



# A Fairytale Christmas

at The Assembly House

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FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

2022



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# MAKE CHRISTMAS MAGICAL at The Assembly House

**C**HRISTMAS AT THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE is really something special: delight in an enchanting festive season with all the traditional trimmings at the most glamorous House in Norwich.

No Christmas experience would be complete without delicious food and drink, and The Assembly House's festive menus provide the perfect excuse to indulge – there are new menus to enjoy this year and a brand-new themed afternoon tea.

We have a gorgeous range of rooms to dine, celebrate and raise a glass at the House, whether you're looking for afternoon tea under chandeliers,

an indulgent dinner with family, a cosy stay in one of our antique-filled bedrooms or the perfect place for a glittering party.

Our trio of sparkling igloos return to our front lawn in November with new menus and the chance to cosy up with Festive Beforenoon Tea, our brand new for 2022 Christmas Afternoon Tea or our Après-Ski menu filled with share-board treats and the chance to enjoy cocktails overflowing with Christmas cheer.

This year we welcome a new fairytale theme for Christmas Afternoon Tea as The Nutcracker arrives at The Assembly House: a magical tea inspired by the enchanting story of the little girl who wakes at midnight on Christmas Eve and is taken on an enchanted journey to the faraway Land of Sweets by her toy Nutcracker.



“This year we welcome a new fairytale theme for Christmas Afternoon Tea as The Nutcracker arrives at The Assembly House.”

Head of Pastry Mark Mitson will be creating a tea in four Acts for our famous service: Act I, sandwiches; Act II, savouries; Act III, Scones and Act IV, delicate pastries. Perfect for Princes and Sugar Plum Fairies of all ages.

As ever, our halls will be well and truly decked for Christmas, along with sparkling winter wonderland of trees in front of our stunning fountain and beside our igloos.

Indoors, there are more trees, hearty seasonal menus, festive feasts and lots of rooms to suit every kind and size of party and lots of celebrations we'd love you to join.

We've got festive supper clubs and cooking demonstrations and lessons from The Richard Hughes Cookery School, traditional festive dinners on offer throughout December and, of course, the chance to make The Assembly House your home-from-home with our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day packages.

The lead up to Christmas in Norwich is a charmed time: the streets fill with festive markets, twinkling lights are strung overhead and the sound of carols spills out of church doors, most notably St Peter Mancroft, just a few steps from The Assembly House.

Why not stay with us in the heart of the city and take

advantage of one of our stay-shop-and-eat deals for a night or two in one of our stunning bedrooms? Or join us for a hearty breakfast before tackling your Christmas shopping or a reviving slice of cake and creamy hot chocolate afterwards? How about our wonderful winter afternoon tea before the pantomime at Norwich Theatre Royal next door?

And where better to hold your office party than in the Georgian splendour of the House?

The Assembly House has thought of every finishing touch to make your Christmas the most magical ever. So however you choose to celebrate this Christmas, celebrate with us at The Assembly House – we'd love you to be our guests.

Love The  
Assembly  
House

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Lunch 12noon to 3pm £38pp, Dinner Sunday to Thursday £42pp, Friday, Saturday Dinner £48pp

Includes menu, service, room hire. Gluten-free adaptations available on all items



**G**ATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY for festive celebrations at The Assembly House. Our Christmas menu is available from Wednesday November 16 to Friday December 23 in private rooms (minimum of 10 people). Enjoy all the traditional trimmings in the grandeur of one of our beautiful rooms.

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# FESTIVE MENU

Winter vegetable, sage and apple soup, almond and chive **VG DF**

Goat's cheese, walnut and cranberry pâté, spiced apricot chutney, fig loaf **VGFA**

Terrine of ham hock, parsley and cider, celeriac remoulade, toasted sourdough **DF**



Roasted Norfolk turkey, pigs in blankets, sage, apricot and onion stuffing, cranberry, roast potatoes, cinnamon-spiced red cabbage, Brussels sprouts, roasted root vegetables **DF GFA**

Seared escalope of salmon, fricassee of peas, spinach and tomato, crushed new potatoes, dill and vodka yoghurt, pastry fleuron **DFA**

Roasted spiced butternut squash, chestnut and spinach Wellington, apple sauce, beetroot and Puy lentil gravy. Roast potatoes, cinnamon spiced red cabbage, Brussels sprouts, roasted root vegetables **VG**



Soft chocolate cake, sea salt caramel, honeycomb, whipped cream **DFA V**

Assembly House Christmas pudding, spiced pear, Cognac custard **DFA**

Binham Blue, Mrs Temple's Walsingham Cheddar, apple chutney, Miller's Damsel crackers **V**



Coffee, mince pies



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# THE NUTCRACKER

at The Assembly House  
Christmas Afternoon Tea  
1st November to 8th January



**JOIN CLARA AND HER HANDSOME  
NUTCRACKER PRINCE** as they journey  
into the enchanting Land of Sweets  
where the candy canes dance and the  
Sugar Plum Fairy weaves her delicious  
spell...Head of Pastry Mark Mitson has  
created a fairytale afternoon tea with  
extra sparkle for Christmas.

Clara finds an enchanted Nutcracker  
doll under the tree on Christmas  
Eve and, as midnight strikes, she  
creeps downstairs to find a magical  
adventure awaiting her. A magician  
transforms Clara's drawing room into  
a battle between mice and toy soldiers  
and when Clara saves her Nutcracker's  
life, she breaks the spell that turned  
him from a boy to a toy and defeats  
the Mouse King. In celebration, the  
magician sweeps Clara and her Prince  
off to the Kingdom of Sweets where  
they meet the Sugar Plum Fairy. When  
Clara wakes on Christmas Day, she  
discovers her adventures may have  
been more than a dream...



Dreams are curious and magical things, and the  
dreams that are dreamed on Christmas Eve are the  
most curious and most magical of all...



## MENU COMING SOON...

Indulge in a slice of the finest British  
tradition and enjoy Afternoon Tea at The  
Assembly House this Christmas

November 1 to January 8



£27.95 per person. £16.95 for under 12s.

Vegetarian, vegan, dairy-free and gluten-  
free adaptations available, please mention  
when booking and to your server.



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# THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE IGLOOS



**NUGGLE UP** in our pop-up private igloos this Winter for a cosy dining experience with a difference – get together with the people you love most and enjoy Beforenoon Tea with a festive twist, fondue menus with a distinctly Après-Ski flavour or our new Nutcracker Afternoon Tea.

The domes of delight will be open from November 1 to January 8 and are only available for private hire: deposits will be taken at the time of booking. Your package and the price you pay includes the private use of the Assembly House Igloo, located on The Assembly House lawn amidst Christmas trees. With their wooden frame and secure, sturdy clear panes, our igloos are snug and cosy and return to our lawn year after year.

Igloos have seating and table space for six (minimum) to 10 people (maximum), are heated have Bluetooth speakers, fairy lights and your own personal service staff!

There are four chances to book throughout the day from breakfast to bedtime. Choose from our festive version of Beforenoon Tea – the breakfast edition of our award-winning afternoon tea – two sittings for Nutcracker Afternoon Tea or our Après-Ski lodge-style fondue menu at night.

Bookings need to be made directly by calling 01603 626402 between 9am and 5pm. Please note: igloos are snapped up incredibly quickly, for the past two years most have been booked by the end of June. Please act quickly to get the date you'd like.

**A £100 deposit, non-refundable, non-transferable, will be taken at the time of booking, full payment will be required two weeks prior to your booking.**



Please note: igloos close at 10pm.

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# FESTIVE BEFORENOON TEA IN AN IGLOO



**£30 per person. £18 for under 12s,  
includes igloo hire.**

Vegetarian, vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free adaptations available, please mention when booking and to your server.

Start your day in Alpine-style with the breakfast edition of our award-winning afternoon tea, Beforenoon Tea. We've given the top tier of Beforenoon Tea a festive twist for Christmas.

November 1 to January 8 - 9am to 11.30am



We even provide boxes for you to take away cakes and pastries if you can't eat it all!



## To start

A Breakfast Bellini or a mocktail



## Choose from:

Fried egg, bacon, sausage, mushroom, tomato and toast.  
Vegetarian and vegan fry-up options available

OR

Eggs Benedict, Royale or Florentine **GFA**  
Two poached free-range eggs, toasted English muffin, hollandaise, with either Norfolk ham, smoked salmon or wilted baby leaf spinach



## Tier 1

Mark Mitson's breakfast shot glass with granola, yoghurt and fruit compote

Chocolate Krispie Cake with Sea Salt Caramel

'Fried Egg' Mango Cheesecake

Iced Cranberry Cinnamon Bun

Clementine Syllabub Snowball

## Tier 2

Mini croissant filled with cream cheese, smoked salmon and chives / Warm Assembly House sausage roll / Three-cheese toastie with cranberry chutney

## Tier 3

Cheddar Cheese, Colman's Mustard and chive scone served with bacon jam



English breakfast tea or coffee

Festive Beforenoon Tea is also available in the restaurant from November 1 to January 8



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# THE NUTCRACKER AFTERNOON TEA

in an Assembly  
House Igloo



**STEP INSIDE OUR BEAUTIFUL FAIRY-LIT IGLOOS** on the lawn and into a world of enchantment!

Enjoy views of the twinkling Assembly House and a veritable forest of Christmas trees as you enjoy a fairytale festive afternoon tea. Experience our new Nutcracker Afternoon Tea with a glass of sparkles on arrival, hot chocolate and your own festive tunes – there are two services to choose from, 12noon until 2.30pm or 3pm to 5.30pm.



**Afternoon Tea £40pp. £24 for under 12s, includes igloo hire.**

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MENU  
COMING  
SOON...





Igloos at Night:  
**APRES-SKI ALPINE FONDUE MENU**

6.30pm to 9.30pm



**£44pp, price includes private hire of the igloo**

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Olives, Caramelised Nuts, Truffle-Scented Crisps



**Assembly House Three-Cheese Swiss Fondue (Tomato, pepper and basil fondue **VG**)**

Charcuterie meats, mini chipolatas, sun-dried tomato arancini, new potatoes, crusty bread, pickles

DJ Barnards Meats slider beef burgers, brioche bun, red onion marmalade, tomato, baby gem, bacon and Swiss cheese

Sweet potato fries with sour cream and chive

Rocket, sundried tomatoes, balsamic dressing, herby apple slaw

**Vegetarian /vegan options**

Spiced roasted root vegetables, squashage rolls, sun-dried tomato arancini, new potatoes, crusty bread, pickles

Spiced bean and toasted seed burgers, granary bun, red onion marmalade, tomato, baby gem, facon bacon and Swiss/vegan cheese



**Snowy Profiterole tower; light choux buns filled with whipped Chantilly cream**

Served with hot chocolate sauce and sea salt caramel sauces **VGA**

**A Winter Wonderland dessert board of sweet treats!**

Meringues, brownie and blondie bites, chocolate-dipped strawberries, mince pies, macarons, satsumas, candy canes, marshmallows, chocolate truffles **VGA**



Coffee, mince pies

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GF GLUTEN FREE A AVAILABLE**



Looking for a night which is both merry and bright? Our Christmas Supper Club brings all the flavours of the season to the table – a perfect place for a pre-Christmas get-together with your friends and family.



Served in The Music Room on communal tables. Wednesday November 30 and Wednesday December 7, arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm



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£34 per person  
Guests seated on communal tables

# CHRISTMAS SUPPER CLUB

Winter Vegetable Soup with fresh sage and apple **VG**



Served plated to the table

Roasted Norfolk turkey and a thick slice of marmalade glazed local gammon ham, pigs in blankets, sage, apricot and onion stuffing

Roasted spiced butternut squash, chestnut and spinach Wellington, apple sauce, beetroot and Puy lentil gravy **VG**

All served family-style to the table: roast potatoes, cinnamon-spiced red cabbage, Brussel sprouts, roasted root vegetables, cauliflower cheese, cranberry sauce



A dish to each table

Snowy Profiterole tower; light choux buns filled with whipped Chantilly cream  
Served with hot chocolate sauce and sea salt caramel sauces **VGA**

Christmas pudding with Cognac custard **VGA**



Coffee and mince pies

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£145 per person.  
£85 for under 12s

# CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Sunday 25th December



Let us serve you a superior feast in our spectacular dining rooms and take all the hard work out of Christmas Day! Have a merrier Christmas at The Assembly House!

A glass of Champagne and festive canapés on arrival



A little cup of lightly-spiced butternut squash soup, coconut cream **VG**



Thick-cut Smokehouse salmon, salmon and dill mousse, pickled cucumber, horseradish yoghurt, pumpernickel

Whipped Binham Blue, oat granola, pear, port syrup, walnut bread **V**

Terrine of duck and pheasant, Parma ham, sticky fig chutney, marmalade dressing, frisée

Roast Norfolk turkey, pigs in blankets, apricot, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce

Grilled fillet of seabass, wilted spinach, crushed new potatoes, leek, brown shrimp, saffron and Vermouth cream **GF**

Sage butter-roasted celeriac, wild mushroom ragout, pistachio, apple and chestnut pie, Puy lentil gravy **VG**

Served with roasted potatoes, roasted root vegetables, Brussel sprouts, spiced red cabbage, cauliflower cheese



Black Forest Gateau Opera, vanilla ice cream, poached cherries

The Assembly House Christmas pudding, mulled pear, Cognac custard

Baron Bigod, truffle honey, Colston Basset Stilton, celery, apple chutney, Miller's Damsel crackers



Coffee served with mince pies, fudge, and macarons

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# CHRISTMAS COOKERY DEMO

In the Music Room



**Sunday December 4**

**CHRISTMAS PATISSERIE DEMONSTRATION WITH ASSEMBLY HOUSE HEAD OF PASTRY AND KING OF THE LAND OF SWEETS MARK MITSON, FOLLOWED BY THE NUTCRACKER AFTERNOON TEA**

With a career which incorporates Swiss patisserie training, lengthy stints as head of pastry at Claridge's and the Mayfair Intercontinental, Mark Mitson has a CV that reflects his passion, dedication and skill and makes him one of the leading pastry chefs working in the UK today. We are hugely proud to have Mark on the team here at The Assembly House and delighted that he has agreed to open up his recipe book to share some of his festive secrets with students.



**11.00am demonstration, coffee on arrival, followed by afternoon tea at 1pm with a glass of fizz, £40pp**

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE EARLY SUPPER

Saturday December 31



Join us for the opening act before your big night out on New Year's Eve! We will be serving supper from 5.30pm to 7pm (last orders), for the perfect start to your celebrations.

Canapés and a sparkling Christmas cocktail on arrival



Roasted pumpkin soup, maple syrup, pumpkin seeds, fresh sage **VG**

Slow-cooked ham hock, cider and parsley terrine, sticky fig chutney, toasted sourdough **GFA DF**

Goat's cheese, walnut and thyme arancini, red pepper compote, white truffle mayonnaise **V**

Locally smoked salmon, poached salmon mousse, pickled cucumber, horseradish yoghurt, pumpernickel **GFA**



**Three courses, canapés and coffee £48pp**

Please note the restaurant will close at 10pm. We will of course be serving our breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea menus throughout the day



Pan-fried seabass fillet, prawn, dill and cucumber dressing, new potato tartare, tomato and red pepper fondue **GF DFA**

Char-grilled fillet of local beef, slow-cooked beef fritter, thyme-roasted carrots, dauphinoise potatoes, classic Chasseur sauce **DF**

Rosemary-roasted chicken breast, baked celeriac, creamed wild mushroom, spinach, sherry and tarragon **GF**

Parsnip, red onion, chestnut and sage Wellington, roasted celeriac, braised lentils, apple sauce **VG**



Black Forest Gateau Opera, vanilla ice cream, poached cherries **V**

Sticky toffee apple pudding, sea salt caramel sauce, vanilla ice cream **V**

Baron Bigod, truffle honey, Colston Basset Stilton, celery, apple chutney, Miller's Damsel crackers



Champagne macaron, and baby mince pies and coffee

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# STAY WITH US... FOR CHRISTMAS!

**A**RRIVE ON CHRISTMAS EVE and enjoy our beautiful Nutcracker-themed festive afternoon tea with Champagne before checking into your room. Wake up to an Assembly House Christmas gift box outside your room – delivered by Santa during the night – and then head down for a delicious freshly-cooked breakfast, or have it delivered to your luxurious room if you'd rather enjoy breakfast in bed!

Relax in your room for the morning or take a brisk walk through our beautifully decorated city before your head to our stunning restaurant for Christmas Day lunch.

If you're still peckish after a sumptuous lunch, you can experience a much quieter Assembly House for your Christmas supper; a buffet table of cold cuts, cheeses, salads, Christmas cake and fresh fruit, 7pm to 8.30pm, to eat in the Grand Hall or take in back to comfort of your room to eat at your leisure (House residents only). Help yourself to complimentary wine and port! After a good night's sleep, wake up for a Boxing Day breakfast feast before heading home.



Prices from £795 per couple sharing a room. Additional nights from as little as £120

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## SHOP & STAY at The Assembly House this Christmas

**T**WINKLING LIGHTS, the finest Christmas tree in Norwich, festive flavours and a warm welcome: The Assembly House in the heart of the city is the perfect base for a winter escape.

Indulge in the festivities during the most wonderful time of the year without having to lift a finger and tick off your Christmas list by visiting

Norwich's incredible Lanes, packed with independent shops and present ideas for everyone.

Our Christmas Shop and Stay, Afternoon Tea packages are available from Wednesday November 16 to Thursday December 22.



Prices start from £350 for two nights based on two sharing for Bed & Breakfast, Afternoon Tea for 2



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

at The Assembly House

**T**HERE'S A ROOM to suit every kind of Christmas party at The Assembly House. Whether you're looking

for an informal get-together, a long, luxurious lunch or a grand event for hundreds, we have both the celebration rooms and the team to make it happen with panache!



Call our award-winning team today to make a Christmas plan!



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# WONDERFUL GIFTS FROM THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE



**F**OR UNIQUE and memorable Christmas presents, choose an Assembly House gift. We have a variety of extra special experiences on offer which can be bought in person or online.

Wrap up the charm of The Assembly House and present it as a Christmas treat that will be remembered for years to come. Whether you're searching for the perfect present for the would-be chef in your life, the cake connoisseur or the foodie in the family we have a wonderful array of gifts to guarantee delight on Christmas Day.

Give friends, family, staff members or valued clients a gift they will treasure – for example, our famous Afternoon Tea with or without Champagne for two, a voucher to spend on a decadent dinner or lunch or the height of luxury, a stay in one of our luxury bed and breakfast rooms in the heart of Norwich.

And if you can't quite decide what to give, choose one of our all-purpose vouchers with a monetary value from £10 so the recipient can choose for themselves how they'd like to enjoy time with us at The Assembly House or The Richard Hughes Cookery School.

Perfect for the people who have everything this Christmas, vouchers are available to buy from our Reception desk at The House or available online at [assemblyhousenorwich.co.uk](http://assemblyhousenorwich.co.uk).

Your recipient will have a full two years in which to spend their voucher from the date of purchase.

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## Term and Conditions

### Restaurant

A maximum of 10 people for festive afternoon tea in the restaurant. Private rooms available or larger groups. Bookings can be made for this and our other restaurant menu at [www.assemblyhousenorwich.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhousenorwich.co.uk) or by calling 01603 626402. The three-course festive menu is not available in our restaurant

### Private Dining

Only available for parties of 10 or more. Minimum numbers for individual rooms apply. A provisional booking for a private room can be held for a maximum of 14 days, after which time we require a £250 deposit and a signed event contract to secure the booking. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. The estimated final invoice will be issued one month prior to the event and is payable in full two weeks prior to the event date. The balance of any other charges will be invoiced after the event and must be paid within seven days of the invoice date.

### Christmas Day

A £40 per person deposit is required at the time of booking. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. The full balance is due by no later than Friday 25th November. Should you need to cancel your booking after this time, we will make every effort to re sell your table. If we are unable to do this, all monies will be retained.

### New Year's Eve Early Supper

Book directly with us on 01603 626402 or by emailing [admin@assemblyhousenorwich.co.uk](mailto:admin@assemblyhousenorwich.co.uk). A £20 per person deposit is required at the time of booking. The balance is to be settled in full on the evening. Please note, the restaurant closes at 10pm.

### Christmas Supper Club, Cookery School Events

Full payment is to be made at the time of booking. Visit our website to book all these events or call us on 01603 626402. Bookings for these events are non-transferable and non-refundable.

### Bedrooms

Bookings for bedrooms or our shop and stay breaks require a £100 deposit to secure the booking. The remaining balance is due on check out. Please see your booking confirmation email for full cancellation policy

### Christmas Day Stay, two nights

A £250 per room deposit is required at the time of booking. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable except in the case of enforced closure of the business or Covid-related numbers restrictions. The full balance is due by no later than Friday 18th November. Should you need to cancel your booking after this time, we will make every effort to re sell your table. If we are unable to do this, all monies will be retained.



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