CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2026



The Esplanade, Sidmouth
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A Break with Tradition

“We invite you to join a Celebration of the Festive Season at one of the most welcoming luxury hotels in England”

Welcome to the Hotel Riviera, a place where Christmas and New Year have been celebrated for more than two hundred years — yet this year will again be like no other!

Discover our superb situation at the heart of the elegant Regency esplanade. Experience the comforts of our luxurious, award-winning accommodation. Relax in the comfort of our elegant public rooms. Renew old acquaintanceships or make new friends in our welcoming piano bar. Enjoy good food and fine wines, specially selected to accompany our exquisite seasonal fare — and served by the Riviera’s friendly and attentive staff.
Here is the warmest of welcomes and all the ingredients for a truly memorable holiday — yours to dip into at your leisure, where and when you will.

The management reserve the right to amend the programme as necessary without prior notification.




Wednesday, 23rd December

13.00 Luncheon.
16.00 Devonshire Cream Tea.
19.15 Candlelit Dinner at your leisure.

Christmas Eve
Thursday 24th December

13.00 Christmas Eve Luncheon.
16.00 Devonshire Cream Tea.
19.00 Your hosts invite you to a Champagne Cocktail Party in the Regency Bar.
19.15 Candlelit Dinner at your leisure.
21.00 Enjoy vocals of 'Terrie-May McNulty', bringing classic favourites and vintage glamour to life.
(12.00 Freshly warmed home-made Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be served in the Residents' Lounge.)

Christmas Day
Friday, 25th December

8:30-10.00 A leisurely breakfast welcomes this special day
11.00 Your Hosts invite you to join them around the Christmas Tree with Sherry, Canapés and presents for you all.
12.30 Light Luncheon to prepare you for the spectacular Christmas Dinner (or full Christmas Day Luncheon if you prefer).
16.00 Afternoon Tea and the Cutting of the Christmas Cake.
18.30 An evening's entertainment will be provided by 'One of our Resident Pianists' who will play the piano throughout the evening in the Regency Bar.
19.15 Candlelit Christmas Dinner at your Leisure.

Boxing Day
Saturday, 26th December

Take a bracing walk along Sidmouth's handsome Georgian Esplanade and watch the popular Boxing Day Swim which commences at 11.00am.

Whether you still have the need to indulge yourself, there is something awaiting you in Sidmouth's fabulous and unique shops at sale prices in our friendly town.

For those guests wishing to play golf, we are happy to make the necessary arrangements for you at Sidmouth Golf Course, which is situated on Peak Hill, just two minutes' drive from the Hotel.

13.15 The Chef presents his 'Specialty Cold Carved Buffet Luncheon'.

16.00 Devonshire Cream Tea.

19.15 Boxing Night Dinner at your Leisure

21.00 Barry Paull is bringing "Elvish Presley" to life with unforgettable vocals just after your dinner

Sunday, 27th December

13.00 Luncheon.

16.00 Devonshire Cream Tea.

19.15 Candlelit Dinner at your Leisure.

Monday, 28th December

13.00 Luncheon.

16.00 Devonshire Cream Tea.

19.15 Candlelit Dinner at your leisure.



Yuletide Tariff



Our Yuletide Programme is available from 23rd December until the morning of 28th December 2026.
We detail below the terms applicable to this period.

Ratcliffe and Knowle Suites

£525.00

Deluxe Sea View Rooms

£470.00

Town Aspect Rooms

£370.00

All the above prices are per person per day and are inclusive of Value Added Tax.
The following tariff is applicable to children sharing parents' accommodation: Children under two years No Charge.
Children two to twelve years old at 50% of adult rate.
Children over twelve 75% of adult rate.

Guests wishing to extend their stay beyond this period will be charged in accordance with our High Season tariff.

A non-refundable Deposit of £300.00 per person will be required to secure your Christmas reservation.

It is a condition of all reservations if for any reason you have to cancel or curtail your booking the Hotel will be entitled to a payment of the full price of the accommodation reserved. We strongly advise all clients to consider an appropriate Travel Insurance Policy to cover such expenses.



New Year's Eve
Thursday, 31st December 2026



Arrive at your leisure but in time to settle in comfortably, meet your fellow guests and perhaps stretch your legs and take in a breath of fresh air along Sidmouth's handsome Georgian Esplanade.

15.30 A Traditional Afternoon Tea will be served in the lounge.

18.30 An evening's entertainment will be provided by 'One of our Resident Pianists', who will play the piano in the Regency Bar throughout the evening.

19.00 Your hosts invite you to a New Year's Eve Champagne Reception which will be followed by a Gala Dinner and Dance.
(Evening dress may be worn)

21.30 – 01:00 Enjoy the incredible vocals of ' Tom Brain ' with hits spanning the decades – from 60s pop and 70s rock to 80s dance-floor fillers and today's biggest tunes. Expect big vocals, plenty of laughs and an unforgettable night!

New Year's Day
Friday, 1st January 2027

8.30 - 10.00 A Traditional or Continental Breakfast will be served in the Restaurant or alternatively in the comfort of your room.

13.00 New Year's Day Luncheon.

19.15 Candlelit Dinner at your leisure.

Saturday, 2nd January 2027

8.30 - 10.00 A Traditional or Continental Breakfast will be served in the Restaurant or alternatively in the comfort of your room.

A time to bid au revoir to friends old and new, with a promise to keep in touch until our next meeting!



New Year Tariff



Our programme this year consists of a two-day period with guests arriving on Thursday 31st December for a traditional afternoon tea and departing on Saturday 2nd January after a leisurely breakfast.

We detail below the terms applicable to this period.

Ratcliffe and Knowle Suites

£825.00

Deluxe Sea View Rooms

£725.00

Town Aspect Rooms

£580.00

The above prices are per person for the full New Year Programme and include accommodation for two nights, a traditional afternoon tea on arrival, a Champagne Reception on New Year's Eve followed by a Gala Dinner and Dance.
On New Year's Day a traditional Luncheon and Candlelit Dinner are included to complete this Festive period.

Guests wishing to extend their stay to include Wednesday, 30th December, will be charged in accordance with our High Season Tariff.

All the above prices are per person and are inclusive of Value Added Tax.

The following tariff is applicable to children sharing parents accommodation:
Children under two years No Charge.
Children two to twelve years 50% of adult rate.
Children over twelve 75% of adult rate.
A non-refundable Deposit of £200.00 per person will be required to secure your New Year reservation.

It is a condition of all reservations if for any reason you must cancel or curtail your booking the Hotel will be entitled to a payment of the full price of the accommodation reserved. We strongly advise all clients to consider an appropriate Travel Insurance Policy to cover such expenses.

With Compliments and Good Wishes
for a Christmas of Joy
and a New Year of Prosperity from
the Directors and Staff of
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