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Taj Cape Town set to treat the Mother City and her guests to a series of elegant celebrations over the festive season.

Cape Town's inner city jewel – Taj Cape Town, a luxurious sanctuary from the lively bustle of Cape Town's CBD – is hosting a number of intimate, beautifully-styled festivities in several of their celebrated venues over Christmas and New Year.

Staying festive over the holiday season.

- **Lobby Afternoon Tea**

Whiling away a sultry Cape Town afternoon in the opulent Lobby Lounge over a delectable spread of sweet and savoury treats, traditional tea sandwiches and a tea menu featuring 15 loose leaf infusions should be on every tourist's itinerary this summer. From November until February 2014, Taj Cape Town is hosting their popular Afternoon Tea from 14h00-17h00 at a cost of R195 per person; and, during the month of December, the pastry chef will be introducing traditional favourites to the Afternoon Tea Buffet

- **Salmon and Champagne Lounge Bar**

Exclusive to the festive high season between the 20th December and 2nd January 2014, Taj Cape Town is laying out a Salmon and Champagne Bar in the Lobby Lounge every day between 12h00-21h00. **An array of** salmon, including both fresh and smoked variations, accompanied a comprehensive selection of champagnes and local cap classiques, available by the glass, complete the enticing offering.

24th December, Christmas Eve at Taj Cape Town.

An evening of delightful entertainment will start in the grand Lobby Lounge at 18h00, where a concert pianist will play season classics on the Baby Grand and lead a playlist of Christmas carol favourites in joyful celebration of the season.

Guests have the option to reserve their table for Christmas Eve dinner in either of Taj Cape Town's first class restaurants; Mint, the Local Grill or Bombay Brasserie, where each respective Executive Chef has designed the ultimate Christmas feast menu.

- **Mint, The Local Grill**

Executive Chef, Shyam Longani, has compiled a set menu featuring all the traditional favourites that are essential for a decadent Christmas Eve dinner, such as Yorkshire pudding, honey mustard glazed gammon and a trio of roasts, comprising turkey, sirloin and beef. Gourmet starters include one of the Chef's specialties, stilton cheesecake with pumpkin seed crust and pepper, while Christmas dinner wouldn't be complete without mince pies, baked Alaska or a rich Christmas pudding for a well-earned dessert.

A two course meal is set at R295 per person while a three course meal costs R350 per person. This set menu is exclusive to Mint, the Local Grill and only available on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Dress code is casual and a kiddies menu or a la carte menu is available on request.

- **Bombay Brasserie**

A Christmas Eve celebration dinner in Cape Town's fine dining Indian cuisine showpiece promises to be an unforgettable experience. A five course meal will take guests on a culinary journey through the beautiful Indian states of Kashmir, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. World renowned Executive Sous Chef, Harpreet Longani, has prepared a selection of favourites including kolikithi, karaikudi style curried line fish, dumka springbok shanks and, of course his famous specialty, cardamom malaikulfi ice cream.

Cost is R625 per person. Regretfully, no children under the age of 12 are permitted. Dress code is elegant.

25th December, Christmas Day at Taj Cape Town

A complimentary festive cocktail or a selection of bubbly by the glass will welcome Christmas lunch and dinner guests in either Mint, the Local Grill or Bombay Brasserie, while the glamorous Lobby Lounge will be Santa's first stop in Cape Town where he will entertain children with giggles and gifts on arrival.

- **Jazz Carvery Christmas Luncheon at Mint; The Local Grill.**

Guests will be softly serenaded by a jazz duo while enjoying an eclectic variety of hot, cold and sweet dishes from the exquisitely bedecked carvery, with seating that opens out onto the picturesque St. Georges Mall.

Classic favourites, including slow roast belly of pork with maple glazed parsnips, parsee style Karoo lamb and apricot curry; ballontine of turkey with sage, onion and smoked bacon, and traditional honey glazed gammon are all on offer. Reservations are available from 12:30pm. Cost is R595 per adult and R295 per child under 12. Children under five years enjoy complimentary meals

- **Christmas Dinner at Bombay Brasserie**

With a doff of the hat in respect to its London namesake, Cape Town's premier Indian specialty restaurant will offer a colourful selection of delicacies presented as a multi-course meal; starting at R245 per person for two courses. Dress code is elegant and regrettably children under the age of 12 years old are not permitted.

31st December, Ring in the New Year at Taj Cape Town

- **Taj Cape Town Carnival**

Cape Town's oldest street party, dating back over 200 years, kicks off with the midnight passing of the banjo plucking Cape Minstrels in their colourful troupe costumes, who gather in celebration of freedom through music and dance. Taj Cape Town offers guests the finest vantage point to witness the vibrant procession, while an in house Malay Choir and piano recital in the Lobby Lounge will start warming up the revellers from 10 pm onwards.

- **New Year's Eve dinner in Mint, the Local Grill.**

A carnival-inspired buffet, featuring a number of succulent roasts, traditional Cape Malay dishes, seafood and dessert, will be available for R825 per person, with children under the age of 12 eating for R395 each and those under five eating for free. Favourites include fire roasted matured beef fillet, smokey barbeque spare ribs and royal spiced lamb leg marinated in citrus and coriander yoghurt. A comprehensive selection of main course options include roasted duck with flambéed cherries and free range chicken cordon bleu filled with cranberry goats' cheese. A jazz duo will provide the live background music during the meal, before guests are invited to enjoy complimentary access to the Twankey Bar street party.

- **Celebratory Six-course Chef's Tasting Menu in Bombay Brasserie.**

Taj Cape Town's finest eatery is hosting a New Year's Day Gala Dinner par excellence. With window panelling offering a panoramic view of the passing Cape Minstrels' parade, guests of Bombay Brasserie will be spoilt with six delightful dishes inspired by Indian Cuisine, including Trio of Chaat, KesarKasturi saffron brandy sorbet and roast leg of Karoo lamb KhushkRaan with Katliya and pomme dauphinoise. Cost is R1,100 per person, and includes a welcome drink. Regrettably, no children under the age of 12 allowed. Dress code is colourful yet elegant.

Post dinner, guests of Bombay Brasserie have the option to gain complimentary access to the Twankey Bar Street Party.

- **Twankey Bar New Year's Street Party**

Known as the gathering place for Cape Town's top professionals, artists, fashionista and politicians; guests and locals could not choose a better location than Twankey Bar to join in the celebration of the Cape Minstrels' Carnival parade that starts at the stroke of midnight.

In addition to access to the parade, Twankey Bar is laying out a generous spread of Cape Malay delicacies and offer a complimentary glass of Cap Classique. Full access tickets are available at a cost of R350 per person, or R150 per person for guests who choose not to partake in the buffet.

1st January, New Year's Day

- **Jazz brunch at Mint, The Local Grill**

To the accompaniment of soulful live jazz, the first meal of 2014 can be enjoyed at Mint, The Local Grill, where a traditional brunch buffet, including Chef's Sunday roast and pudding buffet, will offer guests a special start to the year. Specialty dishes include rare roast beef sirloin, harissa spiced roast chicken and slow roast pork leg. The cost is R275 per person, and there is no charge for children younger than five. Reservations for the brunch menu may be scheduled between 11am and 3pm.

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