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2022 Festive Availability with Rebecca Recommends Partners



Ring in 2023 in splendid Sydney style. Photo credit: Tourism Australia

Dear Friends,

As summer draws to a close, we look forward with anticipation toward a celebratory holiday season. Our New Year's hope for you and your clients is travel - lots and lots of unhindered, joy-filled travel. But first, let's ring out 2022 in style - the best way to do that is to arrange a stay at one of our fabulous Rebecca Recommends properties or embark on a vacation of discovery with one of our expert DMCs.

Read on for how to attend a sought-after fashion show in Paris, find out where a most beautiful Festival of Lights takes place, discover an adorable, pop-up ski lodge in the middle of London and consider venturing farther afield for a magical holiday in Sri Lanka, South Africa, Australia or New Zealand.

We're so inspired by the creatively curated offerings from our properties and DMCs this fall and winter season. Here's a taste of what your clients can experience for a most magical holiday, or a wintertime getaway, with their nearest and dearest:

- The effortlessly luxurious and elegantly casual [Curtain Bluff](#) on Antigua has limited availability for the festive season for stays departing on the 26th December and for arrivals from 26th to include New Year. There is a 7-night minimum stay, and the non-refundable full payment is due on confirmation. Availability is correct at the time of writing and is subject to change.
- Watching the Christmas Day speech in [Hartwell House & Spa](#)'s elegant library with tea and Christmas cake.
- Indulging in a sumptuous spa treatment during the busy holiday time at [Middlethorpe Hall & Spa](#).
- Celebrating New Year's Eve at [Bodysgallen Hall & Spa](#) with a Champagne reception and five-course dinner.
- Stealing away to the Cornwall seaside and cozying up with a book in front of a log fire in your boutique accommodations at [The Nare](#).
- Gazing into the mysteries of the universe during a night sky experience at [The Torridon](#), before sampling the estate's Arcturus gin.
- Staying in an award-winning "living museum" at [Dwarika's Hotel](#) in Kathmandu, then relaxing in the countryside at [Dwarika's Resort](#) for yoga, meditation, cooking and more.
- Treating yourself to an early holiday gift: a stay at New Zealand's [Blanket Bay](#), including a private dinner in the intimate Wine Cave.
- Traveling back in time to Ephesus with your esteemed hosts, [Sea Song](#) for Turkey, who will expertly unveil ancient history and spectacular landmarks, from the Temple of Artemis to the Library of Celsus.
- Following in the footsteps of Jesus for a powerful Christmas experience, from the holy sites of Galilee to Nazareth, with [TRAVEX](#).
- Experiencing the festive season in Ireland with the luxury makers at [Dream Escape](#), who can arrange chauffeured sightseeing wherever your heart desires.
- Delving into the essence of mainland Greece, from the crystal-clear Mediterranean, to the enchanting ancient relics, on a tailor-made holiday from [Curated Greece](#).



[Red Carnation Hotels](#) - Holiday Hot Spots, from London's Most Elegant Neighborhoods to the Safari Reserves of South Africa

From a New Year's Day dinner at [The Chesterfield Mayfair](#) to an elegant afternoon tea at [The Egerton House Hotel](#), just steps from Harrods, Red Carnation properties are expert at curating a delightful and decadent holiday season. Savor a complimentary seasonal cocktail in [Hotel 41's](#) Executive Lounge before shopping on Bond Street. Make magical memories at [The Milestone Hotel & Residences](#) in charming Kensington - don't miss their [Christmas Day six-course lunch](#). Head over to [The Rubens at the Palace](#), where another lavish luncheon features some of [London's finest Indian cuisine](#), or sip tea in a winter wonderland against the backdrop of Buckingham Palace's Royal Mews. Seasonal pop-ups are just one of the many delights at [The Montague on the Gardens](#) - we love the Ski Lodge, a perfect encapsulation of winter nostalgia, complete with savory cocktails and mugs of steaming hot cocoa.

For additional details about festive celebrations across the entire Red Carnation Hotel Collection, please visit this [LINK](#).

Prefer to go farther afield this holiday season? Experience a Christmas vacation unlike any other with a journey to magical southern Africa. Revel in a truly bush Christmas at [Xigera Safari Lodge](#), set within the enchanting Okavango Delta. Gaze upon the stars of the Cederberg Wilderness as you dine in the open air at [Bushmans Kloof](#). Take your

place on the Atlantic Terrace and marvel at the majestic Atlantic Ocean and Table Mountain National Park at [The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa](#). Experience the very best service at South Africa's national treasure, [The Oyster Box](#).



[The Hari](#): A Lavish London Holiday

Whether you are searching for a festive shopping break, a delicious Christmas lunch, or spiced cocktails under the stars, The Hari invites you to share in their festivities! A dazzling window display greets you upon your arrival, lighting up the gorgeous scene with twinkling lights and cheery decorations. Sip festive cocktails on the Winter Terrace and stay comfortably warm, courtesy of a retractable roof and heaters, or munch on seasonal treats in The Hari Bar before heading out to explore the wonders that [Christmas in London](#) has to offer.

The Hari borders the areas of Chelsea, Kensington and Knightsbridge, meaning you are moments away from London's greatest attractions and shopping destinations, including Winter Wonderland, the Royal Albert Hall and Harrods. If, after all the holiday shopping and sightseeing, you're in need of some luxurious R&R, The Hari offers a delicious Christmas lunch in a private dining room, The Muse. Gather your nearest and dearest for a party in The Snug, a cozy, semi-private corner in the heart of The Hari Bar. Il Pampero, the hotel's chic Italian restaurant, with a fusion of authentic and traditional Italian holiday recipes, is also available for exclusive hire. However you'd like to holiday, you're sure to have a magical time at The Hari.



Great Fosters: Celebrating Family, Friends & Holiday Traditions

Christmas at Great Fosters is all about togetherness and traditions. You and your loved ones are welcomed with warm hospitality, cozy log fires and plenty of Santa's little helpers to cater to your every whim. Consider a pre-Christmas stay at the gorgeously decorated hotel, where you can wrap up warm and enjoy a crisp walk through the glorious (even in winter!) 50-acre estate. You'll work up enough of an appetite for a delicious supper in the Estate Grill ... and you'll work off that extra mince pie!

Fill your days with a number of holiday happenings: a wonderfully festive afternoon tea in the Drawing Room; ice skating at nearby Hampton Court, where you can glide across the ice under a star-covered sky surrounded by spectacular views of Henry VIII's historic Tudor palace; or taking a horse-drawn carriage ride through Windsor Great Park. Windsor Castle will be fabulously decorated for the festive season and is a remarkable place to visit at any time of the year and the many independent shops in Windsor are perfect for picking up that special last-minute gift.



[Découvertes](#) - Fashion-Forward Festivities Just in Time to Inspire Holiday Shopping

Treat anyone with a passion for fashion to a truly unforgettable, totally tailored Paris Fashion Week. Découvertes has sought-after tickets for your favorite fashionistas to this coveted fall event and has crafted a fabulous holiday with exhibitions, VIP shopping, fashion and luxury tours, and a fashion show. It's quite a coup to get an invitation to these fashion shows and Découvertes will work tirelessly to arrange it. What's more, they can arrange for a wow-worthy lineup of activities whilst in Paris, from lavish accommodations to behind-the-scenes sightseeing to haute cuisine meals.



[Beyond Times Square](#): Experience New York in its Holiday Splendor, from the Thanksgiving Parade to the Iconic Ball Drop

This holiday season, Beyond Times Square invites you to embrace festive New York City in three ways. Enjoy an exclusive, indoor **Thanksgiving Parade Viewing Party** at Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse, where you will be treated to a mouthwatering brunch, live entertainment and picture-perfect views of the parade's floats and balloons via floor-to-ceiling windows.

On the day after Thanksgiving, join the elite few at the **VIP Radio City Roxy Suite Reception and Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes**. The historic Roxy Suite once served as an apartment for the legendary theatrical impresario Samuel "Roxy" Rothafel. Mingle with other guests over hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet and an open bar before enjoying the Rockettes show from premium seating. What a way to experience a piece of New York history and the NYC holiday season tradition!

On New Year's Eve, be where the world is watching and revel in all the luxury at the **VIP New Year's Eve Gala in Times Square**. Take in the stunning panoramic indoor view of Times Square, live entertainment and lavish food and a premium open bar. Guests at VIP/VVIP tables also have a glorious view of the iconic NYE ball drop.



[Meadowood Napa Valley](#): A Spectacular Setting for an Oenophile's Ideal Holiday Season

Experience the magic of Meadowood during the holiday season! Festivities abound throughout the Napa Valley and at Meadowood. Enlist the expertise of The Wine Center to help curate your cellar for holiday entertaining or spend a day with one of our wine experts on a guided winery tour. Decorate holiday-shaped cookies freshly baked by the Meadowood Pastry Team and shop for the perfect gifts during our Elyse Walker shopping experience. Forum, Meadowood's newest dining venue, will feature seasonal fare and a convivial, inviting atmosphere, perfect for celebrating with loved ones.

Larger gatherings can be accommodated in Forum's Private Dining Room. During the week of Thanksgiving, guests can enjoy a special festive menu highlighting the bounty of the season. Visit the Meadowood Spa for a holiday treat for the senses with a seasonally inspired bath in the private Tree House Retreat featuring a hand-hammered copper tub and a fireplace. Throughout the Valley, enjoy family-friendly activities such as the tree lighting in Yountville, the wine barrel hunt in St. Helena and the Holiday Village in Calistoga.



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[Southern Crossings - Australia and New Zealand](#): Be Among the First to See in the New Year in Style

With the Southern Hemisphere seasons reversed, festive season celebrations Down Under center around the outdoors: a holiday barbecue feast by the beach or the New Year's Eve fireworks from a luxury cruiser on Sydney Harbour are just the start of the festive season fun to be had. The Southern Hemisphere summer months (December through to March) are a popular time to visit this beautiful part of the world, and the peak travel season for locals too, so our top tip is always to book early for preferred arrangements.

Get together with nearest and dearest or simply to get away from it all - Southern Crossings' Travel Designers can find your perfect place and pace in Australia and New Zealand, from a stunning private beachside "bach" (New Zealand for beach house) with room for all the crew or a five-star waterfront hotel with Sydney fireworks views. Memory-making itineraries might incorporate the Sydney Harbour fireworks (including a night at the Sydney Opera House, at coveted waterside tables or aboard a luxury yacht on the harbor), some of the region's most luxurious lodges and spectacular private villas in idyllic hideaway settings, and rejuvenating stays surrounded by the technicolor treasures of Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

Stay a little longer and enjoy Boxing Day and the Sydney to Hobart yacht race; the Sydney Festival, a three-week celebration of summer with outdoor entertainment; and all of the Grand Slam action with the Australian Open Tennis tournament in Melbourne.



[Resplendent Ceylon](#) - Year-End and New Starts in Sri Lanka

The end of the year marks a special part of Resplendent Ceylon's festivities. Whilst the recent times have brought on many challenges, their resort teams hold on to the idea of hope and gratitude and will infuse any stay with such. As the holiday season draws close, Resplendent Ceylon invites you to indulge in the festive spirit with them. Share the joy and quality time with loved ones, whether it's enjoying a glass of wine by the warming fireplace at Ceylon Tea Trails, a sit-down dinner beneath the starry skies at Wild Coast Tented Lodge or decking the Christmas tree at the front lawn at Cape Weligama.

There's still time to reserve space during the festive period - these award-winning resorts are ideal for an intimate family getaway and are even more special when experienced with loved ones. Resplendent Ceylon's incredibly warm and welcoming team look forward to celebrating this season with you!



[The Drisco](#) - A Historic Holiday in Tel Aviv

Experience the historic American-German Colony in Tel Aviv while enjoying a sumptuous homebase at The Drisco, a landmark heritage property from the Ottoman era that has been lovingly restored as a dignified 42-room hotel. Everything about The Drisco exudes romance and sophistication, making for a memorable holiday away. From the chic, square-tiled patio to the minimalist interior design to the spacious, well-appointed rooms, you'll feel ensconced in a warm hospitality that is always luxurious, but never over the top.

Get away from the cold at home, and into the warm Tel-Avivan sun, where you can spend time at Jaffa's holy places, welcome the sunset with complimentary drinks or treat yourself to a luscious massage at the Daria Spa before a spectacular dinner at George and John (Chef Tomer Tal and his team have just won #9 at Middle East & North Africa's 50 Best Restaurants). Shop in the stylish Neve Tzedek neighborhood for holiday gifts. And don't miss the chance to take a private hotel guest tour during which you'll learn the inspiring story of the American-German Colony and the former Jerusalem hotel. The surrounding area is particularly romantic during the holiday season, with lively winter festivals, Christmas balls, concerts and tours of Old Jaffa, the Sarona Market area and the White City.



[Ventours](#): Discover Diwali in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka

Festivals are a way of life in the east and when you join in the celebration, you're embracing the region's culture and religion. Ventours has the integral connections that allow clients to attend festivals few ever have the chance to experience. Diwali - just one example - is celebrated across India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. On October 24th, the Festival of Lights shines throughout every village, town and city. Thousands of lit lamps symbolize the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. In India, celebrate Hindu culture and mingle with locals, take a boat ride at sunset on the Ganges in Varanasi, watch as priests chant and recite rituals. The indigenous Tharu village in Chitwan National Park in Nepal livens up with song and dance, while in Sri Lanka, there's much pomp and circumstance in Colombo, where everyone gathers at a historic 19th-century temple to offer prayers.

With fondest wishes,

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