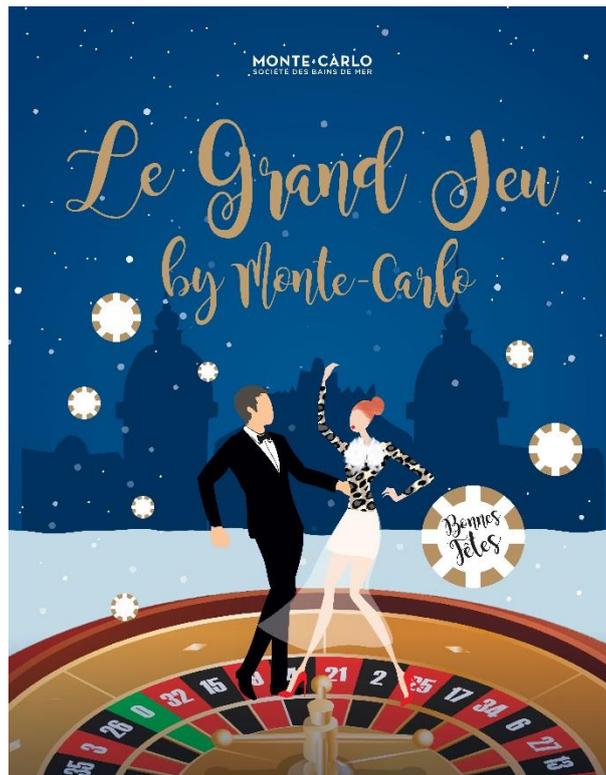


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## Le Grand Jeu by Monte-Carlo



The Place du Casino will once again be the place to be this winter with the grand unveiling of the revered Christmas display. Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer will showcase the festive spirit throughout the month of December, keeping the Place du Casino all decked out until 7 January 2018. This year, the chosen theme will be a creative take on the famed Place du Casino with a “Gambling” theme.

The décor of the Atrium of the Casino will set the tone with the extravagant thousand and one red and white diamond decorations for the “**Let’s Fall in Diamonds**” art installation. The Christmas scenery will be brought to life around Monaco, echoing the famed takes of Alice in Wonderland with carpets of giant cards that will wind through all the shops of the Monte-Carlo Pavilions, leading to the main square fountain, which will be transformed into a giant snowball displaying a legendary roulette wheel. Dice frame the walkways and scattered throughout the fir will be hearts, clubs, spades and diamonds with elegant golden skirts. More so than ever, the end of year celebrations promises to be particularly festive in Monaco.

Twenty restaurants, provide an infinite choice of gift ideas for gastronomes. Four Michelin-starred restaurants create unforgettable culinary journeys, for even the hardest to buy for: **The Louis XV - Alain Ducasse at the Hôtel de Paris** and **The Grill** at the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, **The Vistamar** at the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo (Chef Benoit Witz), the **Blue Bay** (Chef Marcel Ravin) at the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort and **the Elsa** (Chef Paolo Sari) at the Monte-Carlo Beach. Not to forget **Café de Paris Monte-Carlo** located at the Place du Casino, with its warm, intimate festive atmosphere.

Chosen by the finest taste buds in the business, the Yule log, “Single Chance”, can be enjoyed throughout all the establishments of the Monte-Carlo group Société des Bains de Mer or can be ordered exclusively from the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo from December 20th, 2017 to January 3rd, 2018. On a crispy base of dried fruit, crystallised and coated with caramelised apples, on top delicate red, white and black spheres, reminiscent of the balls from a roulette wheel. Each one a new delight.

Perfect for reconnecting with your family, from December 8th onwards, the **Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort** will celebrate the holidays in all its forms. In the lobby, the Nutcracker will invite visitors to enter its enchanting world. The terrace of the Orange Verte will be transformed into a forest of snow-covered fir trees and chalets serving a variety of delicacies including hot chocolate and home-made waffles. A curling track, chess, giant dice and even a roulette wheel will also await. For the children, Father Christmas’s Grotto can be found at the Sunset Lounge before ending the evening with a mouth-watering Christmas dinner prepared by Michelin-starred Chef Marcel Ravin.

From the 20<sup>th</sup> December, in the family friendly and intimate atmosphere of the **Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo**, the Square Beaumarchais will be illuminated by a special Christmas Carousel adorned with magical décor. Inspired by the purest Christmas traditions and the warm benevolence spirit of Father Christmas himself, guests will be able to bask in the festive atmosphere, whilst enjoying tastings of caviar, salmon, oysters and champagne. The Salle Belle Époque will also welcome guests of all ages to enjoy a special pastry making workshop with a storyteller who will portray classic Christmas tales.

On December 30th, the show “**Piaf ! Le Spectacle**” interpreted by Anne Carrère will take place at the Opéra Garnier Monte-Carlo, a culmination of a two-year world tour with over one million spectators.

Finally, to ring in the New Year, each of Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer’s venues will bring guests their own vision of enchantment and celebration. The legendary Salle des Etoiles will hold a breath-taking dinner with the famous **Claudio Baglioni** who will be serenading guests with a very special performance.

Buddha Bar Monte Carlo, the American Bar of the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo and Blue Gin at the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort, will again offer a dance party and a special fireworks display which can be viewed from the private terraces.

The Monaco Casinos will be filled with the sound of clinking champagne glasses, dancing and a DJ entertaining and thrilling gamblers with a night full of splendour and surprises.

On January 1st, several brunches and lunches will be organised for those first gatherings between friends and family. Guests will be welcome at the Louis XV - Alain Ducasse at the Hôtel de Paris, the Salle Belle Epoque of the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, the Blue Bay at the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort, Grill restaurant of the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Brasserie and Salon Bellevue of the Café de Paris Monte-Carlo and at the Salon Rose or the Train Bleu in the heart of the Casino de Monte-Carlo.

*All information can be found at <http://year-end-celebrations.montecarlosbm.com/fr/>*

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*Since 1863, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has been offering an unparalleled experience, a unique resort in the world with 4 casinos including the prestigious Casino de Monte-Carlo, 4 hotels (Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, Monte-Carlo Beach, Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort), the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo, entirely dedicated to well-being and preventive health, 30 restaurants including 4 with a combined total of 6 Michelin stars. Famous for its night-life, the Group offers an amazing selection of events including the Monte-Carlo Sporting Summer Festival and the Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival.*



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