

2025/2026
FESTIVE PROGRAMME

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.

'TIS 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 Penegrino

GENERAL MANAGER

In-House Activities



FESTIVE GALA DINNER

Indulge in a festive Christmas Eve dinner within the historic grandeur of The Dining Room. Dine under the sparkling chandeliers to the sounds of a musical duo, enhancing your experience with an elegant selection of fine wines.

DECEMBER 24TH - 19:30

Dress code: Dark suit

4-course dinner and dessert buffet, including wine pairing

€280 per adult

€100 per child

Click [here](#) to book

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Celebrate Christmas Day with a delightful lunch 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

Dress code: Casual

Buffet, drinks not included

€80 per adult

€40 per child

Click [here](#) to book

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER – THE DINING ROOM

Step back in time and join us for an unforgettable New Year's Eve, as we transport you to the dazzling Roaring Twenties at Reid's Palace! Your glamorous evening begins with a welcome cocktail accompanied by live entertainment in the main lobby and bar, setting the stage for a night of Jazz-age revelry. The highlight of the evening awaits you in The Dining Room, where you'll indulge in a sumptuous six-course dinner while being serenaded by a live band performing the best hits of the 1920s. Imagine savouring exquisite dishes as the sounds of jazz fill the air, creating an atmosphere of unparalleled elegance and charm. As the clock strikes midnight, prepare to witness a spectacular fireworks extravaganza, a Funchal tradition once recorded as the "largest fireworks show in the world." The mountains, waterfront, city centre and ocean itself will come alive with a pyrotechnic display that dazzles and delights for up to eight minutes. Afterwards, join the exclusive after-party at the stylish 1891 Bar. Dance the night away to a live band and DJ, and enjoy an open bar until 1 am. Prepare for an immersive experience of glitz, glamour, and unforgettable moments!

DECEMBER 31ST

Cocktails: 19:30

Dinner: 20:30

Dress code: Black tie or dark suit

Welcome cocktail at Lobby and 1891 Bar
6-course menu, including selected wines and Veuve Clicquot during dinner
After party at 1891 Bar (Open Bar until 01:00)

€520 per adult

€150 per child

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In-House Activities



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 and bar, 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

Cocktails: 19:30

Dinner: 20:30

Dress code: Black tie or dark suit

Welcome cocktail at Lobby and 1891 Bar
5-course set menu, including wine pairing
and Krug during dinner

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

€600 per adult

€200 per child

Click [here](#) to book

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 and bar. The celebration moves to Ristorante Villa Cipriani, where a magnificent live trio enhances the Italian ambiance. Enjoy champagne upon arrival, followed by our special five-course menu. 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." 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 immersive experience of glitz, glamour, and unforgettable moments!

DECEMBER 31ST

Cocktails: 19:30

Dinner: 20:30

Dress code: Black tie or dark suit

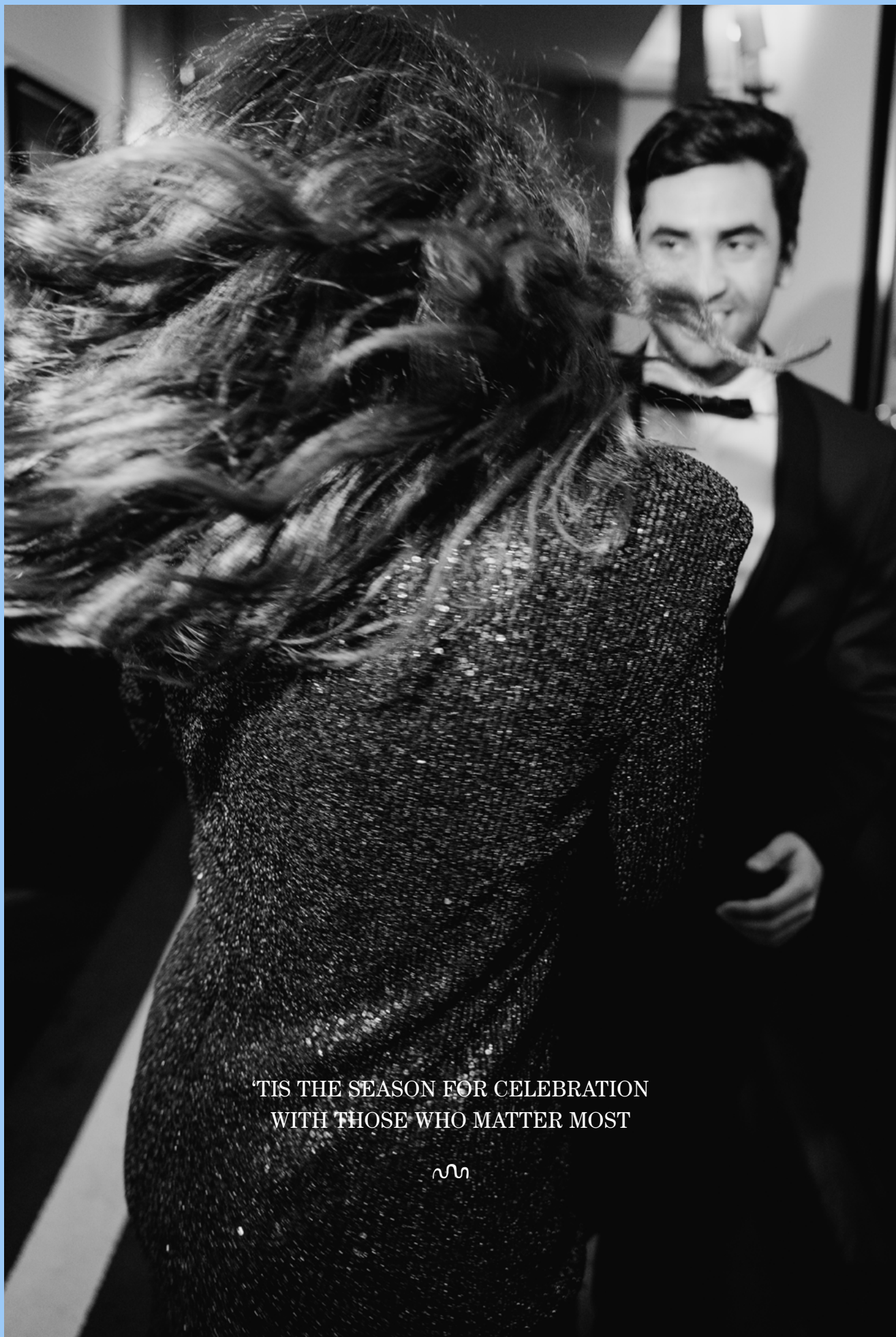
Welcome cocktail at Lobby and 1891 Bar
5-course menu, including a glass of
champagne on arrival (other beverages are
not included)

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

€320 per adult

€120 per child

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In-House Activities



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 - from 12:00 to 16:00

Dress code: Casual

Buffet, drinks not included

€80 per adult

€40 per child

Click [here](#) to book

In-House Activities



MAKE A TRADITIONAL LAPINHA

Each year, Madeiran families create a traditional nativity scene, or “lapinha”, where the infant Jesus is placed at the top of a small, tiered altar decorated with fruits, such as tangerines, as well as nuts and flowers. Join us in putting together Reid’s Palace’s very own lapinha ready for Christmas Day!

DECEMBER 22ND - 12:00

Price: free of charge

Meeting point in the Lobby

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 - 18:30

Price: free of charge

Venue: 1891 Bar

Duration: 1 hour

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 23RD & 27TH - 17:00

Price: free of charge

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

Price: free of charge

Venue: Kids’ Club

Duration: 1 hour

Advance booking is essential

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FESTIVE COOKIE WORKSHOP

Join our pastry experts to master the art of making "broas", authentic Madeiran Christmas cookies. As in other parts of the world, festive traditions remain strong among the island's families and a number of delicacies are made only at this time of year. They include our famous cookies, prepared with treacle from the island's sugar cane. Come and learn this easy recipe and later on, once they've been baked, receive a parcel of delectable broas de mel in your room.

DECEMBER 25TH & JANUARY 2ND - 16:00

Price: free of charge

Meeting point in the Lobby

Duration: 1 hour

Advance booking is essential

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & SANTA CLAUS

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 - 11:00

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Beyond the Hotel



FESTIVE GASTRONOMIC TOUR

Stroll through Funchal on a delicious tour discovering seasonal delicacies. Visit hidden factories and stalls bursting with local and traditional flavours and discover why Madeira is the tastiest place to be at Christmas. A Reid's Palace exclusive.

DECEMBER 22ND & 29TH - 15:00

Price: €200 per person

(Maximum 10 participants)

Duration: 3 hours

Advance booking is essential

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.

18:00

Price: €90 per tukxi

(each carries up to 3 people)

Duration: 1 hour

This experience can be enjoyed on any day of your choice

Advance booking is highly recommended to guarantee your place

Beyond the Hotel



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!

FESTIVE DELICACIES

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

NATIVITY MASSES

One of the most remarkable events in Madeira's festive calendar sees nine masses celebrated at dawn each day from December 16-24. 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.

Beyond the Hotel



NATIVITY SCENES

The traditional nativity scene, called lapinha, 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.

THE EVE OF THE EVE


Madeira's New Year celebrations kick off on December 30. 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



MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
11:00 The Art of Skincare
Meeting Point: The Spa. Complimentary
12:00 Make a Traditional Lapinha
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
15:00 Festive Gastronomic Tour
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
18:00 Madeira Wine Tasting
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
11:00 Legendary Tour
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:00 Children's swimming lessons
Meeting Point: Pool Desk
Complimentary
14.30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
17:00 Liqueur Workshop
Meeting Point: 1891 Bar. Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF MAGIC AT REID'S PALACE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:00 SUP Classes
Meeting Point: Sea Level
Complimentary
14:30 - 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
15:30 Garden Tour
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
16:00 Storytime
Meeting Point: Kids' Club
Complimentary
18:30 Manager's Cocktails
Meeting Point: 1891 Bar
Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)
19:30 Festive Gala Dinner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
11:00 Christmas Carols & Santa Claus
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
12:30 Christmas Lunch
14:00 Kayak Classes
Meeting Point: Sea Level
Complimentary
14:30 - 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
16:00 Festive Cookie Workshop
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

- 9:00 Pilates
Meeting Point: Upper-level Pool Terrace
(0 floor). Complimentary
10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
15:30 Garden Tour
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
19:00 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF MAGIC AT REID'S PALACE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
15:00 Festive Gastronomic Tour
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
17:00 Liqueur Workshop
Meeting Point: 1891 Bar. Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

- 9:00 Pilates Flow
Meeting Point: Upper-level Pool Terrace
(0 floor). Complimentary
10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
16:00 Social Tennis
Meeting Point: Tennis Court
Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
11:00 The Art of Skincare.
Meeting Point: The Spa. Complimentary
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
18:00 Madeira Wine Tasting.
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary.
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
11:00 Legendary Tour
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:00 Children's swimming lessons.
Meeting Point: Pool Desk. Complimentary
14:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
16:00 Storytime
Meeting Point: Kids' Club. Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF MAGIC AT REID'S PALACE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
12:30 Pool Terrace
14:00 SUP Classes
Meeting Point: Sea Level
Complimentary
14:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
15:30 Garden Tour
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
19:30 Cocktail & Gala Dinner in The Dining
Room, William Restaurant and
Ristorante Villa Cipriani

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST

- 10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
11:00 Legendary Tour
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
12:30 – 16:00 New Year's Day Brunch
14:30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

- 9:00 Pilates
Meeting Point: Upper-level Pool Terrace
(0 floor). Complimentary
10:00 – 18:00 Tea Library
12:30 Pool Terrace
15:30 Garden Tour
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
14:30 – 16:30 Afternoon tea on the Tea Terrace
16:00 – 24:00 1891 Bar
16:00 Festive Cookie Workshop
Meeting Point: Lobby. Complimentary
18:30 Ristorante Villa Cipriani (à la carte)
19:00 William Restaurant (tasting menus)



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