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‘TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY AT ASCOT RACECOURSE



Celebrate the festive season at Ascot Racecourse with a range of fantastic racedays and entertaining options available. Throughout November and December, racegoers can enjoy winter's dramatic Jumps racing with a selection of Fine Dining and Private Box packages available to make a day at the world-famous racecourse extra special.

The Prince's Countryside Fund Racing Weekend & Christmas Shopping Fair takes place on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November, perfect for pre-Christmas entertaining with all proceeds supporting the Prince's Countryside Fund.

Advance Saturday tickets start from £25 per person with admission to Friday's raceday FREE, ideal as a taster for those new to horse racing. Fine Dining packages start from £156+VAT per person for a day in Ascot's award-winning ON 5 Restaurant, complete with panoramic views of the racing and Windsor Great Park.

Launching the Christmas break in style, the **Christmas Racing Weekend is on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December**. Whether you are planning an event with family and friends or looking to end the working year on a high with colleagues, the festive finale at Ascot Racecourse will delight with plenty of Christmas cheer, Jumps racing and festive feasting.

Saturday is the final dedicated family day of the year with Father Christmas and his fellow reindeer in attendance and Mrs Claus' storytelling returning for a third year. Ascot's Elf Workshop, gingerbread decorating, reindeer meet & greets, free fairground rides and uplifting carol singing by candlelight add the finishing festivities to the year. Advance tickets start from £18 per person with FREE entry for under 18s.

Available on **Friday 7th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th December**
Ascot's *Venetian Enchanted Evenings* shared Christmas parties are perfect for smaller groups looking to be part of a bigger celebration.

Shared Venetian Enchanted Evenings parties are £65+VAT per person and include a drink on arrival, three-course dinner with petit fours, half a bottle of wine per person, live band, resident DJ and disco, themed décor & scenery with full event management from the dedicated Ascot Events Team.

For more information visit www.ascot.co.uk.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

Ascot Racecourse was founded in 1711 by Queen Anne who saw the land had potential for horseracing. Royal Ascot in June is an occasion like no other in the sporting calendar. While its five days of Flat racing attracts entries from around the World and is demonstrably a celebration of horseracing at its very best, it is also a social occasion like no other, steeped in history and synonymous with pageantry and style.

On each of the five race days, The Queen arrives by Royal Procession along the racecourse with her guests, in full view of the 300,000 weekly spectators. At the heart of Royal Ascot is the Royal Enclosure which dates back to 1807 and the reign of George III. Within this area, a dress code of morning dress for men and formal day wear for ladies applies.

Outside of the Royal Meeting, Ascot Racecourse has a further 21 days of both Flat and Jumps racing which includes four dedicated family racedays, the King George Weekend at the end of July, the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup and Post-Racing Concert in August and QIPCO British Champions Day in October – the finale of the Flat season.

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