

# CHRISTMAS GLAMOUR AND GASTRONOMY AT HOTEL RITZ, MADRID

**Madrid, 1 November 2017** – <u>Hotel Ritz, Madrid</u> will be the life and soul of the Spanish capital's Christmas and New Year celebrations again this year. A highlight will be the Great Gatsby-themed New Year's Eve Gala Dinner. Special celebratory menus will be offered for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Epiphany Eve and Epiphany Day too, and the five-star hotel is offering guests four luxury accommodation packages for the festive period.

With its Christmas markets, huge skating rink and magnificent Christmas tree, central Madrid becomes an enchanted wonderland during the winter holidays. LED lights created by leading architects and fashion designers illuminate the city's streets adding to the party atmosphere, along with parades, live music events and shows.

Offering some of the city's best gastronomy and live music within one of its most glamourous settings, Hotel Ritz, Madrid will be at the heart of the celebrations as it has been for the past 107 years. It's Executive Chef, Jorge González, has created a series of special set menus for key dates during the festive season, with exotic palette cleansing sorbets served mid-meal. Paired wines and champagne have been selected by Gemma Vela, Sommelier at Hotel Ritz, Madrid, who holds the title, Best Sommelier in Spain, from the Royal Academy of Gastronomy.

## **Christmas Eve Dinner (24 December)**

For Christmas Eve Dinner, rare delicacies such as Ravioli of Seasonal Mushrooms, Royal Crab and Beluga Caviar, and Lamb Medallions and Truffle Seasonal Vegetables will be served, and for dessert, Classic Christmas Log and Panettone Ice Cream. Cakes, sweets and other Christmas Temptations will be offered too. Paired wines and champagnes will include Bollinger Special Cuvée. Live music will be performed.

Price per person: 295€ / Children under 12: 130€ / VAT included



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#### Christmas and New Year Brunch (25 December/1 January)

The famous *Ritz Sunday Brunch* becomes a magnificent banquet for those celebrating on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Served in the elegant Alfonso XIII room, the brunches will include beautifully prepared meat, fish, rice, stews, oysters and seafood, as well as Steak Tartar, Beef Wellington and other favourites. Paired wines and champagnes on offer will include Laurent-Perrier "La Cuvée" Brut for *Christmas Brunch* and Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial for *New Year's Brunch*.

Children will have an entertainment area and their own selection of treats, so they can have fun while their parents take pleasure in the magnificent buffet and live music. Price per person:  $210 \in$  / Children under 12:  $95 \in$  / VAT included

#### New Year's Eve (31 December)

One of Madrid's most sophisticated high society events, the hotel's New Year's Eve Gala Dinner will have a Great Gatsby theme this year, with guests invited to dress in 1920's fashions. Royal Consommé with Truffle, Lobster Medallions with Imperial Caviar, and Beef Wellington Gatsby Style will be among the lavish dishes served, with Baked Alaska and Christmas Temptations for dessert. Magnificent wine and champagne pairings will include Laurent-Perrier Millesimé. The hotel will be filled with live music, magic and surprises to welcome in 2018.

Price per person: 850€ / Children under 12: 395€ / VAT included

#### Epiphany's Eve Dinner and Dance (5 January)

Epiphany's Eve will be celebrated by the hotel with a menu that features Finely Sliced Beef with Christmas Spices, Grilled Crayfish, Baby Suckling Pig with Pumpkin, and other extravagant dishes, ending with Mixed Chocolate with Epiphany Cake Ice Cream, and Christmas Temptations. Fine wine and champagne pairings include D.O.Ca. Rioja. Guests can enjoy live music and dancing.

Price per person: 165  $\in$  / Children under 12: 75  $\in$  / VAT included



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# **Epiphany's Buffet Lunch (6 January)**

Epiphany is a special day for children in Spain, because that's when they receive their Christmas presents. A buffet lunch to suit both children and grown-ups will be on offer, along with an elegant selection of wines and champagnes, including Viña Real Crianza, and diners will be entertained with live music.

Price per person: 175€ / Children under 12: 85€ / VAT included

# Accommodation offers at Hotel Ritz, Madrid

*Holiday Season* promotion for one or two people: Superior Double Room and continental breakfast at the restaurant, available from 22 December 2017 to 8 January 2018, priced from  $346.50 \in$ .

*Christmas Eve Package* for two people on 24 December: Superior Double Room, Christmas Eve Dinner and continental breakfast at the restaurant, priced from  $964 \in$ .

*New Year's Eve Package* for two people on 31 December: Superior Double Room, New Year's Eve Gala Dinner, New Year's Eve Welcome Party and continental breakfast at the restaurant, priced from  $2,184 \in$ .

*Epiphany Package* for two people on 5 January: Superior Double room, Epiphany Dinner and continental breakfast at the restaurant, priced from  $676.50 \in$ .

## About Hotel Ritz, Madrid

An iconic landmark in the heart of Madrid's 'Golden Triangle' Hotel Ritz, Madrid combines high style and charm with legendary service. Its restaurants and bars are a constant buzz of activity, and provide a lively, central gathering place for Spanish high society and international guests alike. Its beautiful garden and terrace are especially popular over summer and springtime for tapas, Sunday brunch or cocktails after a walk through the Retiro Park.



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