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Festive meals and brunches await at Expo: Enjoy special menus, seasonal dishes and cooking classes, with all the trimmings

DUBAI, 19 December 2021 – The festive season is in full swing, and Expo 2020 Dubai is going all-out with a whole smorgasbord of limited-edition menus, decadent brunches, seasonal specials and spice-laden baking workshops.

Feast with the whole family at a selection of the globe's best restaurants and foodie hotspots, from Alkebulan – the world's first African dining hall – to plant-based cuisine with a festive twist at XYST by Matthew Kenney. You can even join us for Christmas Day and New Year, dining at the world's greatest show.

Follow the official EatAtExpo2020 (@eatatexpo2020) Instagram account for updates. And here is a Santa's sackful of eateries at Expo 2020 Dubai to whet your appetite:

ADRIFT Burger Bar

With legendary burgers and epic shakes, ADRIFT's New Year's Eve packages start from AED350 for guests arriving after 2100 GST. To book, call +971 4 317 3123 or email bookadrift@gatesdxb.com.

Alkebulan – The African Dining Hall

The world's first African dining hall, Alkebulan, will take your taste buds on a thrilling journey through the continent of Africa. Savour an array of Christmas dishes, including the popular East African dish curry goat stew, or try a slow-roasted duck with spiced cranberry chutney, and the famous turkey roll in a soft potato bun from the delectable Sweet Ophelias. Speciality cocktails will be served to a soundtrack of African beats on the outdoor terrace, overlooking the Jubilee Stage. Or stroll to the iconic Expo 2020 Dubai's Surreal water feature and try a sweet treat from Alkebulan's Festive Carts, boasting an Accra yule log cake, Conge madeleines, and hot chocolate with smoked vanilla marshmallow by pastry chef Mame Sow. Alkebulan festive dishes are available until 25 December, priced AED55-75; Festive Carts until 25 December, open 1200-2200 GST.

Celebrate on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at Alkebulan with an all-you-can-eat offer, including free-flowing house grape and hops. Special festive dishes will be offered at all counters, with entertainment from DJs and drummers. 24 December, 1300-1600 GST, AED420; 31 December, 2000-0300 GST, AED650.

Families can also enjoy a fun gingerbread house workshop at Alkebulan, hosted by Shoebox Bakery, where guests can create lasting memories with their children. 18 and 25 December, 1000 GST, AED180. To book, email reservations@alkebulanfoodhall.com.

Alif Café by Farm2Table

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Sample the Christmas Party Package at Alif Café, with all dishes served to share (AED175, including unlimited soft drinks for two hours; AED275 for enhanced beverages), or enjoy festive specials from the grab-and-go section. Alif Café sources sustainable and organic produce from local farms, and showcases the incredible range and quality that the UAE has to offer. Until 30 December. To book, email alif.cafe@mediaonehotel.com.

BARON

Indulge in exclusive festive specials this season at BARON, while enjoying amazing views of Al Wasl Plaza. Packages from AED75. Also celebrate the last day of 2021 at BARON, with an exclusive set menu of signature dishes. Packages from AED850. To book, call +971 4 350 9224 or email book.baron@gatesdxb.com.

Bread Ahead Bakery School

The Bread Ahead Bakery School at Expo 2020 Dubai is running a selection of festive workshops this December, offering visitors the chance to learn how to bake with experts. Make delicious white chocolate and cranberry scrolls, try your hand at festive doughnut-making, or perfect the art of traditional mince pies and cinnamon butter cookies. Demos free of charge, first come, first served; workshops AED250 weekdays, AED300 weekends; festive workshops AED350. To book, visit expo2020dubai.com/en/plan-your-visit/where-to-eat/bread-ahead-bakery-school.

Café Milano

Experience the festive season in true Italian style with Café Milano's Christmas lunch offering. Renowned for its authentic Italian cuisine and gracious hospitality, Café Milano invites you to indulge in a carefully-curated festive set menu, which includes traditional seafood salad and octopus, ossobuco alla Milanese, potatoes and spinach, traditional lasagne and panettone, struffoli, rococo and mustaccioli. Or ring in the New Year with a set menu, inclusive of welcome bubbly, with a singer and live music from 1900 GST until late. Festive Set Menu (beverages excluded), 25 December, 1200 GST, AED550. New Year's Eve Set Menu, 31 December, 1900 GST, AED950. To book, email info@cafemilanodubai.ae.

Canvas by Coffee Culture

Embrace the festive season and choose from a Christmas canapé menu (starting from AED150), a Christmas party menu (starting from AED195), or see in the New Year with a three-course meal, with unlimited drinks for two hours (AED290 soft drinks; AED420 alcohol package). To book, email canvas.cafe@mediaonehotel.com.

De2Have & The Viking Café

Enjoy traditional Danish food at De2Have, with a Christmas dinner on set days (18, 25, 26, 29 December). Try the Danish Christmas treat, 'æbleskiver', with homemade jam and sugar, served every Sunday in the Viking Café outside the Denmark Pavilion. To book, email info@restaurantde2have.dk.

Farrago Express Mobility

Enjoy a wide variety of appetisers, mains, desserts and nibbles from the buffet, and take advantage of the live pasta station at AED99. Kids under eight eat free. Until 23 December, 1100-2200 GST. For more information, visit Farrago in the Mobility District.

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Floozie Cookies

Indulge in Floozie Cookies' special December Floozie, a decadent chocolate fudge cookie stuffed with pistachio ganache, drizzled with icing and sprinkled with chopped pistachios (AED16). Until 31 December. For more information, visit Floozie Cookie in the Sustainability District.

Food Experience Dutch Dubai

To celebrate Christmas, we are making you a special offer at the Food Experience in the Netherlands Pavilion. Until 29 December, a 'stroopwafel' cheesecake and a coffee are available for just AED50. To celebrate the beginning of a brand-new year, from 30 December-5 January visitors can get a 'Broodje Kroket' and a Bavaria drink for just AED60. More information from Food Experience Dutch Dubai in the Sustainability District.

Garden on 1

Garden on 1 is the place to head for lively festive fun. Serving mulled wine all month for AED35, with a festive quiz night that offers complimentary mulled wine on arrival (21 and 28 December), to Christmas Present Night, where those wearing a crazy Christmas jumper will receive a free glass of mulled wine on arrival until 25 December. Try the Christmas Party Package, with unlimited pass-around food and drinks for two hours (AED220 with regular drinks or AED295 with premium drinks, until 30 December). The perfect place to earmark for New Year's Eve, Garden on 1 is going all-out with a lavish buffet (AED350 unlimited beverages; AED495 unlimited premium beverages). For bookings, email gardenonone@mediaonehotel.com.

Grand Beirut

Grand Beirut's unique ambience transports diners to Lebanon's vibrant scene. Indulge in an authentic Lebanese experience filled with art, culture and food. Grand Beirut is offering a Christmas menu consisting of hot and cold mezzeh, selected grills, including turkey with rice and chestnuts, and desserts at AED375. A New Year's Eve menu will offer a selection of hot and cold mezzeh, selected grills and deserts at AED599, so guests can savour Lebanese classics with friends and family. More information from Grand Beirut in the Sustainability District.

Irish Village

Enjoy a three-course traditional Christmas menu until 26 December for AED165. To book, email michelle.mealy@theirishvillage.ae.

Jubilee Gastronomy

Jubilee Gastronomy is hosting a five-course Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve from AED550, and a Christmas Day set menu with sharing starters, turkey and desserts from AED400. To celebrate the New Year, head to the impressive venue to enjoy a seven-course set menu with premium beverages for AED1,995. To book, email book.jubilee@gatesdxb.com.

Jubilee Mixology

Head to Jubilee Mixology for New Year's Eve and enjoy a selection of canapés and premium beverages, with stunning Al Wasl Plaza views, for AED1,995. The rooftop bar overlooks Al Wasl Dome, which features the world's largest 360-degree projection surface. To book, email book.jubilee@gatesdxb.com.

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Kojaki

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Kojaki, thanks to its 12 days of Christmas promotion. This sees the Korean-Japanese restaurant offer various special offers and discounts from 12-23 December, with something different to enjoy each day. Drop in on 18 December, when kids can dine for AED30 each; on 19 December, there are complimentary desserts to all guests ordering a main; 20 December means a free bottle of grape when ordering rib eye steak; there are two complimentary banchans (side dishes) with every meal on 21 December; a glass of free bubbles on 22 December to all guests from 1800-2100 GST; and 20 per cent off the entire menu on the final day of the offer, 23 December. For bookings, call +971 52 500 9299.

Kutir

Delight in a five-course set menu of festive Indian delicacies, curated by Michelin-starred chef Rohit Ghai, on 24 or 25 December, or choose to ring in the New Year at Kutir with an authentic Indian feast. Packages from AED375. To book, email book.kutir@gatesdxb.com.

The Local Aussie Grill

Enjoy the Aussie Christmas Day BBQ from 1000-2300 GST, with lamb chops, dry-aged tomahawk, grilled prawns, grilled octopus, avocado and potato salad. From the cold bar, enjoy chilled tiger prawns and Dibaba Bay oysters. Christmas treats such as Christmas lamington, pavlova and candy cane soft serve will satisfy most sweet cravings, together with a delicious selection of hot and cold Christmas beverages. From AED65-110. For more information, contact The Local Aussie Grill in the Mobility District.

Long Chim

Indulge in a selection of signature dishes inspired by traditional Thai cuisine from the festive Maa Long Chim Christmas special seven-course menu. Flavourful options include soft shell crab with spices, oysters with nam jim, Thai coconut ice cream, and a tantalising Bangkok martini. Welcome 2022 with Thai flavours on New Year's Eve, with a six-course set menu full of decadent options, including southern lobster curry. From 24-26 December, AED280 (food only) or AED360 (with beverage pairing), 1200-2300 GST; 31 December, AED380 (food only), AED495 (with beverage pairing), or AED1,110 (with beverage pairing and bottle of bubbly), 1900-0000 GST. For bookings, email hi@longchimdubai.com.

Mangrove Philippines Cuisine

With the restaurant's 'Hang a Dream' promo, diners before 31 December will receive a raffle tag for every AED100-worth of food purchased, and the chance to win a AED100 voucher to redeem in January. Guests will also receive a festive gift when spending over AED350 throughout December. And kids under nine are in for a sweet treat – a free scoop of ice cream with every main dish from now until 31 December. For bookings, email mangrovecafephil@gmail.com.

M-Eating Italy

Enjoy the taste of Italian PDO cheeses. AFIDOP, in collaboration with the Consortia for the Protection of four iconic Italian PDO cheeses, is pleased to offer an amazing tasting experience of gorgonzola, Grana Padano, Mozzarella di

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Bufala Campana and Pecorino Romano at the M-Eating Italy Pavilion free from 1130 GST on 24 and 25 December. To book, email reservation@m-eatingitaly.com.

Mudra

Sample the Christmas Canapé Menu at plant-based Mudra (starting from AED150), or try the Christmas Party Menu (starting at AED195). Mudra will also host a Christmas Eve brunch with plant-based favourites from 1300-1600 GST, starting at AED195. With stunning views over the Expo site, the rooftop restaurant boasts an electric atmosphere and live DJs. Enjoy with a glass of mulled grape in hand during the month of December (AED35). Both the Christmas Canapé and Party Menus are available until 31 December. For bookings, email thein@mediaonehotel.com.

The National by Geoffrey Zakarian

Celebrate the festive season from mid-December all the way to 26 December at The National. Indulge in an exclusive festive set menu from AED450, also available on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. What better way to welcome 2022 than with the best views of Al Wasl Plaza? On New Year's Eve, the restaurant will be offering a set menu of five courses from AED850. For bookings, email book.thenational@gatesdxb.com.

Scarpetta Mercato

Celebrate the festive season at Scarpetta, and dig into Italian signature dishes from 24-26 December, with a six-course set menu from AED450. Celebrate New Year's Eve with a five-course set menu of Italian delicacies from AED600. For bookings, email book.scarpetta@gatesdxb.com.

Schengen Lounge

The Schengen Lounge will offer a festive lunch and dinner from 1200-2300 GST, with a selection of Luxembourg cuisine. Master chef Kim Kevin De Dood has worked in some of the world's most prestigious restaurants, with the culinary supremo overseeing a team of 35 at the Luxembourg Pavilion, sharing the cuisine of his homeland with the world. For bookings, email restaurant@expopavilion.lu.

VEG'D

Is there anything better than a Christmas sandwich? Try the Christmas Special Wrap (AED45) at VEG'D, with turkSOY stuffing and cranberry, for the lunch that festive dreams are made of until 31 December. More information from VEG'D, located inside Terra – The Sustainability Pavilion, over in the Sustainability District.

XYST

With delicious seasonal specials, including roast squash and chestnut quiche (AED49), and roast garlic and kale hummus (AED39), XYST's Matthew Kenney brings his unique plant-based approach to Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine. Book the Christmas Canapé Menu (from AED150) or the Christmas Party Menu (AED195). All festive menus until 31 December. For bookings, call +971 52 2366 124.

2020 Club by EMAAR

This festive season, join 2020 Club by Emaar for a special gourmet festive brunch on 24 and 25 December, where a lavish buffet will be on offer in a chic, inviting environment, accompanied by mesmerising views of Al Wasl Plaza,

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while a DJ provides live entertainment (soft beverages, AED288; select house beverages, AED388). Or try 'Oysters, Grills and Hops' – a platter of fresh oysters, select house beverages and grill selection (AED250, 1700-0000 GST daily until 30 December). Alternatively, sample the festive afternoon tea, with a selection of scones, sandwiches, soft beverages, teas and coffees (AED160, or AED300 per couple; 1300-1600 GST daily until 30 December). To book, email expo2020@emaar.ae.

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