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Press Briefing | Christmas 2014

Christmas is coming and London is having a festive makeover! Enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights, festive markets, outdoor ice skating and much more.

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Winter Wonderland

The ultimate Christmas celebration is back in Hyde Park this winter. [Read more...](#)



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Natural History Museum Ice Rink

Celebrate the 10th year of this spectacular ice rink. [Read more...](#)

Spot the Christmas lights!

This Christmas, London is putting on a show, with wonderful Christmas lights all around the city.

Head to the bustling West End where **Oxford St**, **Bond St**, and **Regent St** will dazzle you with world famous light displays.

Don't forget to stop by **Carnaby Street**, **Covent Garden**, **Greenwich** and the glamorous **Duke of York Square** in Chelsea for more magical light displays and festive fun.

Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Natural History Museum Ice Rink

30 Oct 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

Go ice-skating at the Natural History Museum and experience a magical winter haven in the heart of the city. Now in its 10th year, the spectacular rink is nestled in front of the iconic South Kensington Museum, beneath 80,000 twinkling fairy lights and around a 40-foot-high tree. Visit the interactive Christmas chalet, with chocolatey treats, prize

giveaways and activities. For more information press@nhm.ac.uk

Ice Rink Canary Wharf

1 Nov 2014 – 28 Feb 2015

Nestled under the soaring buildings of Canada Square, Ice Rink Canary Wharf is back for a whole load of winter fun. Unlike other venues, this ice rink has an adjoining skating path that winds its way under trees lit with fairy lights. There is a bar available for skaters and non-skaters, who can watch all the action from the viewing terrace. For more information contact marketing@icerinkcanarywharf.co.uk

Skate at Somerset House Ice Rink

11 Nov 2014 – 11 Jan 2015

Make the most of the wintry weather as one of London's most beautiful outdoor ice rinks returns for Skate at Somerset House. In partnership with Fortnum & Mason, this icy experience is open all day and well into the evening, when the rink comes alive with special club nights featuring top DJs. You can enhance your experience with 'Skate Extras', which range from champagne and truffles to cream tea in Fortnum's Lodge. Cocktails and fondue can also be savoured. On Tuesdays, you can enjoy late-night browsing in the pop-up Fortnum & Mason store, live entertainment and festive treats. For more information contact press@somersethouse.org.uk

Eyeskate at the London Eye

15 Nov 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

Warm up this winter with a skate around Eyeskate at the London Eye. This spectacular ice rink on the South Bank returns for the fifth year with plenty of festive fun and wintry activities. As well as enjoying a 45-minute ice skating session in the shadow of the London Eye you can book a flight on the London Eye with a Winter Cocktail Experience or go on a Frosty Guided Experience. For more information contact pressoffice@londoneye.com

Westfield London Ice Rink

20 Nov 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

Skate along to the sounds of live music and enjoy special themed sessions at Westfield London's stunning ice rink in its central atrium this winter. Listen to soundtracks from resident DJs and live acts on the stage while gliding across the ice. There will be themed sessions to enjoy and extra-long sessions available for those who can't get enough of the wintry fun! The rink is suitable for everyone aged from three years old, with fun penguin- and seal-themed stabilisers available for those who are less steady on their skates. For more information contact Gwyn.Davis@westfield-uk.com

Hampton Court Palace Ice Rink

21 Nov 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

The Hampton Court Palace Ice Rink returns this festive period for another skating season. Put on your ear muffs, gloves and skates, grab someone's hand and have some fun this Christmas. The outdoor ice rink at Hampton Court offers spectacular views of the magnificent palace that Henry VIII once lived in. Book an evening session to see the palace lit up after dark while you skate under the evening stars! The Ice Bar & Café provides a welcome place to warm up after your skate, serving a selection of winter drinks and festive snacks. For more information contact press@hrp.orh.uk

Exhibitions

Christmas Past

Geffrye Museum, 25 Nov 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

Each year, the Geffrye Museum's eleven period living rooms are transformed with authentic festive decorations, lighting, music and greenery to give visitors a magical glimpse into how Christmas has been celebrated in English middle-class homes over the past 400 years. A perennial favourite, many visitors say that the Christmas Past exhibition has become an essential part of their own Yuletide traditions. Step back through the centuries and discover the origins and meanings of some of the rich and vibrant traditions of Christmas past, from feasting, dancing and kissing under the mistletoe to playing parlour games, hanging up stockings, sending cards, decorating the tree and throwing cocktail parties. Festive food will be served in the café and visitors can browse for unusual gifts, cards and Christmas decorations in the shop. For more information contact press@geffrye-museum.org.uk

The First World War in the Air

Royal Air Force Museum, to open in December 2014

A brand new permanent exhibition will open in December 2014 in the museum's historic Grahame-White Factory: this Grade II listed building was an active aircraft factory during the First World War. The Museum site in North London has a rich history and played an important role in the early development of British aviation. English aviation pioneer Claude Grahame-White described the area as 'the birthplace of aerial power.' The exhibition will explore what it was like to be involved in the earliest days of military aviation through the story of Britain's air services, the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Service. These two organisations merged on 1 April 1918 to become the world's first

independent air force, the Royal Air Force. This story will incorporate the experiences of pilots, ground crews and factory workers as well as the local North London community. For more information contact media@rafmuseum.org

Small Stories: At Home in a Dolls' House

V&A Museum of Childhood, 13 Dec 2014 - 6 Sept 2015 This exhibition will reveal the fascinating stories behind some of the UK's best-loved dolls' houses, taking you on a journey through the history of the home, everyday lives and changing family relationships. The small stories of 12 dolls' houses from the past 300 years will be brought to life by the characters that live or work there. Come and meet the residents, and discover tales of marriages and parties, politics and crime. The exhibition encompasses country mansions, the Georgian town house, suburban villas, newly-built council estates and high-rise apartments. The houses will also show developments in architecture and design. For more information contact j.bolitho@vam.ac.uk

Entertainment

Edward Scissorhands

Sadler's Wells, 2 Dec 2014 - 11 Jan 2015

Devised, directed and choreographed by Sadler's Wells Associate Artist Matthew Bourne this delightful dance adaptation of the classic Tim Burton motion picture returns for a six week season this Christmas. The iconic title role will be played by popular, Dominic North (Sleeping Beauty) and Liam Mower (Billy Elliot). Featuring the beautiful and unmistakable music of Danny Elfman and Terry Davies, this touching love story tells the bittersweet modern fairy-tale of a boy created with only scissors for hands, left alone to fend for himself in a strange new suburban world. For more information contact rob.james@sadlerswells.com

The Wind in the Willows

Vaudeville Theatre, 2 Dec 2014 - 17 Jan 2015

This joyful production brings to life Kenneth Grahame's classic tale of four unlikely anthropomorphic friends - a mole, a rat, a badger, and of course, a toad - who join up to save the latter's ancestral home from being overrun. A parable that stresses the importance of friendships, despite differences, this will be a fantastic treat for theatre fans, young or old. For more information contact general@nimaxtheatres.com

Treasure Island

National Theatre, 3 Dec 2014 - 19 Feb 2015

It's a dark, stormy night. The stars are out. Jim, the inn-keeper's granddaughter, opens the door to a terrifying stranger. At the old sailor's feet sits a huge sea-chest, full of secrets. Jim invites him in - and her dangerous voyage begins. This winter, Robert Louis Stevenson's story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life on the Olivier stage in a thrilling new adaptation by Bryony Lavery. For more information contact press@nationaltheatre.org.uk

Tristan und Isolde

Royal Opera House, 5 - 21 Dec 2014

Tristan and Isolde have fallen in love - but Tristan has promised that Isolde will marry his uncle, King Marke. Isolde offers Tristan a deathly potion. Rather than bring death, it binds them still closer together. Richard Wagner described Tristan and Isolde as 'the most audacious and original work of my life'. The opera is a landmark in Western music. Wagner's musical innovations, daring use of harmony and depiction of extreme emotions have influenced generations of artists. The opera draws on the Celtic legend of Tristan and Iseult, and explores the theme of eternal love through sublime music. For more information contact ann.richards@roh.org.uk

The Merchant of Venice

Almeida Theatre, 5 Dec 2014 - 14 Feb 2015

In a collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Rupert Goold's production of Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, relocates one of Shakespeare's most controversial plays to the bright lights of Las Vegas in a whirlwind of glitter, gambling and greenbacks. Former Almeida Artistic Director Ian McDiarmid will play Shylock, alongside a cast that includes Jamie Beamish, Rebecca Brewer, Susannah Fielding, Scott Handy, Caroline Martin and Emily Plumtree. The production was originally presented by the RSC in 2011, and features designs by Tom Scutt, lighting by Rick Fisher, music by Adam Cork, sound by Gregory Clarke, choreography by Scott Ambler and orchestrations by Alex Baranowski. For more information contact on info@thecornershoppr.com

Cats

London Palladium, 6 Dec 2014 - 28 Feb 2015

The multi-award-winning global hit returns to the West End stage after 14 years with old favourites and updated songs for a 12-week run. Written by Lloyd Webber and featuring a classic score, the show is based on T.S. Eliot's work Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. It tells the story of a cat tribe known as The Jellicles. Colourful, energetic and with outstanding choreography, this magical show continues to enchant audiences. For more information visit london.catsthemusical.com

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Royal Opera House, 6 Dec 2014 – 16 Jan 2015

Joby Talbot's score combines contemporary soundworlds with sweeping melodies that gesture to ballet scores of the 19th century. Bob Crowley's wildly imaginative sets and costumes draw on puppetry, projections and masks to make Wonderland wonderfully real. Alice encounters a cast of extraordinary characters, from the highly-strung Queen of Hearts, who performs a hilarious send-up of The Sleeping Beauty's famous Rose Adage, to dancing playing cards, a sinuous caterpillar and a tap-dancing Mad Hatter. For more information contact kate.davis@roh.org.uk

Golem

Young Vic, 9 Dec 2014 – 21 Jan 2015

The danger lies not in machine becoming more like man but in man becoming more like machine. Following the smash hit The Animals and Children took to the Streets, this UK premiere from 1927 is one of the most anticipated new shows of 2014. Blending stunningly original animation with entrancing music and live performance, Golem explores one of the great questions of the modern world - what happens when mankind and machines become inextricably intertwined? For more information contact charlottebayley@youngvic.org

The Nutcracker

London Coliseum, 11 Dec 2014 - 04 Jan 2015

Journey back in time with English National Ballet to a frost-covered, gas-lit London and join Clara, her Nutcracker doll and the magician Drosselmeyer in this traditional, festive tale for all the family. In a world of Edwardian elegance, Nutcracker brings to life the eternally popular Tchaikovsky score featuring the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Waltz of the Flowers. This classical production is a magical, memorable and unmissable Christmas treat. For more information contact sparsons@eno.org

The Way Back Home

Young Vic, 11 – 23 Dec 2014

The Way Back Home traces the intergalactic journey of a boy who, on discovering an aeroplane in his cupboard, flies off towards the stars in search of adventure. Things go horribly wrong when he runs out of fuel and crash lands on the moon. Hungry, afraid and unsure how he will get home, the boy meets a friendly Martian who is also marooned on the moon. Together they devise a plan to help each other. For more information contact charlottebayley@youngvic.org

The Little Match Girl

Sadler's Wells, 13 Dec 2014 - 4 Jan 2015

Celebrated choreographer Arthur Pita brings his magical dance theatre show The Little Match Girl to the Lilian Baylis Studio this Christmas. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, this touching tale of a young street girl's hopes and dreams is beautifully told through dance, song and original live music. A snowy stage sets the scene for an icy cold Christmas Eve, where the little match girl paces the emptying streets, trying to sell her matches. Cold, hungry and with just one final match flame to keep her warm, she sees a vision of her beloved grandmother. Leaving her troubled life behind, she is guided up into the night sky by her grandmother who takes her to the moon. For more information contact contact@arthurpita.com

City of Angels

Donmar Warehouse, 16 Dec 2014 – 07 Feb 2015

Two decades after its London premier, Donmar artistic director Josie Rourke revives one of the acknowledged greats of twentieth century musical theatre. Hollywood comes calling for a New York novelist. The offer is too good to refuse: adapt the private detective protagonist of his books into a big-screen hero. The siren song of Los Angeles is a dangerous temptation and while his movie plays out in black and white, his new life is all-too colourful. With a sensational jazz score by Cy Coleman, lyrics from David Zippel and book by acclaimed comic screenwriter Larry Gelbart, City of Angels, is a witty and glorious celebration of film noir. For more information contact office@joallanpr.com

Christmas Events and Shopping

Hogwarts in the snow

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter, 4 Nov 2014 – 01 Jan 2015

Celebrate the festive season Harry Potter style with Hogwarts at Christmas at the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter. Ensuring things are even more magical than usual, the most amazing snowfall of the season hits Hogwarts. Get up close to the stunning model castle used in the Harry Potter films as it's covered in a blanket of special effects snow for the Christmas period. The many intricately detailed sets in the studio are also given a Christmas makeover as props and decorations used in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone are brought out of storage. There's also the chance to marvel at the eight Christmas trees that line the Great Hall, alongside festoons of holly, mistletoe and golden wreaths. For more information contact Sarah.L.Mitchell@warnerbros.com

Southbank Centre's Winter Festival

Southbank Centre, 11 Nov 2014 – 11 Jan 2015

The Southbank Centre's Winter Festival returns for a second year, focused around the theme of the Gift of Giving. Invoking the spirit of Charles Dickens, the festival celebrates the importance of generosity and giving at this special time of year. The Southbank's 21-acre site has been transformed into a magical landscape with giant illuminated white rabbits, a Christmas Tree Maze, bustling markets and twinkling Christmas lights. The programme is packed with generosity, fun and entertainment for all ages – from world-class theatrical performances and festive concerts, to free social dances, community choirs and activities that explore the joy of giving. For more information contact press@southbankcentre.co.uk

Southbank Centre Christmas Market

Southbank Centre, 11 Nov 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

Explore the annual Southbank Centre Christmas Market, which features traditionally decorated wooden chalets selling a wide range of unique hand-crafted gifts as well as food and drink. Feast on mince pies and mulled wine as you browse the twinkling cabins that line the riverside. The German-style market offers affordable and quirky gifts for family and friends as well as traditional festive treats. Southbank Centre's Christmas Market is part of the Southbank Centre's Winter Festival, where you can also enjoy Christmas shows, as well as free music and events. For more information contact press@southbankcentre.co.uk

Winter Wonderland

Hyde Park, 21 Nov 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

Winter Wonderland provides fun, laughter and excitement for both adults and children. Skate around the stunning ice rink which circles the Victorian bandstand, enter the Magical Ice Kingdom with its 'ice forest' of frozen sculptures and gleaming ice castle, and enjoy the acrobatic wonders of shows at Zippos Circus and Cirque Beserk. If you're a thrill-seeker, there are plenty of rides to try. Younger children can enjoy gentle activities such as carousels, helter skelters and funhouses. Older children and adults, meanwhile, will love the adrenaline-fuelled rollercoasters. Tokens for these rides can be purchased at dedicated token booths. For something more sedate, take a seat on the observation wheel for a flight 60m above London, offering stunning views of the city's skyline. For more information contact anna@akhcommunications.com

Bicester Village

Bicester, 28 Nov 2014

This winter, Bicester Village – located just an hour from London – is offering an unforgettable Christmas shopping experience. In time for the festive season, it will undergo a magical transformation from a charming village-style setting to an enchanted winter wonderland.

Bicester Village is inviting its guests to 'Step into the Story', inspiring shoppers to create their personal gifting stories within its fairy-tale setting, featuring visually stunning, larger-than-life story books, mystical winter animals and seasonal food pop-ups. There will even be Bicester Village Hosts on hand to assist with every festive shopping need and distribute surprise gifts to lucky guests.

On Friday 28 November: Bicester Village will be throwing open its doors until midnight for Black Friday, where guests can enjoy mulled wine and other treats, discover exclusive offers, and browse the Village's extensive collection of brands for longer to find those perfect gifts.

Throughout the Christmas period, Bicester Village will present entertainment on Monday and Thursday afternoons. The performances will create a magical photo opportunity where guests will have the chance to interact with the performers and Step into the Story. For more information contact HPeters@ValueRetail.com

Chelsea Physic Garden

Chelsea, 29 Nov 2014

There will be plenty of festive fun this Christmas at Chelsea Physic Garden.

Join the Christmas Fair on 29/30 November, enjoy some seasonal treats and find original gifts. You'll also be able to find the perfect presents and enjoy some seasonal discounts on the Festive Shopping Days (2-5 December, 8-12 December). For more information contact lmiddleton@chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk

Seven Dials and St Martin's Courtyard Christmas Shopping Event

Seven Dials, 4 Dec 2014

On Thursday 4th December all the shops, bars and restaurants in Seven Dials and St Martins Courtyard will offer 20% discount from 5-9pm. Additional free fun activity, music, food and drinks are also available on the evening. All you need to do to register is head to the website for a free ticket. For more information contact Sophia Amos

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Shepherd Market

Mayfair, 4 Dec 2014

Tucked away between Piccadilly and Park Lane, an idiosyncratic, bohemian little enclave exists of fascinating alleyways and pedestrianised side streets which are full of an eclectic mix of upmarket boutiques, shops, bars and restaurants: Shepherd Market. Join on the event on 4 December from 6pm to see the Christmas lights being switched on by a very special guest! For more information contact Kasia@fuelrefuel.com

More London Christmas Market at the Scoop

More London Estate, 8 Dec 2014 – 21 Dec 2014

Find unique and unusual gifts, and enjoy foods from around the world at the free More London Christmas Market. The market at More London Riverside features local businesses and stalls, where you can browse for Christmas gifts such

as fashion accessories and handmade crafts. There's also a range of hot food and foodie treats to buy. The setting for the market is More London Riverside with stunning views of Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. For more information contact events@mail-morelondonstates.co.uk

Christmas Carols in Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square, 8 Dec 2014 – 23 Dec 2014

The season gets thoroughly jolly as the sound of Christmas carol favourites ring out across Trafalgar Square. Resembling something of a winter wonderland with the world-famous Christmas tree in place (an annual gift from Norway since 1947), the scene is set for an atmospheric recital of classics from the carol book. From Deck the Halls and Good King Wenceslas to Ding Dong Merrily on High and The Holly and the Ivy, various tuneful groups sing their Christmas socks off to raise much needed cash for charity. With warming refreshments to be found nearby, all the ingredients are in place for the perfect countdown to Christmas. For more information contact

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St Martin-In-The-Fields

Trafalgar Square, December 2014

There will be plenty to do this Christmas at St Martin-In-The-Fields.

On 16 December, the church will offer Community Carols, told by those who live and work around Trafalgar Square. Carol concerts will continue throughout the month and will be topped off by three jazz nights on the 3rd, 10th, 17th December.

The Christmas shop will be open until 24 December and the Café in the Crypt will be serving festive food, with mulled wine and mince pies. For more information contact Julie.Emig@smiff.org

Festive Hotel Packages and Restaurant Offers

K West Hotel & Spa

Shepherd's Bush, 1 Oct 2014 – 31 Jan 2015

This winter, K West Hotel & Spa will be offering stressed shoppers the chance to pamper themselves with a luxurious Christmas package. Put the sparkle back into stressful Christmas shopping this December with K West's 'Shop n' Sparkle' Christmas Package, running until 31st January 2015. This will include an overnight stay in an Executive guestroom, full English breakfast, VIP Westfield Shopping Pass, a winter cocktail in the stylish K Lounge and a 30-minute glittery manicure or pedicure – the perfect antidote for lugging heavy Christmas shopping bags! For more information contact Lucy@luxep.com

Bulgari Hotel

Knightsbridge, until 4 Jan 2015

Alain Ducasse, the internationally renowned chef will create a unique hot chocolate pop-up bar within The Spirit Room at the Bulgari Hotel & Residences, London. Exclusive to Bulgari, the hot chocolate will be made using Alain Ducasse's hand crafted chocolate from his Paris based factory 'La Manufacture de Chocolat'. The bar will serve individual cups of freshly grated dark chocolate (75% cocoa solids) and milk chocolate which guests can mix with warm milk to their desired strength. A percentage of each hot chocolate sale will be donated to Save the Children. Guests can also pick up a traditional mini 'Bûche de Noël' from the pastry counter to take home or to accompany the hot chocolate or a glass of 'champagne. For more information contact laurau@bacchus-pr.com

St James's Hotel & Club

Mayfair, 17 Nov 2014 – 6 Jan 2015

St James's Hotel & Club has Christmas all wrapped up, with a tailor-made shopping package that includes an overnight stay with breakfast and a special gift for each guest!

Unwind in your room and enjoy a glass of Champagne on arrival, before venturing out to explore the wonders of St James's and Mayfair with its iconic Christmas window displays and traditional festive decorations. Discover the fashion boutiques with your very own in-store personal shopper to find that special something. Retreat to the hotel and relax in the stunning surroundings of William's Bar & Bistro, for an indulgent afternoon tea for two, compliments of award-winning Michelin-starred chef William Drabble. For more information contact lottie@rochecom.com

Babylon Restaurant at the Roof Garden

Kensington, 17 Nov 2014 – 30 Dec 2014

Celebrate Christmas with friends and family at Babylon Restaurant this festive season.

Diners will be treated to a festive menu featuring the best of the season's ingredients. This year's Christmas menu will include a delicious selection of starters, mains, coffee and desserts for groups of 6 or more from Monday to Friday lunch and dinner, and Saturday to Sunday dinner only. In addition to the mouth-watering dishes, Christmas crackers and seasonal atmosphere, every Tuesday night guests will also be able to enjoy live jazz. For more information contact Charlotte.Dollin@roofgardens.virgin.com

Grosvenor House JW Marriott

Park Lane, 21 Nov 2014 – 31 Dec 2014

Leave the winter chills behind and get in the festive spirit with Christmas Afternoon Tea at Grosvenor House, A JW Marriott Hotel. Launching on Friday 21st November until New Year's Eve, a selection of traditional, festive finger

sandwiches and Christmas pastries will accompany the home baked scones and a special Christmas tea blend. An overnight package is also available, which includes an overnight stay with breakfast and Christmas Afternoon Tea. For more information contact mhrs.longh.dopr@marriott-hotels.com

The Doyle Collection

22 Nov 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

This Christmas get into the festive spirit with the 'Discover London Christmas Package' available at the Marylebone Hotel, the Kensington Hotel and the Bloomsbury Hotel. The package will include full English breakfast, mulled wine or hot chocolate on arrival, festive treat at turndown, zone 1 & 2 travel card for 1 day, £10 food and drink credit, early check-in and late check-out and a dedicated Christmas Concierge. For more information contact.lr@verypcc.com

Inamo, Inamo St James

Soho, 24 Nov 2014 – 24 Dec 2014

To celebrate your Christmas, Inamo & Inamo St James, innovative oriental fusion restaurants, will serve you a 4 course menu (with 3 choices per course) and offer everything from creating your own virtual tablecloth images, to tasty canapés, sushi making, sake tasting, and Magic Circle magicians. For more information, contact gloria.castillo@inamo-restaurant.com

Balthazar

Covent Garden

Beautifully presented and brimming with indulgent festive must-haves, there's nothing quite like receiving a Christmas Hamper on a frosty winter's day, when it's too cold out to venture forth. Highlights include mince pie petits fours, mint chocolate macaroons, stollen, a Chocolate Christmas bauble with chocolate and fruit & nut clusters as well as a classic Christmas pudding. For more information contact press@caprice-holdings.co.uk

Brown's Hotel

Mayfair, 15 Dec 2014 – 5 Jan 2015

This winter, Brown's Hotel will be partnering with Globe-Trotter for the design of their festive decorations. Globe-Trotter will add touches of contemporary travel to the festive decorations, adorning the traditional Christmas tree with bespoke miniature suitcases. A Brown's Bespoke Traveller package will also be on offer including an overnight stay in a suite, a bottle of champagne and a bespoke 21 inch Globe-Trotter suitcase. Guests will be contacted 3 weeks in advance of their stay in order to style their own Globe-Trotter suitcase, choosing preferred colours for the outside of the suitcase, the lining, the clasps and personalised monogramming. For more information contact sdarley@roccofortehotels.com

Tuttons

Covent Garden,

This Christmas, join the team at Tuttons to enjoy a delicious 3 course festive menu.

Featuring great seasonal dishes, this festive menu will be enjoyed by everyone! Situated in the heart of Covent Garden, the restaurant offers a stunning backdrop and you will be able to choose between the main restaurant and one of the private dining rooms. For more information contact Laura.Hammond@cgrestartaurants.com

Vinopolis

Bankside, 1 Dec 2014 – 23 Dec 2014

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than sampling a range of wines from across the world? Vinopolis will make you feel at home this festive season with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to enjoy as part of your Essential, Classic or Quintessential Wine Tasting Package this December. For more information contact

NL@betterbankside.co.uk

Roast

London Bridge

Right in the heart of Borough Market, Roast restaurant will be celebrating the festive season by capturing the essence of a traditional Christmas. Head Chef Marcus Verberne's carefully crafted menu focuses on the quality of each ingredient, all of which are sourced within the UK and feature classic favourites, with a few twists along the way. Highlights from this year's menu include slow-grown, free-range turkey, butternut squash soup, pressed game terrine with Cumberland sauce and hot smoked salmon salad, served with shaved Brussels sprouts, soft-boiled quail's eggs and capers. Choose from desserts such as the classic roast Christmas pudding, prepared from a third generation recipe, and mulled wine poached pears with whipped Stilton cream and honey-roasted walnuts. For more information contact NL@betterbankside.co.uk

L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon

Covent Garden

To celebrate the festive season, Xavier Boyer, Executive Head Chef at the Michelin-starred L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon, has created two truly memorable dinner menus. Chef Boyer has created an intricate and sophisticated seven course Christmas menu using traditionally festive ingredients in a courageous way, including Sologne Imperial caviar on salmon tartar, poached turbot with champagne sauce and Le White, a stunning white chocolate sphere with poached pear, chestnut and black truffle mousse. The specially curated menu will be available for dinner on both Christmas Eve and Boxing Day. To celebrate the New Year, Xavier Boyer has created an equally spectacular seven course tasting menu including La Saint Jacques, a scallop tartar with chopped black truffle; Le Homard D'ecosse,

Scottish lobster with sweet corn and puffy, crispy rice; and Le Wagyu, tender Japanese top grade Wagyu beef with warm wasabi and harlequin peppers. For more information contact SM@redkitepr.com

The Stafford London

Piccadilly

This Christmas, make your party memorable at the Stafford London. The festive package will include: a glass of champagne on arrival, a three course set lunch or dinner, half a bottle house wine per person, still or sparkling water, Christmas decorations and Christmas crackers. For more information contact emily.davies@thestaffordlondon.com

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