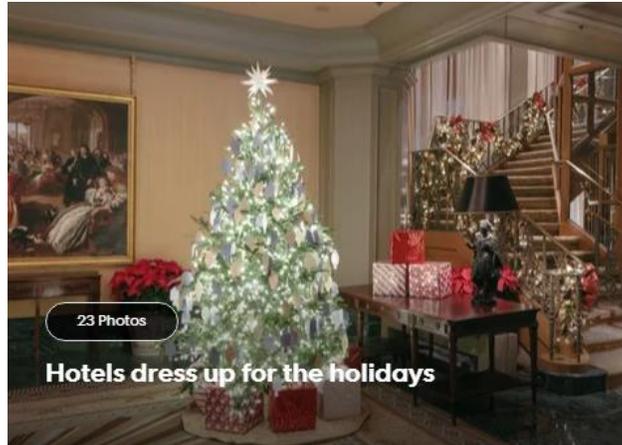


Here's how hotels are dressing up for the holidays

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Hotels across the country are going all out for the holidays with elaborate decorations.

Many have turned their lobbies, courtyards and suites into winter wonderlands.

Some examples:

- [The St. Regis, Washington, D.C.](#) has a replica of the hotel made entirely of gingerbread and other edible ingredients. The hotel's pastry team spent 145 hours over the past several months creating the structure, which is composed of more than 1,000 individually shaped gingerbread bricks.
- [The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City](#) in Virginia has a gingerbread replica of the Arlington Historical Museum, the two-story brick structure built in 1891 as the Hume School. Executive pastry chef Caroline Ballam and her team spent more than 105 hours creating it, using almost 24 pounds of powdered sugar for the icing.
- [Hilton Anatole](#) Dallas has train rides, shops, games, movie screenings and more. Guests can enjoy 15 Christmas trees with 7,500 ornaments. The hotel is estimating it will use 1,200 pounds of cookie dough in December for its holiday sugar cookies.
- The [Windsor Court Hotel](#) in New Orleans has a 19 1/2-foot Christmas tree with more than 25,000 mini white lights, a classic toy train around the base and more than 1,500 feet of gold magnolia garland. Throughout the hotel, guests can find 10 Colorado blue spruce trees with more than 3,000 ornaments and four 6-foot gold magnolia wreaths in the main lobby windows.
- [Swissôtel Chicago](#) has its fifth annual Santa Suite, featuring a "Christmas Around the World" theme. The suite has 16 Christmas trees, a dining room table featuring desserts and decorations, and a visit from Santa. On Saturdays and Sundays, the suite offers face painting, letter writing, kids' crafts, a hot chocolate bar, Christmas cookies and more.

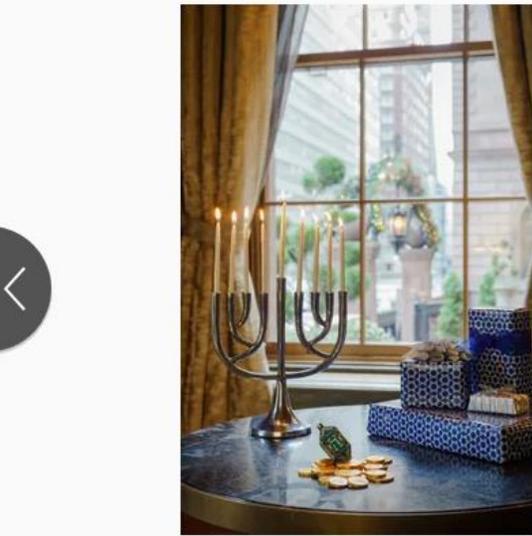
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The Lotte New York Palace hotel has a 35-foot tree topped with a shimmering star. Lotte New York Palace



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