

News



THE RITZ-CARLTON
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THE RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL CELEBRATES JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FESTIVE ACTIVITIES AND HOLIDAY DINING

From November until the end of the year, the ocean-inspired resort will feature Thanksgiving To-Go, a new Sand-Sasational Showpiece, overnight experiences, and more



*(Holiday Décor at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel)
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DANA POINT, Calif. – November 5, 2020 – Guests and the local community can celebrate hope and joy this holiday season with oceanfront festivities at [The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#). Starting November 21st, sparkling decorations in hues of rose gold, silver, and gold light up the resort, including a 40-foot illuminated tree for locals and guests to enjoy and take in throughout the season. A variety of other memorable experiences will also be available until the New Year. [Holiday activities](#) include:

OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCES

For those seeking luxurious accommodations and unique experiences this holiday season, the resort offers two overnight packages, available for reservation [online](#).

- 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, 2021 with rates starting at \$649 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; South Coast Plaza VIP Passport featuring exclusive offers from more than 100 stores and restaurants; and a \$100 South Coast Plaza Gift Card. Available now through January 31, 2021 with rates starting at \$669 per night.

DINING

- **Thanksgiving To Go:** An exquisite multi-course Thanksgiving feast for 6-8 guests by the resort's talented culinary team, including a variety of appetizers, salads, roasted turkey, sides, and dessert. \$395, excluding tax, and includes the [entire menu](#). Reserve in advance by emailing Marcos Presa at marcos.gonzalez.presa@ritzcarlton.com.
- **RAYA & enoSTEAK Thanksgiving on November 26th:** Special coursed menus with all the fixings. Seatings at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. \$135 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 949-240-2000. View menus [here](#).
- **RAYA Christmas Day on December 25th:** Special coursed menu with seasonal ingredients. Seatings at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. \$135 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 949-240-2000.
- **RAYA New Year's Eve on December 31st:** Usher in 2021 with a pan-Latin meal and Champagne toast. Seatings at 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. \$150 per person. Call 949-240-2000 to make a reservation.
- **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, November 30 - December 17, 2020**, with seating from **2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** and \$85 per person. Reserve in advance by calling Resort Services at 949-240-2000.

ACTIVITIES

- **Sand-sational Extravaganza:** 'Tis the sea-sun for this year's unveiling of a **new large-scale sand sculpture and sand vignettes** by local sand architects Archisand Professional Sand Sculptors, Inc. Located in the lobby, this year's theme highlights ocean inspirations, local surf culture, and our the resort's community partners Surfers Healing and Canine Companions for Independence. 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 21 to Saturday, January 2.
- **Gingerbread House and Holiday Cookie Decorating:** Guests can gather with family and friends on **Sunday, December 6 and December 13 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 for creating a gingerbread showpiece of the season. \$220 per Gingerbread House. To reserve, guests can call Resort Services at 949-240-2000.
- **Holiday Storytelling:** Families and kids are invited to celebrate with tales of the holidays and stories of the season, available on **Friday and Saturday, December 4, 5, 11, and 12 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.
- **Holiday Surfboard Auction:** From Saturday, November 21 to Thursday, December 31, the annual auction features a selection of stunning surfboards from celebrated creatives, artists, and iconic shapers, on display in the lobby and auctioned online to benefit [Surfers Healing](#), a nonprofit that provides the gift of surfing to children with autism. Donated surfboards include works by artists such as Wyland, Brady Smith, Brian Bent, Trevor Mezak, Robin Hiers, and Alex Couwenberg; along with shapers such as Brawner Boards, Hobie, and Firewire. Bids can be placed online at biddingforgood.com/surfershealing starting Saturday, November 21st.
- **10th Annual Surfing Santa & Stand Up Paddle Board Competition:** A fun, two-day surf competition on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 at Salt Creek Beach where men, women, and children dress like Santa or other holiday characters and surf and stand up paddle board

to benefit Surfers Healing. Contestants can register at www.surfingsantacontest.org. Registration ends on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

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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 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](#).