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New year in a new city?

HOTELS ACROSS THE COUNTRY OFFER HOLIDAY PACKAGES TO LURE TRAVELERS WITH LUXURY

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New Year's Eve doesn't have to mean the usual been-there, done-that celebration. A number of hotels around the country have created packages that include everything from dancing to a fireworks show.

Hotels have an incentive to offer attractive New Year's Eve packages because they want to fill their rooms, according to Adam Weissenberg, the head of travel, hospitality and leisure at Deloitte & Touche.

"Historically, Dec. 31 isn't a busy night for hotel stays because people celebrate with friends at home or at local restaurants, so properties need to give guests a reason to stay," he said.

Prices for the below packages are for two.

- The Knickerbocker Hotel, located at the edge of Times Square in New York and with views of the crystal ball that drops at midnight, is offering a night's stay with dinner and dancing and a New Year's Day brunch. Prices from \$2,890.

- Also in New York City, the Plaza Hotel has a Ring in the New Year package. It includes a night's stay, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Palm Court followed by a dinner with a menu by chef Geoffrey Zakarian, entertainment with a live band and a Champagne toast. Prices from \$1,190.

- In Newport, R.I., the Castle Hill Inn has

an "Effervescent New Year's Eve" package for one night with a welcome amenity of a bottle of Champagne, a Champagne tasting and a screening of the 1954 film classic "Sabrina" on the afternoon of Dec. 31; dinner with live music and dancing that night; and a New Year's Day brunch. Prices from \$720.

- Guests at Dunton Hot Springs, the 19th-century ghost mining town turned luxury resort in the Colorado Rockies, get a four-night stay, all meals and drinks (nonalcoholic and alcoholic), a multicourse New Year's Eve dinner, a New Year's Day brunch, a \$370 credit to use for massages or on a guided activity and a \$200 credit to the gift shop. Prices from \$4,590.

- The Fearrington House Inn in Pittsboro, N.C., has a shopping-themed getaway to ring in 2016 with a two-night stay, breakfast, daily afternoon tea, a three course-dinner on Dec. 30 and a tasting dinner on New Year's Eve at its fine-dining restaurant, a consultation with a stylist at the local boutique Dovecote Style, along with a \$250 shopping credit and a \$100 credit for the hotel's spa. Prices from \$1,900.

- Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wis., 90 minutes northwest of Chicago, has the Grand Style Package. Included are a two-night stay, dinner for two, a Grand Ballroom dance party, two drink tickets per person and a lakeside fireworks show. Prices from \$799.



DUNTON HOT SPRINGS, via The New York Times

HAVING A BLAST: Fireworks at Dunton Hot Springs, a luxury resort set in a former ghost town in the Colorado Rockies, offers a New Year's package starting at \$4,590 for two people.