



News

THE RITZ-CARLTON

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THE MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON RETURNS TO THE RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL

From November until the end of the year, the iconic ocean-inspired resort will feature a Tree Lighting Ceremony, SANDsational Sand Display, Holiday Dining, overnight experiences plus more



*(Holiday Décor at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel)
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DANA POINT, Calif. – October 19, 2021 – Guests and the local community can gather and rejoice this holiday season with oceanfront festivities at [The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#). The resort welcomes a return of the hotel's beloved experiences like holiday dining, gingerbread house decorating, afternoon tea, and more. Sparkling decorations in hues of purple and cream light up the property, with a variety of memorable experiences beginning Saturday, November 20 until 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 21, 2021** co-hosted by General Manager Karen Chastain and KTLA Channel 5's Wendy Burch. Festivities begin at **4 p.m.** including live holiday music performed by The Jeeps; a special appearance from Santa Claus; and the official lighting of the 40 plus foot decorated tree from the Pacific Northwest. 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; canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit the Orange County Rescue Mission; as well as pet toys and treats for local pet shelters. The event is complimentary.
- **SANDsational Extravaganza:** 'Tis the sea-sun for this year's unveiling of a **large-scale sand sculpture** by local sand architects Archisand Professional Sand Sculptors, Inc. Located in the lobby, this year's theme highlights the resort's holiday community footprint partners including [Surfers Healing](#), [Canine Companions](#), [Miracles for Kids](#), and the [Orange County Rescue Mission](#). A stunning artistry backdrop will further enhance the display, painted and designed by the hotel's Executive Sous Chef Steven Wan. On display Saturday, November 20, 2021 to Sunday, January 2, 2022.
- **Gingerbread House and Holiday Cookie Decorating:** Guests can gather with family and friends on **December 5 & 12, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m.** to decorate their very own large-scale gingerbread house and holiday cookies.

The talented pastry team will be on hand to provide tips and tricks for creating a gingerbread showpiece of the season. \$250 per Gingerbread House. To reserve, guests can call Guest Services at 949-240-2000.

- **Holiday Tea:** 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, November 29 - December 16, 2021**, with seating from **2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** and **\$95 per person**. Reserve in advance by calling Guest Services at 949-240-2000.
- **Holiday Storytelling:** Families and children are invited to celebrate with tales of the holidays. Storytelling is held in the Eco-Adventure Center and read by Santa Claus on **Friday and Saturday, December 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 5 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. Reserve by calling Guest Services at 949-240-2000.
 - **Thanksgiving Buffet:** Thursday, November 25th, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
A decadent buffet featuring the season's favorites.
\$225 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity.
 - **RAYA Thanksgiving:** Thursday, November 25th, 4 to 9 p.m.
A three-course holiday menu with all the fixings.
\$150+ per person.
 - **Christmas Day Holiday Buffet:** Saturday, December 25th, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Treat the family to a delicious holiday buffet.
\$225 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity.
 - **RAYA Christmas Day:** Saturday, December 25th, 4 to 9 p.m.
Celebrate with a three-course holiday menu.
\$150+ per person.
 - **RAYA New Year's Eve:** Friday, December 31st, 5:30 to 10 p.m.
Usher in 2022 with a champagne toast, four-course holiday menu and ocean views.
\$165+ per person
 - **enoSTEAK New Year's Eve:** Friday, December 31st, 6 to 10 p.m.
Ring in the New Year with a glass of bubbly and a decadent four-course holiday menu.
\$185+ 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. The package includes overnight accommodations, daily breakfast credit, a surf-inspired ornament, complimentary resort fee, and overnight valet parking. Available now through January 31, 2022 with rates starting at \$719 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. The package includes overnight accommodations; a \$100 South Coast Plaza Gift Card; admittance to ACCESS, South Coast Plaza's newly renovated VIP Hospitality Suite; pictures with Santa Claus; complimentary valet at the shopping destination; and South Coast Plaza VIP Passport featuring exclusive offers from more than 100 stores and restaurants. Available now through January 31, 2022 with rates starting at \$769 per night.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

[The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#) opened in August 1984 as the first seaside Ritz-Carlton property with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and direct access to more than three miles of sandy beach. Presented against an extraordinary backdrop, the reimagined 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 renovated 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](#).