

## Press Release

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## Send a letter to Father Christmas at The Dorchester

The Dorchester:

Dorchester Collection's iconic British hotel, The Dorchester, invites guests to experience the magic of a classic British family Christmas, with the return of the hotel's magnificent floral displays and décor celebrating a letter's journey to Father Christmas. Festive celebrations abound from holiday specialties served in newly relaunched The Grill at The Dorchester, twinkling trees and festive melodies filling the air of The Promenade for an unforgettable afternoon tea, and an extraordinary dinner at Alain Ducasse. Topped off with some a splendid New Year's toast and fete, the festive season at The Dorchester is not one guests will soon forget. This year's 'Festive Season at The Dorchester' experience includes accommodations for two, for two nights, checking in Christmas Eve; a welcoming festive afternoon tea in The Promenade with a glass of Champagne; English breakfast and Christmas Day lunch at The Grill at The Dorchester with wine pairings and live music; and Boxing Day lunch with free-flowing Champagne and live music. Package rates start from £1,375. To book a reservation, telephone The Dorchester on +44 (0)20 7317 6530 or e-mail [reservations.tdl@dorchestercollection.com](mailto:reservations.tdl@dorchestercollection.com).

FLORIST:

"Letters to Father Christmas...." Created by designer florist Philip Hammond, The Dorchester's 2019 festive decorations celebrate the whimsical journey a letter takes from the moment it's carefully dropped in the mailbox, until it reaches its final destination in Father Christmas' sorting office. A stunning, illuminated countdown clock is at the centre of this décor masterpiece keeping both guests and the elves on schedule, chiming as the countdown marches on to the big day.

Philip Hammond commented: "We have always embraced traditional British festive decorations as it's a time of year that inspires childlike wonder and merriment. The anticipation of the season is at the heart of this year's display, and we are eager to see guests of all ages recount the magic of a time-honored tradition, as they sit down to pen a letter to Father Christmas and then take an imaginative journey with us as it's delivered. It's truly an immersive and sensory experience that's intentionally designed to both evoke cherished holiday memories of the past and inspire new ones in the making."

From the moment they arrive guests will find themselves swept away with the spirit of the season as they are greeted with a sparkling outdoor display before being welcomed by beautifully decorated Christmas trees. The warmth

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of the lobby will surround visitors, as it is fully transformed into a traditional living space complete with a crackling fire and an oversized Advent calendar, offering up a daily treat as Christmas draws nearer.

Bespoke stationary will be available encouraging guests to write their letters, have them stamped with special postage at the front desk, and deposit them in a traditional red post box before they are magically whisked away to Father Christmas himself via a series of gold tubes.

The holiday wonder continues in The Promenade where guests will enter under cascading presents, magically falling from the ceiling, and discover traditional Dorchester trees and decorations throughout.

**AFTERNOON TEA:** Festive Champagne Afternoon Tea and Christmas Carol Afternoon Tea at The Promenade is a memorable occasion that features delectable pastries expertly crafted by executive pastry chef Daniel Texter, as well as traditional finger sandwiches and house-baked scones. *Festive Champagne Afternoon Tea* is available weekdays from November 16, with special choral performances from children's choirs every weekend until December 22, 2019.

**THE GRILL:** Representing a new era in the restaurant's 88-year history, the legendary dining room is set to relaunch November 12, 2019, under the direction of one of London's finest young chefs, 26-year old Tom Booton. Seasonal menus showcasing a modern twist of traditional British classics will delight diners, as they enjoy live music and expert wine pairings throughout Christmas and New Year.

A three-course festive a la carte lunch menu will be available Tuesday – Saturday, December 3 to 23, 2019 priced at £42 per adult. Festive dinner will feature a four-course a la carte menu, served Tuesday to Saturday starting from November 16 to December 23, 2019 priced at £75, per adult.

The Grill at The Dorchester will also be the destination for festive dining through the three days of Christmas. Christmas Eve dinner boasts a four course menu, priced at £160 per adult with a glass of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut, NV; Christmas Day lunch boasts five-courses with wine pairings, priced at £300 per person; and Boxing Day lunch, with free-flowing Champagne, will have guests raising a glass to the New Year, priced at £85 per person with optional addition of free-flowing Champagne for £130.

The celebration continues with a five-course New Year's Eve dinner including a glass of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut NV on arrival and at Midnight, priced at £350, per adult and £445, per adult including optional wine pairings. A New Year's Day roast completes the season, starting at £65, per adult for a three course menu per person with optional addition of free-flowing Champagne for £110.

**ASPREY:** Running until the end of the year, iconic British luxury house Asprey will showcase handbags, jewellery, homeware and festive gifts including the renowned Asprey Cracker within The Asprey boutique at The Dorchester. Guests of the hotel will receive complimentary initials embossing and engraving with any items purchased throughout the residency.

**ALAIN DUCASSE:** This holiday season Alain Ducasse's executive chef Jean-Philippe Blondet proudly presents a contemporary reinterpretation of holiday cuisine with festive menus for lunch, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. An extraordinary setting for unforgettable dining, the three Michelin star restaurant will leave diners with an unforgettable holiday dining experience.

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*Festive Lunch* is available Tuesday – Friday, from November 19 to December 20, 2019, priced at £80 per adult including three course menu and two glasses of wine. *Christmas Eve Dinner* will present a six-course menu, priced at £200 per person, with optional wine pairings priced at £300, per person. *Christmas Day Lunch* will also present a six-course menu, including wine pairings, priced at £380 per person.

Two sittings are available for New Year's Eve. Dinner including a first sitting at 6:00 p.m. featuring a five-course menu, priced at £240, per person (£340, including additional wine pairings), and a second commencing at 7:00 p.m., featuring a seven-course menu, including wine pairings, priced at £560 per person.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Guests are invited to send the year out with style and sophistication, as they enjoy a night of champagne, canapés and live music at The Dorchester. As midnight nears, all eyes will turn to the live countdown to bid farewell to 2019 and welcome in a new decade when the clock strikes 12. After a midnight feast, the party continues with dancing well into the early hours of 2020. Spectacular views of the fireworks can also be found at The Penthouse and Pavilion where guests can raise a glass and admire the views from the private terrace.

A five-course menu, including a glass of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut, NV upon arrival and at midnight, will be served, priced at £350 per adult (optional wine pairings available for £445 per adult), and £175 per child, aged 5-12. Access to The Penthouse and Pavilion is also available for an additional cost of £55 per adult (limited availability).

#### THE SPA:

To ease the burden of holiday stress and ensure guests are looking and feeling their very best The Dorchester Spa encourages visitors to take the time to relax, recharge and feel utterly pampered. The spa's winter ritual includes a nourishing Carol Joy London Pure Gold and Collagen Facial, revitalizing the complexion, with a plumping Pure Collagen Mask combined with a lifting and toning massage. 24-carat gold leaf is then applied and later massaged into the skin with gentle, circular movements. The treatment ends with a final spritz of Pure Collagen Spray to provide a youthful glow that's ready for holiday celebrations. This 60-minute service is available daily for £220 per person.

#### CLASSIC CARS:

For those looking to explore beyond the hotel, to perhaps wrap up some Christmas shopping, The Dorchester is delighted to offer a classic car collection fit for royalty. Each of these illustrious vehicles is available for luxury transfers, sightseeing trips or simply making a grand entrance at a special occasion. Timeless glamour is on display including a 1964 Rolls-Royce Phantom V Limousine in Midnight Blue Metallic, a 1965 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud 3 in Garnet over Silver Sand, a 1958 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud 1 in Georgian Silver over Shell Gray, and a 1990 Daimler 4.2 DS420 Vanden Plas in Westminster Blue, the car favored by the British Royal Family and Queen Elizabeth.

#### 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.

#### ADDRESS:

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### **The Dorchester**

The Dorchester - An iconic British hotel, The Dorchester has been at the heart of London's Mayfair overlooking Hyde Park since 1931. Exceptional dining is available to guests in The Promenade serving world renowned afternoon tea; three Michelin star Alain Ducasse; iconic Cantonese favourite China Tang; and legendary dining room The Grill, which relaunched in November 2019. The Dorchester Spa offers indulgent pampering in a glamorous art deco setting. The hotel stays true to the classic English residential style, fusing contemporary comfort with the timeless glamour and heritage of the property. 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. [dorchestercollection.com](http://dorchestercollection.com)