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THE RAFFLES

CHRONICLE





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Wake up to panoramic views of the Arabian Gulf or Dubai's skyline from your contemporary designed residence or penthouse. Savour the exquisite flavours of gourmet dining experiences that tantalise your palate. Step onto your private beach, an exclusive sanctuary for moments of blissful solitude.



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DID YOU KNOW?

A WORK OF LOVE

Every year, our chefs spend over 48 hours assembling a magnificent life size gingerbread house at Raffles Patisserie, crafted from 2,500 gingerbread tiles and 200kg of confectioners' sugar. Adorned with intricate royal icing motifs designed by Executive Pastry Chef Samith James, this edible masterpiece captures the true spirit and sweetness of the season.

TRADITIONS AGLOW

Rooted in centuries-old tradition, Christmas Trees once symbolised life and resilience during harsh winters. Towering proudly above the grand fountain at over 10 metres, and the lobby at over 7 metres, our trees carry that heritage forward, adorned with elegant ornaments that brighten the palace and infuse the season with joy, wonder, and festive magic for our guests.

A SKY OF PROMISE

Fireworks have illuminated celebrations for centuries, marking fresh starts and warding off misfortune. From the gilded palace, the view of Dubai's skyline bursting in colour is simply breathtaking. The palace itself comes alive under the stars, radiating magic and wonder amidst the beauty of twinkling lights and the enchanting city glow.

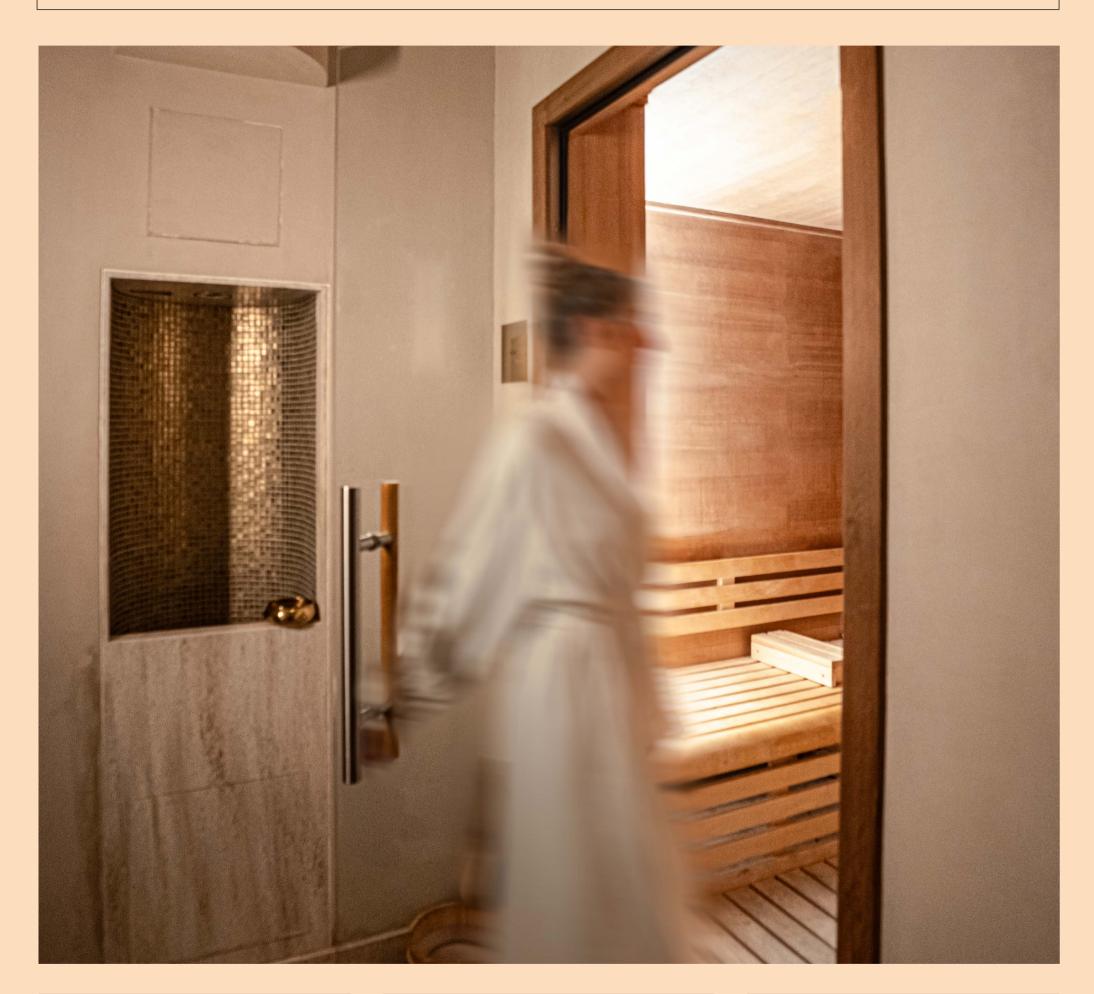
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WHERE RELAXATION BECOMES A GIFT

Treat yourself or a loved one to the perfect wellness gift. With every purchase of a Theragun Mini, enjoy a complimentary 30-minute Leg and Feet Reflexology Massage. Experience a sense of lightness and renewal as expert therapists use acupressure techniques to stimulate circulation, relieve fatigue, and restore balance, the perfect way to unwind this festive season.

AED 1127 per person





FESTIVE STRESS RELIEF TREATMENT

Enjoy a 60-minute restorative massage infused with warming oils and seasonal aromas. Designed to ease tension and calm the spirit, this soothing experience is complemented by a warm cup of spiced tea, the perfect way to unwind this season.

From 5 to 31 December 60 minutes AED 600 per person

FESTIVE BODY RITUAL

Take a moment to unwind and rediscover your glow this season. This 90-minute treatment begins with a gentle body scrub that refreshes the skin and awakens the senses, followed by a deeply relaxing massage with warming festive oils. Extend your experience with a soothing cup of spiced tea, the perfect way to feel renewed, radiant, and ready for the celebrations ahead.

From 5 to 31 December 90 minutes AED 750 per person

FESTIVE ESCAPE

Embrace the spirit of the season with a 60-minute relaxing massage using warm festive oils that soothe tired muscles and lift the senses. Let the stress of the holidays fade away as you unwind and restore balance in complete comfort. Continue your journey with a refined afternoon tea, featuring seasonal treats, delicate pastries, and fragrant teas, the perfect way to savour the

From 5 to 31 December 60 minutes AED 750 per person

season in timeless Raffles style.

WHISPERS OF WELLNESS

Welcome to Whispers of Wellness, a curated guide for wellbeing where every whisper leads you closer to balance. From therapist-recommended rituals to nourishing tips and skincare secrets, this is your space to reconnect at the hotel or wherever life takes you. Each ritual is a gentle invitation to pause, breathe, and carry a piece of calm with you.

BREATHE IN THE SEASON

The festive season awakens the senses, and scent is often the most soothing companion. As you walk through the palace, let the warm aromas guide you, from the sweet notes of the giant gingerbread house adorning the Raffles patisserie to the gentle hints of spice and citrus that float through the air.

These fragrances are part of the enchantment of December; carry the magic back home with you with this simple, natural blend:

- Simmer orange zest, whole cloves, and cinnamon sticks in a pot of water.
- Add a touch of vanilla for warmth and fresh rosemary for a hint of winter greenery.
- Let it gently bubble to fill your home with a cosy, festive aroma, reminiscent of the palace.





QUIETLY YOURS

Beauty is not only in what you see, it is in how a place makes you feel. Amid the grandeur, there are pockets of tranquillity waiting to be found. Within the spa's soothing glow or beside the indoor pool's serene expanse, you will find spaces designed to quiet the mind. Let these moments of stillness guide you back to your breath and into a quieter rhythm.

A SLOW INDULGENCE

After a refreshing spa experience or a quiet pause in your day, take a moment to simply be. Set aside the rush, settle into stillness, and savour a refined afternoon tea inspired by Europe's grand palaces. Let each flavour, aroma, and delicate detail become an invitation to reconnect with yourself, with the moment, and with the quiet pleasures that make the season meaningful.

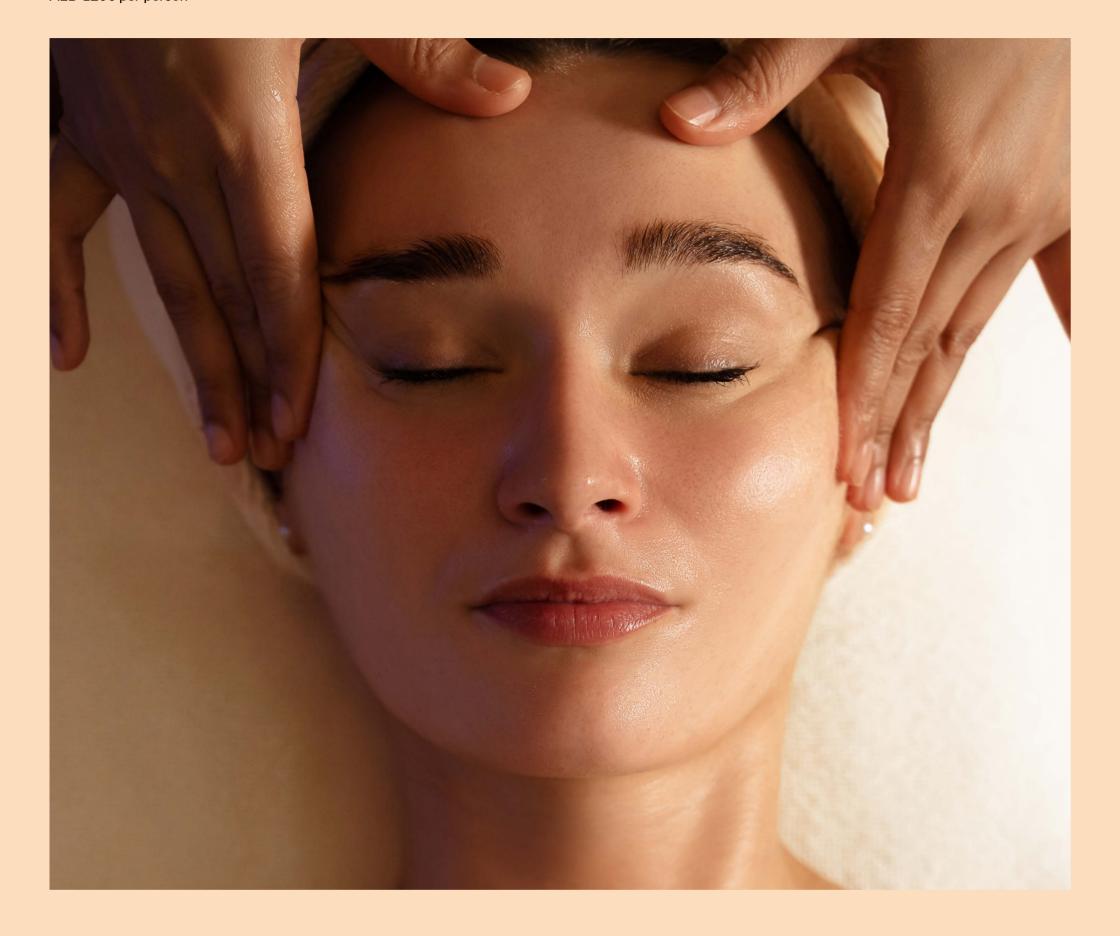
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RITUAL OF THE MONTH

GOLD RITUAL

Experience a luxurious ritual infused with Colloidal Gold, created to rejuvenate, nourish, and strengthen the skin's natural barrier. This exquisite treatment blends our renowned Gold Hydra Lifting facial with a restorative full-body gold treatment, leaving the skin radiant, smooth, and beautifully renewed.

120 minutes AED 1200 per person



IN EXPERT HANDS

MEET YOUR THERAPIST: CRISTINA

Originally trained as a nurse, Cristina's journey into wellness began in Istanbul, where her first experience of a Turkish Hammam ignited a fierce passion for holistic care. She pursued professional training in massage therapy, mastering a range of techniques designed to promote relaxation and well-being. Over the past eight years, Cristina has refined her expertise across massages, facials, and body treatments, combining technical skills and intuitive understanding. What she loves most, however, is witnessing the genuine smile of each guest after their treatment, a true reflection of their newly found relaxation, harmony, and inner balance.



FESTIVE AT THE PALACE





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LE JARDIN

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

On Christmas Eve, Le Jardin becomes the heart of the celebration, transforming into a festive wonderland filled with warmth and joy. A sumptuous buffet of seasonal classics and international favourites invites families and friends to gather, with live entertainment and a special visit from Santa adding magic to the evening.

24 December
From 7.00pm to 10.30pm
Starting from AED 495 per person

A JOURNEY BEYOND MIDNIGHT

Celebrate New Year's Eve with an evening inspired by the enchantment of the stars. The palatial lawns transform into a celestial dreamscape, setting the stage for a night of glamour amidst a lavish buffet, fine wines and Champagne, and captivating live performances to welcome 2026 in true Raffles style.

31 December
From 7.30pm to 1.00am
Starting from AED 2800 per adult

BLÜTHNER HALL

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

Afternoons at Blüthner Hall take on a festive charm, with the melodies of the grand piano setting a graceful tone. Savour seasonal sandwiches, pastries, and scones, paired with fine teas or a glass of Champagne, a timeless celebration of taste, tradition, and togetherness.

Daily, from 5 December From 2.00pm to 8.00pm Starting from AED 220 per person

PIATTI BY THE BEACH

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Celebrate Christmas Eve by the sea at Piatti, where Italian holiday traditions come alive through special dishes inspired by our chefs' childhood memories of awaiting Babbo Natale. Enjoy the festive ambience with a live DJ, while the younger guests join Santa's elves for a Christmas Cookie Workshop, a joyful evening of flavour, tradition, and togetherness under the stars.

24 December
From 7.00pm to 11.00pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

Welcome 2026 at Piatti by the Beach, where the Arabian Gulf and Dubai skyline set a dazzling stage for celebration. Enjoy a sharing-style Italian feast with live music from a DJ and singer, and as midnight arrives, watch the iconic fireworks light up the sky from The Palm to Burj Khalifa. Choose indoor elegance or seaside glamour for an unforgettable start to the year.

31 December
From 8.00pm to 12.30am Gala Dinner
From 12.30am to 3.00am Disco with à la carte drinks

MATAGI

FESTIVE DINNER & CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

Celebrate the season with a distinctive twist and indulge in a six-course Festive Omakase dinner featuring premium seafood, wagyu, and delicate Japanese flavours, or enjoy the artistry of the à la carte menu. On Christmas Eve, experience a lively Ladies' Night with à la carte dining, beverage packages, and a live DJ.

OMAKASE

From 19 to 30 December Starting from AED 495 per person

CHRISTMAS EVE

24 December From 7.00pm to 11.00pm

Beverage packages
AED 245 for ladies
AED 385 for gentlemen



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CONCIERGE

HERITAGE JOURNEYS

Discover the rich heritage of Dubai with exclusive experiences curated by our legendary Les Clefs d'Or Chief Concierge, Stephen Simiyu. From captivating cultural tours to authentic local encounters, these bespoke experiences offer a meaningful way to connect with the city's timeless traditions.



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PIATTI BY THE BEACH

HAPPY HOUR BY POOL & BEACH

Join us as we turn up the tropical vibes with refreshing drinks, cool beats, and sun-soaked fun. Sip on signature cocktails by the pool or stroll along the sandy shores with your favourite beverage in hand.

Daily, from 3.00pm to 4.30pm

UNLIMITED ITALIAN APERITIVO

Sip, savour, and soak up the spirit of Southern Italy. With free-flowing Prosecco, handcrafted cocktails, and irresistible bites, transport yourself to our vibrant piazza.

Daily, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm AED 195 per person

SOUTHERN ITALIAN BRUNCH

Surrounded by sea views and vibrant performances, delight in authentic flavours and warm conviviality. From rich mains to timeless Italian desserts, every bite celebrates La Dolce Vita.

Every Saturday, From 1.00pm to 4.00pm Starting from AED 380 per person

TAORMINA LUNCH

Set against a scenic beachfront, enjoy an unforgettable lunch. Savour the delightful pairing of one antipasto and one pasta of your choice, complemented by two hours of free-pouring Prosecco.

Daily, from 1.00pm to 5.00pm AED 300 per person, 2 hours of service

POOL & BEACH PICNIC

Unwind by the pool or on the beach with a beautifully presented tray of Italian-inspired bites and refreshing drinks. Savour the flavours of la dolce vita in the perfect beachfront setting.

AED 250 per person for a selection of bites and two drinks

POOL & BEACH APERITIVO

Sea breeze, golden light, and the taste of Italy, all in one perfect evening. Savour la dolce vita with three cocktails and a tempting array of Italian bites at our beachside ristorante.

Daily, from 12.30pm to 6.30pm AED 160 per person

LE JARDIN

FLAVOURS OF THE WORLD

This December, don't just go out for dinner, dine around the world at Le Jardin's globally-inspired buffet nights.

Every Monday – Indian Night Every Wednesday – Arabic Night Every Friday - Asian Night

From 6.30pm to 10.00pm AED 295 per person



BRUNCH & BLOOM

With Dubai's cooler season in full swing, Brunch & Bloom at Le Jardin invites guests to savour gourmet delights in a floral, garden-inspired setting. Surrounded by fragrant blooms and live entertainment, it is the perfect way to enjoy a relaxed and elegant afternoon in the lush gardens of the pink-hued palace.

- Soft Beverages at AED 395
- House Package at AED 495
- Premium Package at AED 595
- Champagne Package at AED 795
- A special package for children aged 6 to 12, is available for AED 150 while kids under 6 are welcome with compliments

Every Saturday, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

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BLÜTHNER HALL

SYMPHONY OF SIPS

Welcome to Symphony of Sips, where each cocktail is a celebration of musical maestros, the elegance of notes, and the timeless allure of instruments. Our menu is carefully crafted to guide you on a melodic journey, blending harmonious flavours with the spirit of classical music.

Daily Starting from AED 65

SIX GINS SEVEN NIGHTS

Raise your glass to a celebration of exceptional Gin & Tonic pairings as our master mixologists showcase six exquisite premium gins expertly paired with the finest tonics.

Daily, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm Starting from AED 38

HAPPY HOUR

Indulge in blissful evenings at Blüthner Hall's Happy Hour, where lively conversation mingles with the melodies of live piano music. Sip on expertly crafted cocktails in an ambience of sophistication and relaxation.

Daily, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm Starting from AED 38

MATAGI

LUNAR HAPPY HOUR

Matagi is bringing you Lunar Happy Hour, a nightly celebration with exclusive drink specials and delicious bites. Experience the perfect blend of Japanese flavours in a vibrant late-night atmosphere.

Daily, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and from 10.00pm to 12.00 midnight

KAMPAI TIME

Relish your evenings with a happy hour at Matagi. Revel in discounted drinks and delicate bites immersed in the ambience of beautiful Japan.

Daily, from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

ICHIGO ICHIE BRUNCH

Experience the essence of Ichigo Ichie with our evening brunch at Matagi, where we celebrate the art of living in the moment. Enjoy modern Japanese cuisine infused with mindfulness for an unforgettable evening.

Every Friday from 7.00pm to 11.00pm Starting from AED 375 per person

YUGURE NIGHTS

Join us for Ladies Night and revel in two hours of unlimited selected beverages paired with a choice of any two items from either Maki or Hot and Cold Dishes, along with one dessert.

Every Wednesday, from 7.00pm to 11.00pm AED 245 for ladies AED 385 for gents



TOKYO STREET FOOD NIGHTS

Experience the vibrant energy of Tokyo nights at Matagi. Discover a new menu featuring Black Cod Gyoza glazed to mirror our signature dish, Striploin Kushiyaki, and delicate Tuna Onigiri, all crafted with a modern twist and paired with cocktails inspired by Tokyo's nightlife.

Daily from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and from 10.00pm to 12.00 midnight | Starting from AED 55



LEISURE TIME WELL SPENT

WATERSPORTS

In the cooler months take to the water with us and our partner Hydro Waves. Whether a beginner or an experienced enthusiast, there is something for everyone, from leisurely kayak tours to exhilarating wakeboarding adventures. Additionally, we provide the option of luxury private yacht and speed boat rentals, as well as guided fishing trips for an unforgettable experience.

KIDS CLUB

Keep the little ones busy with a heap of events and activities designed to engage and entertain our younger guests. The Kids' Club caters for guests aged three to eight years.

Runs daily from 10.00am to 8.00pm on Monday to Thursday

Runs from 10.00am to 9.00pm on Saturday to Sunday

PRIVATE CINEMA

Inside this glorious, gilded palace on the Palm is an exclusive 80-seat private theatre like no other, where screenings can be enjoyed every day.

Movie schedule can be checked with the Concierge and Kids Club teams.



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SWIMMING CLASSES

Our young guests can participate in a complimentary swimming lesson in our indoor pool. Lessons last 45 minutes and are designed to enhance a kid's aquatic skills in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Every Sunday at 11.00am

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