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PRE-VACATION HOME CHECKLIST THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



1. PUT YOUR LIGHTS ON A TIMER

Put at least one light in your house on a timer so it looks like someone is at home. Programmable timers allow you to custom the daily on/off times.







2. TURN OFF THE WATER

If you're going away for longer than a week, turn off your main water supply. If you don't want to turn off all the water, then close the valves to your washing machine, dishwasher, ice-maker and toilets to prevent potential leaks.



Don't let them go thirsty while you're away! Also get rid of fresh-cut flowers, which could start to smell.





4. CLEAN YOUR KITCHEN

Wash your dirty dishes, clean the sink and pour vinegar down your drain pipe. Wipe down the counters and discard perishables from the fridge. Make sure the oven and stove are turned off.



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5. EMPTY THE TRASH

Take out the trash so you don't come home to a horrible stench or unwanted pests.







6. UNPLUG ALL SMALL APPLIANCES

appliances like toasters Small blenders draw a small amount of electric current even while they sit unused. Unplug them to lower the amount of energy that your house uses while you're gone. You should also unplug your computers, televisions and Wi-Fi router.

7. DOUBLE CHECK YOUR LUGGAGE BEFORE LEAVING

Double-check, or even triple-check, your luggage before you leave your house. Ideally, you should have a packing list that tells you precisely what you will need during your vacation. It's better to discover missing items now than after you reach your destination.





HAPPY FESTIVE HOLIDAY!

"May your holidays be filled with joyful music"



UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS ACROSS INDONESIA

BLEND RELIGION WITH LOCAL CULTURE





Indonesia diverse culture and tradition means festivals here combine religion with culture. From Sabang to Merauke, each region symbolises Christmas using local tradition to deliver the same message about Christmas.





1. RABO-RABO. JAKARTA

Kampung Tugu, Cilincing, North Jakarta is a place with Portuguese influences mean Christmas is celebrated in a unique tradition of 'Rabo-Rabo'. The tradition is preserved since the Portuguese communities lived there for years. Using Keroncong music, people visit house to house while dancing together. The most unique feature is that the house owner who was visited must join the crowd which end up in the last house. After carrying out this tradition, Tugu Villagers do the unique ritual marked by 'bath-shower' where one scribble on each other's face using white powder as a symbol to take away the sins and bad omen.

2. WAYANG KULIT, YOGYAKARTA

Wayang kulit or Javanese traditional shadow puppets in Yogyakarta usually presents the Ramayana and Mahabharata story or any folklore that has been preserved until today. On Christmas, Wayang Kulit is used as traditional entertainment to deliver the story of Jesus Birth that has strong mission to preserve the culture, Priests or Romo (in Javanese) - who lead Christmas services or Midnight mass will use Javanese language (Kromo Inggil) wearing traditional clothes such as beskap or blangkon.







3. KUNCI TAON. MANADO

Since the first day of December, Christmas celebrations begin in Manado. The excitement happens throughout the month as Pre-Christmas traditions arecelebrated with a number of religious rituals at home. Christmas is closed with Kunci Taon where people use Christmassy costumes and parade surround the city. Popular among locals, Kunci Taon is also part of celebration to welcome new year.

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4. NGEJOT-PENJOR, BALI

Although most Balinese people are Hindu, Christmas celebrations play a big part on the island. Leading up to the festive season, many churches are adorned with penjor, a balinese decoration using young coconut leaf or Janur. During this period, people also celebrate Christmas by sharing food in a custom known as Ngejot. These traditions are part of the tolerance and mutual respect among cross religion communities in Bali.

5. BARAPEN (STONE BURNING), PAPUA

Burning stone is a way for Papuans to celebrate Christmas after residents attend mass. The burnt stone is used to cook the food which is similar to the use of charcoal in traditional cooking. This tradition is a communal one where women and men gather to prepare Christmas meals to be enjoyed together. Among Papuans, this tradition also expresses gratitude to God.

Sources: https://www.nowjakarta.co.id/unique-christmastraditions-across-indonesia-blend-religion-with-local-culture/









BEST CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AND DINNER DEALS IN JAKARTA









1.INTERCONTINENTAL **JAKARTA PONDOK INDAH**

Christmas celebration is not just an occasion; it is a spectacle of joy, hope and unity in Jakarta's vibrant landscape. Embodying this sentiment, award-winning InterContinental Jakarta Pondok Indah has prepared a magical line-up of festive season programmes for 2023 – a magnificent ode to the city's infectious festive spirit. From Festive Afternoon Tea, Festive Brunch, Christmas Eve Dinner and Christmas Brunch, to Christmas Dinner, step into a magical world of festivity and luxury at InterContinental Jakarta Pondok Indah.

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2. MANDARIN ORIENTAL. JAKARTA

Share the joy of Christmas with your friends and loved ones at Mandarin Oriental, Jakarta. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Lyon will present enticing festive buffets and brunches. The classic Roast Turkey will be central to this year's holiday feast, served with honey-glazed chestnuts, Brussel sprouts, baby potatoes and homemade cranberry sauce. Other festive favourites include Beef Wellington, Honey Glazed Gammon Ham and the mouth-watering Desserts produced from varieties of Chocolates and forest berries.

Lyon's Christmas Eve buffet dinner will be priced at IDR 1,200,000++ per person while the award-winning Lyon brunch will also be available on the 24 December 2023. The Lyon's Sunday Brunch is priced at IDR 988,000++ per person while the Christmas Day Brunch is available at IDR 1,200,000++ per person. For reservations, please contact Hello MO through call or WhatsApp at +62 (21) 2993 8888 or email to mojktlyon@mohg.com.







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3. SHANGRI-LA JAKARTA

Celebrate a season of warmth and reunions with sumptuous lunch and dinner buffets at SATOO. Indulge in a feast featuring traditional Roast Turkey, Norwegian Salmon Coulibiac, 72-hour slow-cooked Short Ribs, Moroccan roasted lamb leg (pistachio rolled), and more. Seafood aficionados will revel in delights such as Christmas-themed Seafood Bouillabaisse and King Crab on Ice. End the meal on a sweet note with traditional Christmas treats such as Fresh Fruit Cake, Ginger Bread Cake and Yule Log. These exclusive dining offers are available on 24 and 25 December 2023. Prices for the Christmas Eve buffet dinner and brunch at SATOO start at IDR 788,000++ per person.

Indulge in the exquisite flavours of Italy at Rosso, the renowned Italian restaurant. Offering a delectable specialty menu for both lunch and dinner, Rosso invites diners to experience the true essence of Italian culinary artistry. Prices start at IDR 788,000++ per person.





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4. THE WESTIN JAKARTA

Guests may experience global holiday flavors at Seasonal Tastes with 'Around The World Christmas Feast'. Situated on the 51st floor, the lavish buffet features diverse specialties from Europe, Asia and New Zealand complemented by breathtaking panoramic views of the city. The Christmas Buffet is available on 24 December 2023 during dinner and 25 December 2023 during lunch & dinner for IDR 988,000++ per adult and IDR 494,000++ per child, inclusive of free-flow non-alcoholic beverages along with Christmas choir, photo booth, gifts for children and IDR 100,000++ dining voucher per table.

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sources: https://whatsnewindonesia.com/deal/jakarta/christmas-and-new-year/dine-delight-and-celebrate-festive-dining-and-handcrafted

WHAT'S IN THE MOVIE?







AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM

After failing to defeat Aquaman the first time, Black Manta wields the power of the mythic Black Trident to unleash an ancient and malevolent force. Hoping to end his reign of terror, Aquaman forges an unlikely alliance with his brother, Orm, the former king of Atlantis. Setting aside their differences, they join forces to protect their kingdom and save the world from irreversible destruction.

WONKA

Based on the extraordinary character at the center of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, "Wonka" tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today.

Source: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6166392/



