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HOLIDAY PACKAGES, SPECIAL SERVICES & SEASONAL DINING

Island Hotel Newport Beach Celebrates From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day

NEWPORT BEACH, CA (August 20, 2008) – Guests will want to plan family, friends and business shopping sprees, entertaining, dining, rejuvenation and vacationing around the line-up of holiday offerings awaiting for them at Island Hotel Newport Beach this year. The famous annual Newport Harbor Christmas Boat Parade – celebrating 100 years – is another compelling reason to book early for Yuletide festivities.

Packages – Holiday Bed & Breakfast and Fashionably Yours

Island Holiday Bed & Breakfast Package invites guests to spend escape time in luxurious accommodations, enjoy a full-American breakfast for two in the privacy of their guestroom or in the hotel's Palm Terrace Restaurant. The package also includes complimentary valet parking for one vehicle and starts at \$279 each night.

Fashionably Yours – Holiday Shopping at Island Hotel includes one-night guestroom accommodations with a \$50 gift card and VIP Discount Card valid at the nearly 200 specialty shops and restaurants of nearby Fashion Island – Orange County's premier outdoor shopping center. This shopper's mecca package also includes transportation to or valet parking at Fashion Island. Price starts at \$319. One \$50 gift card is available per stay.

Holiday packages are based on availability and offered through December 30, 2008. They are limited to two people and do not include taxes and gratuities. For reservations, please call toll-free, 1-888-321-4752. *See below for information on New Year's Eve packages.*

Fashion Island Shopping Exclusive

All Wrapped Up for the Holidays program, is a complimentary offering to hotel guests and locals from December 1 through December 20. Leave your car at Island Hotel and be chauffeured to and from Fashion Island and its array of shopping temptations.

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Upon your return, gifts will be elegantly wrapped and placed directly into your car. While Santa's helpers wrap, guests unwind at Palm Terrace Lounge and sip on a signature seasonal martini, such as the *Mistletoe*, *Reindeer* or *Frostini*, or they may opt to choose a quaff from the extensive champagne-by-the-glass menu paired with Chef Bill Bracken's savory small bites.

'Tis the time to give back to the community, so shoppers are also encouraged to donate new, *unwrapped* toys, valued at \$10 or more, or make a cash donation, through December 15 to **The Marine's Toys for Tots** program, continuing the hotel's longstanding relationship with The Marine Corps Reserve as a toy drop location.

Parking, chauffeured transportation to and from Fashion Island, and wrapping services are complimentary. Champagne-by-the-glass starts at \$18.

Holiday Spa Rejuvenation

Holiday Party Facial is a signature spa ritual that features a customized blend of antioxidants and Vitamin C to increase cellular vitality and metabolic activity, revitalizing, toning and brightening the skin to a radiant glow. Certainly a glamorous way to prepare for any celebratory occasion. Price is \$140.

Douglas Fir Salt Scrub is a signature seasonal tribute to the most popular Christmas tree on the West Coast, the Douglas fir -- its essential oil is aromatic with antiseptic attributes and is also beneficial to the body's respiratory, nervous and muscular systems. The scrub mixture combines antioxidant rosemary with its delicious evergreen scent and pink Himalayan sea salt containing over 84 minerals and trace elements along with an infusion of fir tree essential oil. The luscious scrub is followed by a moisturizing mango butter massage. Price is \$230.

The Spa at Island Hotel has perfected its **Peppermint Reflexology** treatments -- an especially welcome treat after an exhausting day of holiday shopping. This special treatment lasts 30 minutes and utilizes a distinctive ancient technique focusing on the pressure points of the hands and feet to restore the flow of energy and promote an overall sense of well-being delivering hours of release from the stress of rush and list fulfillment that come with this time of the year. Price is \$90.

Each treatment is followed by a complimentary glass of champagne in the relaxation room. Prices do not include gratuity. For appointments, call (949) 760-4992.

Holiday Repasts to Remember

Chef Bill Bracken presents his annual **Table-less Thanksgiving Buffet** in Palm Terrace Restaurant, offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. It's a delectable and varied presentation of small-plate appetizers; choice of entrée (choices to include the traditional roast turkey with all of the trimmings); and then guests are enticed by mouthwatering desserts created by Pastry Chef Michael Owens. The cost is \$75 for adults and \$38 for children 12 years and under.

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Festive carolers will bring beautiful holiday music to Palm Terrace Restaurant during special **Christmas Dinners** from 5 to 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Dinners are \$88 per person and \$42 for children 12 and under.

Family-Style Christmas Brunch, similar to the Table-less Thanksgiving Buffet, is served on Christmas Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Price is \$75 for adults and \$38 for children 12 and under.

Tax and gratuity is not included in the above prices. For reservations, contact dining reservations at (949) 760-4920.

New Year's Eve Revelry

From celebratory cocktails and indulgent hors d'oeuvres to an extravagant four-course dinner and dancing, New Year's Eve festivities and live entertainment are a perfect way to welcome 2009 and all its opportunities. **Palm Terrace Restaurant** will be the setting for two sumptuous New Year's Eve prix-fixe dinners, served at 6 p.m. for \$95 or 9 p.m. for \$175 per person. The later dinner price includes the annual "Cocoa Lounge" dessert buffet, admission to the party and midnight celebration in Palm Terrace Lounge (see below).

A live band will play jazz, rock and pop tunes for celebrants from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in **Palm Terrace Lounge**. Cover charge for the evening is \$110 per person and includes assorted small plates, the "Cocoa Lounge" dessert buffet, party favors, a champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight.

Island Hotel Newport Beach **New Year's Eve Package** includes: one or two nights in luxurious accommodations; New Year's Eve dinner for two at Palm Terrace Restaurant; daily full-American breakfast for two; and complimentary valet parking for one vehicle. Price starts at \$725 for the one-night package and \$995 for two nights.

For New Year's Eve dining reservations, please call (949) 760-4920; for New Year's Eve packages and room reservations, please call toll-free, 1-888-321-4752.

About Island Hotel Newport Beach

Just minutes from Newport Harbor overlooking the nearby islands of Balboa, Lido and Catalina, Island Hotel Newport Beach features amenities such as Palm Terrace Restaurant & Lounge; a 4,000-square-foot spa; a 3,000-square-foot resort-style pool; a fitness center; two outdoor; lighted tennis courts; and over 30,000 square feet of meeting space. The hotel is owned and operated by The Irvine Company, a 110-year-old, privately held real estate investment company based in Newport Beach, CA.

For reservations and more information, please contact Island Hotel Newport Beach, toll-free, at 1-888-321-4752; or visit the website at www.IslandHotel.com.