

Festive Celebrations

2026



Hydro Hotel
EASTBOURNE

A Warm Welcome



Originally opened in 1895, the Hydro Hotel has been taking care of guests for over 130 years. The hotel has built up a long-standing reputation for fine cuisine, an unforgettable dining experience and personal service. There is no better place to celebrate the festive season where tradition combined with fine food, excellent wines and wonderfully relaxed surroundings create a truly unique atmosphere.

Three and four night Christmas package

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December 2026

Arrive on Christmas Eve from 12pm and enjoy a light bite buffet lunch in the Crystal Restaurant. Relax with a glass of mulled wine and mince pies whilst listening to our local church choir singing Christmas carols in the lounges from 3.30pm. Please wear your best Christmas jumper, prizes will be awarded!

All guests to join us for our welcome drink's reception from 6.30pm, in the lounges a chance to meet other guests and the Hydro team whilst enjoying the accompaniment from Fiona Hosford, our resident harpist.

James Penn our head chef and his brigade will prepare a sumptuous four course dinner using the finest local ingredients for you to enjoy in the Crystal Restaurant.

Guests who wish to attend midnight mass can take a short stroll to St John's Church. Our resident's bar will be open for a night cap or hot beverage on return from the service.

Christmas Day Friday 25th December 2026

Start Christmas morning with a glass of Buck's Fizz before enjoying a traditional breakfast in the Crystal Restaurant. Eyes down, prizes for a line and full house! Join us for Hydro bingo from 10.30am in the Conservatory.

Enjoy a glass of our festive cocktail before lunch and our traditional Christmas Day five course luncheon in the Crystal Restaurant.

Join fellow guests in the Drawing Room to watch His Majesty the King's Christmas message followed by tea and homemade Christmas cake. Our traditional Christmas Day quiz will follow from 4.00pm in the Conservatory with fantastic prizes to be won.

We will be serving an evening drinks reception in the lounges from 6.30pm, followed by a Christmas buffet in the Crystal Restaurant.

Boxing Day

Saturday 26th December 2026

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the Crystal Restaurant, before perhaps taking a stroll along the seafront, or alternatively, take advantage of the Boxing Day sales.

James will be preparing a light buffet lunch served in the Crystal Restaurant, followed by a selection of cakes and tea in the lounges. A charity raffle will be taking place with the proceeds being donated to our nominated charity, St Wilfrid's Hospice.

The Hydro is honoured to welcome Tony Harris for an inspired talk entitled 'The Titanic Conspiracy' in the Garden Suite from 4.30pm.

Join fellow guests from 6.30pm for our Boxing Day Champagne drinks reception served in the hotel lounges before dinner in the Crystal Restaurant. After dinner relax or dance the night away in the Conservatory to Duality.

Sunday 27th December 2026

Our traditional breakfast will be served in the Crystal Restaurant. For those guests departing this morning may we wish you a happy and healthy New Year and a very safe journey home.

For those guests staying on our 4 night package join the team in the morning at the local Devonshire Park Theatre for the pantomime Cinderella. The coach will be departing the hotel at 10.30am.

A two-course luncheon from 1.30pm will be served in the Crystal Restaurant for all guests staying.

Guests are invited to an afternoon of magic with our resident magician, Alexander James from 4.30pm in the Garden Suite.

Guests are welcomed from 6.30pm to our drinks reception which will be served in the lounges before dinner in the Crystal Restaurant. After dinner it is time to make your way to the Conservatory to enjoy the sounds of Paul Astor.

Monday 28th December 2026

A hearty breakfast is served to help you on your way before leaving us. Wishing all our Christmas residential guests a very happy and healthy New Year and a safe journey home.

3 nights – £900

4 nights – £1,000

Festive stay packages prices held for 2026

Prices are inclusive of three or four night's accommodation based on two people sharing, a Classic twin or double bedroom arriving on the 24th December, with entertainment, traditional breakfast and meals as stated within the Christmas programme.

Daily supplements per person

Side Sea View bedroom – £20

Sea View bedroom - £27.50

Superior Sea View bedroom - £35

Master Suite - £42.50

Please confirm attendance of the pantomime at time of booking to avoid disappointment.

Visiting friends and family

For those who are looking to visit the area why not stay and relax in the comfort of the Hydro Hotel? Our special rates are available from £190 per room per night inclusive of full traditional breakfast and are based on two people sharing a double or twin Classic bedroom.

To book please call reservations on 01323 720643.

Guests staying with us on a bed and breakfast basis will enjoy breakfast served in the Orangery from 24th December to 27th December inclusive.

Christmas Day Lunch

On Christmas Day enjoy a real treat for all the family. Arrive for a glass of festive cocktail in our Garden Suite for a five course traditional Christmas Day luncheon with all the trimmings.

Christmas Day Lunch Menu

STARTERS

Stilton panna cotta, pear chutney, walnut, blackberry gel and a sourdough wafer (v)

Broad bean and pea tartine with serrano ham and grilled burrata (nut free)

Leek, bacon and potato soup with chive (gf, nut free, can be vegan, df)

Tandoori king prawn, onion tomato and coriander, lime raita (gf, nut free)

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Banana and rum sorbet

MAINS

Roasted breast of turkey with a cranberry and thyme dumpling, chipolata, honey parsnip and roasted potato, smoked bacon and rosemary jus (nut free, df)

Pan roasted cod, tomato fondue, olive almond and gnocchi dressing (gf, df)

Carrot and cashew nut roast, roasted baby potatoes, tenderstem broccoli, aubergine wafers (vegan)

DESSERTS

Steamed plum pudding with a spiced plum compote and Amaretto sauce (vegan on request)

Cranberry delice, orange purée, sugared cranberries (nut free)

Dark chocolate cheesecake, chocolate sauce, mince pie ice cream

Assorted ice creams and sorbets

CHEESE COURSE

Selection of local, French and blue cheeses, grapes, homemade fruit cake and water biscuits

Freshly brewed coffee and truffles

£120 per person

£60 per child (aged 4 to 14 years)



Twixmas

Join us in-between Christmas and New Year for a relaxing two or three-night break.

Sunday 27th December 2026

Arrive from 2pm and enjoy a cream tea and festive cocktail served in the Garden suite, bedrooms will be available to check-in from 2.30pm.

From 4.30pm enjoy an afternoon of magic with our resident magician, Alexander James In the Garden suite

A welcome drinks reception will be held from 6.30pm in the hotel lounges before dinner is served in the Crystal Restaurant from 6.45pm.

After dinner it is time to make your way to the Conservatory to enjoy the sounds of Paul Astor.

Monday 28th December 2026

Enjoy traditional breakfast in the Crystal Restaurant before exploring the seafront or South Downs National Park.

A three-course dinner is served from 6.45pm in the Crystal Restaurant.

After dinner relax in the comfort of the lounges or join Rick Bonner for an evening of musical entertainment in the Conservatory.

Tuesday 29th December 2026

A hearty breakfast awaits you in the Crystal Restaurant. The day is free for you to explore the surrounding areas of Eastbourne.

Enjoy a drinks reception in the lounges prior to our three-course dinner which is served from 6.45pm in the Crystal Restaurant followed by the sounds of Paul Astor in the Conservatory for dancing and entertainment.

£250 per person for two nights

£348 per person for three nights

Festive stay packages prices held for 2026



KICK OFF YOUR SHOES AND
UNPACK YOUR SLIPPERS!

Stay 3 nights and enjoy the third night at a special rate of £98 per person inclusive of dinner, bed and breakfast and entertainment.

Prices are inclusive of two or three night's accommodation based on two people sharing a Classic twin or double bedroom arriving on the 27th or 28th December, with entertainment, traditional breakfast and meals as stated above.

Book your stay by the 1st October 2026 and receive a 50% discount on your bedroom supplement.

Daily supplements per person

Side Sea View bedroom – £20

Sea View bedroom - £27.50

Superior Sea View bedroom - £35

Master Suite - £42.50

Guests are requested to reserve a table for dinner for all nights at the time of booking.

New Year Escape

Wednesday 30th December 2026

Arrive at your leisure throughout the day and relax in our spacious lounges. A light afternoon tea buffet will be served in the Crystal Restaurant from 3pm. The Hydro welcome drinks reception will take place in the lounges before dinner is served in the Crystal Restaurant from 6.45pm. After dinner enjoy the sounds of Rick Bonner for an evening of musical entertainment in the Conservatory.

New Year's Eve

Thursday 31st December 2026

Our traditional breakfast is served in the Crystal Restaurant. The day is free for you to relax or explore the surrounding area. Enjoy a stroll along Beachy Head and take in the many views over the South Downs National Park.

Join fellow guests in the lounges for a Champagne reception before our New Year's Eve gala dinner is served from 7pm in the Crystal Restaurant.

After dinner, our resident band The Rhythm Crew will entertain you with music and dancing as we countdown to midnight. Our resident piper will herald in the New Year with a glass of Prosecco for all.

Please note guests will be placed on large tables to create a party atmosphere for dinner.

New Year's Day – Friday 1st January 2027

Our traditional breakfast is served in the Crystal Restaurant with a glass of Buck's Fizz to start the New Year. Enjoy a stroll along the seafront or perhaps head into Eastbourne.

Dinner is served in the Crystal Restaurant from 6.45pm. After dinner, Duality will be in the Conservatory for music and dancing.

Saturday 2nd January 2027

Breakfast is served in the Crystal Restaurant. The Hydro team wish all guests departing a very happy and healthy New Year and a very safe journey home.

2 nights – £400 per person

3 nights – £510 per person

Festive stay packages prices held for 2026.

Prices are based on two people sharing a Classic twin or double bedroom arriving on the 30th December, inclusive of entertainment, traditional breakfast and meals as stated within the New Year Escape programme.

Daily supplements per person

Side Sea View bedroom – £20

Sea View bedroom - £27.50

Superior Sea View bedroom - £35

Master Suite - £42.50 per person

Guests are requested to reserve a table for dinner for both nights at the time of booking.

Stay on our 3-night New Year Escape and receive a voucher for £100 off a Winter Three-night Escape booked in 2027.

New Year's Day luncheon menu

STARTERS

Confit chicken, garlic and thyme terrine, piccalilli (nut free, df)

Cantaloupe, honeydew melon and rocket salad with pistachio and pomegranate (vegan, gf, df)

Roasted cherry tomato soup with red pepper and basil (vegan, gf, nut free, df)

Tandoori king prawn, onion tomato and coriander, lime raita (gf, nut free)

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Apple and Calvados sorbet

MAINS

Traditional roast sirloin of beef, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes and a port jus

Slow roasted leg of duck on garlic mash, sauteed brussels sprouts, caramelised carrot, Grand Marnier jus (gf, nut free)

Steamed fillet of hake with a herb butter crust, cherry tomato, fine bean and baby potato dressing (nut free)

Feta, spinach and broccoli cannelloni, Parmesan cheese sauce, tomato fondue (v, nut free)

DESSERTS

Chocolate and coffee roulade, Tia Maria Anglaise (nut free)

Cranberry delice, orange purée, sugared cranberries (nut free)

Spiced orange crème brûlée, steam ginger cookie (nut free)

Selection of cheese and biscuits

Assorted ice creams and sorbets

Freshly brewed coffee and mints

£51 per person

£26 per child (aged 4 to 14 years)



CELEBRATE THE START OF
2027 IN STYLE

Festive Party Nights

Whether you are organising your company's party or looking to join a night with a group of friends, our festive parties are an evening to remember.

Start the evening by greeting your guests in one of our lounges. Enjoy a sumptuous three course meal with coffee and mints, then you and your guests are invited to celebrate and dance the night away until midnight with our resident DJ. This event is not suitable for under 18's. Please note for all parties over 30 guests a table plan will be required.

Pricing and package inclusions:

Three course pre-ordered meal with coffee and mints.

After dinner disco with DJ until midnight.

Festive décor.

Please note in 2026 we will not be including table decorations/crackers as we will be donating 10p per guest to St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Friday 4th, 11th, 18th and Saturday 19th December - £60 per person.

Thursday 10th, 17th December - £50 per person.

Sound of the Crowd festive party nights - Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th December

Eastbourne's number one 1980's tribute band! Due to popular demand from previous festive parties, the Hydro is proud to welcome back Sound of the Crowd.

£65 inclusive of entertainment and three course dinner with coffee and mints.

Pre-order your wine before 1st November 2026 at a special price of £25 per bottle

based on our house wine selection. We do not require a deposit for the parties this year, but we are asking for the full payment by 1st October. Prior to payment, please can you inform all guests in your party attending that in the event of any cancellations the payment is non-refundable, non-interchangeable and cannot be used as payment towards wine or bar drinks. Please refer to terms and conditions.

Bar Accounts

Please note should you require an account bar facility during your party a valid debit or credit card must be presented prior to the account starting. We also require written confirmation of measures and drinks permitted. All accounts must be settled in full on the night.

Festive Accommodation

Attending a festive party night or private function during December? Why not stay the night with preferential accommodation rates available?

One night bed and breakfast package from £40 per person. Prices are per night based on two people sharing a Classic double or twin bedroom, inclusive of breakfast. Bedroom upgrades available; pre-booking is required Supplements apply for sea facing bedrooms Your organiser will be given a code to allow you to book this special rate at hydrohotel.com

Festive party night menu

STARTERS

Leek, bacon and potato soup with chive (gf, nut free, df) (can be vegan)

Confit chicken, garlic and thyme terrine, piccalilli (nut free, df, gf)

Cantaloupe, honeydew melon and rocket salad with pistachio and pomegranate (vegan, gf, df)

Tandoori king prawn, onion tomato and coriander, lime raita (gf, nut free)

MAINS

Roasted breast of turkey with a cranberry and thyme dumpling, chipolata, honey parsnip and roasted chateau potato, smoked bacon and rosemary jus (nut free, df)

Slow roasted leg of duck on garlic mash, sauteed brussels sprouts, caramelised carrot, Grand Marnier jus (gf, nut free)

Steamed fillet of hake with a herb butter crust, cherry tomato, fine bean and baby potato dressing (nut free)

Feta, spinach and broccoli cannelloni, parmesan cheese sauce, tomato fondue (v)

Carrot and cashew nut roast, roasted baby potatoes, tenderstem broccoli, aubergine wafers (vegan)

DESSERTS

Traditional plum pudding with a spiced plum compote and Amaretto sauce (vegan on request)

Spiced orange crème brûlée, steam ginger cookie (nut free)

Dark chocolate cheesecake, chocolate sauce, mince pie ice cream (nut free)

Farmhouse Stilton, Cheddar and French brie cheeses with biscuits

Vegan cinnamon panna cotta, toffee apple compote, vegan crumble (vegan, df can be gluten free on request)

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Freshly brewed coffee and mint

GIFT VOUCHERS
Afternoon tea
Dining
Sunday Lunch
Monetary
Accommodation
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Festive Dining and Events

Festive luncheons

Throughout December celebrate with friends, family, colleagues and clients. The Crystal Restaurant is available for lunch throughout the week and is the perfect location to enjoy our festive menus.

Three course festive lunch with novelties £37 per person.

Christmas Day lunch

Friday 25th December 2026

Join us on Christmas Day and enjoy a real treat for all the family. Arrive for a glass of our festive cocktail the Garden Suite before a traditional four course Christmas Day luncheon is served with all the trimmings.

£120 per person | £60 per child (aged 4 to 14 years).

New Year's Day lunch

Friday 1st January 2027

Please note our New Year's Day lunch menu will feature dishes from our popular Sunday lunch menus throughout the year. Includes resident pianist.

£51 per person | £26 per child (aged 4 to 14 years).

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One night bed and breakfast package from £40 per person. Prices are per night based on two people sharing a Classic double or twin bedroom, inclusive of breakfast. Bedroom upgrades available; pre-booking is required. Please speak to our reception team to discuss further. Supplements apply for sea facing bedrooms

January dining and party nights

For those that are too busy to fit in celebrations during December, why not enquire about our January private dining availability?



Festive luncheon menu

STARTERS

Roasted cherry tomato soup with red pepper and basil (vegan, gf, nut free)

Broad bean and pea tartine with serrano ham and grilled burrata (nut free)

Cantaloupe, honeydew melon and rocket salad with pistachio and pomegranate (vegan, gf,df)

Tandoori king prawn, onion tomato and coriander, lime raita (gf, nut free)

MAINS

Roasted breast of turkey with a cranberry and thyme dumpling, chipolata, honey parsnip and roasted chateau potato, smoked bacon and rosemary jus (df, nut free)

Red wine braised feather blade of beef, sauteed chestnut mushroom, baby onion and garlic pea ragout, roasted new potatoes (gf, nut free,df)

Pan roasted cod, tomato fondue olive almond and gnocchi dressing (df)

Carrot and cashew nut roast, roasted baby potatoes, tenderstem broccoli, aubergine wafers (vegan)

DESSERTS

Traditional plum pudding with a spiced plum compote and Amaretto sauce (vegan on request)

Chocolate and coffee roulade, Tia Maria Anglaise (nut free)

Cranberry delice, orange purée, sugared cranberries (nut free)

Vegan cinnamon panna cotta, toffee apple compote, vegan crumble (vegan, df, gluten free on request)

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Freshly brewed coffee and mints

£37 per person includes festive novelties

Festive Afternoon Tea at the Movies

Enjoy a pre-Christmas afternoon tea served in the Drawing Room whilst enjoying one of our classic Christmas films between 3pm and 5pm. Arrival from 2.30pm.

£30 adults | £18 children.

Saturday 5th December

Scrooge 1951

Sunday 6th December

How the Grinch Stole Christmas 2000

Saturday 12th December

Love Actually 2003

Sunday 13th December

The Holiday 2006

Saturday 19th December

It's a Wonderful Life 1946

Sunday 20th December

Elf 2003

Swingtime Sweethearts Lunch

Enjoy one of our most popular entertainers with two lunchtime dates to choose from.

Saturday 12th December and Saturday 19th December. £38 per person.

Murder in Pantoland Prison Murder Mystery Evening

Arrival drink and three-course dinner with murder mystery plot by The Company Upfront. Put on your detective hat and sharpen your sleuthing skills as you become part of an interactive murder investigation. Unravel the secrets and untangle the web of clues to solve. Expect an evening filled with intrigue, laughter and surprises.

Friday 11th December. Arrival from 7.15pm for sit down at 8pm. £70 per person.

A REAL TREAT FOR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS

How to book

Please contact the hotel to check availability of dates and minimum numbers required. To make a reservation contact the events team on 01323 746105 or email events@hydrohotel.com.

Payment

Where possible one full payment for parties over 10 guests is preferred.

Private functions

Garden Suite – minimum numbers apply of 50 guests lunch and dinner.

Please note we reserve the right to discuss with the organiser moving the location of the private event into the Crystal Restaurant should your numbers be significantly less than our expectations.

Online gift vouchers available

Visit hydro-hotel.vouchercart.com

Be our guest this festive season. 130 years of fine cuisine and exceptional personal service, the Hydro Hotel is the perfect venue for your event.

Terms and conditions

Festive party nights

Full payment is required by the 1st of October to confirm your evening. Menu pre-ordering is required six weeks prior to event. We do not require a deposit for the parties this year but request full payment by 1st October. Prior to payment, please can you inform all guests in your party attending that in the event of any cancellations the payment is non-refundable, non-interchangeable and cannot be used as payment towards wine or bar drinks.

Private venue lunches and dinners. Menu pre-orders and table plans must be provided a minimum of four weeks prior to event. A £250 deposit is required for private venue bookings; full payment is required eight weeks prior to the event.

Please note for all parties over 30 guests, a table plan will be required.

In the event of sickness or non-attendance at a festive event, all monies paid are non-refundable and non-transferable.

The Hydro Hotel is completely non-smoking/vaping venue; smoking is not permitted in any areas inside. Smart casual dress is respectfully requested. We do not offer a corkage service. All special requests such as dietary, allergy, table plans etc. must be received four weeks prior to your event. Normal terms and cancellation policy apply. All prices are inclusive of VAT at 20%. The management reserves the right to alter the contents without notice.

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