FOOD & BEVERAGE · FESTIVE SEASON

Festive Activations 2026

InterContinental Abu Dhabi

9 – 31 December 2026



THE FESTIVE CALENDAR

9
WED · DEC
Christmas Tree Lighting
Marina Walk · free entry · from 5:00 PM

11–13
FRI–SUN · DEC
Christmas Market, weekend 1
Ticketed · 4 PM – 12 AM

18–20
FRI–SUN · DEC
Christmas Market, weekend 2
Ticketed · 4 PM – 12 AM

10–20
DEC
Private Christmas events
Banquets for 50–500 guests

24
THU · DEC
Christmas Eve
Seven venues · festive dinners

25
FRI · DEC
Christmas Day
Festive brunches & dinners

31
THU · DEC
New Year's Eve
Marina Garden Gala & venue parties

PARTICIPATING VENUES

- Banquets & Events
- Belgian Café
- Bistro 81
- Byblos Sur Mer
- Chamas
- Fishmarket
- Piano Lounge
- Porto Gina
- Selections

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Wednesday 9 December · 5:00 PM–11:30 PM

Marina Walk · free entry · market opening night

ENTERTAINMENT

Santa & Elves · meet & greet, photos

Candy cane dancers & mascots · Christmas Parade with drummer and trumpet · 3 appearances

Duo & DJ · three sets each

General Manager · speech & tree lighting

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Time	Programme	Details
5:00 PM–5:45 PM	Duo · Set 1	Welcome music
5:45 PM–6:15 PM	DJ · Set 1	DJ set
6:00 PM–6:15 PM	Tree Lighting	GM speech and tree lighting
6:15 PM–6:35 PM	Christmas Parade · 1	Mascots, candy canes, trumpet, drummer
6:30 PM–8:30 PM	Santa & Elves	Meet & greet, photos
6:35 PM–7:20 PM	Duo · Set 2	Live music, alongside Santa
7:20 PM–7:40 PM	Christmas Parade · 2	Parade
7:40 PM–8:40 PM	DJ · Set 2	DJ set
8:40 PM–9:00 PM	Christmas Parade · 3	Parade
9:00 PM–9:45 PM	Duo · Set 3	Live music
9:45 PM–11:30 PM	DJ · Set 3	Closing set

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Fri 11 · Sat 12 · Sun 13 December
Fri 18 · Sat 19 · Sun 20 December
4:00 PM – 12:00 AM · Marina Walk

TICKETS

Entry · Family (2+2) AED 200 · Adult AED 100 · redeemable in F&B

Gaming · AED 100 · 4 gaming vouchers

WHAT'S ON

15 festive chalets: retail, gifting and festive treats

Kids' activity corner and workshops

Festive Game Zone

High Tea with Santa · AED 200

Private events in the Christmas Market · from AED 250

ENTERTAINMENT

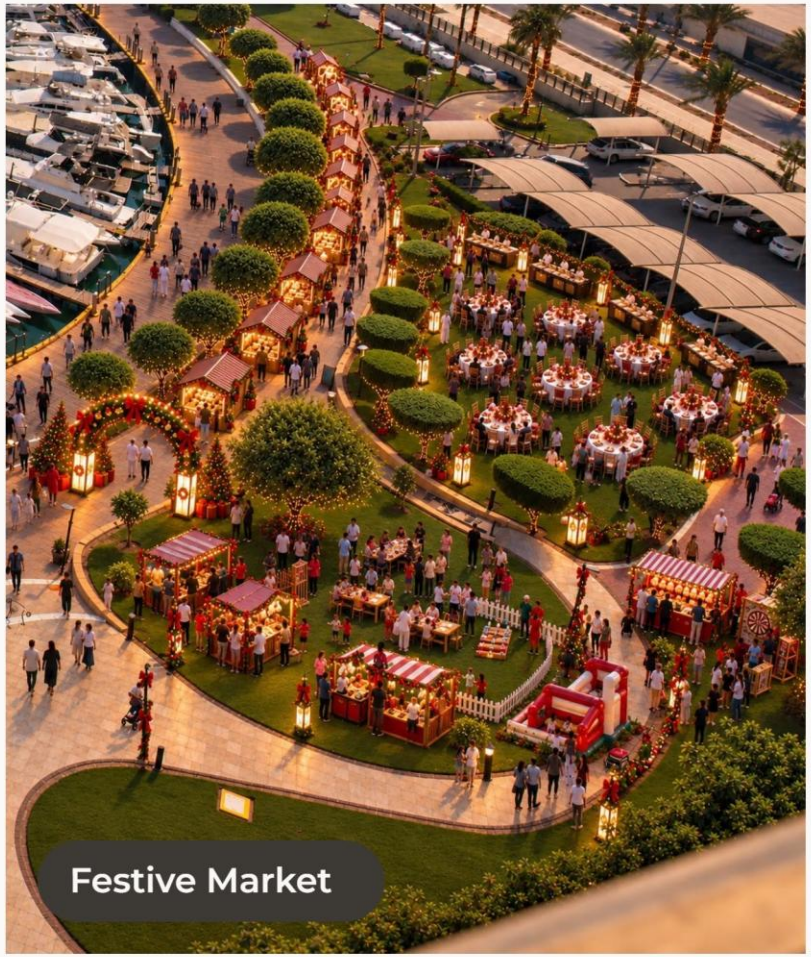
Santa & Elves · meet & greet, photos

Candy cane dancers & mascots · Christmas Parade with drummer and trumpet · 3 appearances

Duo / Trio & DJ · three live sets and four DJ sets

Time	Programme · nightly
4:30 PM–5:00 PM	DJ · Set 1 · welcome music
5:00 PM–5:20 PM	Christmas Parade · appearance 1
5:20 PM–6:05 PM	Duo / Trio · Set 1
5:30 PM–6:00 PM	Santa arrives · meet & greet with the Elves
6:00 PM–7:00 PM	High Tea with Santa
6:05 PM–6:25 PM	Christmas Parade · appearance 2
6:25 PM–7:25 PM	DJ · Set 2
7:00 PM–8:00 PM	Santa & Elves · meet & greet and photos
7:25 PM–7:45 PM	Christmas Parade · appearance 3
7:45 PM–8:30 PM	Duo / Trio · Set 2
8:30 PM–9:30 PM	DJ · Set 3
9:30 PM–10:15 PM	Duo / Trio · Set 3
10:15 PM–12:00 AM	DJ · Set 4 · closing set

ACTIVITIES





High Tea with Santa

Festive table by the marina with Santa and his elves



Santa & Elves meet & greet

Photos with Santa and his elves



Festive Game Zone

Festive games · AED 100 for 4 vouchers



Face painting & art tattoos

Festive designs by our face artists



Jewellery making

Christmas charm bracelets to take home



Gingerbread masterclass

Decorate a gingerbread house with our pastry team



THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER 2026

Christmas Eve

Festive dinners across seven venues, with live music from early evening until after midnight.

IHG discount applies at all venues on 24 December

Venue	Offer	Time	From
Belgian Café	À la carte	12 PM–2 AM	À la carte
Bistro 81	4-course festive set menu	7:00 PM–12 AM	AED 225
Byblos Sur Mer	4-course sharing dinner	8:00 PM–12:30AM	AED 250
Chamas	Churrascaria, 12 cuts	6:00 PM–11:00 PM	AED 350
Fishmarket	Seafood market à la carte	12:00 PM–11:00 PM	By weight
Porto Gina	4-course set menu	6:00 PM -12:00AM	AED 275
Selections	Christmas Eve dinner	6:30 PM–10:30 PM	AED 225

Christmas Eve

IHG discount at all venues

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER · VENUES 1 OF 2

VENUE	OFFER & PACKAGES	ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE	
Belgian Café 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM	À la carte IHG discount applies	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Duo performance
Bistro 81 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Festive four-course set menu Kids AED 115 · Soft 225 · House 325 · Premium 425 IHG discount applies	8:00 PM – 12:00 AM	DJ & flamenco couple
Byblos Sur Mer 9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Four-course sharing dinner Soft AED 250 · Alcohol AED 400 IHG discount applies	9:00 PM – 1:00 AM	Arabic duo performance
Chamas 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Churrascaria: 12 cuts, dessert station Soft AED 350 · Alcohol AED 495 IHG discount applies	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Spanish / Brazilian duo performance

Christmas Eve

IHG discount at all venues

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER · VENUES 2 OF 2

VENUE	OFFER & PACKAGES	ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE	
Fishmarket 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Seafood market à la carte, by weight IHG discount applies	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Violinist
Porto Gina 6:00PM - 12:00 AM	Four-course set menu Soft AED 275 · Alcohol 395 · Kids 120 IHG discount applies	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Belgian Café duo
Selections 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Christmas Eve dinner Soft AED 225 · Alcohol AED 325 IHG discount applies	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Solo singer
Lounges Piano Lounge & Club Lounge	Festive evening with live piano IHG discount applies	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Piano Lounge · Pianist Club Lounge · Pianist



FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER 2026

Christmas Day

Three festive brunches by day, a Christmas dinner at Selections by night, and live music across the hotel.

Venue	Offer	Time	From
Belgian Café	Marina Christmas MEGA Brunch	1:00 PM–5:00 PM	AED 450
Bistro 81	Mediterranean Festive Brunch	12:30 PM–5:00 PM	AED 275
Byblos Sur Mer	4-Course Christmas Brunch	1:00 PM–5:00 PM	AED 400
Selections	Christmas Day Dinner	6:30 PM–10:30 PM	AED 225

Christmas Day – Brunch

IHG discounts do not apply

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER

VENUE	OFFER & PACKAGES	ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
Belgian Café **1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**	Marina Christmas MEGA Brunch **Soft AED 450 · Alcohol 650** **Champagne 950 · Kids 285** Groups of 8+ · 20% discount Early bird 20% (November) **IHG discounts do not apply**	**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** DJ (Set 1) + **Christmas Parade 1** **2:00 PM – 2:45 PM** Band (Set 1) **2:45 PM – 3:45 PM** DJ (Set 2) + **Christmas Parade 2** **3:45 PM – 4:30 PM** Band (Set 2) **4:30 PM – 5:30 PM** DJ (Set 3) + **Christmas Parade 3** **5:30 PM – 6:15 PM** Band (Set 3) **6:15 PM – 7:15 PM** DJ (Set 4) **1:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **Kids' play zone** **3:30PM** **Santa** · meet & greet
Byblos Sur Mer **1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**	Christmas brunch: four-course sharing menu **Soft AED 400 · Alcohol AED 600** **Kids AED 200** **IHG discounts do not apply**	**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM** Female singer **3:30 PM – 5:30 PM** Sobhi Tawfiq, star singer **2:30 PM** Santa visit
Bistro 81 **12:30 PM – 5:00 PM**	Mediterranean festive brunch: live carving, pasta, desserts **Soft AED 275 · House 375** **Premium 475 · Kids 135** **IHG discounts do not apply**	**12:30 PM – 4:30 PM** DJ / Singer **2:00 PM** Santa visit

Christmas Day – Dinner

IHG discount at all venues

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER

VENUE	OFFER & PACKAGES	ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
Selections **6:30 PM – 10:30 PM**	Christmas Day dinner **Soft AED 225 · Alcohol AED 325** **IHG discount applies**	**6:00 PM – 10:00 PM** Solo singer
Lounges **Piano Lounge & Club Lounge**	Festive evening with live piano **IHG discount applies**	**5:00 PM – 9:00 PM** Piano Lounge · Pianist **6:30 PM – 10:00 PM** Club Lounge · Pianist
All other hotel venues	Regular dinner operations **IHG discount applies**	Chamas · Fishmarket · Porto Gina Belgian Café · Byblos Sur Mer · Bistro 81



THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER 2026

New Year's Eve

A 600-guest gala on the Marina Garden, with venue parties counting down to 2027 across the hotel.

IHG discounts do not apply on 31 December

Venue	Offer	Time	From
Marina Garden Gala	NYE gala dinner, up to 600	7:00 PM–2:00 AM	AED 550
Byblos Sur Mer	4-course sharing menu	10:00 PM–3:00 AM	AED 550
Chamas	Churrascaria + 5 extra cuts	6:00 PM–2:00 AM	AED 550
Bistro 81	Mediterranean NYE feast	8:00 PM–1:00 AM	AED 325
Fishmarket	Seafood market à la carte	To 12:00 AM	By weight
Belgian Café, indoor	À la carte	12 PM–2:00 AM	À la carte

New Year's Eve

IHG discounts do not apply

THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER · VENUES 1 OF 2

VENUE	OFFER & PACKAGES	ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE	
Bistro 81 **8:00 PM – 1:00 AM**	Mediterranean feast, live carving and pasta · all-white theme **Kids AED 145 · Soft 325 · House 425 Premium 550**	**8:30 PM – 12:30 AM**	ABBA tribute duo & DJ, 4 sets each
Byblos Sur Mer **10:00 PM – 3:00 AM**	Four-course set menu, served to share **Terrace: Soft AED 550 · Alcohol AED 850** **Indoor: AED 1,200** **By the stage AED 1,500**	**10:45 PM – 11:50 PM** **11:50 PM – 12:30 AM** **12:30 AM – 1:00 AM** **1:00 AM – 3:00 AM**	Female singer Duo and countdown Belly dancer Male singer
Chamas **7:00 PM – 2:00 AM**	Churrascaria with 5 extra cuts and a special cut at the table **Soft AED 550 · Premium 750 Champagne 950** Groups of 8+ 20%	**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM** **8:30 PM – 9:15 PM** **9:15 PM – 10:15 PM** **10:15 PM – 11:00 PM** **11:00 PM – 12:00 AM** **12:00 AM – 12:45 AM** **12:45 AM – 2:00 AM**	DJ (Opening Set) Band (Set 1) DJ (Set 2) Band (Set 2) DJ (Set 3) Band (Set 3) DJ (Closing Set)

New Year's Eve

IHG discounts do not apply

THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER · VENUES 2 OF 2

VENUE	OFFER & PACKAGES	ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
Marina Garden Gala **7:00 PM – 2:00 AM**	New Year's Eve gala dinner on the Marina Garden **Soft AED 550 · Premium 750 Champagne 950** Early bird 20% (Nov) Groups of 8+ 20% In-house supplement Premium Pkg AED 650	**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM** DJ (Opening Set) **8:30 PM – 9:15 PM** Band (Set 1) **9:15 PM – 10:15 PM** DJ (Set 2) **10:15 PM – 11:00 PM** Band (Set 2) **11:00 PM – 12:00 AM** DJ (Set 3) **12:00 AM – 12:45 AM** Band (Set 3) **12:45 AM – 2:00 AM** DJ (Closing Set)
All other hotel venues	Regular operations	Piano Lounge Belgian Café (Indoor) Club Lounge Fishmarket