

Aldhafra Resort
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Festive Season 2025



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A Celebration Like No Other

Step beyond the ordinary this festive season as Aldhafra Resort transforms into a dreamscape of wonder.

Our theme, The Surrealist Soirée – An Escape to Wonderland, is more than a celebration; it is a journey into the unexpected, where carols echo under desert skies, flavours delight with a fantastic flair, and every moment shimmers with possibility.

Amidst golden dunes, let joy, connection, and enchantment lead you into a world where the extraordinary feels perfectly natural.

Timeless Rituals, Unexpected Settings

December 6 - 27



The desert awakens with the spirit of Christmas, where candlelight, music, and timeless rituals shine beneath starlit skies. From tree lightings and festive films to lavish feasts and children's delights, every tradition glows with desert magic. Here, Santa rides a camel, sandcastles turn to snowmen, and memories are baked into every gingerbread wall.

Where Voices Rise, and Stars Listen Campfire, Carols, Candlelight & Tree Lighting

Gather beneath the vast desert sky for an evening woven with warmth and tradition. Children's voices rise in festive song, flames dance in the cool night air, and the grand tree comes alive in a moment of pure magic. With seasonal bites and drinks to savour, this heartwarming evening is a gift for the entire family.

Interlock Area | December 6 | 17:00 - 18:30 | Complimentary

Pyjamas, Popcorn, and Starlit Screens Christmas-Themed Outdoor Movie Nights

Swap the cinema for starlight. Dress in your cosiest Christmas pyjamas and enjoy holiday classics on the big screen, complete with hot cocoa, popcorn, and festive treats. From Home Alone to The Grinch, each night is a playful countdown to Christmas. Pre-movie activities keep little dreamers entertained with face painting, colouring, and cookie decorating.

Interlock Area | December 20 - 23 | From 20:00 | Complimentary for in-house guests

A Feast of Tradition, Served with Wonder Christmas Eve Dinner

A timeless feast, served with desert enchantment. Indulge in a lavish buffet of traditional favourites at Al Badiya, paired with the soulful sounds of a live saxophonist. From eggnog to mulled wine, every detail evokes the season's spirit. A festive photobooth add a joyful touch for cherished family memories.

Al Badiya Restaurant | December 24 | 19:30 - 22:30

Santa, Sand & Starlight Christmas Day Brunch

The courtyard comes alive with festive cheer and endless flavours. Enjoy live entertainment, a children's corner, and a desert-style Santa arrival, on a camel, gifts in hand. A feast for the senses, and a celebration for all.

Courtyard | December 25 | 13:00 – 16:00

Play, Create, Celebrate Festive Activities

Sandcastle Spectacular

Build festive creations in the sand, from sleighs to gingerbread houses.

Ornament Artistry

Paint and decorate keepsake ornaments to take home.

Tiny Turkey Scavenger Hunt

A playful adventure for little ones, with prizes and costumes.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Sweet fun for all ages with icing, candy, and creativity.

Lobby | December 5 – 27 | From 11:00

December 31

The Desert's Most Dazzling Night



As the year's final sunset melts into the dunes, Aldhafra Resort invites you to a night of surreal celebration. The Gala shimmers with elegance and indulgence, leading to midnight revelry beneath a sky ablaze with stars. More than a countdown, it is the beginning of a new story written in wonder and possibility.



An Evening Draped in Elegance New Year's Eve Gala Dinner

An evening where elegance meets fantasy. Indulge in a curated gala buffet and live entertainment that carries you into the final hours of the year. The ambience is rich, the flavours are indulgent, and the company is unforgettable.

Date December 31, 2025

Time 19:30 - 00:30

Location Outdoor Courtyard / Poolside

Step into a night where reality bends and imagination takes the lead. This year's Gala Dinner embraces the Surrealist Soirée: Spirit Animal Masquerade, an interactive dining experience where celebration meets performance art. Melted clocks, floating florals, and dreamlike tablescapes transform the courtyard into a world both elegant and playful, where décor itself becomes theatre and every detail sparks curiosity and conversation.

Guests are invited to arrive in formal attire with a whimsical flourish inspired by their spirit animal. With live entertainment, an indulgent buffet, and a desert sky ablaze with stars, this is more than a Gala, it is a night of wonder, delight, and possibility.

When the Clock Strikes Magic Midnight Activities

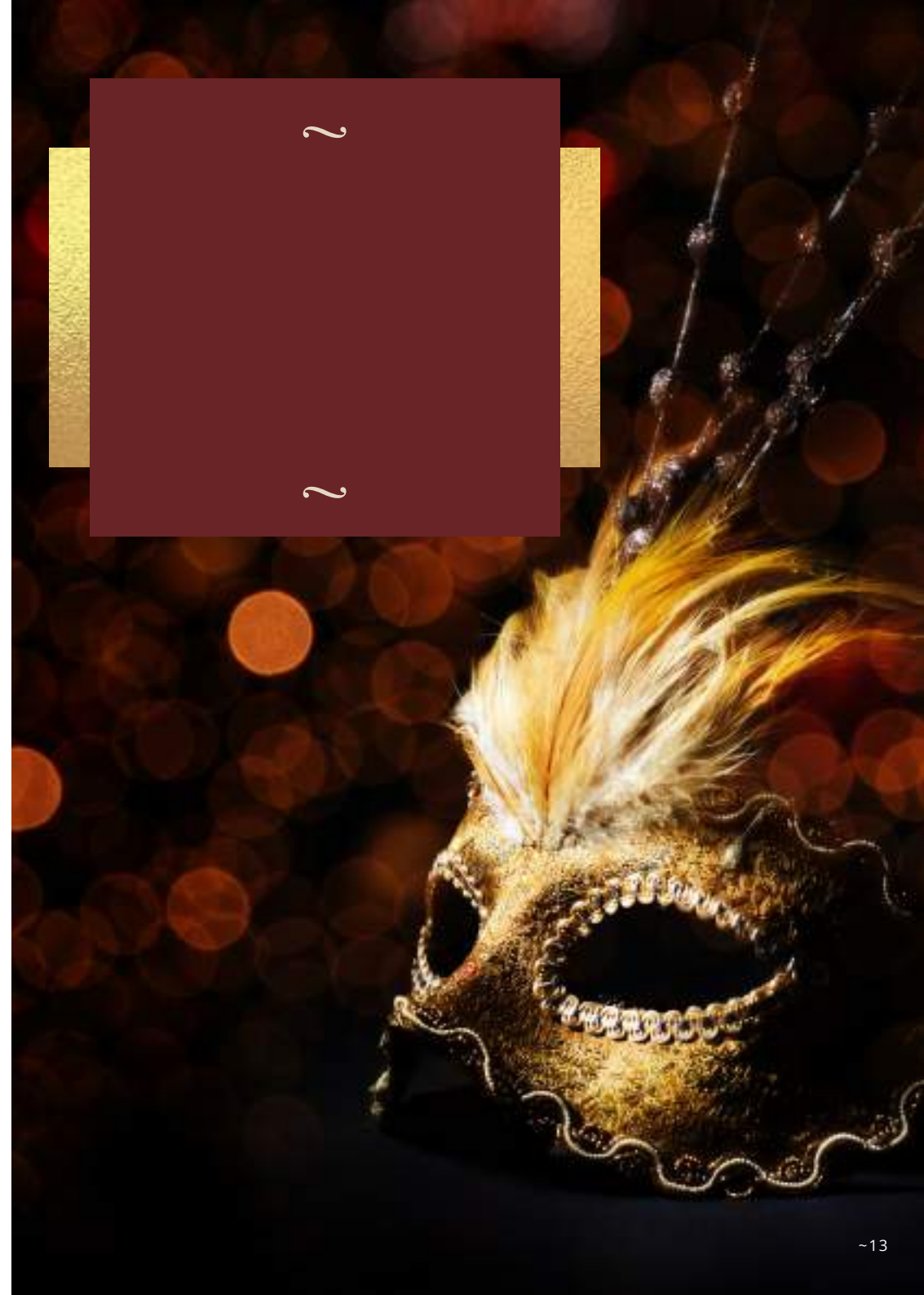
When the clock strikes twelve, the desert sky becomes the stage for celebration. Raise a glass in a sparkling toast. A surreal midnight, shimmering with magic and possibility.

Note:

All F&B outlets, including in-room dining, will close from 16:00 on December 31 and resume on January 1.

Lobby Bar will operate from 17:00 - 02:00

A New Year's Day Late Breakfast will be served at Al Badiya from 07:00 - 12:00.



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