

**CHECK INTO LE ROYAL MONCEAU - RAFFLES PARIS  
FOR A VERY CHIC CHRISTMAS**



*(October 2013) -- As one would expect at Paris' most glamorous Palace hotel, Christmas at Le Royal Monceau, Raffles Paris is anything but predictable – this is Christmas with a stylish 5\* sparkle.*

- The hotel's Christmas tree will take center stage in the lobby – a spectacular creation fashioned entirely in Limoges porcelain. The tree was produced in collaboration with the artist Sylvie Maréchal, with fabulous decorations and lights.
- For lunch and dinner the Michelin-starred restaurant La Cuisine will offer its guests a choice three brand new *Bûche Glacées*, (Ice-Cream Christmas Logs) by Pierre Hermé Paris, the star *patissier*, whose exquisite macarons and sweet creations are on the menu of the hotel's two restaurants throughout the year.
- This year, Il Carpaccio, the hotel's Michelin-starred Italian restaurant, will be available to rent on an exclusive basis, for one family, for a magical Christmas dinner. The 30-seat restaurant is entirely at the disposal of a single client for the evening and includes a bespoke celebration menu by Chef Roberto Rispoli, with Italian Christmas specialties, a sublime Christmas tree and decorations, a selection of Italian wines recommended by Head Sommelier Manuel Peyrondet, and plenty of surprises for the younger members of the family. (\$13,500 for the evening for up to 30 guests.)
- During the month of December, Le Bar Long will be serving its delightful new seasonal macaroon, "Infiniment Mandarine," created by Pierre Hermé Paris specifically for Le Royal Monceau, Raffles Paris. Afternoon Tea in Le Bar Long, with its signature menu of organic teas by Pascal Hamour, will also be in festive mode with the launch of a brand new Thé de Noël Pu'er de Chine – bursting with Christmas flavors of citrus fruit, chestnut and dried fruits.
- For children, the hotel has organized two fun art workshops: *Christmas Tree Decorations* on both Saturdays November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> and *Gingerbread House Christmas Workshop* on both Saturdays December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. A charming, home-made (but chic!) present for Mom or Dad. Both workshops are suitable for children aged 5 and over, and are available free of charge for children staying in the hotel, or for parties booking Brunch in La Cuisine restaurant.

- The chic Parisian children's fashion brand BONPOINT makes all the children's gifts at the hotel. For Christmas this year, a sweet, limited-edition mini suitcase full of presents will be available to buy at the hotel. Or lucky little girls might like the special edition BONPOINT Poupée Cerise doll, dressed in her outfit inspired by the Palace hotel.

- The hotel's fascinating art bookshop, Le Librarie des Arts, will be the place to find one-of-a-kind presents with panache for those hard-to-buy-for friends and family. A special Christmas Shopping evening will be held on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> for anyone who is still in need of inspiration for those final gifts.

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