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Let's enjoy a remarkable time of the year with a fabulous dining experience on the seaside, surrounded by the cool breeze of the Andaman Sea.

Christmas Eve
Saturday, 24 December 2016

Delectable Traditional Christmas Buffet

Enjoy the Christmas buffet with a festive beverage and traditional delicacies, together with the finest seafood and beverage choices. Have fun with the entertainment, carollers and greetings from Santa.

Price: **2,800 THB++**
Venue: Rim Talay Time: 19:00

Christmas Gala Dinner

Be welcome with a festive beverage, savour a five-course Italian Gastronomic set dinner prepared by Chef Patrizia Battolu. Enjoy delightful ocean views and listening to traditional Christmas carols.

Price: **3,000 THB++**
Venue: La Gritta Time: 19:30

New Year's Eve
Saturday, 31 December 2016

New Year's Eve under the Stars

Join a spectacular gala dinner and relish a true feast of international and Asian delicacies. Welcome 2017 with entertainment by traditional international shows, live band and DJ to complete the night.

Price: **5,500 THB++**
Venue: Rim Talay Time: 19:30

New Year's Eve Gastronomic Dinner

Celebrate New Year's Eve with a premier selection of a five-course Italian Gastronomic set dinner while enjoying the spectacular beachfront scenery.

Price: **4,900 THB++**
Venue: La Gritta Time: 19:30

Remark: All prices are per person, excluding beverages, and are subject to a 10% service charge and 7% VAT. Children under 12 years of age will receive a 50% discount.

Reservations: +66 (0) 7634 0106-14 or reservations.phuket@amari.com

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What present would you like to have from santa this xmas?

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 Demonstration of Phuket Rajabhat University
"I wish to raise a cat but mother said Santa might not have one. A toy cat is ok"

Mona Moafi
 Kajonkietsuksa School
"I want a beautiful princess dress"

Rambo Schneider
 Kajonkietsuksa School
"I want a hug from Santa"

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"I want a remote control robot"

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Happy [insert festival name here]

By Simon Hand

IT'S Christmas! But what exactly does that mean any more? After living in the predominantly Buddhist Thailand for the better part of my adult life – where barely 0.5 per cent of the Thai people are Christian – and not having been a Christian back home anyway, the very meaning of this holiday, from a purely religious aspect, seems long since lost.

It's a well known fact that the early Catholic church stole this holiday from my pagan brethren, in order to make it easier to assimilate the last vestiges of the eastern European Pagan kingdoms – which had been broken upon the swords of 'pious' Teutonic Knights.

The true historical celebration at this time of year is the Winter Solstice, which falls on the shortest day of the year in western Europe – December 21. Back in the day, the pagan tribes put on a great big party to shout out to the sun for its early return in the new year.

Of course, elsewhere in the world, there were and are other great celebrations at this time

of year. In Africa it is Kwanzaa – which in Swahili means "First Fruit" and is accompanied with much dancing, drinking and singing.

The Incans had the Capac Raymi or the 'Magnificent Festival' and the Aztecs had 'Quecholli' to thank the rabbit god Mixlcoatl for supplying his tasty offspring. The season we celebrate these days, however, has very little to do with any of those origins and is much more about rampant consumption and consumerism.

What we have left of centuries old tradition is a jolly red-draped fatman with a never-ending supply of gifts (well, as never-ending as the parents' wallets are deep), a ridiculous reindeer and never-melting snowman, fir trees severed at the roots to represent life-unending or, worse still, their very flammable plastic alternatives, and an obsession with exterior household lighting that makes each home look like an overly complicated time-bomb.

And talking of the fatman, it's just a little too convenient that his pre-Christian alter ego has been virtually erased



kids lined up for presents. He checked it again to make sure he wasn't accidentally consigning some good child to the awful clutches of Kraampus – who very happily dragged away the misbehavers for some 'attitude correction'.

If you ask me, not getting a present from Santa is simply not a good enough punishment for your 21st century misbehaving urchins. We need at least the threat of a good-ol' horned demon to drive home the point. Oh, yeah! And Bah Humbug to one and all!

But, within our very DNA, tiny traces of the true, original season's spirit still remains. We still sing and laugh, put on feasts, welcome long lost friends and relatives (and even strangers) to wassail with us.

We still hold on – if even unknowingly – to the idea of goodwill to all men (and women and LGBTs) and fervently hope that the coming new year, new light and new day will be a happy one.

And so to all a Very Merry [insert your festival of choice] and a Happy New Year.

from modern Christmas lore. That whole list of good and bad kids that needed to be

checked twice? He wasn't checking it a second time to make sure he had all the good








Mom Tri's Kitchen

Christmas Eve
24th Dec, 2016
THB. 4,000++/Guest

New Year's Eve
31st Dec, 2016
THB. 7,400++/Guest

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Celebrate Christmas time and experience unforgettable royal songs from the most talented Thai DIVA, **Jennifer Kim**, including **Nook** and **Guitar** (The Voice Thailand finalists).

Phuket International Gospel Music Festival

27 Dec 2016 @ The Port Arena, 07.00 pm

This is the gospel commemorative concert of the year. Find world-class collaborations and excellent singing that reach out to everyone regardless of culture and ethnicity.



Street Show Festival

31 Dec 2016 – 1 Jan 2017 @ The Port Arena, 07.00 pm

Get the entertainment in your life. Fun with jugglers, clowns, illusionists and many other types of virtuosos. Be prepared for the unexpected!

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Amari Phuket, Patong

Rim Talay Restaurant will host a traditional Christmas buffet under the stars with seasonal delicacies and seafood choices, as well as a live band, DJ and carol singers.

THB 2,800++ for adults and THB 1,400++ for children under 12.

La Gritta will host a five-course set Christmas-gala dinner especially prepared by Italian chef Patrizia Battolu, with a welcome glass of homemade festive beverage upon arrival. Ideal for an intimate dinner for two or for dining with family and friends.

THB 3,000++ for adults and THB 1,500++ for children under 12. All prices are per person and exclude beverages. For more information, contact 076-340106 or reservations.phuket@amari.com

Angsana Laguna Phuket

Marketplace restaurant will host a family buffet dinner with a live jazz band and a kids' choir.

THB 2,950++ per person (includes one glass of sparkling or house wine).

Bodega & Grill will host a 5-course dinner with live acoustic music.

THB 3,250++ per person (includes one glass of sparkling wine) or THB 3,950++ (includes drinks pairing with each course). All prices are subject to 10% service charge and 7% tax. Kids below 12 get a 50% discount and kids below 6 dine for free. For more information, contact FBReservation-LagunaPhuket@angsana.com

Banyan Tree Phuket

Savor the magical fare of Christmas eve at The Watercourt with a gourmet feast that includes an array of enticing antipasti, traditional Christmas favorites, Asian delights, and heavenly desserts.

THB 7,000 net per person.

CHRISTMAS EVE



Stop by at Amari Phuket, Patong and enjoy Christmas feasts and festivities this season.

To spread the warmth of the festive season, join family and friends for traditional Christmas delicacies at Tre' in a 5-course set dinner.

THB 4,500 net per person. For more information, contact 076-372400 or email phuket@banyantree.com

Grand Mercure Phuket Patong

Grand Mercure Phuket Patong is offering a seasonal feast featuring a carving station, pasta station, wok fried station, chilled seafood on ice, seafood and meat BBQ selection, as well as a selection of cheeses, desserts and much more.

For more information, contact 076-231999 or visit grandmercurephuketpatong.com

Marriott Nai Yang

Big Fish restaurant at Phuket Marriott Resort and Spa, Nai Yang Beach is hosting

a contemporary Christmas eve feast with an authentic Thai twist. Five courses and dessert will feature a cornucopia of delicious tastes to usher in the festive season.

THB 3,200++ per person.

Andaman Kitchen, while still offering the traditional Christmas fare, is also putting some other tasty dishes on the menu, with a salad bar, live pasta station, live carving station and plenty of appetizers and desserts.

THB 2,500++ per person. For more information, contact 076-625555.

Mom Tri Villa Royale

Mon Tri is laying out an impressive spread at their Christmas Eve gala dinner comprising lobster, salmon, and lamb among other feasts, after a cocktail party and a jazz performance. Christmas carols are scheduled post dinner, in addition to an appearance by

Santa himself and distribution of gifts.

THB 4,000++ per person. All prices are subject to 10% service charge and 7% tax. Kids below 12 get a 50% discount. Reservations to be made at least 3 days in advance at fb@villaroyalephuket.com or 076-333569.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Angsana Laguna Phuket

Bodega & Grill will host a Christmas Turkey Extravaganza with herb-glazed roasted turkey sage stuffing served with mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts and traditional gravy. Live acoustic music and a kids' choir will entertain guests while they enjoy this hearty feast.

THB 3,250++ per person (includes one glass of sparkling wine) or THB 3,950++ (includes drinks pairing with each course).

THB 1,090++ per person (individual portion), THB 3,200++ for a half turkey and THB 5,900++ for a full turkey.

All prices are subject to 10% service charge and 7% tax. Kids below 12 get a 50% discount and kids below 6 dine for free. For reservations, contact FBReservation-LagunaPhuket@angsana.com

In-villa dining

Impress your loved ones with an exclusive In-Villa BBQ in the privacy of your villa to stylishly kick off the festive season. Book a chef for dinner to enjoy a gastronomic feast for a memorable evening. Limited booking, with reservation only.

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Amari Phuket, Patong

New Year's Eve under the Stars at Rim Talay: Dine and dance at our themed gala dinner poolside party with international and Asian delicacies and special festive beverages.

The evening's celebrations will include a packed program featuring a traditional Thai cultural show, cabaret show, live band and live DJ from 7:30pm

THB5,500 ++ per person for adults and THB2,750 ++ per child under 12 years. For more information and reservations contact 076-340106 or reservations.phuket@amari.com.

New Year's Eve Gastronomic Dinner at La Gritta: Enjoy a premier selection of fine festive dishes on the beachfront terrace with a five-course set menu, including king scallops, culatello ham, cèpes mushrooms, Australian veal tenderloin or monkfish freshly prepared by Chef Patrizia Battolu from 7:30pm.

After dinner, dance away under the stars on the last day of the year at the Rim Talay Pool Bar to usher in 2017.

THB4,900 ++ per person for adults and THB2,450 ++ per child under 12 years. Beverages not included.

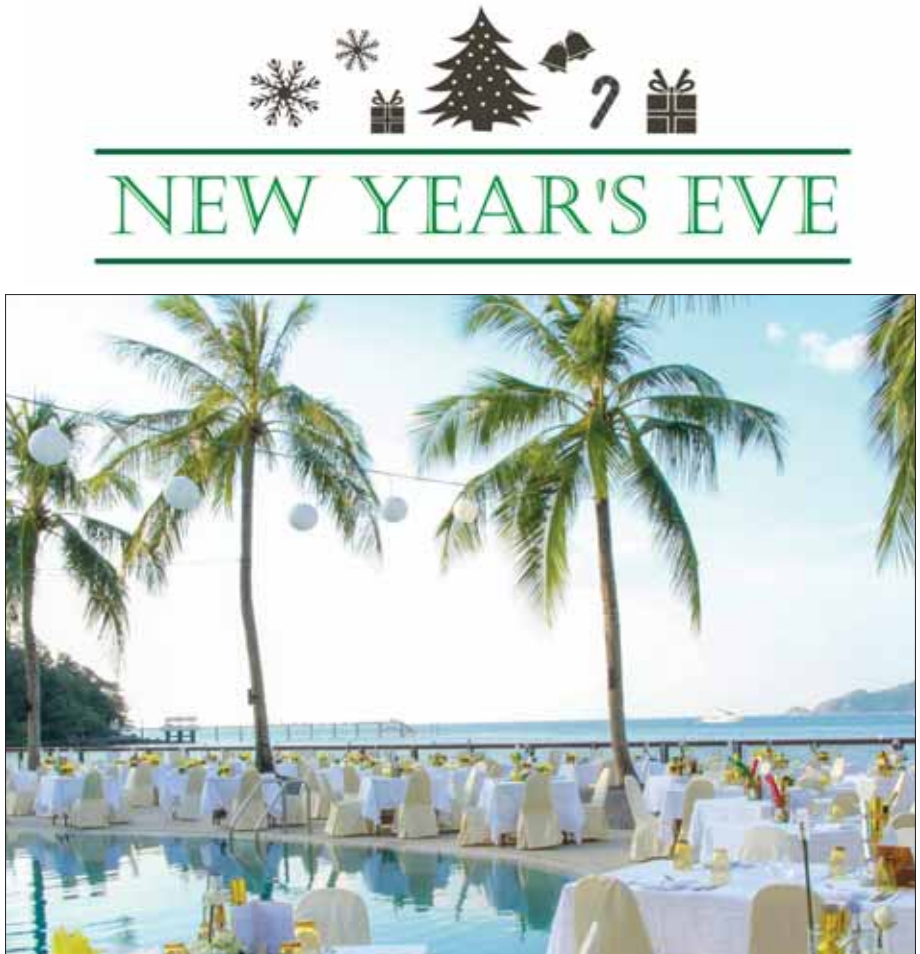
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Angsana Laguna Phuket

New Year's Eve Exclusive Five Course Dinner at Bodega & Grill: Live entertainment from 6:30pm until late.

Option 1: Meal with 1 glass of Chandon Brut sparkling wine or house wine for THB5,250 ++ per person.

Option 2: Meal with wine pairing for each selected course for THB5,900 ++ per person. For reservations and more information, email FBReservation-Laguna Phuket@angsana.com



Welcome the New Year with a gala dinner by the poolside under the stars at Amari Phuket.

Banyan Tree

Masquerade at the Watercourt: Bubbly pre-dinner cocktail with canapés and entertainment at the Lobby Bar from 7:00pm followed by an international gourmet feast with live cooking stations created by Executive Chef Alfonso accompanied by live music and DJ to keep you dancing all night and into the New Year.

THB19,000 net per person. For reservations, contact 076-372400 or email phuket@banyantree.com

Marriott Nai Yang

New Year's Eve @ Nai Yang Beach Gourmet international buffet and live cooking stations with Australian BBQ and fresh seafood plus a selection of delectable desserts

THB4,900 ++ per person.

Grand Mercure Phuket Patong

Market Fair Buffet: New Year's eve International seafood buffet and traditional dishes from the four regions of Thailand.

For reservations call 076-231999.

Nookdee Resort

New Year's Eve fun for all the family at Roy Dee Restaurant. Cocktail reception followed by gala dinner featuring an international BBQ buffet of fusion cuisine accompanied by live shows and DJ plus fun and games for all ages and a lucky prize draw.

THB6,000 ++ per adult and THB3,000 ++ for children.

10% discount for Phuket Gazette readers! For reservations call 076-688 888 or email: info@roydee.com

Mom Tri Villa Royale

Champagne and cocktails accompanied by live dance performance from the four regions of Thailand from 7:30pm followed by a 7-course gourmet gala dinner from 8:30pm onward.

THB7,400 per person.



FESTIVE SEASON CELEBRATIONS 2016

Share your wonderful moments of Christmas & New Year's Eve with your loved ones and enjoy our wealth of dining celebrations and delicious festive treats at Bubbles Restaurant.

Glorious Christmas Feast
Saturday, 24 December 2016 from 18:00
THB 1,599 per person

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CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION BUFFET DINNER

Savor the magical fare of Christmas eve to go with the joy and excitement of waiting for your Santa to arrive. An extraordinary gourmet feast will include an array of enticing antipasti, traditional Christmas favorites, Asian delights, and heavenly desserts.

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