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A Classic Christmas at The Dorchester



The Dorchester:

Dorchester Collection's iconic British hotel, The Dorchester, will be *the* place to celebrate the magic of a classic British family Christmas this year as the festive season sees the return of The Dorchester's renowned floral displays with a Mary Poppins twist, Christmas carols afternoon tea, a festive Asprey pop-up, and an exciting festive delivery of Rolls-Royce Phantoms. This year's 'Festive Season at The Dorchester' experience includes accommodation for two, English breakfast and a festive treat prepared by the hotel's pastry team. Package rates start from £510. To book a festive stay, telephone The Dorchester on +44 (0)20 7317 6530 or e-mail reservations.tdl@dorchestercollection.com.

FLORIST:

"Practically perfect in every way...." Created by designer florist Philip Hammond, The Dorchester's 2018 festive decorations feature carousel horses leaping through the hotel. Phil Hammond commented: "Mary Poppins fans will know a new film starring Emily Blunt, Julie Walters, Colin Firth and Meryl Streep, just to name a few, will be flying onto London screens on December 21. 'Mary Poppins Returns' is set in the 1930s, just a few years after The Dorchester first opened in 1931, however inspiration for the decorations came from the moment the characters' horses leap off a carousel in the original film. We had a romantic notion that, once free, they would have trotted smartly over to The Dorchester. We have always embraced traditional British festive decorations – it's a time for childlike wonder and merriment". Guests will get right into the spirit of the season with a towering 14-foot British Christmas Tree at the entrance to The Promenade, as well as the opportunity to dress up their rooms with wreaths and trees decorated with everything from candy canes for children to the colour scheme of their suite. (Wreaths from £100, trees from £350).

ASPREY:

Running until the end of January 2019, The Dorchester welcomes a three month pop-up by iconic British luxury house, Asprey. The Asprey boutique will showcase handbags, jewellery, homeware and gifts, with guests of the

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hotel receiving complimentary initials embossing and engraving with any items purchased throughout the residency.

ROLLS-ROYCE: On Christmas Eve, The Dorchester will welcome a fleet of three Rolls-Royce Phantoms for Christmas. Guests checking into The Dorchester on Christmas Eve will have exclusive access to the hotel's special Father Christmas delivery of Rolls-Royce Phantoms, available for transfer to any desired destination within London.

AFTERNOON TEA: Festive Champagne Afternoon Tea and Christmas Carol Afternoon Tea at The Promenade feature delectable pastries created by executive pastry chef Sarah Barber as well as traditional finger sandwiches and house-baked scones. Festive Champagne Afternoon Tea is available weekdays from November 19, 2018 to January 4, 2019, priced at £85 per adult including a glass of Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée NV Champagne, and from £45 per child aged 5-12. Christmas Carol Afternoon Tea, with special choral performances from children's choirs, is available every weekend until December 23, 2018, priced from £95 per adult including a glass of Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée NV Champagne, and from £45 per child aged 5-12.

THE GRILL: Toast the season with a Festive Wine Counter evening at The Grill at The Dorchester. Scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, the evening will feature six wines covering a specific region or theme selected by head of wines, Christopher Delalonde MS, and served with a delicious tasting menu crafted especially for the occasions by executive chef Guillaume Katola.

The Grill at The Dorchester will also be the destination for festive dining through the three days of Christmas, with a Christmas Eve Dinner menu including four courses (priced at £150 per person with a glass of Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée NV Champagne); Christmas Day Lunch with a five-course menu with wine pairing (priced at £295 per person with a glass of Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée NV Champagne); and Boxing Day Brunch with optional free-flowing 'Hair of the Dog' to get guests back in celebratory form by New Year's. (Boxing Day Brunch priced at £70 per person with optional addition of free-flowing 'Hair of the Dog' for £40.)

Festive Wine Counter evenings at The Grill at The Dorchester, priced at £110 per person.

GUESTROOMS: 250 suites and rooms including 182 individually designed guest bedrooms, 65 suites and three penthouse suites.

LOCATION: Thirty minutes from Heathrow Airport, The Dorchester is situated on Park Lane in Mayfair, overlooking Hyde Park and is close to prestigious shops and the theatres of London's West End.

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An iconic British hotel, The Dorchester has been at the heart of London's Mayfair overlooking Hyde Park since 1931. A room and suite refurbishment programme began in 2012 with a fresh look by interior designer Alexandra Champalimaud that stays true to the hotels classic English residential style, fusing contemporary comfort with the timeless glamour and heritage of the property. Exceptional dining is available to guests in The Promenade, China Tang and three Michelin star Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester, and The Grill at The Dorchester which reopened in 2014 after a full redesign. The Dorchester Spa offers indulgent pampering in a glamorous art deco setting. The Dorchester's ten event rooms offer a wide selection for flexible and creative event planning from intimate dinners to cocktail receptions of up to 1,000 guests.

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Dorchester Collection is a portfolio of the world's foremost luxury hotels in Europe and the US, each of which reflects the distinctive culture of its destination. By applying its unrivalled experience and capability in owning and operating some of the greatest individual hotels, the company's mission is to develop an impeccable group of the finest landmark hotels through acquisition as well as management of wholly-owned and part-owned hotels, and to enter into management agreements.

The current portfolio includes the following hotels: **The Dorchester**, London; **45 Park Lane**, London; **Coworth Park**, Ascot, UK; **Le Meurice**, Paris; **Hôtel Plaza Athénée**, Paris; **Hotel Principe di Savoia**, Milan; **Hotel Eden**, Rome; **The Beverly Hills Hotel**, Beverly Hills; and **Hotel Bel-Air**, Los Angeles.
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