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Festive News from Dorchester Collection



Dorchester Collection prides itself in providing an outstanding level of service, design and style to its guests in all its hotels across Europe and the USA. The festive season is no exception, as each property strives to bring the magic splendour of Christmas to each guest experience. From The Dorchester Spa's exclusive *Party Season Ready Package* to a Parisian afternoon tea designed by the world best's pastry chef at Le Meurice, below is a summary of what each Dorchester Collection hotel has to offer this winter.

The Dorchester, London

Fully embrace the festive spirit this winter at Dorchester Collection's iconic hotel, **The Dorchester**. As soon as guests enter the lobby, they will be immersed in a magical festive experience. Children can revel in the nutcracker inspired sweet emporium and admire the glorious gingerbread replica of the hotel in The Promenade. To complete the sense of merriment, guests staying at the hotel will receive a hand-made stocking filled with treats from the pastry kitchen on Christmas Eve.

The gingerbread hotel will take pride of place in The Promenade from November 18, 2017. Rates start from £495 for a Superior King, including English breakfast for two and a festive treat. For reservations please call +44 (0)20 7317 6530.

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The renowned Christmas Carol Afternoon Tea will return to The Dorchester this year. Expertly decorated for the festive season by designer florist Philip Hammond, The Promenade will exude the timeless glamour of a traditional British Christmas. The highlight will be performances from a children's school choir and resident pianists. Guests will enjoy a glass of Laurent-Perrier NV Champagne, Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé and a selection of grand and rare teas, alongside an assortment of finger sandwiches. Warm raisin and plain scones, served with homemade seasonal jams and Cornish clotted cream, will then be followed by an array of festive inspired pastries, to conclude the experience.

Available on weekends from November 18, 2017 to December 24, 2017. The Christmas Carol Afternoon Tea is priced at £85, including a glass of Laurent-Perrier NV Champagne or Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé for adults, at £39 per child (five to 12 years), and is complimentary for children under five. For reservations, please call +44 (0)20 7629 8888.

Throughout December, guests can ready themselves for the winter season thanks to The Dorchester Spa's *Party Season Ready Package*, which will include a complimentary Carol Joy London Collagen Eye Mask, a 15-minute pure collagen 'eye-lift' and a special Christmas edition nail varnish gift by OPI on departure.

The treatment is priced at £130 for an hour. For reservations, please call +44 (0)207 317 6583.

45 Park Lane, London

Set in the heart of Mayfair, **45 Park Lane** is the perfect base from which to enjoy some festive shopping. On Christmas Eve, guests will receive a handmade traditional Christmas stocking filled with treats from the hotel's pastry kitchen. Designer florist Phillip Hammond will be on hand adding festive decorations to guests' rooms with door wreaths and Christmas trees, complementing suite colours.

Rates start at £608 for a Superior King Room and include English breakfast for two and a festive treat. For reservations please call +44 (0)20 7317 6540. Festive door wreaths are priced from £75 and £350 for a Christmas tree (6ft). Three days' notice is required and specific colours are available upon request. Please contact: Florist.TDL@dorchestercollection.com

Offering festive delicacies including Roasted Chestnut Soup with Juniper Cream and Black Truffle to start, Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, and a Russet Apple and Blackberry Crumble, Candied Almonds and '50 Bean' Vanilla Ice Cream to finish, CUT at 45 Park Lane provides a delectable menu to bring the family together on Christmas Day. Keeping an eye on its younger visitors, CUT at 45 Park Lane also offers a special menu with Mini Wagyu Beef Sliders or Penne Pasta with Tomato and Basil Sauce, and a Chocolate Fudge

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Brownie and Vanilla Ice Cream.

Christmas Day menu is priced at £195 per person and includes three courses and a glass of champagne. Children's Christmas Day Menu is priced at £85 per child under 12 years old. To make a reservation, please call +44 (0)20 7493 4545

Coworth Park, Ascot

This year's festive season, **Coworth Park** is launching a new package in partnership with Lapland^{UK}, a four hour immersive experience into Father Christmas' magical world. Upon arrival to their rooms, families will be welcomed with a special amenity designed by head pastry chef Lucy Jones and her team. After an overnight stay in luxurious accommodation and a full English breakfast, guests will be transported to the Whitmoor Forest, for a memorable experience at Lapland^{UK}. Families will enjoy helping the elves in building toys in the Toy Factory, encounter reindeer and huskies, and ice-skate on a rink surrounded by Christmas trees. The visit culminates with the children meeting Father Christmas himself.

Available from November 18, 2017 to December 23, 2017, prices start from £637 for two adults and one child sharing a Stable Superior Room. The price is inclusive of English breakfast for two and a children's breakfast for one, a festive treat prepared by the pastry team and Lapland^{UK} Tour tickets for a family of three. To make a reservation, please call +44 (0) 1344 876 600.

Le Meurice, Paris

For a sweet treat, guests will love Le Dalí's festive afternoon tea designed by talented chef, Cédric Grolet. Offering a selection of finger sandwiches, honey and caramel madeleines and a Kouglouf amongst other festive delights, the afternoon tea at **Le Meurice** is the ideal pit stop during a Christmas shopping spree. Recently named World's Best Restaurant Pastry Chef 2017 by the association *Les Grandes Tables du Monde*, Cédric Grolet has also created a white and silver interpretation of his signature creation, the Rubik's Cake, exclusively for the Christmas holidays.

The afternoon tea is available from December 4, 2017 to January 1, 2018, every afternoon from 3.30pm until 6pm. It is priced at €64 per person, including a choice of tea, coffee or hot chocolate. The Rubik's Cake is available from December 6, 2017 to January 1, 2018 at Restaurant Le Dalí. It is priced at €160, for six to eight people.

Set in the heart of the City of Lights, between the Jardins des Tuileries and Place Vendôme, Le Meurice is the perfect place to celebrate Christmas in style. Start the festivities with a luxury stay for two and indulge in an American breakfast and a bottle of champagne.

Rates start at €955 for a Superior Room and include American breakfast for two, a bottle of Alain Ducasse champagne and chocolate treats from Alain Ducasse.

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On New Year's Eve, Restaurant le Meurice Alain Ducasse will delight guests with its festive menu, which will include black truffle oysters, langoustines with gold caviar and iced mandarin, amongst many other delicacies.

Available on December, 31, 2017 at Restaurant le Meurice Alain Ducasse for €890 per person. To book, please call +33 1 58 00 21 19.

Hôtel Plaza Athénée, Paris

From December 14, 2017, the hotel lobby will dazzle with the magic of Christmas as **Hôtel Plaza Athénée's** tree, dressed in festive red by the hotel's florists, will stand at its centre. Young guests, from four to 12 years old, can don a pair of skates and enjoy the hotel's famous ice rink in La Cour Jardin, for the perfect winter family activity.

Available from November 26, 2017, open from Wednesday to Sunday.

For the end-of-year festivities, head pastry chef, Angelo Musa, and pastry chef, Alexandre Dufeu, will present their "larger-than-life" Yule Log. The log, divided in six sections, will resemble a bundle of festive timber. Beneath the chocolate bark will lie a cocoa biscuit with a sprinkling of almond and hazelnut crisp. To top it all off, chocolate mousse infused with cocoa will be complemented by a banana and ginger jelly, making this a truly indulging, festive treat.

The Yule Log will be available to purchase from December 1, 2017, at €110 for six people, to order please email noel.hpa@dorchestercollection.com or call +33 (0)1 53 67 65 97.

Hôtel Plaza Athénée has created a new, fun and colourful porcelain tea set dedicated to its younger guests, with the hotel's signature red teddy bear. The "Little Gourmets" set, made in France by the renowned porcelain-maker Pillivuyt, is perfect for children to sample the hotel's festive menus.

Available in the Boutique at the Hôtel Plaza Athénée, the set is priced at €120 and includes a dish, bowl and mug.

Discover authentic French dishes with Le Relais Plaza's festive menus on Christmas and New Year's Eve, including wild sea bass with endive and truffle, pan-seared turbot fillet, and a Grand Veneur medallion of venison. The delicate aromas will be accompanied by live jazz music for an extra special evening.

Christmas menu available on Sunday, December 24 from 8pm and priced at €290 per person or €420 per person including wine pairings. New Year's menu available on Sunday, December 31, from 8pm and priced at €530 per person or €700 per person including wine pairings.

Hotel Principe di Savoia, Milan

Decorated for the occasion, **Hotel Principe di Savoia** will offer guests a luxurious Italian Christmas getaway. From the exclusive Festive Season package to the Christmas dining menus designed by executive chef Alessandro Buffolino at Il Salotto and the Principe Bar, Hotel Principe di Savoia provides guests with the ultimate Yuletide celebration.

Rates start at €405 for a Classic Room and include daily breakfast buffet, a complimentary third bed and 50% off a second room for children, €50 food and beverage credit and a festive welcome treat for children. Christmas menu is priced at €250 per person. For reservations, please call +39 02 6230 2026.

For the winter season, Hotel Principe di Savoia has launched a new exclusive gourmet experience at Acanto Restaurant – Tavolo Cristallo. Having partnered with top interior design brands including Stefano Ricci Home and Luxury Living, the dining table will be surrounded by a crystal veil, created by Swarovski and local interior designer Celeste Dell’ Anna. Ideal for Christmas parties or an intimate setting for couples, the table hosts up to six guests with a personalised menu specially created by executive chef Alessandro Buffolino.

For a price list or for reservations, please contact Sales.HPS@dorchestercollection.com or the reservation office on +39 02 6230 4029.

Hotel Eden, Rome

Hotel Eden will welcome its guests to celebrate in the eternal city with a luxury two-night stay. A daily breakfast at Il Giardino will ensure guests take in the panoramic views by day, then as night falls over Rome on Christmas, get into the festive spirit with a warm mulled wine aperitivo.

Room rates start at €705 for a Classic Room and include daily breakfast, mulled wine aperitivo and a festive welcome treat. The offer is valid for stays between December 11, 2017 and January 8, 2018. For reservations, please call +39 06 47812 731.

On Christmas Eve, Hotel Eden will offer its guests a festive aperitivo in La Libreria accompanied by gospel music. Enjoy delicious traditional specialties at La Terrazza, such as scallops, caramelised cauliflower with black truffle, ravioli and calamari consommé with chickpeas, and Panettone for the perfect Italian Christmas spread. The New Year’s Eve Gala Dinner at La Terrazza will feature live music, one of the most beautiful views of Rome and a gourmet menu by chef Fabio Ciervo for a one-of-a-kind experience.

To make a reservation at La Terrazza, please call +39 06 47812752. The Christmas Eve menu is priced at €195 per person, excluding drinks, and the New Year’s Eve Gala menu costs €950 per person, including wine.

The Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills

Holiday gatherings with friends and family are made more special at the legendary Polo Lounge. From ushering in the season over a traditional Thanksgiving Day brunch, to toasting the New Year at a spirited soirée, guests will capture the magic of the season at **The Beverly Hills Hotel**. Carol singers and Father Christmas will welcome guests at the hotel on the days leading up to Christmas and winter festivities provide the perfect excuse to indulge in the hotel's signature dessert, its famous soufflé. Inspired by the season's most festive flavours, the soufflés include Gingerbread, Peppermint Chocolate Chip, Egnog and Chestnut.

Available from December 12, 2017 to December 23, 2017. Rates start from \$545 for a Superior Room.

Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles

Exclusively for the festive season, children and adults will be able to partake in a holiday-themed class, decorating their very own gingerbread house at **Wolfgang Puck at Hotel Bel-Air**. The hotel will provide everything needed from decorative sweets and royal icing, so guests can make their very own merry home for the holidays. Additionally, light bites, finger sandwiches and drinks will be available.

Available on December 13, 2017 from 3:00 – 4:30pm, the class is priced at \$55 per person.

Guests visiting Hotel Bel-Air for the season will enjoy a festive-themed cocktail menu, served with complimentary bar bites. The menu will include original creations such as Run Rudolph Run, a red-hued cocktail made with gin, lemon juice, syrup, topped with Luxardo Sangue Morlacco, as well as more traditional festive treats, such as a glass of seasonal spiced mulled wine.

Valid from December 11, 2017 to January 8, 2018, rates start at \$655 for a Superior Room and include accommodation for two, complimentary welcome drink on arrival and \$100 food and beverage credit to spend at The Beverly Hills Hotel. To make a reservation, please call +1 310 276 2251.

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