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EXOTICA RESORT & SPA
MALDIVES

A Yuletide Tale

TOUCHED BY GOLD

Festive Celebrations 2026 -27

21 December 2026 – 9 January 2027

INTRODUCTION

The festive season has a way of drawing us back — to familiar rituals, favourite memories &, above all, to one another.

At Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Maldives, the wonder of The Nutcracker, the glow of tree-lighting traditions & the spirit of festive markets inspire days of celebration, shared tables, music-filled evenings & the promise of a new year.

Let the season leave you with more than memories — perhaps a tradition or two to return to.

WHERE THE SEASON BEGINS

21ST DECEMBER TO 23RD DECEMBER

Savour oysters & caviar by the sea, gather beneath the glow of the Christmas tree, & wander through a waterfront market as Golden Tide unfolds in a succession of festive gatherings, island rituals & evenings set to music.



SUNRISE YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:
J Wellness Circle

DATE:
21st December

TIME:
0730 to 0830 hrs

As the first golden rays stretch across the lagoon, welcome the festive season with a moment of tranquillity at J Wellness Circle. Through guided yoga, mindful movement and gentle meditation, reconnect with yourself amidst the soothing sounds of the ocean, allowing the serenity of the island to set a beautiful tone for the celebrations ahead.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



GOLDEN TIDE ORNAMENT STUDIO

LOCATION:
Lobby

DATE:
21st December

TIME:
1600 hrs

A little paint, a splash of colour and a whole lot of Christmas cheer! Watch young artists bring wooden ornaments to life with playful patterns, cheerful colours and their own creative touches. From the first brushstroke to the finishing detail, every creation becomes a cherished keepsake to hang on the tree and remember the holidays by.

Complimentary



THE FIRST GLOW

LOCATION:
24 Degrees

DATE:
21st December

TIME:
1800 to 1900 hrs

As twilight settles over the island, gather for a cherished Christmas tradition illuminated by the warmth of togetherness. Watch the Christmas tree come alive in a beautiful display of festive lights, accompanied by sparkling wine, delicate canapés and the soothing melodies of a lounge band. A radiant beginning to the season's most anticipated celebrations.

ENTERTAINMENT: Soft lounge band
Complimentary



OYSTERS & CAVIAR AT FIRST LIGHT

LOCATION:
24 Degrees Beach

DATE:
21st December

TIME:
1900 to 2200 hrs

Let the celebrations begin with an evening of fine flavours and beautiful ocean views, where fresh oysters and delicate caviar set the tone for the season ahead. As the sea breeze drifts in and conversations flow, savour each exquisite bite in the company of loved ones. A wonderful beginning to days filled with cherished moments, joyful gatherings and festive cheer.

PRICE: USD 85++ per adult



JUNIOR CHEF HAT STUDIO

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
22nd December

TIME:
1500 hrs

A dash of colour, a sprinkle of imagination and a little chef in the making! Let young culinary enthusiasts bring their very own chef hats to life with playful patterns and personal touches. With creativity in full swing and smiles all around, each little masterpiece becomes a keepsake to proudly take home.

Complimentary



CAKE MIXING CEREMONY

LOCATION:
Equator Bar Beach

DATE:
22nd December

TIME:
1630 hrs

The irresistible aromas of Christmas come alive as fragrant spices, dried fruits and celebratory ingredients come together in a cherished seasonal ritual. Gather around the table, join in the joyful mixing and raise a glass to the wonderful celebrations ahead. With laughter, shared traditions and a generous sprinkle of festive spirit, the countdown to Christmas grows ever sweeter.

Complimentary



THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
23rd December

TIME:
1730 to 1900 hrs

Step into a waterfront celebration as the Christmas Market brings the island alive with festive sights, flavours and melodies. Explore five Christmas stores, discover seasonal treats and tempting drinks, and stop by the Lobby Sweet Shop for extra indulgence. With live music setting the mood and the ocean providing a spectacular backdrop, each corner reveals another reason to celebrate.

USD 65 + taxes per person



EXPLORER STAMP TRAIL

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
23rd December

TIME:
1730 to 1900 hrs

A merry little adventure awaits our youngest explorers at the Christmas Market! Follow the festive trail, discover its delightful stops and collect four special stamps along the way. With Sweet-Shop coupons adding an extra treat to the journey, this playful experience brings together curiosity, excitement and the joy of discovering Christmas surprises around every corner.

Complimentary

THE GOLDEN DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

24TH DECEMBER – 26TH DECEMBER

The most wonderful days of the season arrive, bringing with them the excitement of Christmas Eve, the joy of Santa's visit and the pleasure of gathering around beautifully prepared festive tables. From heartwarming carols and enchanting celebrations to leisurely waterfront brunches and cherished family traditions, Christmas unfolds in a delightful blend of island warmth and Yuletide wonder.



LETTERS TO SANTA

LOCATION:
Lobby

DATE:
24th December

The excitement of Christmas Eve begins with wishes waiting to be shared. Invite little dreamers to put their hopes, festive wishes and heartfelt messages into letters for Santa, before placing them in their special Christmas socks. With imaginations running wild and the promise of Christmas morning drawing closer, every letter becomes part of a delightful holiday tradition.

Complimentary



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

LOCATION:
24 Degrees Beach

DATE:
24th December

TIME:
1815 to 1900 hrs

As the evening sky takes on its golden glow, let the familiar melodies of Christmas fill the air along the shore. Gather with loved ones for a heartwarming celebration of beloved carols and festive harmonies, where every note carries the nostalgia, joy and togetherness of the season. A beautiful prelude to the magic of Christmas Eve.

Complimentary



MEDITERRANEO BY JEFFREY VELLA — A FOUR-COURSE STORY

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo by Jeffrey Vella

DATE:
24th December

TIME:
1900 to 2200 hrs

Make this Christmas Eve one to remember with an exquisite four-course feast curated by Jeffrey Vella. Discover the charm of Mediterranean dining through beautifully crafted dishes, rich flavours and a touch of festive splendour. As the ocean breeze sets the mood, raise a glass with your loved ones, share stories over each course and let the evening unfold into a cherished Christmas memory.

Pre-booking required



THE FESTIVE TABLE

LOCATION:	DATE:	TIME:
24 Degrees	24th December	1900 to 2200 hrs

Gather around a table filled with the generous spirit of Christmas as 24 Degrees welcomes you to an evening of festive indulgence. Explore a sumptuous buffet of international favourites, thoughtfully prepared culinary delights and seasonal specialities, complemented by enchanting melodies and the warmth of shared celebration. With the beauty of the tropical evening all around, Christmas Eve becomes a wonderful occasion to savour.

THE GOLDEN YULE

25TH DECEMBER

Christmas Day arrives with the promise of joyful surprises and moments worth cherishing. From Santa's much-awaited appearance and a delightful waterfront brunch to playful baking adventures and the gentle calm of sunset yoga, the island celebrates the occasion with warmth, laughter and the unmistakable magic of Christmas.



SANTA'S ARRIVAL

LOCATION:
24 Degrees Beach

DATE:
25th December

TIME:
0900 hrs

The moment little ones have been waiting for is finally here! Keep an eye out for Santa as he makes his much-anticipated arrival, bringing smiles, excitement and a little holiday wonder. Gather the family, capture those delighted expressions and enjoy a Christmas memory that begins with a very special hello.

Complimentary



SANTA BRUNCH

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
25th December

TIME:
1100 to 1400 hrs

Pull up a chair and let Christmas Day linger a little longer. Enjoy a leisurely brunch of tempting favourites as families come together over good food, happy conversation and a visit from Santa. There is no rush today, only the pleasure of sharing the morning and making a few more memories along the way.

PRICE: USD 95++ per adult



SANTA'S BAKERY

LOCATION:
24 Degrees

DATE:
25th December

TIME:
1500 to 1530 hrs

Little hands, big smiles and something sweet in the making! Step into Santa's Bakery, where young bakers can enjoy the fun of creating their own treats. From careful finishing touches to proud first tastes, every moment is filled with discovery and a delicious reward to savour afterwards.

Complimentary



SUNSET YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:
J Wellness Circle

DATE:
25th December

TIME:
1730 to 1815 hrs

As the excitement of Christmas Day gives way to a peaceful evening, discover a moment of calm at J Wellness Circle. Let the softening light over the lagoon accompany a guided practice of mindful movement, gentle breathing and meditation. A restorative pause amidst the celebrations, inviting you to embrace the quieter beauty of Christmas by the sea.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests

THE FESTIVE RHYTHM CONTINUES

26TH DECEMBER TO 30TH DECEMBER

With Christmas memories still fresh and the excitement of the New Year drawing closer, the island reveals a new collection of festive pleasures. Discover the richness of coastal cuisines, the elegance of champagne and caviar, the joy of creative adventures and the charm of evenings by the water. Each experience adds another wonderful chapter to the Golden Tide story.



MALDIVIAN COCONUT-LEAF STARS

LOCATION: Equator Beach

DATE: 26th December

TIME: 1600 hrs

Let young explorers discover a delightful coast tradition as they transform coconut leaves into charming celebratory stars. Inspired by the natural beauty and craftsmanship of the Maldives, this hands-on workshop encourages creativity, curiosity and a little Christmas imagination. Each handcrafted creation becomes a lovely reminder of the island's unique festive spirit.

Complimentary



ROYAL KONKAN THALI

LOCATION: Sol & Sea

DATE: 26th December

TIME: 1930 hrs

Journey along the Konkan coast through a sumptuous spread of vegetarian and non-vegetarian specialities. Savour aromatic spices, treasured recipes and rich culinary traditions that bring the flavours of India's western shores to life. A celebration of coastal flavours worth lingering over.

PRICE: USD 95++ per adult

One seating only | Maximum 16 guests | Booking required



SUNRISE YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:	DATE:	TIME:
J Wellness Circle	27th December	0730 to 0830 hrs

Let the quiet beauty of the morning by the sea inspire a refreshing beginning. As golden light spreads across the lagoon, immerse yourself in a guided session of yoga and meditation at J Wellness Circle. Through gentle movement, mindful breathing and moments of stillness, discover a renewed sense of balance before another day of island celebrations begins.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



LITTLE PIZZAIOLO

LOCATION:	DATE:	TIME:
Mediterraneo Waterfront	27th December	1600 to 1630 hrs

It's time for our little chefs to roll up their sleeves and discover the joy of pizza making! From shaping soft dough to choosing colourful toppings, each step offers a delicious opportunity for creativity. Filled with laughter, playful experimentation and the excitement of preparing something of their own, this cheerful workshop promises a delightful afternoon for budding culinary stars.

Complimentary



LOBSTER FEST

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
28th December

TIME:
1900 to 2100 hrs

Savour succulent lobster fresh from the grill, complemented by rich truffle accompaniments and carefully paired wines. As the evening unfolds by the waterfront, discover exquisite flavours and beautifully prepared dishes. With the gentle ocean breeze and island setting all around, take your time over each course, share conversations with loved ones and make memories over an unforgettable dinner by the sea.

PRICE: USD 125++ per adult



SCOOP & WHOOP

LOCATION:
Equator Bar

DATE:
28th December

TIME:
2000 to 2100 hrs

An evening of sweet treats and cinematic surprises awaits our youngest guests! Begin with delicious ice cream and crunchy popcorn before settling in for a delightful movie beneath the stars. With the gentle sounds of the island all around and favourite stories lighting up the screen, this cheerful experience brings together laughter, imagination and the simple joy of a movie night in paradise.

Complimentary



PAINT YOUR OWN T-SHIRT

LOCATION:
Lobby

DATE:
29th December

TIME:
1530 hrs

Let creativity take centre stage as young artists turn a simple T-shirt into a colourful island masterpiece. With bright hues, imaginative designs and plenty of room for self-expression, this playful workshop invites children to capture their favourite holiday inspirations in a wearable keepsake. A fun-filled afternoon that lets little imaginations shine.

Complimentary



SUNSET YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:
J Wellness Circle

DATE:
29th December

TIME:
1730 to 1815 hrs

As the afternoon melts into the soft colours of sunset, retreat to J Wellness Circle for a peaceful moment overlooking the lagoon. Through guided yoga, calming breathwork and gentle meditation, allow the day's excitement to settle into a sense of quiet harmony. An invitation to reconnect with yourself before the evening's festivities unfold.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



GRAND INDIAN FESTIVE NIGHT

LOCATION:	DATE:	TIME:
24 Degrees Beach	29th December	1900 to 2100 hrs

Celebrate the extraordinary diversity of Indian cuisine with a vibrant festive feast by the shore. From the irresistible flavours of chaat and smoky tandoor specialities to aromatic biryani, traditional thalis and indulgent desserts, discover a generous spread of much-loved culinary favourites. An evening of rich aromas, lively flavours and shared indulgence, bringing the warmth of India's dining traditions to the heart of the Maldives.

USD 75++ per adult | Pre-booking required



JUNIOR PASTRY CHEF

LOCATION:
24 Degrees

DATE:
30th December

TIME:
1500 to 1530 hrs

A little flour, a little sweetness and a big moment for budding bakers! Let young chefs discover the joy of pastry-making as they try their hand at delicious creations and add their own finishing touches. From curious first steps to proud smiles at the end, this is a treat they can truly call their own.

Complimentary



CHAMPAGNE & CAVIAR MASTERCLASS

LOCATION:
Equator Bar

DATE:
30th December

TIME:
1730 to 1900 hrs

Some pairings deserve to be savoured slowly. Discover the delicate interplay of champagne and caviar in a guided experience that brings their flavours and textures into focus. Taste, compare and uncover the little details that make each combination special, with plenty to talk about over the next glass.

PRICE: USD 95++ per adult

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

31ST DECEMBER & 1ST JANUARY

As the year draws to a close, Golden Tide reaches its crescendo by the lagoon. Raise a glass beneath the night sky, welcome midnight with live music, a captivating fire dance & DJ beats, then ease into the first day of 2027 with a leisurely brunch by the water.



SUNRISE YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:	DATE:	TIME:
J Wellness Circle	31st December	0730 to 0830 hrs

Begin the day with a quiet moment just for you. Breathe in the fresh sea air, stretch gently and let the calm of the water set the pace. As the horizon brightens, carry that feeling of ease into everything the day has in store.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



LITTLE STARS

LOCATION:
Lobby

DATE:
31st December

TIME:
1100 hrs

A new year begins with a little imagination. Let young dreamers create their own crowns and wish cards, filling them with colour, hopes and happy thoughts for the days ahead. Every handmade piece holds a personal story and a lovely reminder of the excitement that comes with a fresh beginning.

Complimentary



NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA: A NIGHT OF SPLENDOUR

LOCATION: Lagoon Beach

DATE: 31st December

TIME: 1900 to 2200 hrs

Dress for a night worth remembering as the year draws to a close in a celebration of fine food, music and togetherness. Share a wonderful evening with loved ones, savour each moment and feel the excitement build towards midnight. When the countdown begins, raise your glass to everything the new year might bring.



THE FINAL COUNTDOWN: A MIDNIGHT TO REMEMBER

LOCATION: Lagoon Beach

DATE: 31st December

TIME: 2200 to 0100 hrs

As midnight draws near, let the excitement take over! Dance to electrifying DJ beats, witness a mesmerising fire dance and enjoy tempting treats from the late-night snack bar. With music and joyful cheers filling the air, gather your loved ones for the final countdown. Raise a toast to new beginnings and welcome 2027 beneath the stars!



BRUNCH INTO THE NEW YEAR

LOCATION:	DATE:	TIME:
Mediterraneo Waterfront	1st January	1100 to 1400 hrs

The first morning of a new year deserves to be enjoyed slowly. Gather around for a relaxed brunch, discover tempting favourites and share the first stories and smiles of 2027. With nowhere else you need to be, it is a lovely way to begin a fresh chapter together.

PRICE: USD 75++ per adult



TROPICAL SMOOTHIE LAB

LOCATION:
Equator Bar

DATE:
1st January

TIME:
1600 hrs

A splash of colour and a swirl of tropical flavour make for a delicious little adventure. Let young creators experiment with fruity combinations and discover the fun of blending their own refreshing drinks. Every mix brings a new surprise and a tasty creation to enjoy at the end.

Complimentary

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

2ND JANUARY TO 5TH JANUARY

With the first dawn of the year comes a gentler celebration, where island flavours, shared tables & family moments unfold against the lagoon. From the rhythm of Bodu Beru to evenings of Mediterranean fare & music, let the new year begin at an unhurried island pace.



REEF RANGER

LOCATION:
Equator Beach

DATE:
2nd January

TIME:
1600 hrs

The beach becomes a playground for curious explorers! Follow the clues, look a little closer and discover the fun of a seaside bingo adventure. Every new find brings a burst of excitement, turning a simple stroll along the shore into a story to share afterwards.

Complimentary



SUNSET YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:
J Wellness Circle

DATE:
2nd January

TIME:
1730 to 1815 hrs

Let the day slow to the rhythm of the waves. As the sun begins its descent, enjoy gentle movement and mindful breathing in the open air. Leave the bustle behind for a little while and savour the stillness of the evening.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



MALDIVIAN NIGHT

LOCATION:
24 Degrees Beach

DATE:
2nd January

TIME:
1900 to 2200 hrs

Let the rhythms of Bodu Beru lead you into an evening filled with the flavours and traditions of the islands. Discover local favourites made with reef fish, tuna, coconut and roshi as music brings the celebration to life. Gather around the table and enjoy a closer taste of the culture that makes this place so special.

PRICE: USD 125++ per adult



FAREWELL POSTCARD STUDIO

LOCATION:
Lobby

DATE:
3rd January

TIME:
1500 hrs

Some memories deserve more than a photograph. Take a moment to turn your favourite holiday story into a postcard, adding a personal message and a little creativity along the way. Whether it is sent to someone special or kept close, every card carries a piece of your time by the sea.

Complimentary



MEDITERRANEAN MOMENTS

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
3rd January

TIME:
1900 to 2100 hrs

Imagine a table filled with the simple pleasures of Mediterranean dining: fresh seafood, comforting pasta, good olive oil and a glass of wine. Come together over familiar flavours and easy conversation as the evening finds its own pace. It is the kind of meal that feels better with every shared story.

PRICE: USD 75++ per adult



SUNRISE YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:
J Wellness Circle

DATE:
4th January

TIME:
0730 to 0830 hrs

Wake to the soft light of a new morning and give yourself time to simply be. With each stretch and steady breath, feel the gentle energy of the day ahead. A peaceful start, made all the better by the sea beside you.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



TROPICAL MOCKTAIL LAB

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
4th January

TIME:
1500 hrs

A little mixing, a little experimenting and a refreshing surprise at the end! Let young creators explore tropical flavours as they dream up their own colourful mocktails. From choosing ingredients to that first proud sip, each glass tells a story of curiosity and creativity.

Complimentary



AN EVENING BY THE SHORE

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
4th January

TIME:
1900 to 2200 hrs

Follow the tempting aromas of the grill to a relaxed evening beside the sea. Discover freshly prepared favourites at the cooking stations, find a place at the table and settle into easy conversation. With the waves nearby and another delicious bite always within reach, the night is yours to savour.

PRICE: USD 95++ per adult



GOLDEN TIDE TREASURE HUNT

LOCATION:	DATE:	TIME:
Lobby	5th January	1600 hrs

A secret to uncover, a clue to follow and treasure waiting somewhere ahead! Let young adventurers set off on a playful hunt, piecing together discoveries as the excitement grows. Every step brings them closer to the prize and another holiday story they will be eager to tell.

Complimentary

THE LAST GLOW OF GOLDEN TIDE

6TH JANUARY TO 9TH JANUARY

As Golden Tide draws towards its final days, the island returns to a quieter rhythm. From an Orthodox Christmas by the shore to a sustainable farewell beneath the evening sky, savour the last notes of the season in the warmth of the lagoon.



SUNSET YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:
J Wellness Circle

DATE:
6th January

TIME:
1730 to 1815 hrs

A moment of calm can be the loveliest part of a busy holiday. Unwind with gentle yoga and meditation as the sky changes colour and the day settles around you. Breathe deeply, stretch slowly and take that sense of peace into the evening.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS SEAFOOD BBQ

LOCATION:
Mediterraneo Waterfront

DATE:
7th January

TIME:
1900 to 2100 hrs

Let the irresistible aromas of freshly grilled seafood set the mood for a wonderful evening by the waterfront. Savour a delicious spread of seafood specialities and European comfort favourites as the gentle ocean breeze adds to the charm. Share stories, raise a toast and enjoy a leisurely celebration filled with good food and warm company.

PRICE: USD 75++ per adult



SUNRISE YOGA & MEDITATION

LOCATION:
J Wellness Circle

DATE:
8th January

TIME:
0730 to 0830 hrs

Begin the day with a quiet moment just for you. Breathe in the fresh sea air, stretch gently and let the calm of the water set the pace. As the horizon brightens, carry that feeling of ease into everything the day has in store.

Complimentary | Maximum 25 guests



FAREWELL POSTCARD

LOCATION:
Lobby

DATE:
8th January

TIME:
1500 hrs

Some holiday memories are too special to leave behind. Let little ones capture their favourite moments through colourful illustrations and heartfelt messages on personalised postcards. From seaside adventures to new friendships, each creation becomes a cherished keepsake of the wonderful moments spent together.

Complimentary



YOUNG CHEF CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

LOCATION:
24 Degrees

DATE:
9th January

TIME:
1500 hrs

Every little chef deserves a moment in the spotlight! Come together to celebrate the creativity and enthusiasm of our young culinary stars as they receive their certificates. From proud smiles to a well-earned round of applause, it is a lovely way to remember all the fun they have had along the way.

Complimentary



MALDIVIAN EVENING

LOCATION:
24 Degrees

DATE:
9th January

TIME:
1930 to 2130 hrs

An evening of island flavours awaits, where fresh local fish, fragrant herbs and cherished recipes come together for a special dining experience. Savour a delicious spread inspired by the Maldives, thoughtfully prepared with a zero-waste approach.

PRICE: USD 75++ per adult