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Ahwahnee Hotel, Yosemite, CA

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The setting calls to mind a holiday greeting card: rugged mountains, majestic cedars, and the very real possibility of snow.

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For one-of-a-kind seasonal magic, reserve a seat at the Bracebridge Dinner: a formal seven-course meal and interactive show that's celebrating its 85th season in 2011. More than 60 elaborately costumed, professional singers and performers enact a scripted 17th-century-style English banquet at which you're the honored guests. Additional activities in the hotel's Great Lounge include caroling and a Christmas Eve reading of *The Nutcracker Suite*.



Courtesy of DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

Details: Bracebridge Dinner two-night package for \$1,718 including the dinner and show, a professional group portrait sitting, and accommodations; dinner-only tickets are available for \$425 (adults) and \$265.50 (children 12 and under); room rates from \$395 per night.

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