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Trying Something New on New Year's Eve

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Fireworks at Dunton Hot Springs, a luxury resort set in a former ghost town in the Colorado Rockies, which is offering a New Year's package.

New Year's Eve doesn't have to mean the usual been-there, done-that celebration. A number of hotels around the country have created packages that include everything from dancing to a fireworks show. Prices below are for two.

[The Knickerbocker Hotel](#), located at the edge of Times Square in New York and with views of the crystal ball that drops at midnight, is offering a night's stay with dinner and dancing and a New Year's Day brunch. Prices from \$2,890.

Also in New York City, [the Plaza Hotel](#) has a Ring in the New Year package. It includes a night's stay, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Palm Court followed by a dinner with a menu by the chef Geoffrey Zakarian, entertainment with a live band and a Champagne toast. Prices from \$1,190.

In Newport, R.I., the [Castle Hill Inn](#) has an Effervescent New Year's Eve package for one night with a welcome amenity of a bottle of Champagne, a Champagne tasting and a screening of the 1954 film classic "Sabrina" on the afternoon of Dec. 31, dinner with live music and dancing that night, and a New Year's Day brunch. Prices from \$720.

Guests at [Dunton Hot Springs](#), the 19th-century ghost mining town turned luxury resort in the Colorado Rockies, get a four-night stay, all meals and drinks (nonalcoholic and alcoholic), a multicourse New Year's Eve dinner, a New Year's Day brunch, a \$370 credit to use for massages or on a guided activity and a \$200 credit to the gift shop. Prices from \$4,590.

[The Fearington House Inn](#), in Pittsboro, N.C., has a shopping-themed getaway to ring in 2016 with a two-night stay, breakfast, daily afternoon tea, a three course-dinner on Dec. 30 and a tasting dinner on New Year's Eve at its fine-dining restaurant, a consultation with a stylist at the local boutique Dovecote Style, along with a \$250 shopping credit and a \$100 credit for the hotel's spa. Prices from \$1,900.

[Grand Geneva Resort & Spa](#) in Lake Geneva, Wis., 90 minutes northwest of Chicago, has the Grand Style Package. Included are a two-night stay, dinner for two, a Grand Ballroom dance party, two drink tickets per person and a lakeside fireworks show. Prices from \$799.

Hotels have incentive to offer attractive New Year's Eve packages because they want to fill their rooms, according to Adam Weissenberg, the head of travel, hospitality and leisure at Deloitte & Touche. "Historically, December 31st isn't a busy night for hotel stays because people celebrate with friends at home or at local restaurants so properties need to give guests a reason to stay," he said.