# An unforgettable Christmas in Europe with Derby Hotels Collection

- Derby Hotels Collection is present in four top European destinations for this Christmas.
- DHC offers Christmas menus combining comfort, art and history, all under the same roof giving guests a memorable experience.

**November 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 -** As the Christmas season approaches, Derby Hotels Collection offers a wide range of offers to help late-planning and last minute panicking travellers make this year's a Christmas to remember. With a collection of 22 hotels and apartments in some of the top spots in Europe this season, DHC offers to cater for different types of needs, so travellers can relax and enjoy the magic of a European Christmas holiday in Madrid, Barcelona, London and Paris.

#### **Brilliant Barcelona**



Hotel Claris 5\* Junior Suite in Barcelona and Gaudi's Güell Park in the Catalan capital.

If considering spending Christmas abroad, why not visit one of the most exciting destinations in the continent. Barcelona, home to Gaudi's architectural masterpieces, hosts the most Derby Hotels Collection establishments out of any other city, with Hotel Claris being the most popular.

Claris Hotel 5\* Deluxe proudly hosts one of the most important private Egyptian art collections in Spain, showcased in the museum based within the hotel, as well as Hindi sculptures of the II – X centuries, original engravings petitioned by Napoleon, even Pop Art lithography's of Andy Warhol amongst other art works. Guests can also enjoy all of the comfort and features that are customary of DHC, including an outdoor swimming pool, sauna and gym, amongst others facilities. During the holidays, Hotel Claris will offer a Christmas Day menu at £57 pp and New Year's Eve menu at £136 pp, specifically designed for these occasions, which include starters and deserts and some exciting suggestions such as baked

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sea bass with prawn ravioli or suckling pig with tomato, spring onions and ginger.

Besides Christmas menus, Derby Hotels Collection has also created the "Stay and Shop" package from £206. For guests of Claris Hotel, the pack includes accommodation in a Junior Suite room with breakfast buffet and direct luxury transport to La Roca Village outlet, where guests will receive a welcome drink, as well as discounts and exclusive offers in over 140 stores spanning the most prestigious Spanish and international brands, such as Armani, Gucci, Carolina Herrera, Ralph Lauren, Hugo Boss, Swarovski, Tag Heuer, Escada, Michael Kors amongst many others.

#### Magical Madrid



Terrace with views at the Urban Hotel 5\* Deluxe in Madrid and Madrid's Puerta del Sol during Christmas.

Madrid is the perfect city for long walks in the day in relaxing locations such as Parque del Retiro, and to enjoy the excellent gastronomic selection, as well as having a buzzing nightlife and great catalogue of art museums, including The Prado, Reina Sofía and Thyssen-Bornemisza museums.

Derby Hotels Collection's Hotel Urban, one of the most acclaimed of the brand, is based in central Madrid, in the middle of the art *quartier*. This 5\* Deluxe hotel offers some luxurious features such as an outdoor swimming pool and solarium, a gym, sauna, even its own museum, all within walking distance of the city's main attractions.

The Urban hotel will offer a unique dining experience this Christmas, with a Christmas Eve menu at £132 pp and a New Year's Eve menu for the price of £167 pp, both including drinks. These menus include some fine cuisine dishes such as sea bream with almond sauce and citrus or tenderloin with a white truffle sauce and "angula de monte" mushroom. The New Year's Eve menu will also have a special "New Year's Eve dinner with Party Favours" option, where besides

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the menu, guests will also receive tickets to a private party with a live DJ, a free bar with top quality brands and snacks through the night.

Madrid's DHC Hotel Urban introduces its very own "Stay and Shop" package, with the possibility of having a VIP experience in Las Rozas Village outlet shopping centre featuring best international brands, while staying in a Junior Suite per night with buffet breakfast included from £228.

### **Precious Paris**



Room in Paris' DHC Banke Hotel 5\* and The Eiffel Tower lit up for Christmas

Known as the city of lights and love, Paris is one of the most popular destinations in the world, and the perfect choice for a romantic winter holiday. This Christmas, lovers can escape to the beautiful French capital and admire the art at the Louvre or visit some historical sites such as Notre Dame, as well as shopping in the spectacular Galeries Lafayette.

The Banke Hotel, located in the central Lafayette area, was recently awarded its 5 stars. The Hotel is a spectacular refurbished building that formerly hosted the headquarters of Banque Suisse Français, which was the inspiration of its name. The establishment holds an art collection, featuring historical priceless jewellery from different cultures from around the world, including Egypt, Africa or Rome.

For guests spending the holiday season in the hotel, Banke's dinning option will have a sophisticated French touch. The Hotel will be offering a Christmas Menu for £76 pp and a New Year's Eve Menu at a price of £180 pp, including Scottish salmon and French oysters n°3 tartare, lemon comfit or a delicious venison fillet with cranberries, celery and chestnut purée, mini pear and Brussels sprouts shell. Both menus include drinks.

# **Lively London**



DHC's The Caesar 4\* Hotel in London and The London Eye lit up for Christmas.

For those who do not wish to travel that far for Christmas, London is still one of the most exciting destinations for this winter, with many attractions including the Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park, the Pantomimes at different theatres in town an ideal plan for families- and the spectacular Christmas lights displays around town.

The Caesar Hotel, the London Derby Hotels Collection establishment, includes Roman-Syrian mosaics around the hotel and in its XO Restaurant, where guests can enjoy their seasonal Christmas menu surrounded by historical art in an atmosphere that combines these ancient mosaics with contemporary architecture, all in the heart of the British capital.

#### About Derby Hotels Collection:

Established in 1968, Derby Hotels Collection is one of the most prestigious hotel companies in Spain. Its unique and original hotels combine art, culture and luxury. By doing this, each establishment hosts a singular collection or ancient or contemporary art. Each hotel is different and incomparable, providing a unique and surprising experience.

Derby Hotels Collection currently has 22 luxurious establishments in Barcelona, Madrid, London and Paris. Their French flagship, the Banke hotel, was recently awarded 5 stars. Along with the hotels, DHC also has their luxurious Barcelona Apartments, with 8 establishments in the city, built to accommodate and offer the amenities and the home feeling that people look for whilst visiting the city.

Jordi Clos, President of Derby Hotels Collection and Joaquim Clos, Director General of DHC are hotels, art, culture and Barcelona enthusiasts. The hallmark of the Clos family is present in every corner of their hotels and apartments.

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