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## THE RITZ-CARLTON, ST. LOUIS ANNOUNCES TEDDY BEAR TEA, BRUNCH WITH SANTA, HOLIDAY DINING

*Special Gingerbread Bricks Available for Personalization to Raise Funds for STL Children's Causes*



**ST. LOUIS, MO. – Friday, October 25, 2019** – Area residents and hotel guests are invited to celebrate their holidays at The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis this year -- and to enjoy treasured special events including popular Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts, the beloved traditions of Teddy Bear Tea and Brunch with Santa, New Year's Eve merriment, and, coming very soon, the November 29 Grand Reveal of the hotel's lobby gingerbread extravaganza.

This year's lobby spectacular will feature a vibrantly colorful gingerbread house collection as well as the ultimate winter wonderland – complete with visions of sugar plums, edible sweet dreams and a magical holiday snow globe all created with more than 200 pounds of flour, 35 pounds of molasses, two pounds of ginger and 100 pounds of royal icing. The annual gingerbread naming experience will return this year as well, as personalizable gingerbread bricks will surround the base of the amazing giant snow globe. These special bricks may be customized with frosting in the name of a friend or loved one – and it is a tradition which has become a favorite among guests and neighbors of the hotel. The cost per brick is \$15 USD, with all proceeds to be donated to children's programs at the city's Ronald McDonald House.

In further celebration of the holidays, a complimentary five-item gift-with-purchase will be offered by the hotel spa, valid with ESPA treatments or products purchased between now and year-end. For Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis spa or room reservations, call +1-314-863-6300. For dining reservations, or to purchase Ritz-Carlton gift cards good for dining and spa treatments at the hotel, please call +1-314-719-1433. Holiday offerings, times and availability are subject to change, and dining/event pricing is exclusive of tax, gratuity and beverages, unless otherwise specified.

## **NOVEMBER 2019 HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, ST. LOUIS**

*Reservations & Information: +1-314-719-1433  
Complimentary parking for holiday dining guests.*

### **Thanksgiving Brunch in The Restaurant**

**Thursday, November 28, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$95.00 USD; Children between 5 and 12 years, \$47.50 USD, excluding tax and gratuity**

The city's most bountiful Thanksgiving Day brunch will feature carving stations presenting whole-roasted free-range turkey served with signature Ritz-Carlton kumquat cranberry sauce, garlic and herb-rubbed prime rib, and smoked salmon, while chilled seafood and hand rolled-sushi, sashimi and nagiri will be offered as well. Added hot selections will include butternut squash ravioli, slow-braised beef, roast chicken stuffed with mushrooms, Alaskan halibut, and herb-roasted heritage pork loin. Also on the menu: salads, soup, antipasti, sides and breakfast favorites to include an omelet station, eggs benedict, quiche and waffles. An array of desserts will include not only an interactive apple cranberry cobbler station, but also hot chocolate cups, pumpkin roulade, apple parfait, German pear cake, maple profiteroles, crème brûlée, mini pumpkin pie, macarons and truffles. A children's buffet awaits as well, and adult guests may enjoy sparkling wine included throughout the meal. Reservations are required and early reservations are highly recommended.

### **Thanksgiving Dinner in The Grill**

**Thursday, November 28, 2019 – Two seatings: 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

**Adults \$99.00 USD; Children between 5 and 12 years, \$49.50 USD, excluding beverage/tax/gratuity**

This flavorful four-course Thanksgiving-themed dinner created by Chef Darry will feature a choice of soup, salad or sweet potato ravioli; a seafood course; an entrée selection of slow-roasted turkey, medallion of New York strip steak, roasted crispy porchetta, or Atlantic swordfish; and a choice of epicurean dessert. Reservations are required and early reservations are highly recommended.

### **Gingerbread Extravaganza Unveiling in The Lobby Lounge**

**Friday, November 29, 2019: The hotel will be decorated for the holidays**

On November 29, The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis pastry team will unveil an enchanting candy kingdom especially for the season, as a child's sweet dream will come to life in the hotel lobby. Guests will be mesmerized by an imaginative display of hand-made gingerbread houses decorated with colorful candies, and by a magical winter snow globe complete with a sugary sweet gingerbread village. Adding to the festivities, a captivating gingerbread base will be made of customizable gingerbread bricks that can be purchased with a donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Guests and members of the public may purchase and personalize a gingerbread brick for \$15 USD, with 100 percent of the proceeds to be donated to Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis.

### **The Ritz-Carlton Teddy Bear Tea**

**Saturday, November 30, 2019 – Seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

**Adults \$55.00 USD; Children between 2 and 12 years, \$45.00 USD excluding tax and gratuity**

This cherished and highly anticipated Ritz-Carlton tradition will feature storytelling, face painting, caroling, hot cocoa, tea, mini-sandwiches, scones, an irresistible selection of pastries and a special cookie decorating station for the holidays. Guests are encouraged to bring an unused teddy bear to be donated to Friends of Kids with Cancer.

**DECEMBER 2019 HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, ST. LOUIS**  
**Reservations & Information: +1-314-719-1433**

**The Ritz-Carlton Teddy Bear Tea**

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**Saturday, December 14, 2019 - Special Reindeer Edition\***

**Sunday, December 15, 2019 - Special Reindeer Edition\***

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

**Monday, December 23, 2019**

**Adults \$55.00 USD; Children between 2 and 12 years, \$45.00 USD, excluding tax and gratuity**

This cherished and highly anticipated Ritz-Carlton tradition will feature storytelling, face painting, caroling, hot cocoa, tea, mini-sandwiches, scones, an irresistible selection of pastries and a special cookie decorating station just for the holidays. Guests are encouraged to bring an unused teddy bear to be donated to Friends of Kids with Cancer.

\*For Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15, Santa has allowed the hotel to borrow Prancer from the North Pole, for a Special Reindeer Weekend. Visit the Front Drive to see Prancer on display with Santa's sleigh, as part of Prancer's annual visit to St. Louis.

**Brunch with Santa**

**Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15, 2019** (special Reindeer Edition, both dates)

**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$69.00 USD; Children between 2 and 12 years, \$34.50 USD, excluding tax and gratuity**

This famed Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis brunch buffet will feature delicious meats and cheeses, sushi, seafood, fresh carvery selections and a dazzling array of desserts. Santa and Mrs. Claus will interact with guests to the wonder and delight of all attending, so children should think about having their wish lists ready. Face painting will be available for children and children-at-heart, and Santa has allowed the hotel to borrow Prancer for this Special Reindeer weekend celebration. Join us on the Front Drive to see Prancer on display with Santa's sleigh for Prancer's annual visit to St. Louis.

**Christmas Eve Dinner in The Grill**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – Two seatings: 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

**Adults \$99.00 USD; children between 5 and 12 years, \$49.50 USD, excluding beverage, tax and gratuity**

A sumptuous four-course holiday-themed dinner created by Chef Darry, this special dining experience will include a choice of soup or salad; a second course of pappardelle or spinach and smoked ricotta ravioli; a main course selection of beef filet with foie gras, whole branzino or butternut squash risotto, and a special holiday dessert selection. Reservations are required.

### **Christmas Day Brunch in The Restaurant**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$95.00 USD; Children between 5 and 12 years, \$47.50 USD, excluding tax and gratuity**

This year's traditional Christmas Brunch Buffet will feature an extravagant selection of seasonal delights and holiday favorites, from beef tenderloin, crab cakes, herb-marinated veal and seared grouper -- to a raw bar, sushi, sashimi and forest mushroom ravioli. Further choices will include breakfast selections, an omelet station and beef wellington, along with carveries of rosemary-infused prime rib; free-range Cornish hen and Christmas glazed ham. Soup, salads, vegetables, and plenty of holiday trimmings will await as well, as will a special children's buffet. For the sweet tooth, a bountiful dessert spread and cranberry orange bread pudding action station will surely tempt. Adult guests may enjoy included sparkling wine throughout the meal. Reservations are required and early reservations are highly recommended.

### **Christmas Dinner in the Grill**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Two seatings: 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

**Adults \$99.00 USD; Children between 5 and 12 years, \$49.50 USD, excluding beverage, tax and gratuity**

The Grill will present a fabulous holiday dinner created by Chef Darry and featuring a choice of soup or salad; a second course of pappardelle or spinach and smoked ricotta ravioli; a main course selection of beef filet with foie gras, whole branzino or butternut squash risotto, and a special holiday dessert selection. Reservations are required.

### **New Year's Eve Dinner in The Restaurant**

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$149.00 USD, including Champagne toast, excluding added beverage, tax and gratuity**

On the most celebratory night of the year, Chef Darry will create an extraordinary five-course meal sure to end the culinary season on a high note. Dinner reservations are required. After dinner, guests are invited to step into The Lobby Lounge\* beginning at 9:00 p.m. to dance the night away to live music. \*Note: New Year's Eve Dinner in The Restaurant guests are welcome to join the celebration in the Lobby Lounge after dinner but cannot be guaranteed seating for the Lobby Lounge event.

### **New Year's Eve in The Lobby Lounge**

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019 -- 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.**

**No cover charge: first come - first served seating**

The Lobby Lounge at The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis is the premier spot to welcome 2020 in style. Live entertainment will be provided from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. by Arvell, the finest musical talent in St. Louis. Seating will be available on a first-come/first-served basis.

### **ABOUT THE RITZ-CARLTON, ST. LOUISIS**

The Forbes Four Star/AAA Four Diamond Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis is situated in the heart of the business and shopping enclave of Clayton, just minutes from downtown and from the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. An upscale, highly walkable neighborhood surrounded by parks, Clayton offers more than 80 shops and restaurants within an easy stroll of the hotel. For further details, visit [www.ritzcarlton.com/stlouis](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/stlouis), or to reserve, call 1-800-241-3333, visit the website or contact a travel professional.

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