

ĀMAN  
KYOTO

Festive Itinerary



## Welcome to Aman Kyoto

We are delighted to welcome you this enchanting holiday season, when our winter garden sparkles with morning frost, and the gentle steam of onsen baths merges with the crisp forest air.

The essence of travel lies not only in reaching a destination, but in discovering one's true self. This holiday season, we invite you to spend a mindful moment in the stillness of the forest, quietly reconnecting.

From meaningful activities to deepen your bonds with loved ones, to seasonal cuisine highlighting the rich flavours of winter, we offer a variety of festive experiences. If you wish to take part in any of these events, please contact our Reservations team.

We sincerely wish you a warm and joyful holiday season, and a New Year filled with happiness and peace.

Your Aman Kyoto family

## GIVING BACK

### Firefly & Habitat Preservation

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 being thankful go hand in hand with reaching out to those less fortunate, we are pleased to be able to share our local initiatives.

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### Children's Home Support

As part of our ongoing efforts to combat climate change and its impacts, we are inviting guests to have bed linen and towels changed every other day or upon request, to reduce the amount of water and chemicals used. For every guest that opts into this programme, Aman Kyoto will contribute to the Kamiyagawa River Beautifying Association, which supports firefly population growth.

Over the festive period, Aman Kyoto will distribute homemade snacks and sweets made by Executive Chef Tatsuya Ozawa and Executive Pastry Chef Hiroyuki Matsuo to the local children's home, where children who are unable to live with their guardians due to various family circumstances are cared for.

For more information on these initiatives and how you can get involved please speak to our Reservations team.







## REGULAR EVENTS

### A Moment of Matcha

TEA HOUSE

FESTIVE

DAILY | 14:00-16:00

In our newly completed tea house, we invite you to savour a bowl of matcha served with a seasonal Japanese confection. This refined experience offers a quiet interlude of serenity — a moment that transcends the ordinary and awakens a sense of graceful stillness.

Reservation required

### Evening Aperitifs

THE LIVING PAVILION  
BY AMAN

CULINARY

DAILY | 16:00-18:00

Gather around the central fireplace and enjoy complimentary evening aperitifs of Champagne, wine or sparkling sake, paired with delicious canapes meticulously curated by Executive Chef Tatsuya Ozawa using locally sourced ingredients.

### Garden Tour

ARRIVAL PAVILION

ACTIVITY

DAILY | 08:30-09:30

Enjoy a guided garden tour led by our knowledgeable staff. Take in the invigorating air of a winter morning and stroll through the grounds bathed in the soft glow of the sunrise — a tranquil experience akin to forest bathing.

## WINTER SEASONAL DELICACIES

### Snow Crab Kaiseki

TAKA-AN

#### CULINARY

8 NOVEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2025 | 18:00-22:00

For a true taste of winter, savour a multi-course omakase feast showcasing the snow crab. Chefs will prepare the dishes in front of you, adding theatricality to the evening. Dishes include fragrant roasted crab prepared over bincho charcoal, steamed crab with a rich crab miso and comforting crab rice.

Reservation required three days in advance

### Festive Dinner

THE LIVING PAVILION  
BY AMAN

#### CULINARY

20 DECEMBER 2025 - 5 JANUARY 2026 | 17:30-22:00

In the winter chill, locally grown vegetables deepen in flavour and character, while *uni* (sea urchin) and *ikura* (salmon roe) arrive from the far north of Hokkaido. Our Executive Chef Ozawa has crafted a special multi-course dinner inspired by the shimmering beauty of a starlit winter night, infused with elegance and rich, seasonal flavour.

In the quiet embrace of the forest, take a moment to reflect on the past year, reconnecting with your nearest and dearest as you look toward the year ahead.

Reservation required

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Festive Afternoon Tea

THE LIVING PAVILION  
BY AMAN

#### CULINARY

10 DECEMBER 2025 – 15 JANUARY 2026 | 13:00-17:00

The first tier features refined savoury delicacies crafted by our Executive Chef using the finest seasonal winter ingredients. The second tier presents charming, wagashi-inspired sweets created by our Executive Pastry Chef. Enjoy this afternoon indulgence with a selection of over 20 premium teas. To conclude, savor a moment of tranquility as freshly whisked matcha is prepared before your eyes.

Reservation required

### Festive Treats

THE LIVING PAVILION  
BY AMAN OR ORDER  
ONLINE

#### GIFTS

1 – 25 DECEMBER 2025

##### **Tamba Chestnut Home-Baked Stollen**

This year's signature Aman Kyoto festive treat is a delicious, home-baked stollen made with chestnuts and yuzu grown locally in Kyoto.

Reservation required

##### **Aman Kyoto's Christmas Hamper**

Our annual festive hamper includes a stollen, Kamigamo honey, Christmas cookies and Financier.

Reservation required





## NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

### New Year's Eve Set

IN ROOM

#### CULINARY

31 DECEMBER 2025 | APPROXIMATELY 21:00

In the comfort of your room or suite, enjoy a New Year's Eve spread including Champagne and celebratory canapés.

### Kyoto Hirai Beef Kaiseki

TAKA-AN

#### CULINARY

31 DECEMBER 2025 - 3 JANUARY 2026 | 18:00-20:00

Favoured by chefs, Hirai beef is a well-kept secret of Kyoto cuisine. Raised in nature and nurtured with spring water, the meat has a unique sweetness. Taka-An's new kaiseki tasting menu maximises the flavour of the beef with complementary ingredients and carefully selected wine pairings.

Reservation required two days in advance

### Osechi Breakfast

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#### CULINARY

1 & 2 JANUARY 2026 | 07:00-11:00

Start the year on the right culinary note with this traditional Japanese New Year breakfast, which includes an assortment of colourful dishes rich in symbolism prepared by Executive Chef Shinichirō Takagi and his accomplished Taka-An team.

Reservation required



## NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

### New Year's Day Lion Dance

THE LIVING PAVILION  
BY AMAN

#### CULTURAL

1 JANUARY 2026

LION DANCE: 08:15 & 09:30

MOCHI POUNDING: 08:00-11:00

SAKE: 07:00-12:00

Enjoy the Japanese New Year's Day tradition of sake drinking, before tasting freshly pounded mochi and watching a Lion Dance performance on the Terrace.

### Kakizome: The First Calligraphy of the Year

TEA HOUSE

#### CULTURAL

2 JANUARY 2026 09:00-12:00 | 15-30 MINUTES

From time immemorial, Japan has cherished the elegant tradition of *kakizome* – the first calligraphy of the year – where brush is set gracefully to paper to express heartfelt aspirations, resolutions or maxims for the year ahead. Enveloped in the crisp, pristine air of the New Year, this serene moment offers a mindful opportunity to quiet the soul and convey your thoughts, character by character, with deliberate grace. For those new to this refined custom, gentle and attentive guidance will ensure a reassuring and enriching experience.

### Full Moon Yoga

WOOD DECK

#### CULTURAL

2 & 3 JANUARY 2026 | 18:30-19:30

The full moon is said to be an ideal time for emotional release, inner reflection and spiritual cleansing. Bathed in the gentle glow of the moonlight, allow yourself to relax with deep, calming breaths. Take this serene moment to connect with your inner stillness and simply be.

Reservation required two days in advance



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