

## Festive Season at Aman-i-Khás

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to India this festive season.

On the fringes of Ranthambhore National Park with a dramatic back drop of the Aravalli Hills, we look forward to welcoming you back to Aman-i-Khás after game drives and cultural excursions, to enjoy the festive schedule of events we have prepared.

We wish you a memorable festive season and a very happy New Year!



Please contact your Batman if you have any questions.

17-31 December

**Bangle Making**

11:00am-1:00pm

Ram Babu and his wife Sobha Devi, our neighbours from a small hamlet two kilometres away, will visit our camp every day and show the ancient art of bangle making. For many generations, Ram babu and his family, who are part of the "Lakhera Tribe" - the famous bangle makers, would use tree sap gum over a small charcoal fire to roll beautiful bangles and decorate them with rainbow colors. They traditionally sell bangles during the festive period, walking through the village roads.

18 December

**Christmas cake mixing**

11.00am

It is a ritual religiously followed the world over, and is said to be a harbinger of good tidings and happiness. We invite you to join us in this tradition.

22 December

**Christmas Tree Decoration**

11.00am

All guests are invited to join the Aman-i-Khás family in decorating our Christmas tree inside The Lounge Tent, and to be part of a Camp Masala Chai (Tea) party.

23 December

**A talk about Marwari Horses**

4pm

Learn about Marwari Horses from Kishan, a manager at Aman-i-Khás, and also a seasoned rider. These horses are known for their stout companionship and their contributions in war.



## 24 December

### Henna Art

11:00am-1.00pm

Seema, from the local village of Sherpur, will be at Aman-i-Khás to leave traces of her art on hands and feet. Henna is part of life, and used during festivities and celebrations. The artist uses dried henna leaf powder with lemon juice, making a paste to use as 'ink'. These decorations are temporary and usually wash away after about a week.

### Puppet Show

6:30pm

Under the banyan tree, we will be organizing a short puppet play by a local artist, who ferries between local fairs keeping children and adults entertained. The beloved puppets dance to the tune of his whistles and songs, which are poetic stories from the days of warrior Kings and beautiful Queens. Enjoy the performance whilst roasting marshmallows over the fire pit.

### Sound of the Jungle & Dinner

7:30pm onwards

A small group of musicians will perform using unusually shaped and pleasant-sounding local instruments, keeping you entertained while chef Santosh and his kitchen team prepare a gourmet journey, where your Batman will serve a "Khas Khana" - a special dinner.

## 25 December

### Christmas Day Mass

8.30am

A short 30-minute drive from the camp, you will reach a British era Church in the middle of the town.

### Picnic Barbecue Lunch

12.00 noon

A perfect way to enjoy a winter afternoon, under sweet sunshine and in the company of nature.



## 26 December

### Learn how to milk a goat

5:00pm

Make friends while walking our in-house goats and learn how to use the milk to prepare Indian masala chai tea.

## 29 December

### Block printing at Dastkar

11:00am

In the spring of 1989, the Ranthambhore Foundation invited Dastkar to set up an organisation that would utilise the unique talents of the displaced villagers, especially women, and thus generate income for this region. Join the women from the villages to practice the art of block printing.

## 31 December

### Turban & Chunri

6.30pm

At Aman-i-Khás, we begin the celebrations on the last evening of 2018 by tying a traditional Rajasthani turban for gentlemen & "churn" head scarves for the ladies, closely followed by a puppet show.

## 1 January

### Tiger Talk

6.30pm

Meet Mr. Daulat Singh, an ex-forest officer and renowned tiger expert, who will be recalling stories around the fireplace of his experiences in the wild and on expeditions to rescue wild striped cats. He will be easy to identify as he will be wearing sunglasses, due to an injury in the jungle a few years ago. Ask him about the story and he will be happy to tell you the details.

