



## *Christmas in Athens 2008*

### *Festive celebrations*

**Salta**  
**Gr**  
**DMC**



*We thank you all for a nice  
collaboration during 2008  
and wish you*

***A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year***



**The Grande Bretagne Hotel**, when decorated for Christmas **is the Holiday hotel** in Athens. It is situated in the middle of all Christmas celebrations of the town at Syntagma square and has the view to the Big main Christmas tree. This is the oldest hotel in Athens and has a breathtaking view also of the famed Acropolis and Parthenon, regal Syntagma Square and the Parliament lush Lycabettus Hill or the original Olympic Stadium, the Hotel Grande Bretagne offers an unrivalled perspective of Athens Mythical history.

In 2003, with an investment of 82 million euro, the Hotel Grande Bretagne underwent a massive restoration and emerged as a state-of-the-art, five-star reincarnation of its former glory that continues to delight its guests with iconic style.

All guests staying on the hotel's (6th and 7th floor) as well as guests of any suites enjoy 24-hour Butler service. The excellent SPA is worth a visit.

**Guestrooms:** 321

**Conference rooms:** 12. Largest Meeting Space Area: 439 Sq.m.

**Restaurants:** GB Corner, GB roof garden and Winter Garden

**Bars:** Alexander bar, The Cellar for private wine tasting and Pool bar

[www.grandebretagne.gr](http://www.grandebretagne.gr)

Member of "The luxury collection" of Starwood Hotels.



## *Festive celebrations*

**salta  
dmc**



### **Syntagma Square**

#### **The centre of the celebration**

The lighting of the city's Christmas tree, on **Sunday, December 7**, at 20:00, will involve a fireworks show and mark the start of the festive celebrations that ends January 6, 2008, Syntagma Square. The tall, dazzling Christmas tree is placed in the square's most central point, while the much-loved carousel will no doubt draw the attention of both youngsters and adults. Throughout the month Syntagma Square and others squares around the town will serve as a musical oasis with classical and jazz melodies, Christmas tunes from around the world, Byzantine hymns, ethnic music and traditional dance performance.

### **National Gardens: The Forest of Fairytales**

The National Gardens will be transformed into an entertainment destination, from December 20 through January 6 (10:00 - 17:00), Spectacular structures, a wealth of interactive activities, games and entertainment will come together in Athens' loveliest garden that will feature a village of small timber homes. There will be various activities for children, meet Christmas characters and listen to stories taken from the magical world of fairytales.

**New years eve** As the clock strikes midnight, the sky will be filled with fireworks launched from four locations (at two points on Syntagma Square, Lycabettus hill and Technopolis).

## *Shopping in Athens, passion for fashion.*



The last years Athens has got three big shopping malls. All of them have cafés and restaurants.

**Attika:** The biggest in Greece and situated in the very centre of Athens has more than 800 brands

**Golden Hall:** Outside of the centre and to be accessed by bus. There you find all "Golden" brands as Armani, Dolce & Gabbana, Ralph Lauren to mention some. Restaurants cafes await visitors at Golden Hall.

**The Mall:** Outside of the centre and accessed by the Metro

**Prada:** A 1000 sq.m., 6 floored building next to Louis Vuitton and Dior on Voukouristiou street, centre of Athens just opened.

**Shopping areas in Athens centre:** Ermou and Voukouristiou street, Kolonaki, Plaka and Monastiraki

## **Tourist fair "Reiseliv" at Lillestrøm, Norway 08—11 January 2009**

**SaltaTours Gr** will attend and be represented by Mrs. Britt J. Høstmark

Hope to meet you there

**Stand D06: 30 (Greek Tourist Organisation's Stand)**