



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR
Christmas Dreams Come True at Leading Hotels Around The World

LONDON, (October 2010) – T'was the night before Christmas... will you be in Tallinn, Nice, Cape Town, Chiang Mai, London or New York City? Members of The Leading Hotels of the World from Asia to South Africa are preparing very special ways for travelers to celebrate the festive period and create memories to last a lifetime. What follows is but a small sample of leading hotels where you could be when Santa Claus comes to town. **All these Christmas packages are available to book at www.lhw.com or telephone 00 800 2888 8882.**

Celebrate the holiday season in Estonia, the birthplace of the Christmas tree where according to old German chronicles, the first documented use of a tree in winter celebrations was in 1441. With its imposing wooden beams, antique furnishings and elegant décor, [Schloessle Hotel, Tallinn](#) offers a luxurious baronial experience reflective of Tallinn's historic charm. Located in the centre of the city's Old Town, the hotel is only a few steps away from the bustling shopping district and the Town Hall Square. Valid from November 27 to December 30, 2010, the Schloessle's *Christmas in Tallinn Package* is priced at EUR 617 double occupancy and includes transfers; two nights in a deluxe double room; a special Christmas present; a private walking tour in the Old Town; a glass of hot mulled wine and gingerbread at the local Christmas Market; and a four-course dinner in the award-winning restaurant Stenhus.



The French Riviera does not usually conjure up images of mistletoe and holly, but the recent refurbishment of [Hotel Negresco in Nice](#) makes it the ideal festive retreat. Inaugurated in 1913, and listed as a National Historic Monument, this privately owned Belle Époque palace is located on the seafront promenade overlooking the Bay of Angels. Furnished throughout with a unique personal collection of antiques and contemporary works of art, and evocatively named rooms and suites such as Suite Louis XVI, Pompadour, and Traviata- the hotel is a veritable voyage of discovery.

The *Around My Christmas Tree* offer is priced from EUR 980 per night, and includes accommodation in a sea-view suite or junior suite complete with a real Christmas tree; daily buffet breakfast in La Rotonde restaurant; a gastronomic Christmas dinner on December 24 in the intimacy of your room; and a Santa Claus surprise gift. Additional nights can be booked on the 23rd and/or 26th, the package is valid for the

nights of December 24 and 25.

For those seeking to escape a traditional white Christmas, whilst avoiding the crowds of Caribbean resorts,

[12 Apostles Hotel and Spa in Cape Town](#), South Africa, offers the perfect winter sun getaway. Swap snow and ice for endless sunshine, breathtaking sea views over Africa's southern coastline, irresistible beaches and exotic mountain slopes. The *Santa's Sleigh Goes Everywhere* is a six-night minimum stay package, valid from 1 December 2010 to 5 January 2011. Priced from ZAR 13,225 per night for two adults in a sea-facing suite, it includes round trip helicopter transfers from Cape Town International Airport to the hotel's heli-pad; daily in-room breakfasts served by an attentive butler; full-day peninsula private tour; one sunset gazebo spa treatment per couple; a full-day excursion by helicopter to the Stellenbosch Wine lands tickets to Carols by Candlelight at Kirstenbosch Garden with a deluxe Fynbos picnic hamper; candlelit dinner for two; helicopter transfer to Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Retreat and Wellness Reserve including lunch.



Another mild-weather Christmas destination is Thailand's [The Chedi Chiang Mai](#). Nestled on the banks of the River Ping, the resort is the perfect base from which to explore the mountain trails, elephant sanctuaries and gold-dome temples for which the area is famous. The resort offers an alluring mix of modern architecture and British colonial style; the best example of which can be seen at The restaurant which is a former British consulate building over a hundred years old. The resort's *Christmas Package*, valid from December 24 to 27, 2010, has rates starting at THB 49071.73, single or double occupancy, and includes three nights' accommodation; daily breakfast; roundtrip airport transfer by limousine; dinner on Christmas Eve with a set menu and free-flowing warm glu wine; Christmas Day lunch with unlimited

sparkling wine or Mojitos; a sunset cruise complete with tapas and champagne; a choice of a 180-minute spa treatment: either the Chedi package which includes an aromatherapy foot polish, jade massage, organic facial, Oriental body polish and bath; or the Siam package with aromatherapy foot polish, Thai herbal steam, traditional Thai massage, warm herbal compress, and Thai-style reflexology. Guests booking Chedi Club suites enjoy additional perks and amenities including complimentary drinks from the mini-bar, complimentary laundry services and evening cocktails at the Chedi Club Lounge.

This Christmas, get a taste of Russia at [The Grove near London](#) in Hertfordshire, England. The country house will be transformed into a glamorous setting for a magnificent Royal Christmas, blown in fresh from the frozen steppes. Inspired by the romance and opulence of the Romanov dynasty, an enchanting and magical Christmas awaits guests, with two night packages from £415 per person per night including breakfast and all Christmas day meals and a feast of entertainment. There will be a kaleidoscope of activities— Rocket making, Ballet classes, Cossack dancing, KGB Bodyguard training and Moscow circus skills workshops. Discover the 300 acre estate, with a mini Moscow Olympics and winter wonderland walks on the 'hunt for Babushka'. As night falls on Christmas Eve, a candle-lit carol service at The Grove's local church, will welcome in the special day. This year, The Grove has been inspired by the Moscow skyline and culture with oversized babushka dolls, rich, decadent and jeweled decorations and delicate candlelight, used to set the scene. The Glasshouse restaurant enjoys stunning views of the Formal Gardens and will serve a feast of over fifty dishes – fit for a king on Christmas Day. Choose to spend Christmas at London's cosmopolitan estate and be treated like Russian royalty.



Perhaps the world's most iconic festive destination is New York at Christmas. With Fifth Avenue aglow; department store windows dressed with festive, animated scenes and the magnificent tree in Rockefeller Center- its New York at its best. Head downtown to Tribeca and stay at [The Greenwich Hotel in New](#)

York. With its wood-burning fireplaces, carefully selected and well-loved antique furnishings, oak flooring and exposed brick walls, it is the perfect counterpoint to the uptown glitter. Which is not to say the hotel's



Ultimate Christmas in New York is anything but glamorous. Valid from 1 December 2010 to 9 January 2011, it is priced from USD 8,500, single or double occupancy, and includes three nights' accommodation in a suite complete with fireplace and Christmas tree which guests can decorate to their heart's desire or request one that has already been pre-decorated; egg nog or hot chocolate on arrival; stockings hung by the fireplace filled with special goodies for the children and further presents from Santa delivered to under the tree. The package also includes an afternoon spa getaway for parents including one 80-minute massage per person, four hours of babysitting provided by the hotel; dinner for four (excluding alcohol) in Locanda Verde one evening; a five-hour chauffeured tour of New York City's classic Christmas destinations, including Rockefeller Center, the famous Fifth Avenue department stores, and ice skating in Central Park

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Please note: All programs and packages listed above are subject to availability.

For reservations and information, visit www.lhw.com or telephone 00 800 2888 8882.

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