

PRESS RELEASE

THE DORCHESTER TO LAUNCH ‘THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS’ FROM NOVEMBER 16



London, September 9, 2024 - The Dorchester is delighted to announce the much-anticipated launch of Christmas festivities from November 16, embracing ‘The Magic of Christmas’ theme throughout the hotel.

This year, The Dorchester will host two spectacular Christmas events to support the hotel’s official charity partner, Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice. These will be an evening concert in The Promenade with headline performer Alexandra Burke and Anglo Italian Soprano singer Carly Paoli, and a festive afternoon tea experience with special guest David Walliams. The Dorchester is proud to be supporting the incredible work of Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice, who help babies, children and young people with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions, and their families, make the most of every day. All profits from the events will be donated to Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice as part of the hotel’s gift of giving and spirit of generosity campaign this year.

The festive concert will take place within The Promenade and Artists’ Bar with performances around the Liberace piano throughout the evening of November 25. Tables will be surrounded by beautiful Christmas decorations and ticketed for the night, which will include a set menu designed by culinary director, Martyn Nail. Tickets are priced at £185 per person, including three course dinner and welcome cocktail, with tables available for up to six guests, and can be reserved through the [website](#).

On December 1, David Walliams will host a Children's afternoon tea and perform a special reading of his new book *Super Sleuth*. Guests will be able to speak to David, ask questions and receive a special signed book to take home. Tickets will be priced at £75 for children under 12 and £150 for adults, inclusive of festive afternoon tea. Tickets can be reserved via [email](#).

The Dorchester's marvellous festive decorations, overseen by in-house designer florist Philip Hammond, will feature throughout the hotel from November 16. This will include the iconic 15ft UK grown Nordmann spruce, which will stand in the lobby to welcome guests. There will also be a special Christmas grotto where children can pen a letter to Father Christmas and use The Dorchester's post-box which has a direct link to the North Pole.

Guests can experience the enchantment of Christmas at The Dorchester with the new Festive Stay package. Arrive on Christmas Eve and immerse yourself in the hotel's festive celebrations, followed by a traditional Dorchester Christmas lunch complete with all the trimmings and live entertainment on Christmas Day. On December 26, guests can enjoy either breakfast or a Boxing Day brunch, followed by a later check-out at 4pm.

There is nothing quite like Christmas at The Dorchester, with a flurry of festive activities launching throughout the hotel from November 16:

- **Thanksgiving at The Dorchester:** This year The Promenade will host a special thanksgiving themed dinner on Thursday November 28. The evening will include a four course set menu featuring classic and contemporary dishes alongside live entertainment. Prices from £150 per person and £75 per child (up to 12 years). Reservations available through the [website](#).
- **Festive Hampers & Gifts:** This year's gourmet hampers consist of a selection of decadent culinary delights and luxurious drinks which can be personalised to create a bespoke gift or treat from £175. The Dorchester Christmas Pudding, Yule Cracker and Bespoke Christmas Crackers will also be made available this year. The Dorchester Festive Hamper and other festive gifts will be available to purchase through the hotel or via the website. This year's festive retail will also include six gift boxes, including The Dorchester Martinez bottled cocktail paired with two Vesper glasses or sold separately, champagne and chocolates or champagne flutes, The Dorchester Old Tom Gin & Tonic set and The Promenade tea and tea cup sets. Prices for the gift boxes start from £95.
- **The Spa at The Dorchester:** December's Spa Spotlight will highlight the Season Ready Spa Package where guests will receive a Carol Joy London Express facial followed by an express manicure and signature Blow dry. Prices start at £310.00 per person and will be available from November 16.

- **The Grill by Tom Booton:** The festive traditions start with a Christmas Eve tasting menu and conclude with a New Year's Day a la carte feast. Special festive menus by chef Tom Booton will be available throughout the holiday period. Christmas Day menu highlights include; beef doughnut with horseradish and truffle, Norfolk bronze turkey with all the trimmings, bucks fizz soft serve for pre-dessert and a mince pie tart served with a custard brandy.
- **Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester:** Executive chef Jean-Philippe Blondet presents a contemporary reinterpretation of festive cuisine. Indulge in multi-course festive menus for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, in an equally spectacular setting, finished with a delicately crafted festive yule log.
- **Vesper Bar at The Dorchester:** This year, Vesper Bar presents a spectacular lunch and dinner menu throughout the festive season, complemented by live evening entertainment. Additionally, Vesper Bar is available for private and semi-private hire, providing a glamorous 1930s-style setting perfect for celebrating.
- **Festive Group Celebrations:** Offered on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, The Dorchester opens its Chef's Table and Wine Vault for private dining experiences. Create new memories and traditions as friends and families come together to celebrate the most magical time of year in a spectacular private setting. Pricing ranges from £210 to £525 per adult.
- **New Year's Eve at The Dorchester:** This year, guests will be able to celebrate the New Year in true Dorchester style. The evening begins at 6:30pm with a glamorous dinner in The Promenade restaurant, Vesper Bar or The Grill by Tom Booton alongside some vibrant entertainment before the midnight countdown. A DJ will also play until 2am to keep the celebrations going into a prosperous 2025. A celebratory package will be available which includes a one night stay with breakfast as well as tickets to the New Year's Eve party at the hotel.
- **Afternoon Tea:** Afternoon tea is always an occasion to remember at The Dorchester. This holiday season, award winning executive pastry chef Michael Kwan showcases a beautifully crafted festive-inspired menu of delicate sweets and savouries. Paired with a glass of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut Champagne, NV, and live music. Experience Afternoon Tea on the weekends throughout the season as The Dorchester welcomes a talented choir who perform traditional carols as guests dine. Festive Afternoon tea is priced from £125 per person on weekdays and £135 per person at weekends.

For more information on The Dorchester's festive calendar of events or to make reservations, visit:

<https://www.dorchestercollection.com/london/the-dorchester/festive>

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