



Year-end festivities 2026: All aboard the Monte-Carlo Express for The Great Christmas Journey

Press release – Monaco, 16 October 2026 – A majestic train, a giant illuminated Christmas tree, a letterbox for Santa Claus: the magic of Christmas takes over Monte-Carlo, spreading from the legendary Place du Casino to every Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer venue. From 30 November 2026 to 10 January 2027, Monte-Carlo will be alive with the spirit of the festive season, with spectacular decorations, indulgent afternoon teas, lunches and dinners, and unforgettable experiences for young and old alike. Festivities will get underway on the evening of 29 November with the traditional lighting ceremony at Place du Casino.

The Great Christmas Journey in Monte-Carlo

Beneath a starry winter sky, a majestic train appears at Place du Casino: the Monte-Carlo Express. A real train, straight out of the most enchanting Christmas stories, with each carriage telling its own tale. In the first carriage, Santa Claus, surrounded by woodland animals, reads the thousands of letters sent from every corner of the world. The journey continues at the gift workshop, where mountains of toys and other wonderful presents are piled high in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The third and final carriage reveals a heartwarming scene: the world has received its gifts. Santa Claus, having completed his mission, sits down to dinner on Christmas Eve alongside his faithful companions. This festive season, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer is pulling out all the stops, transforming its Resort into a fairytale setting *from 30 November 2026 to 10 January 2027*.

Close to the Monte-Carlo Express station stands the traditional 20-metre-high Christmas tree, which will be officially lit on 29 November at 6 p.m. Mirroring it on the façade of the Casino de Monte-Carlo, a sound-and-light show will bring the building to life each evening with a colourful musical spectacle every 30 minutes, from 6 p.m. to midnight. *On 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 December, and then from 18 December to 10 January 2027.*

Also at Place du Casino, the traditional choir will enchant visitors on 19, 20, 23, 24 and 26 December, from 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Santa Claus, meanwhile, will be meeting children on 20, 21, 24 and 25 December, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Decorations and gift ideas

The traditional chalets on Avenue de Monte-Carlo will return from 14 November 2026 to 3 January 2027. Eight charming pop-up boutiques, open daily from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m., will be a treasure trove of gift ideas, from floral decorations and scented candles to beauty products. They will also offer a tasty break, with Christmas favourites such as mulled wine, pretzels, crêpes and other sweet and savoury treats.

The Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer chalet will feature lovely Christmas decorations and delicious panettones, among other things. At One Monte-Carlo, the luxury boutiques along the Christmas Promenade Monte-Carlo Shopping will showcase their finest festive outfits, refined decorative items—many created in local workshops—and plenty of other treats to give.

Other gift ideas include the book published by Assouline, dedicated to the Casino de Monte-Carlo; the Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer collector's edition of Monopoly; and the brand-new Monte-Carlo edition of Cluedo. These three exclusive must-haves are available at the Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer drugstore, the Casino de Monte-Carlo, the drugstore at Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort and the new boutique at Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo.

Festive treats at the heart of the celebrations: Christmas afternoon teas

Christmas means festive afternoon teas and dinners! Once again this year, guests can enjoy the [Christmas Afternoon Teas at Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo](#), in the Salle Belle Epoque, from 19 to 23 December, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

115 euros per adult; 60 euros for children aged 6 to 11. Free for children under 5.

Over in the Mareterra district, [Marlow](#) will also be joining in the festive spirit, with a Christmas Afternoon Tea on 25 December. *Suggestions from the à la carte menu.*

And what would Christmas dinner be without a Yule log? Discover this year's special entremets, created for the Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer in-house competition: Escalade boréale aboard the Monte-Carlo Express. Winner of the 15th edition of the competition, organised by the Group's Culinary Events Department, Operations Department and Human Resources Department, this creation by Romain Catala, Chef de Partie at Hôtel Hermitage, takes diners on a journey between Monaco and Iceland. It features a crisp speculoos biscuit with fleur de sel, a milk-chocolate and tonka-bean crémeux, a raw-and-cooked pear and vanilla confit, a soft gingerbread-style biscuit and a silky vanilla mousse. Enjoy it at Hôtel Hermitage or take it away from Mada One throughout the festive season.

Also on offer are the Yule logs by Cedric Grolet Monte-Carlo, including the return of the vanilla-scented *Bûche Père Noël* and the indulgent, creamy *Pain d'Épice*, as well as the new *Ourson* chocolaté, the coconut-flavoured *Bonhomme des Neiges* and, above all, a unique creation made especially for Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, with notes of hazelnut, caramel and vanilla. These delicious treats are available to enjoy on-site or take away from 9 to 31 December.

Christmas pop-ups and enchanting trees

Two Christmas pop-ups are returning this year. First, at Jardin des Boulingrins, the traditional [Carousel](#) will delight sweet-toothed visitors from 1 November to 15 March 2027, with crêpes, waffles, churros, toffee apples and other sweets, as well as a selection of hot and cold drinks. The Blue Gin's winter pop-up, ["The Perfect Chalet Illusion"](#), at Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort, will also return from 17 November 2026 to 1 March 2027. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the cosy, welcoming atmosphere of an alpine retreat overlooking the Mediterranean, while savouring a menu of signature cocktails with a distinctly wintry twist. – *Open daily from 6.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Resident DJ Nicolas Saad from Thursday to Saturday.*

On Square Beaumarchais, opposite Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, a Lavazza pop-up will serve coffee, hot chocolate and other treats, including pumpkin lattes and pumpkin apple-cinnamon lattes, from 12 December 2026 to 3 January 2027.

Finally, the lobby of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo will once again feature its traditional Christmas tree, created by Maison Chopard, from 30 November to 6 January. Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, meanwhile, will welcome a brand-new tree designed by Maison Chanel Joaillerie. Monte-Carlo Bay will be decked out throughout by florist Stanislas Ducreux from 17 November.

Festive lunches and dinners

Brunch, special dinners, lunch... Once again, all Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer venues are getting into the festive spirit with a wide range of gourmet and fine-dining experiences for Christmas and New Year. Details and menus can be found here: [Christmas Restaurants Monaco: Which One to Choose](#) / [Restaurants and events in Monaco: Book for New Year's](#)

Celebrate New Year with Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer

The Resort's festive venues are getting ready to ring in 2027, with New Year's Eve celebrations not to be missed. At the Salle des Étoiles at Sporting Monte-Carlo, guests can enjoy an exceptional dinner show set to the greatest hits of the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, performed by the tribute act *This is Michael*: [New Year's Eve at Salle des Étoiles | Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer](#) – 665 euros per person, including ½ bottle of champagne.

Amazónico Monte-Carlo will be going tropical for its "Tropicalia" party, with dancers and percussionists, while Selva Monte-Carlo will be in a disco mood with its "Disco Fever" party. Jimmy's Monte-Carlo will remain a must-visit by the sea. At Blue Gin, a [pre-party](#) starts at 5 p.m., ahead of the main event at 11 p.m., followed by the traditional fireworks display. Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo will host a special party with a countdown to midnight, while a DJ set gets the crowd dancing at Place du Casino.

Finally, the Casino de Monte-Carlo will welcome four female performers in Salle Europe and the Atrium from 9.30 p.m., along with a strolling quartet. A DJ will also keep casino guests dancing each evening from 31 December to 2 January. Casino Café de Paris will also host a DJ, dancers, stilt walkers and a light show from 31 December to 2 January.

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Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer embodies a new Art de Vivre that is unique in the world with a taste for what is beautiful, fine and good. Its Resort offers Luxury Gaming in its casinos, "haute couture" experiences in its iconic palace hotels and their Diamond Suites and gourmet dining at the cutting edge of modernity, combining Michelin-starred restaurants, international concepts and our own creations, as well as a topflight artistic and cultural selection. The Resort also offers a fantastic range of sport and well-being activities, shopping and partying. And because the new Art de Vivre Monte-Carlo must evolve towards increasingly ethical and responsible luxury, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has been committed since 2007 to a pro-active policy in terms of energy transition, consumption of resources and waste, local fine dining and preservation of the natural heritage. The number 1 private employer in the Principality of Monaco, in 2023 the Group launched its 4th ethics charter to uphold its values of integrity and responsibility in conducting its professional business.

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