

Where to Ring in the New Year in Tucson

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There's nothing like celebrating the New Year beneath the clear night sky of Tucson. Here are some great places to check out when the clock strikes midnight.



New Year's Eve Dining: jax Kitchen

Perhaps one of your new year's resolutions should be to eat healthier. Well, get a jump start with New Year's Eve Dining at jax Kitchen. Begin with a sparkling-cocktail party at 6 p.m., and continue with a special four-course menu featuring pan-seared halibut, veal osso bucco, herb-rubbed prime rib and other delectable selections will be available at one seating at 7 p.m. \$85 per person; or \$125 with wine pairings. Reservations are strongly recommended. www.jaxkitchen.com.



KC and The Sunshine Band New Year's Eve Celebration

Take a walk down memory lane with the super groovy KC and The Sunshine Band New Year's Eve Celebration at Casino Del Sol. Get down with the band's classics at a 10 p.m. performance followed by a balloon drop and a champagne toast at midnight. Make the night even more memorable with an accompanied dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show, \$125; show only, \$75. www.casinodelsol.com.



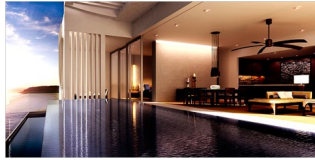
2011 New Year's Eve Gala

Tucson Jazz is performing a special evening before the clock strikes midnight at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. From 8 p.m., enjoy the smooth rhythms of jazz music in their All Jazz, All Night extravaganza set amidst the beautiful landscape of the JW Marriott. Transportation packages are also available for roundtrip shuttles so you don't have to worry about how to get home in 2012. www.tucsonjazz.org.

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The Ritz-Carlton at Dove Mountain

The Ritz-Carlton at Dove Mountain sure knows how to ring in the New Year with a full day dedicated to pleasing your palette in toast of 2012. For lunch, head over to the Sweet Treats Tea and Pastry Class with small bites lunch where you can decorate your own gingerbread teepee and enjoy delicious sandwiches and other tasty eats. \$38 per person. For dinner, Core Kitchen & Wine Bar is featuring a three- or four-course a la carte New Year's Eve dinner including special live entertainment. Indulge your senses in the culinary creations of the Ritz's best chefs before heading over to the champagne and chocolate bar in Ignite. To top off the night, situate yourself near Tortolita Terrace where fireworks will fill the sky when the clock strikes midnight to ring in the New Year.

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/DoveMountain/Information/Calendar/Default.htm.