

Christmas Celebrations

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The Dean Court Hotel

❄️ Festive Lunches & Dinners

❄️ Festive Cabaret-Style Evenings – new for 2011

❄️ Christmas Three Day Holiday

❄️ New Year Celebrations

A Christmas Holiday

AT THE DEAN COURT



Welcome to York, England's most historical and festive city – and the place that was voted in a national independent poll this year as the nation's favourite.

And welcome too, to the Dean Court, which, without doubt, enjoys the best location of any hotel in the city, standing as it does in the very shadow of York Minster.

Look forward to the warmest of welcomes to your traditional 3-Day Christmas holiday.

Relax in this 4 star contemporary-styled luxury hotel, festooned with stunning Christmas decorations, designed and made exclusively for the hotel by Jos Pateman – and look forward to many traditional touches plus superb food and wines that make the Dean Court at Christmas time, truly memorable.

Champagne and carol-singers, Father Christmas bearing gifts and a Grand Christmas Day Champagne Lunch, just a little of what to expect, along with meeting old friends and new faces!

The Programme

Christmas Eve / Saturday 24th December

After arrival and settling in, fit in some last minute shopping, seeing the city bedecked and at its best and busiest – before it closes for Christmas. Return in time to enjoy a delicious **Afternoon Cream Tea**, served in The Court Café –Bistro & Bar until 5pm. (No reservations needed).

And from 6.30pm, join David Brooks and colleagues for a **Champagne and Canapés Reception** – with local **Carol Singers** who'll be here from around 7pm until approximately 8pm.

Dinner is a **4-Course Menu** – with an obvious emphasis on local, seasonal produce, cooked creatively, with traditional fare at the heart of all our menus. With a great choice of drinks and wines available, there's every opportunity to indulge a little. After all it is the season to be merry!

Midnight Mass at York Minster – being so popular the queues start at eleven – but there is the thought of a warming nightcap of mulled wine and mince pies to welcome you back afterwards.

Christmas Day / Sunday 25th December

After Breakfast, the morning is free, perhaps for a walk on the walls or a saunter round peaceful York. A lovely and quieter-than-normal time to see the history and architecture.

Please meet at 12.15pm in the foyer for pre-lunch **Champagne**, before a Grand 5-Course Christmas Day Lunch.

The afternoon is free.

Christmas Day Evening features a Grand Carving Buffet served from 7.30pm 'til 9pm. Whole Salmon, Sirloin of Beef, Seafood and Salads all before you – and more besides. No set seating this evening. (The hotel is closed to non-residents).

Boxing Day / Monday 26th December

A Choice for your Boxing Day delights!

Join us for a day out, starting at 10am when Wendy Brooks, a qualified Minster Guide, will give you a tour of York Minster. The world-famous Minster is the largest Gothic Cathedral in the Northern Hemisphere and is almost literally on our doorstep!

The tour will last until 11.15 when Wendy will accompany you on a luxury coach trip to Thirsk, with mince pies and mulled wine on board.

Lunch will be in a local restaurant – with the emphasis being on traditional fare – followed by the opportunity to explore this delightful market town, mentioned in the Doomsday book as Tresche, which has a cobbled Market Place dating from medieval times. It was made famous by James Herriott, the vet who wrote *All Creatures Great and Small*.

Return to the Dean Court will be at approximately 4pm.

OR

It's Panto Time ... oh yes it is!

With the legend that is Berwick Kaler, the country's most highly acclaimed Pantomime star. York Theatre Royal always makes sure its pantomimes are one of a kind and director, writer and Dame, Berwick Kaler has been at the helm of these magical productions for the last 32 years. This, his 33rd pantomime, will be a complete original. The York Family Robinson will capture the very essence of a York Theatre Royal pantomime.

We have secured a limited amount of tickets for the Boxing Day matinee performance at 2.30pm and the tickets are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Lunch beforehand in The Court Café-Bistro & Bar is included too. Please grab a table early to avoid delays.

Boxing Day Dinner

This 'final' evening will again feature local and seasonal produce on a 4 course menu.

Tuesday 27th December

Why not 'Stay a Little Longer'?

Should you wish to extend your stay there is a whole host of interesting things to do in our lovely city. Please see our special 'Stay Longer' Tariff. Our Reception team can recommend many of the City's attractions to you. Please book your tables if you wish to dine on these 'extra' evenings.

Also take advantage of the best of the retail sales! York is full of the big name stores as well as a wonderful eclectic range of independent stores.

Restaurant Seating (24th–26th)

New for this year, by request from many guests – is a **SINGLES TABLE**- which will seat 8 and is available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Seating, otherwise, is in the Captain's Table format with guests sharing with others on larger tables – creating a tried and tested convivial atmosphere.

There are several tables of two or four available. To assist with our plans, you will be asked to reserve your seats and times when making your room reservation, as seats for lunch and dinner must be reserved in advance, excluding dinner 25th. Please state if you PREFER TO SHARE – as we may transfer couples to tables of two if they become available 'last-minute'.

As our menus are planned so far in advance we may, despite our best efforts, need to change or replace dishes if any produce is unavailable or in short supply at the time.

Tariffs

Christmas Tariff

Prices are per person and are fully inclusive of all details mentioned in the three-day programme (all double and twin room prices are based on two people sharing)

Standard Single, Twin or Double	£585
Small Double	£510
Small Double (single occ)	£860
Superior Double or Twin	£630
Deluxe Double	£660
Four Poster Deluxe Double	£690
Superior Deluxe and Four Poster Deluxe rooms have splendid Minster views.	

CHILDREN

Sharing with two adults fully inclusive of the entire three-day programme.

1 Child £280 – 2 Children £500 (£250 each)

Children in their own room – 15% discount from adult tariff

Your room will normally be ready by 2pm – however, please feel free to arrive as early as you wish. Luggage can be stored and cars parked.

The hotel has its own secure car park nearby and offers a free valet-parking service. The car park charge is £12.50 per night up to a maximum of £40 for stay of 4 nights or longer.

Have a Happy New Year

AT THE DEAN COURT

Arguably one of the most exciting places to spend New Year's. York offers a unique experience to celebrate and welcome in 2012. And the Dean Court has, without doubt, the finest location of any hotel within the city walls. Join us for a great two or three days and enjoy 4-star comfort, AA Rosette food – and a very special New Year's Eve Dinner – Dance with our regular Disco-DJ.

CABARET-DINNER – Friday 30th December

The celebrations start with a four course Dinner, served in D.C.H – the hotel's Restaurant overlooking the Minster.

We welcome back the lovely Edwina Hayes. Edwina will play and sing for you throughout the evening with her own compositions and lots of old favourites.

NEW YEAR'S EVE – Saturday 31st December

After a Yorkshire breakfast the day is yours to explore York.

Cocktail Reception from 7.15pm followed by New Year's Eve Grand Dinner-Dance (disco) and a 5-Course Menu served at 8pm. Music and disco-dancing from 9pm through 'til 1am approximately.

At midnight, a magical moment! Join thousands of revellers who gather outside the Dean Court and Minster to welcome in the New Year – a unique, memorable (and safe!) experience!

First Course

Carpaccio of Beef

finest fillet of beef with rocket and parmesan, light mustard dressing

Open Ravioli (V)

filled with butternut squash, ricotta cheese, lemon herb sauce

Game and Roast Vegetable Terrine
quince relish, toasted brioche

Second Course

Vichyssoise

creamy leek and potato soup, served chilled

Main Course

Pot-roasted Yorkshire-reared Venison and a Haggis Pie

haunch of venison slow-cooked in herbs and burgundy with a rich redcurrant sauce

Coulbiac of Salmon

layered with savoury rice and eggs baked in pastry served with Hollandaise sauce

Halloumi Cheese and Winter Vegetable Brochettes (V)

white bean cassoulet, beetroot crisps



Sweets

Drambuie Trifle

drambuie-soaked ratafia, whisky and orange jelly, drambuie custard

Iced Plum Pudding Parfait

brandy-steeped clementines, shortbread finger

Chocolate Marquise

sweet-minted crème fraiche

Cheese Course

A Quartet of finest Yorkshire Cheeses
home made biscuits, celery and grapes



Coffees, Teas and Tisanes
with sweetmeats

New Year's Day – Sunday 1st January 2012

Wake up to a New Year's Day Bucks Fizz Breakfast – and time perhaps for a last visit to the city before you depart for home. With the *January Sales as well, shopping in York has to be the best – and not just in the main centre! The Hotel is in the Minster Quarter – an area surrounding the Minster which boasts architecture, history at every corner and – over 300 small independent and eclectic retailers.

Collect a Trail Leaflet at Reception – and walk the Quarter.

*(*At the time of going to print the York Retailers were unsure of which shops will be open on this Sunday)*

Tariffs

New Year's Eve Tariff

Prices are per person and are fully inclusive of two or three nights accommodation and all details mentioned in the programme. (Your 3rd night can be either 29th December 2011 or 1st January 2012 and is a Bed & Breakfast Rate)

(All prices are based on two people sharing Doubles and Twins)

31st December	Two Night Break	Three Night Break
Standard Single	£340	£410
Small Double	£275	£330
(Single occ)	£420	£520
Standard Double or Twin	£305	£370
Superior Double or Twin	£325	£390
Deluxe Double	£350	£430
Deluxe Four Poster Double	£375	£460

Children charged at £20 per child per night including breakfast only.

Please ask for prices for extra adults in double/twin rooms.

Fancy the JANUARY SALES in York? We have special reduced rates applicable from 2nd-31st January. Double rooms from £95 (small double incl breakfast).

Conditions

We kindly ask guests to pre-order their New Year's Eve Dinner Menu choices approx 2-3 weeks in advance. *(A form will be sent by post/email during late November).*

Dinner Dance only bookings require full prepayment when reserving your table/seats.

Two and Three night New Year Holiday Reservations require a 50% deposit at the time of booking with full prepayment required by Monday November 7th 2011.

Reservations made after 7th November require full payment at time of making your room reservation.

Deposits and full pre-payments are non-refundable unless Hotel is able to re-let seats or accommodation at the published New Year Tariff. Every effort has been made to ensure details in this brochure are correct at time of printing.

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