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Where To Travel In December

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Hotel Quintessence. Credit: Quintessence Resort Hotel

Though the holidays are quickly bearing down and the New Year is fast approaching, there's still time for one more fabulous trip somewhere in the world. Whether you're looking to end 2017 with a quiet retreat or go out with a bang, these packages and upscale properties are sure to fit the bill.

Mont-Tremblant, Quebec

To finish 2017 on a charitable note, make your way to the Great White North for the [24h Tremblant](#). This fantastic annual event sees dozens of teams skiing, walking or running in a 24-hour relay race to raise funds for local children's charities. This year, the festivities kick off on December 8, with all sorts of concerts and activities to keep spectators entertained during those moments when they aren't cheering on racers.

A great home base for the weekend can be found at Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star [Hôtel Quintessence](#), a lovely boutique property located in the shadow of Mont-Tremblant. Surrounded by woods and perched at the edge of a lake, the hotel feels like a luxurious French hunting chateau that will come alive once the races begin.



Mandarin Oriental, Sanya. Credit: Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Sanya, China

If a soothing capper to the year is what you need, the [Island Indulgence](#) package at [Mandarin Oriental, Sanya](#) is just the solution. Book your stay before January 1 to enjoy a special rate, daily breakfast and complimentary Wi-Fi – though you may actually want to unplug during your oceanfront stay.

Located on one of Hainan Island's best stretches of sand, the property itself is an oasis of serenity. There are 12 acres of beaches and gardens to enjoy, as well as three gorgeous pools, nine restaurants and bars and a separate spa village. Every room boasts a private outdoor space where you can relax, recharge and reflect on the past year.



The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale. Credit: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company LLC

Ft. Lauderdale

Ring in the New Year with a delicious three- or five-course dinner at Burlock Coast Seafare & Spirits, an eatery located within [The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale](#). Chef Paula DaSilva is pulling out all the culinary stops on December 31 with an elegant menu, champagne and the option to add an open bar package. Early birds can opt for the first seating, but we highly recommend making a reservation for the second one to enjoy a festive balloon drop.

Instead of worrying about transportation after the confetti has fallen, just book an overnight stay at the Four-Star oceanfront property and, in the morning, partake in a special recovery brunch (complete with bottomless beverages) to kick off 2018 in style.



Rosewood Hotel Georgia. Credit: Rosewood Hotel Georgia

Vancouver

A magical evening awaits as the Arts Club Theatre Company presents *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* from December 7 through January 13. Enjoy a tale as old as time before resting your head at the nearby Five-Star [Rosewood Hotel Georgia](#) when the curtain closes.

The historic downtown property, once a hot spot for movie stars and other glamorous types, has had a bit of its own transformation in recent years, which has brought it back to its original glory. Dream of your own fairytale endings in a spacious suite that comes complete with luxe touches like Rivolta Carmignani linens and heated bathroom floors.



The Inn & Club at Harbor Town. Credit: The Sea Pines Resort

Hilton Head

Toast the holidays with a luxe Lowcountry getaway to Four-Star [The Inn & Club at Harbor Town](#). On December 9, the Hilton Head hotel will host the [Chef Cook Off and Winemaker Competition](#), an evening of fine food, superb vintages and ocean views.

Master sommelier Larry O'Brien has hand-picked eight varietals produced by California's best winemakers, while dishes prepared by the resort's chefs will be presented for pairing. You'll even have a chance to weigh in on your favorite wine, dish and best overall combination.

Located among 5,000 oceanfront acres, the property's stunning views will provide the perfect backdrop for a memorable meal.



The Roosevelt New Orleans, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Credit: Hilton Worldwide

New Orleans

Bring the family to celebrate the season at the annual Teddy Bear Tea, taking place at the historic Forbes Travel Guide Recommended [Roosevelt New Orleans, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel](#) until Christmas. This charming event, which features specialty pours, delicious pastries, sparkling wine and mimosas (for the grownups), and a keepsake Roosevelt Teddy Bear for each attendee, is the stuff memories are made of.

Santa will be available for photos, of course, while Mrs. Claus reads some of her favorite holiday stories. Special North Pole characters will also visit with the little ones.

Be sure to stop by the hotel's show-stopping gingerbread display in Teddy's Café for one last treat.