



News

THE RITZ-CARLTON

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EXPERIENCE THE SPARKLE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL

From November until the end of the year, the ocean-inspired resort will feature a Tree Lighting Ceremony, Gingerbread Extravaganza, Luxury Shopping Experience, plus more



*(Holiday Décor at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel)
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DANA POINT, Calif. – October 16, 2019 – Guests and the local community can revel in the magic of the holiday season with oceanfront festivities at [The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#). Sparkling decorations in hues of blue, silver and white light up the resort, while a variety of memorable experiences begin Saturday, November 23 all the way through the New Year. [Holiday activities](#) include:

- **Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting:** The resort kicks off the most wonderful time of the year with the annual holiday open house and tree lighting on **Sunday, November 24, 2019**. Festivities begin at **4 p.m.** and include holiday music performed by The Jeeps and a special appearance from Santa Claus. Holiday cookies and hot chocolate are complimentary with additional beverages available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to Miracles for Kids or canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit the Orange County Rescue Mission. The event is complimentary.
- **Gingerbread Extravaganza:** Each year, the resort's talented pastry team creates a spectacular 24 ft. by 9 ft. housemade gingerbread extravaganza available on public display in the lobby from **November 24, 2019 until January 2, 2020**. Developed by Executive Pastry Chef Sylvain Haage, this year's gingerbread extravaganza highlights the town and characters of Whoville as a tribute to Dr. Seuss' classic, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*. Chef Haage and his team will spend more than 500 hours creating an incredible confectionary display fashioned out of an array of homemade gingerbread, colorful candy, sweet treats, baked goods, and other delectable confections. Get a sneak peek and see the extravaganza come together beginning November 4th in the lobby.

- **Gingerbread House and Holiday Cookie Decorating:** Guests can gather with family and friends on **Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m.** to decorate their very own large-scale gingerbread house and holiday cookies. Chef Haage and the pastry team will be on hand to provide tips and tricks for creating a gingerbread showpiece of the season. \$185 per Gingerbread House. To reserve, guests can call Resort Services at 949-240-2000.
- **Holiday Tea:** Guests can enjoy the timeless tradition of Afternoon Tea at RAYA, featuring an array of tea, savory canapés, and sweet bites in an elegant ocean view setting. Available **Monday through Thursday, December 2 - December 19, 2019**, with seating from **2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** and \$78 per person. Reserve in advance by calling Resort Services at 949-240-2000.
- **Yappy Howl-iday Celebration:** Held **Sunday, December 15, 2019** on the Dana Lawn from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, this festive gathering of canines and their companions provide furry friends the opportunity to be photographed with the “big dog” himself – Santa Paws. Guests are encouraged to bring unopened canned or dry dog food, treats, or dog toys to support animals in need. The event is complimentary, with food and beverages available for purchase, and proceeds benefitting Canine Companions for Independence.
- **Holiday Storytelling:** Families and kids are invited to celebrate with tales of the holidays and stories of the season. Storytelling is held in the Eco-Adventure Center on **Friday and Saturday, December 6, 7, 13, and 14 from 5 to 6 p.m.** and complimentary to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring a new children’s book for donation to Miracles for Kids.
- **Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Dining:** Families and friends can enjoy holiday dining at RAYA, enoSTEAK and the resort’s bountiful buffets. Reservations can be made by calling Resort Services at 949-240-2000.
 - **Thanks-for-Giving Buffet:** Thursday, November 28th, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
A decadent buffet featuring all of the season’s favorites.
\$130 per person, \$65 per child
 - **RAYA Thanksgiving:** Thursday, November 28th, 4 to 9 p.m.
A three-course holiday menu and limited a la carte menu.
\$125 per person
 - **Christmas Day Holiday Buffet:** Wednesday, December 25th, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Treat the family to a delicious holiday buffet.
\$130 per person, \$65 for children
 - **RAYA Christmas Day:** Wednesday, December 25th, 4 to 9 p.m.
Celebrate with a four-course holiday menu.
\$125 per person, \$65 per child
 - **enoSTEAK New Year’s Eve:** Tuesday, December 31st, 6 to 10 p.m.
Ring in the New Year with a glass of bubbly and a luxurious four-course holiday menu.
\$165 per person
 - **RAYA New Year’s Eve:** Tuesday, December 31st, 5:30 to 10 p.m.
Usher in 2020 with a champagne toast, four-course holiday menu and ocean views.
\$135 per person

For those seeking luxurious accommodations and unique experiences this holiday season, the resort will offer two overnight packages, available for reservation [online](#) or calling 949-240-2000.

- Perfect for a holiday getaway or for hosting out-of-town guests, the oceanfront resort’s **Inspirations of the Season Package** will have guests relaxing by the Pacific in celebration of the holiday. The package includes overnight accommodations, daily breakfast credit, a surf-inspired ornament, resort fee, and overnight valet parking. Available now through January 31, 2020 with rates starting at \$659 per night.
- For the avid shopper, the resort has collaborated with South Coast Plaza to present an exclusive **Luxury Shopping Experience**, showcasing extraordinary boutiques, personal shopping services, and upscale amenities at the renowned global shopping destination. Home to more than 250 prominent boutiques, South Coast Plaza offers an unparalleled collection of diverse retailers, along with its

customized concierge services. The Luxury Shopping Experience includes overnight accommodations; complimentary transportation to South Coast Plaza; admittance to ACCESS, South Coast Plaza's VIP Hospitality Suite; South Coast Plaza VIP Passport featuring exclusive offers from more than 100 stores and restaurants; a \$100 South Coast Plaza Gift Card Voucher; and a special gift from South Coast Plaza with a \$500 purchase. Available now through January 31, 2020 with rates starting at \$729 per night.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

[The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#) opened in August 1984 as the first Ritz-Carlton resort atop a 150-foot seaside bluff with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and direct access to more than three miles of sandy beach. Presented against an extraordinary backdrop, the re-imagined surfside retreat redefines the guest experience by creating distinctive and unforgettable moments that embrace its oceanfront setting – from sea-inspired spa treatments and locally-sourced restaurant menus to ocean view accommodations, family-friendly eco-adventure excursions, and unique surfboard displays. The seaside property offers 396 guestrooms and suites with personal patios or balconies, along with six distinctive dining outlets, an intimate Ritz-Carlton Spa, a dedicated Eco-Adventure Center, and unrivaled activities that embrace the surroundings. The iconic resort emphasizes unparalleled Ritz-Carlton service while delivering a genuine experience with a playful approach to luxury. Follow The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel on [Instagram](#) , [Twitter](#), or [Facebook](#).