


A woman in a black and gold patterned dress is holding a glass of red wine. In the background, a fireplace with a warm glow is visible. The image has a dark blue background with a repeating geometric pattern of hexagons.

A ROYAL *Holiday*
THE FESTIVE LINE-UP



'Tis the season for holiday cheer at The Royal Sonesta Hotels of Chicago.
Experience royal holiday moments at each of our three hotels—
from seasonal menus and special holiday happenings to indoor
Winter Wonderland pool parties—a royally festive holiday season awaits.

A close-up photograph of a roasted turkey, golden brown and garnished with fresh rosemary and lemon slices. In the foreground, several small, round potatoes are roasted to a golden hue, accompanied by more lemon slices and a sprig of rosemary. The background is softly blurred, showing a white plate with green garnishes.

✧ DINE WITH US ✧ THIS HOLIDAY SEASON ✧

From turkey day specials to seasonal Santa Sips & Bites happy hours, our royally delicious collection of holiday menus offer special tastes of the season at each of our three Royal restaurants: Hoyt's (at The Royal Sonesta Chicago Downtown), 312 Chicago (at The Allegro Royal Sonesta) and CBR (at The Royal Sonesta Chicago River North).

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IL NATALE

AT 312 CHICAGO

DECEMBER 5 – 23

Sperlami e Zucchini \$20

Fried Smelts, Zucchini, Banana Peppers,
Lemon Balsamic, Marinara

Brodetto di Pesce \$28

Clams, Mussels, Shrimp, Celery, Caramelized Onion,
Potatoes, Tomato Broth

Tagliatelle con Aragosta \$42

House Made Tagliatelle, Lobster Tail, Baby Scallops,
Confit Heirloom Tomatoes, Lobster Bisque Sauce

Filetto e Gamberoni \$54

8oz Filet Mignon, Jumbo Shrimp, Asparagus, Polenta,
Cognac Sauce

THE STORY OF “LA CENA DI NATALE”

WHY DOES THIS ITALIAN TRADITION EXIST?

A NOTE FROM CHEF MARCELLO FLORIO

Alright, let’s dive into the wacky world of Italian Christmas Eve traditions!

According to the Catholic Church, Christmas Eve is a day for food dieting. You’re supposed to eat something simple or maybe not eat at all, all in the name of respect and devotion. Perhaps that’s why they say “goodbye” to meat on that day.

Why you ask? Well, back in the day, some folks thought that fish was the go-to because it didn’t have evil spirits, unlike meat with all that bad blood. Plus, at the time it was considered cheap. So, no more juicy steaks for Christmas Eve dinners!

Fast forward to 1994, the Italian bishops got together and said, “You know what? You can swap out that no-meat thing for doing good deeds, prayers, and acts of charity.” Except for Lent Fridays and this quirky Christmas Lent thing from mid-November to Christmas Eve. And also, it’s not just meat – all those fancy, expensive foods are off-limits too!

But here’s the kicker: that whole “fish is humble” idea doesn’t quite swim in today’s world of fancy fish dishes. So, at 312 Chicago, we’re cooking up some special fishy delights to treat your palate this holiday season.

(But don’t worry meat lovers, we still have some savory meaty options too!)

SANTA'S SIPS & BITES

at The Royal Sonesta Chicago River North

Join us for our festive happy hour featuring special holiday fare, festive spirits, and good tidings at CBR.

Available Tuesdays through Fridays from 4-6pm, November 17 through December 29.



SIPS

CRANBERRY APPLE SPRITZ 15

Vodka, Cranberry Juice, Apple Brandy, Lemon Juice, House Bubbles

A FINE STOUT IRISH COFFEE 14

Jameson Stour Irish Whiskey, Chocolate Liqueur, Coffee, Whipped Cream, Cinnamon

KISS, KISS 17

Bourbon, Elderflower, Simple Syrup, Lemon, Raspberries, Egg Whites

POMEGRANATE RED SANGRIA 16

Red Wine, Pomegranate Liqueur, Cognac, Citrus

BITES

GOAT CHEESE CROQUETTES 7

Romesco, Marcona Almonds

TURKEY MEATBALLS 8

Black Pepper Cranberry Glaze

CRISPY FRIED BRUSSELS SPROUTS 8

Pistachio, Apple Cider Glaze

SPICED CHICKEN SKEWER 18

Harissa, Sumac Yogurt

ACORN SQUASH FLATBREAD 16

Goat Cheese, Balsamic Drizzle

BAKED GOAT CHEESE 12

Spicy Roasted Tomato, Paprika Toast

MINI S'MORE TART 8

Graham Cracker Crust, Dark Chocolate

CHEESECAKE POPS 8

Strawberry, Chocolate





THOUGHTFULLY-CURATED
ROYAL HOLIDAY MOMENTS

MASCOT MAIL TO SANTA

at The Royal Sonesta Chicago Downtown
and The Allegro Royal Sonesta

Allow our Royal mascots, the Countess
and the Sovereign of Chicago, to get
your letter to Santa. Stop by their
portraits in our lobbies to drop your
wishlist in Santa's mailbox.



WINTER POOL WONDERLAND

at The Royal Sonesta Chicago River North

Head to our indoor pool to check
out a Pool Christmas Winter
Wonderland - cannon (snow) ball!
Enjoy holiday-themed floaties and
other festive fun.



GRINCH BRUNCH

at The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago

Experience a Grinch-themed
brunch at 312 on December 23 and
December 30, before the matinee
showing of How The Grinch Stole
Christmas!





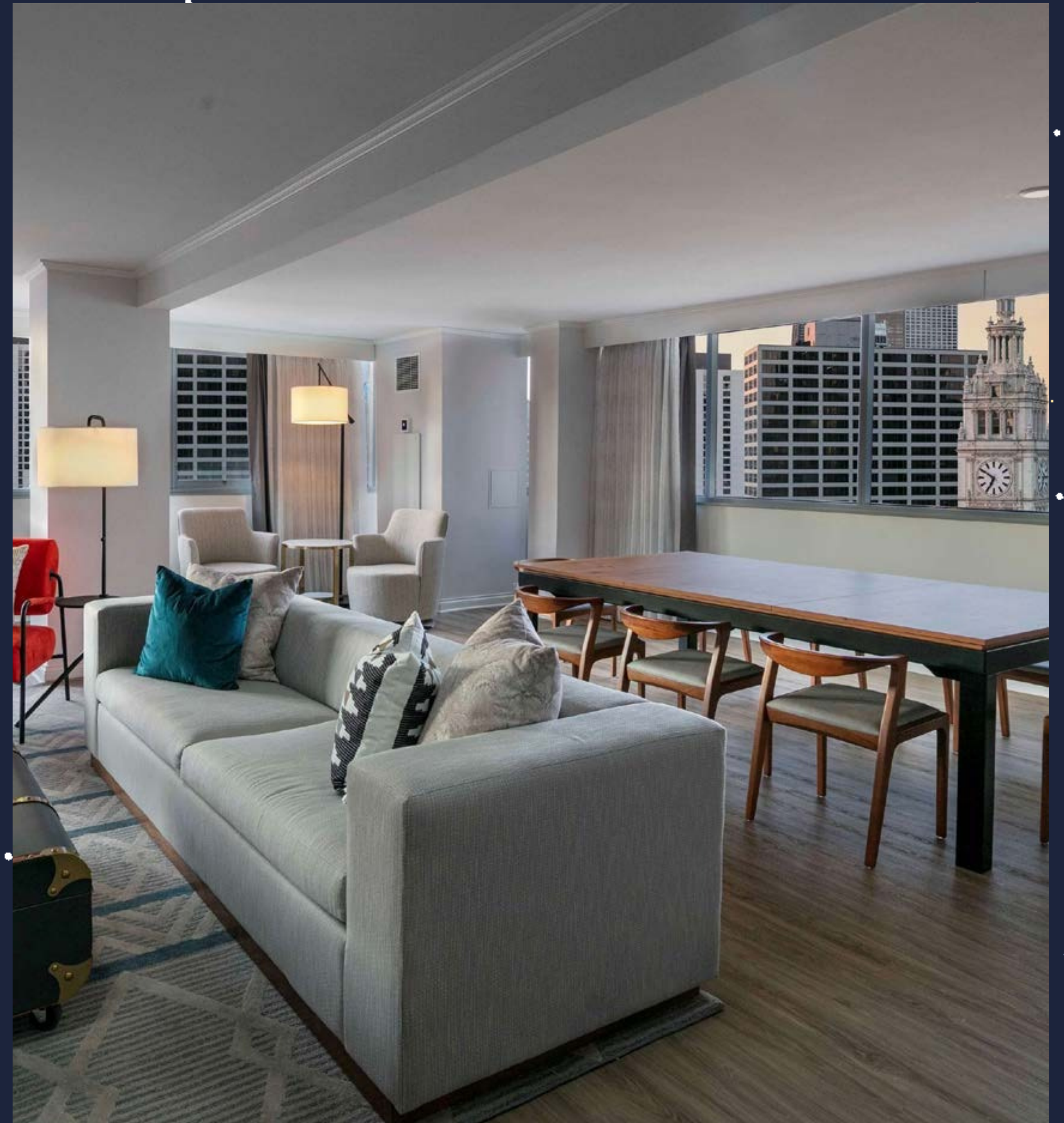




NEW YEAR'S EVE SKYLINE SUITE VIEWS & BITES ✨

Ring in the New Year with style at The Royal Sonesta Chicago Downtown and experience culinary indulgence and city views for days. Reserve the Skyline Suite for a royally unique and intimate celebration to fete 2023 with a private reception for up to 12 people.

To book, contact
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ROYALLY SUITE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

Looking to upgrade your stay? Book a “Royally Suite Holiday Experience” featuring special perks like flexible check-in and check-out times, welcome amenities and more.

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LIMITED TIME OFFERS

Stay and save this holiday season!

DECK THE HALLS *at Downtown*

Festive lights, candy canes, holiday décor and more await when you book this holiday offer.

CHRISTKINDLMARKET *at The Allegro*

'Tis the season for holiday cheer in Chicago! Enjoy a collectors mug and drink ticket at the Chriskindlmarket.

FA-LA-LA FUN *at River North*

Kiddos can decorate cookies and write letters to Santa from the comfort of your room.

[BOOK NOW](#)

HOLIDAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

The holidays wouldn't be complete without an epic holiday work or social bash at The Royal Sonesta Hotels of Chicago. Learn how to reserve your holiday event and take advantage of limited time perks here.

[RESERVE NOW](#)

THINGS TO DO AROUND TOWN

Not only is Chicago one of the best places to visit during the holiday season because of the beautiful lights and festive decor, but there are tons of winter wonderland activities and events to experience around the city. We've rounded up ten of our favorites below.

1. The Lights Festival & 110th Annual Tree Lighting, November 18
2. Ice Skating at Maggie Daley Park, Opens November 17
3. Shopping along the Magnificent Mile
4. Christkindlmarket, November 17 - December 24
5. Zoo Lights at Lincoln Park Zoo, November 17 - January 7, 2024
6. The Hip Hop Nutcracker at Broadway in Chicago, December 12-17
7. Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas The Musical! at Broadway in Chicago, December 19-31
8. CTA Holiday Train, From Late November
9. Lightscape at Chicago Botanic Garden, November 10 - January 7, 2024
10. Light Up the Lake at Navy Pier, November 24 - December 31



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