

FESTIVE PROGRAMME 2026

Boas Festas



REID'S PALACE
A BELMOND HOTEL
MADEIRA

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A NOTE TO GUESTS

WELCOME TO REID'S PALACE, THE BEATING
HEART OF MADEIRA.

IT IS THE SEASON FOR CELEBRATION WITH
THOSE WHO MATTER MOST. GATHER WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS BENEATH THE MADEIRA
SUN, OVERLOOKING THE ATLANTIC WAVES.
ENJOY TIME TOGETHER WITH THIS ENTICING
PROGRAMME OF SEASONAL EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES, CREATED JUST FOR YOU.

WARMEST REGARDS

Eduardo Peregrino

GENERAL MANAGER

In-House Activities

AFTERNOON TEA FESTIVE EDITION IN COLLABORATION WITH FRANÇOIS PERRET

From 1 December to 6 January, the hotel presents a special edition of this iconic experience, created by Reid's Palace Pastry Chef, António Morgado Santos, in collaboration with François Perret, one of the most renowned French pastry chefs of our time, celebrated for creating some of the world's most remarkable hotel desserts.

1 DECEMBER TO 6 JANUARY

14:00 - 16:30

Dress code: Elegant Casual

€80 per person

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Christmas Eve begins with a welcome cocktail, accompanied by Christmas carols in the hotel lobby. Afterwards, celebrate Christmas Eve with a festive dinner in the historic elegance of The Dining Room. Beneath sparkling chandeliers and accompanied by a live duo, enjoy a magical night complemented by a refined selection of wines.

DECEMBER 24TH

Cocktail: 19:00 | Dinner: 20:00

Dress code: Elegant Chic

**4-course dinner and dessert buffet,
including wine pairing**

€280 per adult

€80 per child

Click [here](#) to book

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Celebrate Christmas Day with a delightful brunch buffet at the Pool Terrace Restaurant, set against the serene backdrop of our pools. Revel in the festive atmosphere as a musical duo performs live tunes, creating the perfect ambience for this special occasion.

DECEMBER 25TH | 12:30 to 17:00

Dress code: Elegant Casual

**Brunch buffet, welcome drink, soft drinks,
water, coffee, and tea are included.**

€100 per adult

€50 per child

Click [here](#) to book

In-House Activities

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER – THE DINING ROOM

Step into the glamour of a magical and enchanted Forest this New Year's Eve at Reid's Palace for an unforgettable celebration. The evening begins with a welcome cocktail and live entertainment in the main lobby, setting the tone for a night of elegance and mysterious charm. In The Dining Room, savour a sumptuous five-course dinner while being serenaded by a live band. As midnight approaches, enjoy the magic of Funchal's world-famous fireworks display, illuminating the city, mountains, and ocean in spectacular style. The celebration continues at the stylish 1891 Bar, where an exclusive after-party awaits with live music, DJ, and open bar until 1 am.

DECEMBER 31ST

Cocktail: 19:30 | Dinner: 20:00

Dress code: Black tie or dark suit

Welcome cocktail at the Lobby

5-course menu, including selected wines and Veuve Clicquot during dinner

After party at 1891 Bar (Open Bar included until 01:00)

€550 per adult

€275 per child

Click [here](#) to book

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER – MICHELIN-STARRED WILLIAM RESTAURANT

This glamorous evening begins with a welcome cocktail and live entertainment in the main lobby, setting the stage for an exquisite night. A five-course culinary journey awaits you in the Michelin-starred William Restaurant, where breathtaking ocean and city views are enhanced by the voices of a magnificent duo. As the clock strikes midnight, prepare to witness Funchal's spectacular fireworks extravaganza, a dazzling eight-minute display recognized as the "largest fireworks show in the world." Afterward, join the exclusive after-party at the stylish 1891 Bar, where you can dance the night away to a live band and DJ, enjoying an open bar until 1 am. Prepare for an immersive experience of glitz, glamour, and unforgettable moments!

DECEMBER 31ST

Cocktail: 19:30 | Dinner: 20:00

Dress code: Black tie or dark suit

Welcome cocktail at the Lobby

5-course menu, including selected wines

After party at 1891 Bar (Open Bar until 01:00)

€650 per adult

€325 per child

Click [here](#) to book

In-House Activities

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER – RISTORANTE VILLA CIPRIANI

An unforgettable evening awaits, beginning with a welcome cocktail and live entertainment at the main lobby.

The celebration moves to Ristorante Villa Cipriani, where a special five-course menu will be served and accompanied by a magnificent live duo to enhance the Italian ambience. As the clock strikes midnight, prepare to witness Funchal's spectacular fireworks extravaganza, a dazzling eight-minute display recognized as the "largest fire-works show in the world." Then, join us for an exclusive after-party at the stylish 1891 Bar. Dance the night away to a live band and DJ, with an open bar until 1 am. Get ready for an immersive experience of glitz, glamour, and unforgettable moments!

DECEMBER 31ST

Cocktail: 19:30 | Dinner: 20:00

Dress code: Black tie or dark suit

Welcome cocktail at the Lobby

5-course menu (drinks not included)

After party at 1891 Bar (Open Bar until 01:00)

€380 per adult

€190 per child

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Usher in the New Year with an elegant brunch affair at the Pool Terrace Restaurant. Impeccable service, a sublime buffet featuring the finest seasonal ingredients, expertly crafted Bloody Marys, refreshing detox juices, and the sophisticated stylings of a live musical duo await you in this exclusive poolside setting.

JANUARY 1ST | 12:30 to 17:00

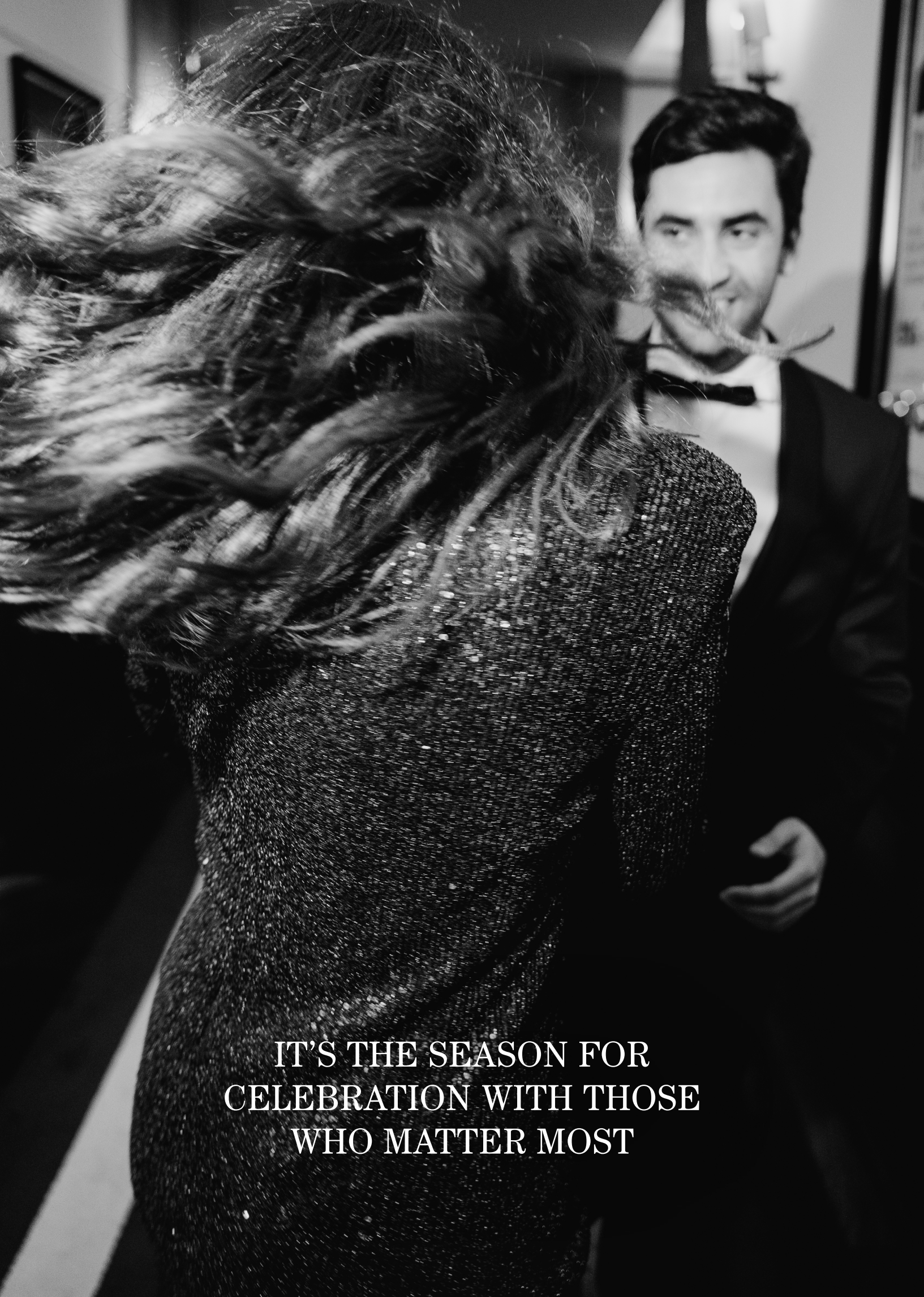
Dress code: Elegant Casual

Brunch buffet, soft drinks, water, coffee, and tea are included.

€100 per adult

€50 per child

Click [here](#) to book



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In-House Activities

TASTING OF MADEIRA CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Join our pastry experts and taste the traditional “broas”, authentic Madeiran Christmas cookies. As in other parts of the world, festive traditions remain strong among the island’s families and several delicacies are made only at this time of year. They include our famous cookies, prepared with treacle from the island’s sugar cane.

DECEMBER 20TH & 27TH | 11:00

Complimentary

Venue: Tea Library

Duration: 1 hour

WORKSHOP OF CARNE VINHO E ALHOS WITH CHEF ZÉLIA

Step into Madeira’s festive culinary heritage and learn how to create Carne de Vinho e Alhos, the island’s celebrated garlic and wine-marinated pork dish, in a hands-on workshop designed to share the flavours of a traditional Madeiran Christmas.

DECEMBER 21ST & 28TH | 12:00

Complimentary

Venue: Restaurant Brisa do Mar

Duration: 1 hour

Advance booking is essential

PAINT YOUR CHRISTMAS CERAMICS ORNAMENTS

Celebrate the season through creativity in a festive ornament-painting workshop. Guided by Madeiran artist Carolina Figueira, guests will personalise ceramic Christmas ornaments handcrafted by a local artisan, creating a unique keepsake inspired by Madeira’s artistic heritage and the magic of Christmas.

DECEMBER 21ST & 28TH | 16:00

Complimentary

Venue: Garden room

Duration: 1 hour

Advance booking is essential

TRADITIONAL NATIVITY MASS (MISSA DO PARTO) AT SÉ CATHEDRAL

Missa do Parto is one of Madeira’s most cherished Christmas traditions, celebrated in the days leading up to Christmas with early-morning masses honouring the journey to the Nativity. Join us for a special Missa do Parto at Funchal’s Sé Cathedral, followed by live music and traditional refreshments, including Carne de Vinho e Alhos sandwiches, tea and hot cocoa, in keeping with this beloved island custom.

DECEMBER 23TH | 7:30

Complimentary

Duration: 1.30 hour

Meeting point: Lobby at 7:00

Advance booking is essential

In-House Activities

TEA RITUAL EXPERIENCE WITH CINDY

Discover the timeless ritual of tea at Reid's Palace with Cindy, our Tea Expert. Learn the art of selecting and preparing fine teas while savouring our exclusive Christmas Tea Blend, specially crafted for the festive season.

DECEMBER 23TH & 30TH | 11:00

Complimentary

Venue: Tea Library

Duration: 1 hour

Advance booking is essential

MANAGER'S COCKTAIL & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come and meet the team over a festive cocktail while listening to rousing Christmas carols.

DECEMBER 24TH | 19:00

Complimentary

Venue: Lobby

Duration: 1 hour

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & SANTA CLAUS VISIT

Gather with your young family members in the Lobby, where the air will be filled with the joyous sounds of carols sung by a local choir. And get ready for a treat, because Santa Claus himself will be arriving to distribute Christmas presents to all the little ones!

DECEMBER 25TH | 11:30

Complimentary

Venue: Lobby

LIQUEUR WORKSHOP

Christmas in Madeira is a time when many households get busy making their own fruity liqueurs. Join our head barman to learn how to prepare one of these seasonal delicacies.

DECEMBER 26TH & JANUARY 2ND | 17:00

Complimentary

Venue: 1891 Bar

Duration: 1 hour

Advance booking is essential

STORYTIME

Hush now and listen to our wonderful Sofia – she'll take little ones into a world of dreams, love and friendship as she shares enchanting stories under our Christmas tree.

DECEMBER 24TH & 30TH | 16:00

Complimentary

Venue: Kids' Club

Duration: 1 hour

Advance booking is essential

In-House Activities

FIRST PLUNGE OF THE YEAR

Welcome the New Year with one of Madeira's most cherished traditions. Join the Reid's Palace team for the first dip of the year in the Atlantic Ocean and celebrate the start of a new chapter in a truly invigorating way. After your swim, enjoy warm towels, coffee, tea and hot chocolate served by the sea.

JANUARY 1ST | 8:00

Complimentary

Location: Sea Level

A JOURNEY THROUGH MADEIRA'S NATIVITY SCENES (PRESEPIOS)

Experience the magic of Madeira's Christmas heritage on a scenic journey through some of the island's most enchanting Nativity scenes. From the breathtaking viewpoints of Pico dos Barcelos to the festive displays of Curral das Freiras and Câmara de Lobos, discover authentic local traditions while savouring seasonal specialties, including chestnut liqueur, chestnut pastries, and the island's famous poncha.

DECEMBER 22ND & 29TH | 14:30

Price: €150 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Meeting point: Lobby

Minimum of 4 participants for the activity to take place. Maximum of 12.

Advance booking is highly recommended to guarantee your place.

For more details please contact our Guest Experience department.

DAZZLING TOUR OF FUNCHAL

Admire the magic of fairyland Funchal from the vantage point of a three-wheeled Tukxi. Hop into the dolce vita-style vehicle, inspired by the iconic Piaggio Ape Calessino, for a thrilling after-dark tour of the capital's festive decorations. This experience can be enjoyed on any day of your choice.

EVERYDAY

Price: €140 for two people

Duration: 1 hour

Meeting point: Lobby

Advance booking is highly recommended to guarantee your place

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A high-angle, close-up photograph of a group of people gathered around a low, white, rectangular table. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light emanating from a small lamp with a pleated white shade and a brass base. On the table, there are several glasses of wine, a small bowl of food, a glass of red liquid, and a small box of treats. The people are holding glasses and eating, creating a sense of celebration and social gathering. The background shows a patterned rug and a piece of furniture with a red, patterned fabric.

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Madeira Christmas Traditions

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas lights switch-on takes place in Funchal from December 1. Thousands of lights sparkle on decorations all over the streets, buildings, gardens and even the mountains of our beautiful island. Prepare to be amazed by the colour and creativity of the displays.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Madeira's festive markets are unique, not only for the beauty of the flowers on display, but also for the diversity of food, tropical fruits and the lively atmosphere. Visit Avenida Arriaga throughout December to be entranced. On December 23 each year, the farmers' market is home to the celebrated "Night at the Market", a last chance for people to do their Christmas shopping. As night falls, the streets close to traffic and thousands of people arrive to enjoy the buzzy atmosphere among stalls selling fresh produce, sweets, drinks, Christmas trees, floral decorations and other seasonal necessities. From 20:00 onwards, locals and visitors alike gather at the fish market to sing popular Christmas carols. With the bars open all night, the festivities continue until dawn.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Take your little ones to Funchal's Municipal Garden to go giddy over attractions including a long, wooden Christmas train, charming little houses, Santa's sleigh and more. Make sure to have your camera ready for a picture with the bearded man himself!

NATIVITY MASSES

One of the most remarkable events in Madeira's festive calendar sees nine masses celebrated at dawn each day from December 16th to 24th. Representing the term of the Virgin Mary's pregnancy, the occasion is accompanied by songs of devotion and praise. When the mass is over, it continues in the churchyard with Christmas songs, food and drinks.

NATIVITY SCENES

The traditional nativity scene, called lapinha or presépio, features a simple setting with the infant Jesus standing at the top of a short flight of steps decorated with fruits. Other, more elaborate tableaux abound on the island, the result of weeks of creativity. It's great fun to go around spotting them, both on Avenida Arriaga, in Funchal, and elsewhere in Madeira.

Madeira Christmas Traditions

FESTIVE DELICACIES

Madeira's gastronomy reaches new heights at Christmas. Don't miss the chance to try delicious seasonal specialities including carne de vinho e alhos (pork with garlic and wine), warm chicken broth, sweet honey cakes and homemade liqueurs, such as the wine-based tintantum.

THE EVE OF THE EVE

Madeira's New Year celebrations kick off on December 30th. Both locals and visitors often choose to dine in fine hotels and restaurants before going out partying and dancing until the night of the following day. They dress up for the occasion, with men sporting tuxedos or dark suits and women donning cocktail gowns to fill the balmy streets of Funchal with glamour. Bars and nightclubs in the capital remain lively till dawn.

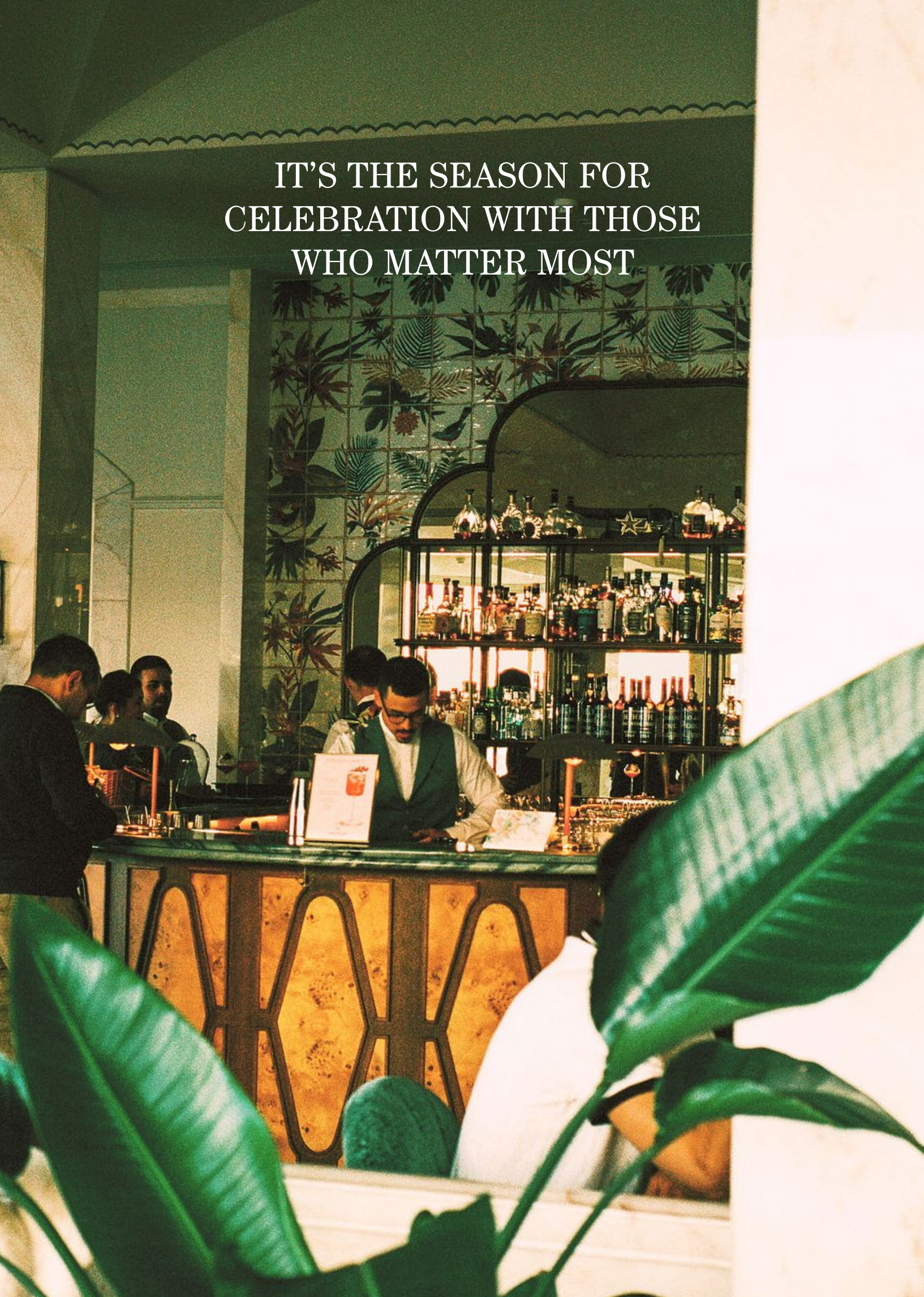
DECEMBER 30TH

PYROTECHNIC WONDERLAND

Funchal's mountainous setting provides the perfect stage for one of the most beautiful fireworks displays in the world. The pyrotechnic show lasts for about eight minutes, with fireworks being set off from several points in the city's natural amphitheatre, the waterfront, city centre, out at sea and from a station on Porto Santo Island. This magnificent spectacle was internationally recognised in 2006 by the Guinness Book of Records as "the largest fireworks show in the world".

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Festive Agenda

SUNDAY, 20 DECEMBER

- 9:00 Pilates Flow
- 11:00 Tasting of Madeira
Christmas Cookies
- 16:00 Social Tennis

MONDAY, 21 DECEMBER

- 10:00 Funchal Tukxi Tour
- 12:00 Workshop of Carne Vinho e
Alhos with Chef Zélia
- 16:00 Paint your Christmas
ceramics ornaments
- 18:00 Madeira Wine Tasting



TUESDAY, 22 DECEMBER

- 11:00 Legendary Tour
- 14:00 Swimming Lessons
- 14:30 A Journey Through Madeira's
Nativity Scenes (Presépios)*

WEDNESDAY, 23 DECEMBER

- 7:30 Traditional Nativity Mass
(Missa do Parto) at Sé Cathedral
- 9:00 Yoga
- 11:00 Tea Ritual Experience with Cindy
- 14:00 SUP Class
- 15:30 Garden Tour

* SUBJECT TO CHANGE





Festive Agenda

THURSDAY, 24 DECEMBER

- 11:00 Legendary Tour
- 14:00 Kayak Class
- 16:00 Storytime with Sofia
- 19:00 Manager's Cocktail & Christmas Carols
- 20:00 Festive Christmas Eve Dinner

FRIDAY, 25 DECEMBER

- 9:00 Pilates
- 11:30 Christmas Carols & Santa Claus Visit
- 12:30 Christmas Brunch
- 15:30 Garden Tour

SATURDAY, 26 DECEMBER

- 11:00 Watercolour Session
- 17:00 Liqueur Workshop





CELEBRATE A MADEIRAN FESTIVE SEASON AT REID'S PALACE



Festive Agenda

SUNDAY, 27 DECEMBER

- 9:00 Pilates Flow
- 11:00 Tasting of Madeira
Christmas Cookies
- 16:00 Social Tennis

MONDAY, 21 DECEMBER

- 10:00 Funchal Tukxi Tour
- 12:00 Workshop of Carne Vinho e
Alhos with Chef Zélia
- 16:00 Paint your Christmas
ceramics ornaments
- 18:00 Madeira Wine Tasting



TUESDAY, 29 DECEMBER

- 11:00 Legendary Tour
- 14:00 Swimming Lesson
- 14:30 A Journey Through Madeira's
Nativity Scenes (Presépios)*

WEDNESDAY, 30 DECEMBER

- 9:00 Yoga
- 11:00 Tea Ritual Experience with Cindy
- 14:00 SUP Class
- 15:30 Garden Tour
- 16:00 Storytime with Sofia

* SUBJECT TO CHARGE





CELEBRATE A MADEIRAN FESTIVE SEASON AT REID'S PALACE



Festive Agenda

THURSDAY, 31 DECEMBER

- 11:00 Legendary Tour
- 14:00 Kayak Class
- 19:30 Cocktail & Gala Dinner:
The Dining Room
William Restaurant
Ristorante Villa Cipriani
- 23:00 After Party New Years Eve



FRIDAY, 1 JANUARY

- 8:00 First Plunge of the Year
- 9:00 Pilates
- 12:30 New Years Brunch
- 15:30 Garden Tour

SATURDAY, 2 JANUARY

- 11:00 Watercolour Session
- 17:00 Liqueur Workshop

AVAILABLE EVERYDAY:
Dazzling Tour Of Funchal*

* SUBJECT TO CHARGE





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