rare glimpse into the lives of these spiritual students. Significant donations from guests help sustain the academy, fostering a deeper connection to the local culture.

Educational Initiatives

Education is not free in Laos, placing financial pressure on many families. Amantaka raises awareness of these challenges and supports local schools by providing meals and essential supplies. A special focus is given to the Luang Prabang Special Education School, a boarding school for children with speech and hearing difficulties. Guests are encouraged to participate in these initiatives, with some even making ongoing contributions, such as donating catfish to a local school's pond, providing a sustainable food source. Significant donations from guests help sustain the academy, fostering a deeper connection to the local culture.

Social-impact Souvenirs

Through its boutique, Amantaka supports a local hospital for children by selling hand-crafted elephant toys that fund the charity. Guests are informed about the importance of these gifts and are encouraged to support the hospital. Additionally, when guests waive a full change in bed linen, a donation is made to Laos Friends Hospital of Luang Prabang, which offers free healthcare to children under 15.

Cultural Celebrations

Amantaka honours the diverse cultures of Laos, which include four ethnolinguistic families. The resort invites guests to celebrate the various New Year dates recognised by different ethnic communities. Lao New Year is generally celebrated in April, while the Hmong ethnic group's New Year falls between December and January, allowing guests to experience a rich tapestry of Laotian tradition.



REGULAR EVENTS

DAILY | 19 DECEMBER 2024 - 1 JANUARY 2025

Morning Yoga

YOGA STUDIO

07:00

WELLNESS

Experience subtle yogic practices in our morning sessions focusing on breath, mind and movement. Perfect for calming the mind during the busy festive season.

Sound Healing

YOGA STUDIO

17:00

WELLNESS

Experience the transformative power of sound healing through a unique singing bowl session led by a visiting practitioner. This session offers an opportunity to explore the ancient practice of sound therapy, renowned for its ability to promote relaxation and wellbeing.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Tree Decoration

19 DECEMBER

FESTIVE

LOBBY | 13:00

Come together around the resort's central tree to help us welcome the festive season, decorating with vibrant colours, twinkling lights and uplifting music.

Afternoon Tea

20 DECEMBER

DINING

LIBRARY | 15:00-17:00

Savour a delightful blend of festive-themed sweet and savoury snacks, enhanced by the harmonious melodies of local live music.

Christmas Eve

24 DECEMBER

GALA DINNER

DINING

MAIN POOL | 19:00

As the sun sets over the tranquil city, come together for an enchanting Gala Dinner served overlooking a peaceful garden adorned with lanterns. Traditional dance performances and live music entertain throughout the night, with guests invited to embrace the evening's spirit by donning traditional Laotian costumes.

Christmas Day

25 DECEMBER

AMAN & THE COMMUNITY

CULTURAL

BUDDHIST LEARNING CENTRE | 17:00

A unique opportunity to give back this festive season, join us in meeting teachers and students at Laos' school for children with speech and hearing difficulties. Gain insight into local life and educational development, and purchase their handcrafted items to help support their mission.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Day

25 DECEMBER

LAO OLD COURT CUISINE

DINING

MAIN POOL | 19:00

Savour a refreshing sundowner before indulging in a dinner showcasing the essence of Lao Old Court Cuisine. Dishes feature the freshest local ingredients and herbs from our garden, echoing the flavours once enjoyed by royalty. Traditional dance performances and live music add another cultural dimension to the evening.

Historical Insights

26 DECEMBER

CULTURAL

BUDDHIST LEARNING CENTRE | 17:00

Local historian, Francis Engelmann, joins Amantaka to lead a captivating, interactive session on the long, rich history of Luang Prabang.

Living in the Moment

29 DECEMBER

WELLNESS

YOGA STUDIO | 17:00

Spend the final days of the year in a state of calm reflection, enhanced by a monk-led meditation designed to encourage the notion of living in the moment.

Sound Healing

30 DECEMBER

WELLNESS

YOGA STUDIO | 17:00

Experience the transformative power of sound healing through a unique singing bowl session led by a visiting practitioner. This session offers an opportunity to explore the ancient practice of sound therapy, renowned for its ability to promote relaxation and wellbeing.

SPECIAL EVENTS

New Year's Eve

31 DECEMBER

MORNING ALMS OFFERING

CULTURAL

LOBBY | 05:30

Join Amantaka's morning alms offering, where monks and novices walk through town receiving donations from locals. This tradition helps maintain community ties, leaving you with a profound sense of peace and readiness for new beginnings.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

DINING

MAIN POOL | 20:00

As the sun sets on 2024, pre-dinner cocktails and canapes are served by the pool, complemented by a mesmerising Ramayana performance – a dance that ushers in the New Year and wishes for a prosperous year ahead.

A set menu follows, accompanied by the sophisticated sounds of a live jazz band and the vibrant rhythms of local Laos music. As the countdown begins, gather to welcome in 2025.

New Year's Day

1 JANUARY

NEW YEAR BACI CEREMONY

CULTURAL

BUDDHIST LEARNING CENTRE | 17:00

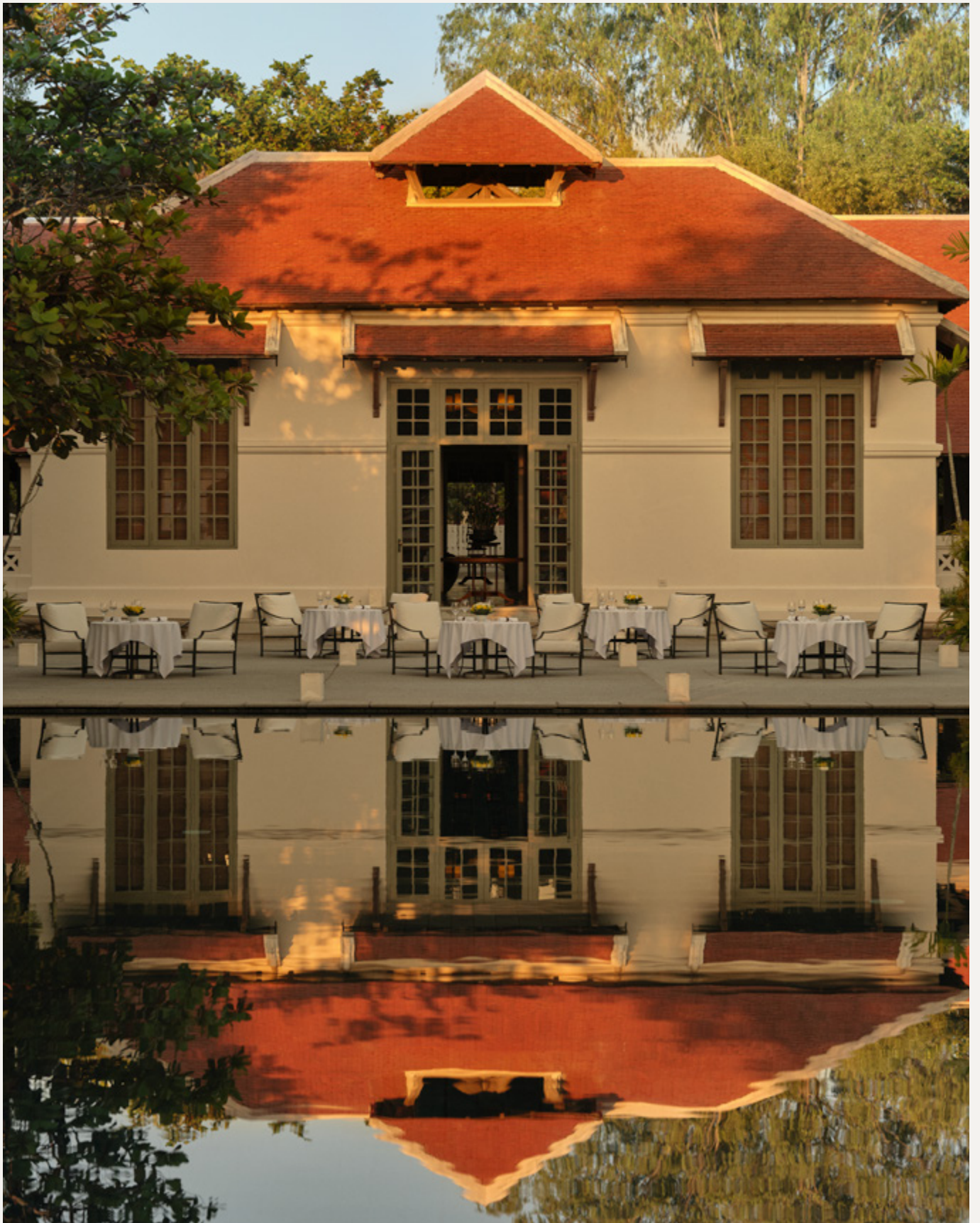
The traditional Baci ceremony is a Brahmin-influenced ritual that has been practiced in Luang Prabang for centuries. This blessing is overseen by a master of ceremonies who repeats the rhythmic ritual and chants to the spirits, bestowing wishes for a prosperous year ahead.

NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER

DINING

MAIN POOL | 19:00

Amantaka's set menu showcases Laos culinary traditions using the freshest local ingredients and organic herbs from the resort's garden. Tiao Nith's captivating puppet show, reflecting the deep artistic and historical narrative of Luang Prabang, provides the night's entertainment.



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