

PRESS RELEASE

DORCHESTER COLLECTION REVEALS PLANS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON



London, October 24, 2024 – Dorchester Collection’s ten hotels are ready to welcome guests for the most wonderful time of the year with spectacular Christmas tree displays, festive afternoon tea offerings, visits from Father Christmas, and an array of dining options.

THE DORCHESTER, LONDON

From November 16, The Dorchester will usher in the festive season with its 'The Magic of Christmas' theme. This year, the hotel will host two Christmas events in support of its official charity partner, Noah's Ark Children's Hospice; an evening concert in The Promenade with Alexandra Burke and Anglo Italian Soprano singer Carly Paoli, and a festive afternoon tea experience, with special guest David Walliams. 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. As part of the campaign, The Dorchester will be hosting an afternoon tea at the hospice for families and children, decorating The Ark with a Christmas tree and will once again host The Noah's Ark Winter Ball in The Ballroom.

The festive concert will be held on November 19 at The Promenade and Artists' Bar. Alexandra Burke will be performing Christmas songs such as 'Hallelujah' and Carly Paoli will be performing Opera. Guests will dine surrounded by festive décor as they enjoy a welcome cocktail and a three-course menu designed by culinary director, Martyn Nail. Priced at £185 per person, tables are available for up to six guests.

On December 1, David Walliams will host a children's afternoon tea, offering a fun, literary experience for young guests. He will perform a special reading of his new book *Super Sleuth*, and each child will receive a signed copy to take home. Tickets are priced at £75 for children under 12 and £150 for adults, inclusive of festive afternoon tea.

The Dorchester's festive decorations will be overseen by in-house designer florist Philip Hammond. Highlights include the 15ft UK grown Nordmann spruce in the lobby to welcome guests, and a Christmas grotto where children can write letters to Father Christmas and send them directly to the North Pole via the hotel's special post-box.

For those truly wishing to immerse themselves in the merriments, The Dorchester's Festive Stay offer includes indulgent dining, entertainment, and special treats. Guests arriving on Christmas Eve can enjoy the hotel's festive celebrations, complete with a traditional Dorchester Christmas lunch 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 late check-out at 4pm.

COWORTH PARK, ASCOT

Guests staying at Coworth Park will be able to immerse themselves in the enchanting beauty of a classic British Christmas, when the season truly comes alive at the hotel. Festive offerings include special menus such as a festive afternoon tea in The Drawing Room, while The Barn transforms into a mountain lodge serving mulled wine and hot chocolate. A seasonal wine dinner will be hosted at Michelin-starred Woven by Adam Smith on

December 12. In collaboration with Antinori, this evening will feature a carefully crafted festive menu, perfectly paired with fine wines.

For Christmas Eve, the hotel will play host to a Christmas House Party. Fairy lights will guide guests into a woodland scene, with a Festive champagne afternoon tea, a children's hideaway for story-time and Christmas card making, and family board games in the Garden Room. After a three-course dinner at Woven by Adam Smith or The Barn, optional transfers will carry guests to Holy Trinity Sunningdale for the midnight service followed by hot drinks in the Drawing Room before Christmas morning arrives.

On Christmas Day, guests can choose from a four-course lunch at The Barn or a five-course lunch at Woven by Adam Smith. The hotel will stream His Majesty The King's Christmas broadcast ahead of a buffet-style dinner and live entertainment from 7pm in the Mansion House. On Boxing Day, a brunch will be available followed by cream tea served to the soundtrack of a harpist and a three-course dinner at Woven by Adam Smith or in The Barn. New Year's Eve will offer a champagne afternoon tea and gala dinner. Live entertainment in the Mansion House will take place, followed by a firework display.

For the ultimate exclusive experience, guests can book the North Lodge or the Dower House, Coworth Park's two standalone Signature Suites. Guests of either property have private gardens, three spacious bedrooms, a lobby, kitchen and dining room. Both are available for up to six guests.

The three-night Christmas offer is available from December 24-27, starting at £4,770 for a Stable Superior Room for a fully inclusive Christmas package. Two-night packages over New Year (from December 31) start at £2,980 for a Stable Superior Room. These packages include accommodation, dining throughout the stay, a sommelier's choice of wine with Christmas Day lunch and New Year's Eve Gala Dinner, all activities detailed, a champagne drinks reception and access to the full range of the hotel's facilities.

45 PARK LANE, LONDON

The festive season at 45 Park Lane kicks off with the launch of the hotel's artist's Christmas tree on November 27. Designed by artist Maria Rivans, working in collaboration with designer florist Philip Hammond, this year's festive installation will be themed around the golden age of Hollywood. Taking inspiration from 'It's a Wonderful Life' and the Ziegfeld Follies, Rivan's creation will blend various film and TV genres. Known for reimagining classic film plots and narratives, her work combines surrealism with a Pop-Art aesthetic.

The hotel will also offer festive menus on both Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. On November 28, modern American restaurant, CUT at 45 Park Lane will present a spectacular three-course Thanksgiving feast. On Christmas Day, guests will be able to indulge in a full four-course festive lunch offering, paired with the BAR 45 signature Christmas cocktail.

LE MEURICE, PARIS

Le Meurice is partnering with the Parisian-based jewellery brand, Messika for a festive experience from November 23, 2024 to January 6, 2025. The hotel will be transformed into a glittering winter garden adorned with Messika's signature gold, silver, and copper pink decorations. Iconic designs, like the Move Messika motif, will feature throughout the hotel, including the Le Dalí restaurant. The collaboration will extend into the culinary world as pastry chef Francois Deshayes will craft a trompe-l'oeil Yule log inspired by Messika's jewellery. The log will feature chocolate and vanilla praline capsules in a layered design, available exclusively at Le Dalí.

Additionally, the hotel's Bar 228 will be transformed into the 'Black Bar' as part of a unique collaboration with Baccarat. From November 25, 2024 to January 5, 2025, guests will be able to enjoy four exclusive cocktails served in Baccarat glassware – these include the 'Mille Nuits', 'Louxor', 'Massena' and 'Harcourt'. Complementing the cocktails, chef Clémentine Bouchon will be offering dishes to share, featuring truffle and caviar.

HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE, PARIS

This winter, Hôtel Plaza Athénée will once again bring the magic of the Alps to Paris with Le Chalet du Plaza Athénée, located in La Cour Jardin. Available from November 28, 2024 to February 2, 2025, the chalet offers guests a taste of the Alpine slopes with a special menu, featuring Savoyard specialties and cheese-based dishes, curated by executive chef Jean Imbert. The courtyard will also be transformed into a beautiful ice-skating rink which can be enjoyed by hotel guests or those booked in for the Christmas Teatime served in La Galerie.

The hotel will also be creating an innovative yule log, named 'Christmas by the Fire', designed by Jean Imbert in collaboration with Meilleur Ouvrier de France – a prestigious award presenting the best craftsman of France – and pastry chefs Angelo Musa and Elizabeth Hot. The dessert has been crafted to resemble a Hausmann-style marble fireplace, complete with intricate details inspired by the hotel. Beneath its delicate exterior, the yule log will feature rich flavours of almond and chocolate, with layers of chocolate ganache, almond biscuit, and praline, topped with a light mousse infused with melilot and meadowsweet. This haute-couture creation will blend pastry artistry and festive tradition, offering a magical experience for Christmas.

Available to pre-order from December 2, 2024, on www.dorchestercollection.com. Collection is available from La Galerie de l'Hôtel Plaza Athénée between December 20 and December 26, from 11am – 3pm and 6 – 11pm. Each yule log serves eight people and can be purchased at a cost of €120.

HOTEL EDEN, ROME

In Rome, Hotel Eden's rooftop restaurant, Il Giardino Ristorante, will host live music events, festive brunches and gala dinners throughout the season. On Christmas Day, diners can expect a visit from Santa Claus to entertain the little ones. On New Year's Eve, the hotel's fine dining restaurant, La Terrazza, will offer a special gala dinner featuring a six-course menu designed by recently appointed executive chef, Salvatore Bianco.

The recently refurbished The Eden Spa will be introducing a Revitalising Festive Ritual. The treatment begins with a gentle dry brushing to exfoliate and boost circulation, followed by a relaxing massage using HöbePergh's Christmas body oil, finished by a natural wellbeing boost from warm alpine herb pads. The treatment lasts 90 minutes and is €270 per person or €450 for two people.

HOTEL PRINCIPE DI SAVOIA, MILAN

During this festive season at Hotel Principe di Savoia, the enchanting Santa Claus Suite will return, transforming the Royal Suite into Santa's home until December 31. Accessible to hotel and dining guests, children can visit this magical Christmas wonderland, write letters to Santa and indulge in festive sweet treats.

At Acanto Restaurant, newly appointed executive chef Matteo Gabrielli will present a festive menu with a classic Italian twist in a winter-themed setting with candles and live music. The hotel's Il Salotto lounge will also offer a festive afternoon tea, including Italian pastries, freshly baked cakes, and indulgent chocolate feasts, all perfectly paired with tea and a flute of champagne.

Il Salotto lounge will serve a Christmas afternoon tea from November 25 to January 6, featuring the *Panettone Principe*, Italian pastries, cakes, and chocolate treats, paired with tea and a glass of champagne. The Principe Bar will be a lively spot for New Year's Eve with DJ sets and champagne. At midnight, guests can enjoy traditional *cotechino* with lentils and panettone, with entry starting at €120 per person.

Additionally, guests can prepare for the party season with the Face and Body Cocoon treatment at the hotel's spa. The 90-minute experience will create a radiant glow and costs €200 per person, from December 1 to 31.

THE LANA, DUBAI

Having opened in February, The Lana, Dubai is inviting guests to experience an exciting month of festivities with unique offerings across its impressive portfolio of outlets. The Gallery will showcase an impressive chocolate installation and a Christmas tree adorned with trinkets and ornaments. Guests can also unwind and catch up with loved ones over a festive afternoon tea.

On Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, the hotel will welcome guests at Dubai's first Basque restaurant, Jara by Martín Berasategui, with a specially curated set menu paired with premium drinks and live

performances. For those looking for the charm of the Cote d'Azur in Dubai, Riviera by Jean Imbert will offer a traditional French dining experience with wine pairing options. After dinner on New Year's Eve, guests can continue the party and dance the night away at High Society, the hotel's rooftop lounge with skyline views.

Guests can also visit the Christmas Market at Bonbon Café Angelo Musa where the little ones and the adults can treat themselves to festive delights specially curated by award-winning chef Angelo Musa.

THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES

The Beverly Hills Hotel will offer prix-fixe menus for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day accompanied by live music alongside traditional drinks such as a spiced mulled wine and Egg Nog at the Polo Lounge complete with appearances by Santa. Guests can also join for the hotel's New Year's Eve Celebration which offers a special menu with optional wine pairing, a champagne toast to ring in the new year, live music and more.

Leading up to Christmas, the Polo Lounge will reinvent its signature dinner dessert to best celebrate the sweetness of the season. The 12 Days of Soufflés offer festive preparations of the signature dessert from December 12 – 23 with flavours such as Pumpkin Pie and Holiday Sugar Cookie. Children can also take part in a cookie decorating class on December 18 and 19.

HOTEL BEL-AIR, LOS ANGELES

Hotel Bel-Air will launch a 'Holiday Movies Under the Stars' Series on the Front Lawn, from December 10 – 12. Movies will include beloved classics, Elf, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas and a Christmas Story, and guests will have access to the snack bar which will feature classic concession stand favourites as well as a bespoke menu of sweet and savoury selections, accompanied by signature cocktails.

The hotel will introduce a festive afternoon tea in its newly renovated The Living Room. Sweet and savoury bites and a glass of champagne will feature on the menu as well as a range of different styles of tea. The afternoon tea service will begin from 3pm on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday of December and is \$175 per person, including champagne.

The hotel's culinary director Joe Garcia will present Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve prix-fixe menus and festive delights at The Restaurant at Hotel Bel-Air. On Christmas Day, the restaurant will host a special brunch with an appearance from Santa Claus from 11am – 3pm and carol singers from 12 – 3pm.

The hotel's executive pastry chef and star of Netflix's hit series Bake Squad, Christophe Rull, will host a festive cake decorating contest on December 17 and 20. Guests will create festive desserts under his expert direction and compete for the winning title. Entry costs \$200 and includes a chef's hat and apron to take home as well as a glass of champagne to enjoy during the contest.

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