



THE RITZ - CARLTON

SARASOTA

THE RITZ-CARLTON, SARASOTA INVITES GUESTS TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN STYLE ON FLORIDA'S "GULF POLE"

Offerings Include Seasonal Culinary Creations, Cocktails, Wellness Programs & Family Friendly Activities

SARASOTA, FL (November 2022) – The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, the area's premier 5-star resort and luxury landmark located on Florida's central Gulf coast, has unveiled an extensive program of holiday experiences for 2022, including a wide range of seasonal culinary options, family friendly activities and wellness-themed offerings.

"The Ladies and Gentlemen at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota have gone above and beyond to make the most wonderful time of the year even more wonderful in 2022," said the property's General Manager, Rajesh Khubchandani. "We can't wait to bring a bit of holiday magic to our guests' visits to 'the Gulf Pole' during this festive season."

Fun-Filled Activities For The Whole Family

Create new family traditions this season at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota with holiday fun for the whole family. Throughout December younger guests will rejoice with opportunities to write and send letters to Santa via the resort's magical mailbox. For a more direct line to Jolly Old St. Nicholas, kids can reach The **Santa Hotline** to receive daily updates on preparations from the North Pole. Also available, are resort-wide **Holiday Gnome Scavenger Hunts**, and surprise visits from Santa himself.

Parents won't want to miss the chance to get a holiday card-worthy family photo, with the resort's beautiful holiday living room scene at the Healing Garden providing a scenic backdrop. **Hanukkah and Christmas Tree Festive Bundles** are also available to enliven guests' in-room experience with holiday cheer and décor.

Additional family friendly activities (available to resort guests, residents, members and local guests) include:

- **Gingerbread House Decorating (Dec. 10, 10-11:30am):** After donning chef's hats and aprons, decorate a festive gingerbread house guided by The Ritz-Carlton's pastry team.
- **Polar Express Movie Night (Dec. 16, 5:30-8pm):** Take a trip to the North Pole, complete with hot chocolate and s'mores, with a screening of this classic holiday film. Special characters will greet guests and each child will receive their own sleigh bell – just like in the movie. Families are encouraged to wear pajamas for extra cosiness.
- **Breakfast With Santa On The Bay (Dec. 17, 9am-12pm):** Have breakfast with Santa himself. Children will enjoy fun, interactive activities including face painting, balloon art,

cookie decorating and photos with Santa. The breakfast buffet will be served on The Bayview Lawn.

Festive Food & Drink

This year, the resort will be bringing back its lavish Grand Ballroom festive dining experiences – a guest and local favorite. The experiences will kick off with a Christmas Day Brunch featuring a traditional feast curated by the resort’s master chefs. Followed by an exquisite Christmas Grand Ballroom Brunch featuring chef-attended action stations. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinners are also available for guest reservations at Jack Dusty and Ridley’s Porch, both serving seasonally themed menus.

In the lobby, overnight guests can indulge in daily surprise and delight experiences including culinary creations from the resort’s talented chefs, après-sun hand-shaved ice-cold snow cones, decadent holiday-inspired shooters, morning fresh squeezed juices, and more. Club Lounge guests will enjoy exclusive culinary programming and offerings like Autumn Sangria, cookie decorating and hot cocoa, twelve-days of Christmas champagne pairings, and more.

There’s no better place to ring in the New Year than at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota with these wonderful opportunities to celebrate 2023:

- **New Year’s Eve Cocktails (Dec. 31, 9pm-1am):** The Lounge at Jack Dusty is the perfect venue to ring in the New Year. Enjoy live entertainment in reserved lounge seating. Admission includes a bottle of champagne and seafood tower.
- **New Year’s Eve Dinner (Dec. 31, 5pm-11pm):** Both Jack Dusty and Ridley’s Porch will ring in 2023 with water-front views, live entertainment, champagne toasts, and prix-fixe menus.
- **New Year’s Day Breakfast & Brunch (Jan. 1, 7-11:30am):** Celebrate the New Year at Jack Dusty with a sumptuous breakfast or brunch featuring live entertainment. *(Available for non-guests/locals.)*

Holiday Wellness

The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Sarasota understands the need for R&R during the holidays. This season, resort guests, members, residents and locals can indulge in the spa’s special holiday-themed treatments like:

- **Peppermint Mocha Pedicure:** Designed to relieve dry skin and inflammation, especially valuable for those visiting from a cooler climate. The CBD coffee scrub will help buff away cracked dry skin, the cooling peppermint oil massage will reenergize tired feet and the marshmallow cream will soothe and hydrate.
- **Winter Wonderland Massage:** Envision walking through a winter wonderland, sweeping through pine trees as your therapist begins with a full body dry brush to increase circulation and stimulate the lymphatic system followed by a full body massage.

Guests looking to start their fitness resolutions early this year, will love the resort’s weekly **Jingle Jogs** and **Bike Rides With Santa And His Reindeer** – inclusive of a 2.3-mile guided jog or cruise and post-workout peppermint infused cool towels and ginger shots. The resort’s Wellness Center is also open all season-long and is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment to

burn off those extra holiday calories. For a special post-sweat recovery session, guests and members are invited to stop by The Spa Boutique and experience a **complimentary Theragun massage demonstration**. A skilled massage therapist will perform a revitalizing Theragun sweep which aids with recovery and relaxation.

For more information or reservations, please visit <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/sarasota>. To access images please click [here](#).

About The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota

A luxury landmark on Florida's central Gulf coast, The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota is conveniently located near the city center overlooking Sarasota Bay, just minutes from premier arts venues, nature sanctuaries, distinctive shopping, fishing and watersports. Named one of the Top Golf Resorts in the World by Condé Nast Traveler, this destination resort is also home to The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Sarasota, named the #3 Spa in the U.S. and Canada by the readers of Travel + Leisure magazine. In addition to a Gulf-front Beach Club, Tom Fazio-designed Golf Club, Spa and Wellness Center, children's recreation programs and 276 guest rooms with Ritz-Carlton Club Level accommodations, The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota offers 218 Residences and a private country club-style Membership.

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