

CELEBRATE IN STYLE: USHER IN THE NEW YEAR WITH UNFORGETTABLE FESTIVITIES AT MOODY GARDENS

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Galveston, Texas (October 1, 2023) — Ring in the New Year at Moody Gardens with a suite of events perfect for both romantic getaways and family-oriented retreats. Options abound, including the New Year's Palooza, NYE Silver Celebration celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Moody Gardens Hotel, a New Year's Eve Cruise, or a fine five-star dinner at Shearn's.

Hosted at the Moody Gardens Hotel, New Year's Palooza spans the weekend, brimming with games, tasty food, and activities for all ages. The agenda features light snacks, an exploration of Moody Gardens attractions, and a dinner show performance of *A Christmas Wish: Holiday Spectacular*, followed by an excursion through the Festival of Lights trail and entertainment in the Convention Center. Fireworks will illuminate the sky over Offatts Bayou at 8 p.m., delivering a dazzling display for guests. The celebration concludes with a kids' New Year's Countdown and Beach Ball Drop, with adults toasting with sparkling cider and champagne. Guests will kick off the first day of the new year enjoying breakfast, games, activities, and a Mimosa and Bloody Mary Bar for the adults.

New Year's Eve marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Moody Gardens Hotel guests will this milestone in style at the NYE Silver Celebration from 8 pm to 1 am. This soiree will be a sophisticated adults-only event featuring the Mambo Jazz Kings with dancing, appetizers, and an iconic champagne toast to ring in the New Year. Guests who reserve their table at Shearn's on New Year's Eve will have the luxury of watching the fireworks from the 9th floor, indulging in a five-star meal, and concluding their evening at the NYE Silver Celebration, with tickets included as part of the dinner package.

Set sail into the New Year with style and a nod back to New Year's past on the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat's New Year's Eve Cruise, offering a waterfront view of the Festival of Lights displays complemented by music, dance, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, two complimentary drink vouchers, and concluding with a Midnight Champagne Toast.

The additional attractions at Moody Gardens feature the Festival of Lights walking trail illuminated with two million lights themed to holiday music, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in 4D, holiday 3D films, the Arctic Slide, train rides, and s'mores. With the Gulf Coast's most expansive light display concluding on January 6th, this presents a prime last-minute chance to revel in the holiday festivities one final time before it concludes.

Book today to enjoy a worry-free celebration at Moody Gardens Hotel this New Year's Eve and kick off 2024 with a safe and joyful start. For a memorable New Year's Weekend Getaway at Moody Gardens, visit www.moodygardens.org or call 409-744-4673.

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