# AMANBAGH

# Festive Shades of the Aravallis

Welcome to Amanbagh this festive season. We hope you enjoy your stay with us as much as we will enjoy hosting you! When you're not admiring the colours of rural India around us or hiking some wonderful trails, detoxifying your body and mind at our Ayurveda centre or pampering yourself with a massage, basking by the pool or immersing yourself in the sound of Indian music, we have an exciting holiday programme of activities and culinary events for all ages to keep you entertained.

If you would like to sign up for any of these complimentary activities or reserve a table for one of our celebratory meals, please contact your personal manager. Please note that some activities have limited availability and need to be booked in advance.

In addition to this special festive programme, we also offer our regular experiences and activities described in your guest directory. As always, these will be tailored to meet your requirements.

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



#### 24 December

# **Christmas Eve Gala Dinner**

Christmas in India is a special occasion as it is celebrated by Christians and non Christians alike. Amanbagh celebrates in true Aman style. A modern day Christmas tree is decorated with handmade decorations, while candles and fires in all our fireplaces set the scene. Traditional musicians perform to create an evening to be remembered, complimented by great food prepared by the culinary team.

## 25 December

#### Babu – The Red Nosed...

We wish we could get Rudolph – the red nosed reindeer for you here in Rajasthan, but since he is busy in the artic, we have our very own resident camel, Babu, carrying Santa around in our peaceful garden spreading the Christmas spirit.



#### 26 December

# **The Art of Making Bangles**

India is often associated with women wearing colorful accessories and bangles form a major part of it. Experience the art of lac bangle making as the local bangle maker sets up his workshop today in our gardens. Lac bangles are considered auspicious in several parts of India and are popular in Rajasthan, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. Tiny crimson red insects suck the resin of selected trees and secrete a natural resin known as Lac. The leftover residue on the branches of the trees is scraped off, crushed, sieved and washed several times to remove impurities. The Lac is heated up and rolled over a wooden stick to create the circular shape and the beautiful vibrant bangles are created.

#### 28 December

## **Rangoli Art**

*Rangoli* is a Sanskrit word, signifying a creative expression of art by means of colours. In ancient times, beautiful *rangoli* patterns and designs were made at the entrances of Indian homes for beautifying them and welcoming the guests. Besides a creative expression of art, they were also considered a symbol of good-luck and a welcome for the Hindu deities.

#### 29 December

#### **Camel Polo**

Traditionally referred to as 'The Sport of Kings' you can now experience the thrill and excitement of polo at Amanbagh. In this exceptional adaptation to the age-old game, the camel, the 'ship of the desert', replaces the graceful horse.



#### **30** December

#### Henna Art

The art of henna or mehndi decorations on the hands and feet of both men and women dates back to the earliest times and descriptions can be find in the oldest Hindu Vedic ritual books.

#### **31** December

#### **A Traditional Indian Fair**

Join us to bring in 2019 as we showcase the feel of a true Indian Fair. Glimpse into the future with fortune tellers and palm readers, dance with traditional Indian Fire Dancers and Qawaali Singers, and enjoy a carefully crafted seven course dinner menu by our culinary experts.

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# **Turban Tying**

While the ladies have their bangles made, the gentlemen have a chance to impress with their colorful turbans. Our staff would be happy to tie you a turban on as you prepare to welcome the new year in true Indian style.

# 1 January, 2019

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