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THE HOLIDAYS COME ALIVE IN PALM SPRINGS WITH THE 12 DAYS OF ESMERALDA

Festivities blend the best the desert has to offer with time-honored traditions and giving back to our community

Indian Wells, CA — For the second year in a row, <u>Renaissance Esmeralda Indian Wells Resort</u> <u>& Spa</u> is taking holiday celebrating to a whole new level with a 12 day calendar of festivities for resort guests and the local community to enjoy alike.

In addition to a partridge in a "palm tree," The 12 Days of Esmeralda includes:

Day 1. Story Time with Mrs. Claus (Monday, Dec. 17)

Gather around Mrs. Claus from 10 am-11 am and 3:30 pm-4:30pm at <u>STIR Lounge</u> for some of her best-loved stories complemented by scrumptious milk and cookies.

Day 2. Sacred Heart Choir Carolers (Tuesday, Dec. 18)

Iconic sounds of the season will fill the air in the resort atrium as Sacred Heart Choir sings holiday favorites at Glo Lobby Bar from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

Day 3. Holiday Cookie Decorating (Wednesday, Dec. 19)

Satisfy cravings for holiday goodies and leave the clean-up to us! Learn some clever tricks of the trade in cookie decorating from our very own master chef from 2 pm-4 pm at STIR Lounge. Reservations are required.

Day 4. Holiday Cocktail Class (Thursday, Dec. 20)

Let our mixologists show you how to concoct cocktails filled with cider and spice and everything nice at STIR Lounge from 4 pm-5 pm. And the best part - sampling of course! Must be 21 or older; reservations are required.

Day 5. Xavier Choir Carolers (Friday, Dec. 21)

Kick-off the holiday weekend with the angelic melodies of carolers from Xavier Choir at Glo Lobby Bar from 5:30 pm-6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to join in!

Day 6. Carriage Rides (Saturday, Dec. 22)

A horse-drawn carriage ride in the desert? You bet! From 12 pm-4 pm, Charles Dickens inspired carriage rides take you on a journey to Christmas festivities.

Day 7. Pancakes & Santa (Sunday, Dec. 23)

Just days before his 'big night out,' Santa clears his schedule to spend the morning with all the little girls and boys visiting the resort. A special breakfast buffet awaits one and all at Cava

Restaurant from 9 am-11am. Reservations are required and the cost is \$24 for adults and \$12 for children.

Day 8. Tree Trimming (Monday, Dec. 24)

The tradition of tree trimming abounds in the land of paradise and palms. Experience the nostalgia of decorating ornaments and stringing popcorn while enjoying some tasty treats from 11 am-3 pm.

Day 9. Gingerbread Houses (Tuesday, Dec. 25)

Adults and children alike will delight in designing gingerbread houses on Christmas Day. Enjoy a leisurely morning brunch, then join in on this highly-anticipated activity dripping with frosting and finger-licking fun from 11am-3 pm. Reservations are required.

Day 10. Roasting Chestnuts (Wednesday, Dec. 26)

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire indeed! A perfect way to complement all this fabulous holiday fun is by meeting at the fire pits from 4 pm-6 pm to learn the art and enjoy the flavors.

Day 11. S'mores (Thursday, Dec. 27)

S'more holiday fun is planned with S'more making from 7 pm-9 pm on the Rose Lawn.

Day 12. Eggnog Tasting (Friday, Dec. 28)

Round out a truly magical time with an Eggnog tasting at Glo Lobby Lounge from 4 pm-6 pm. Reservations are required.

During the <u>12 Days of Esmeralda</u>, special room rates start at \$159 per night. As an added bonus, guests who donate a nonperishable food item upon check-in will be given \$50 in resort credit (based per guest room to use towards spa and dining). The Holiday Resort Credit is valid from December 17 – 28 and is valid towards 60 minute spa services or dining, but is not valid towards merchandise or salon services. The offer may not be combined with any other rate or promotion and is valid for leisure travel only. For reservations, please call (800) 321-1508 or visit www.marriott.com/pspsr and reference promotional code HO9.

"As a way of saying thanks to our loyal guests and friends in the Coachella Valley, we have designed daily activities that are complimentary (except for breakfast with Santa) and have partnered with our local food bank, FIND to collect donations during this critical time of year," shares Director of Operations Jennifer Atkins. "We truly want everyone to enjoy this magical time of year."

For more information, please visit their Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/renaissanceesmeralda</u>. For activities that require reservations, please call (760) 836-1286.

About Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, a member of the Marriott group, invites guests to "Live Life to Discover" within a distinctive desert setting. Located in the prestigious community of Indian Wells and nestled into the foothills of the Santa Rosa Mountains, the four-star Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa is a highly sought after location for social events and meetings, boasting 560 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites along with more than 100,000 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor function space, all of which feature breathtaking views of the mountains or pool area. The resort offers award-winning dining and entertainment options, luxurious spa and salon with state-of-the-art fitness center, unique pool

experience with sandy beach and waterfalls, Camp Oasis Kids Club and world-class tennis and golf amenities nearby.

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