THE RITZ-CARLTON, SAN FRANCISCO RINGS IN THE ‘YEAR OF THE PIG’ WITH CHINESE NEW YEAR-INSPIRED OFFERINGS

The Landmark Nob-Hill Hotel Spreads Good Fortune with Chinese New Year-Inspired Culinary Delights

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (January 25, 2019) – The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco – the City by the Bay’s only AAA Five Diamond – is celebrating the Chinese New Year with a series of themed culinary delights and programming for visitors and locals alike to enjoy throughout the month. Drawing inspiration from neighboring Chinatown, the Nob Hill hotel welcomes travelers to experience the festive occasion in style. From an in-room dim sum presentation, to a Chinese New Year-inspired version of the famous Afternoon Tea, to a self-guided walking tour designed by Executive Chef and Charlie Trotter alum Michael Rotondo, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco is the ideal destination to ring in the “Year of the Pig.”

The celebration begins at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco on Sunday, February 3, 2019 and continues through Thursday, February 23, 2019 with the grand finale of the San Francisco Chinese New Year Festival & Parade – the oldest and largest event of its kind outside of Asia and the largest Asian cultural event in North America. Guests can take advantage of the hotel’s proximity to Chinatown – less than half a mile – to join the thousands of people who gather to experience the awe-inspiring 288-foot Golden Dragon, traditional dancers, and newly crowned Miss Chinatown U.S.A. march proudly through the streets of San Francisco.

Whether guests prefer to savor the exquisitely prepared culinary offerings at the hotel or take an immersive tour of Chinatown and witness the creation of over 20,000 handmade fortune cookies, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco presents many ways to celebrate the Lunar New Year.
Chinese Afternoon Tea
Available at The Lounge on Sunday, February 3, 2019
Seatings from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

In celebration of the Lunar New Year, Traditional Afternoon Tea at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco is reimagined with distinctive sweet and savory Chinese flavors. Guests will create new memories with family and friends while enjoying fine pots of tea and scrumptious Chinese delights such as Steamed Pork Bun, Shrimp with Sichuan Pepper, and Peking Duck. Sample sweet confections include Oolong Madeleines and Caramelized Pineapple Custard Tarts. The tea concludes with fortune cookies to cap off the festive experience. A Vegetarian Chinese Afternoon Tea menu is also available with gluten- and dairy-free options.

Chinese Afternoon Tea is priced at $80 per person, exclusive of tax, gratuity, and alcoholic beverages.

Chinese New Year Specials in The Lounge
In addition to Chinese Afternoon Tea, special menu items will be on offer in The Lounge throughout the week. Offerings include: Dim Sum – Jade Dumpling, Shrimp Dumpling, Chicken Siu Mai and Vegetarian Spring Rolls.

Dim Sum Presentation
Available through In-Room Dining and on Parallel 37’s breakfast menu from Sunday, February 3 – Thursday, February 28, 2019

An elevated take on the popular dumplings, guests can enjoy hand-crafted Dim Sum Presentation from the comfort of the hotel’s luxurious rooms while marveling at the picturesque views of the city and the San Francisco Bay. Consisting of savory steamed and fried dumplings with various fillings, guests can select from delectable dishes such as Jade Dumpling, Shrimp Dumpling, Chicken Siu Mai, and more.

The Dim Sum presentation is available at Parallel 37 Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Reservations can be placed by calling (415) 773-6168.

Explore Chef Michael Rotondo’s Chinatown
Complimentary cards available at the Front Desk

The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco is adjacent to the largest Chinatown outside of Asia complete with gift shops, teahouses, dining, bakeries, and home ware shops. Guests are invited to discover the best of Chinatown’s hidden gems and time-honored favorites with a self-guided walking tour created by Executive Chef Michael Rotondo. The tour features his top eight spots including the Chinatown Gate, The Wok Shop where Chef Rotondo purchases kitchen utensils for Parallel 37, and Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory.
About The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco
Completely transformed and reimagined, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco sets a new standard of excellence in the City by the Bay, drawing inspiration from the alluring designs of couture and the city’s iconic architecture. Set within a 1909 Neoclassical landmark building in the prestigious Nob Hill neighborhood, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco is the city’s only AAA Five Diamond hotel and was recently named the #1 hotel in San Francisco by the readers of Travel + Leisure for their 2016 ‘World’s Best Awards’. Conveniently located in the heart of the city, the iconic hotel is nearby San Francisco’s most visited attractions and the historic cable car is accessible right outside its doors. Offering globally-inspired California cuisine and seasonal cocktails at the award-winning Parallel 37, the largest luxury Club Level experience in San Francisco, and more than 4,000 sq. ft. of grand event spaces, the 336-room Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco provides the ultimate in personalized Ritz-Carlton service, comfort and luxury.

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