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Palazzo Versace Gold Coast will evoke the true spirit of Christmas by raising funds for three, carefully selected, local Gold Coast charities this festive season.

Located in the centre of the Palazzo Versace's opulent lobby, a bespoke six-metre tall Christmas tree will be decorated with handcrafted Palazzo Versace Gold Coast Teddy Bears. The Teddy Bears – "Hugo" and "Franklin" – will be the centrepiece, on a first of its kind, Palazzo Versace Gold Coast Teddy Bear Christmas Tree.

The funds raised from the purchase of the Palazzo Versace Gold Coast Teddy Bears will be proudly donated to the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation, My Friend's Place and Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth.

"Christmas at Palazzo Versace is not only about our spectacular festive dining collection and events, but also about celebrating the spirit of giving by supporting local charities in need" said Subash Basrur, General Manager of Palazzo Versace Gold Coast.

On Friday 4th of December 2015, Palazzo Versace Gold Coast will celebrate the spirit of Christmas at their inaugural Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with live operatic performances from some of OperaQ's most talented artists. Katie Stenzel and Jason Barry-Smith will perform a range of Christmas classics underneath Palazzo Versace's grand chandelier.

This special celebration marks the beginning of the festive season for Palazzo Versace, with a series of live Operatic performances scheduled on December 4th, 11th and 18th. A collection of divine Christmas dining experiences, corporate Christmas parties and sumptuous festive cocktails will also be available for guests to celebrate this Christmas in style.



If you require any further information, or a media pass for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony please contact;

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About Palazzo Versace Gold Coast

In Italy, palazzo is the definition of luxury, glamour and sophistication. In the fashion world, Milan is the home of one of the most legendary brands, Versace. Therefore, when it came to opening the first ever fashion-branded hotel, there was only one possible name: Palazzo Versace.

Palazzo Versace Gold Coast is everything you would expect in a hotel from the world of Versace: a waterfront setting, spectacular architecture, Italian furnishings, extraordinary service and an ambience of pure glamour. It is home to three award-winning restaurants, a famed day spa, fitness & wellbeing centre, private marina, Versace Boutique, meeting and event facilities and Australia's first Water Salon cabana.

Acclaimed as Australia's premier leisure destination, the Gold Coast is renowned for its glorious subtropical climate and cosmopolitan way of life. Nestled between the beautiful Pacific Ocean and the sparkling Gold Coast Broadwater, the hotel offers an exclusive chance to be immersed in the opulent Versace lifestyle.

Palazzo Versace's selection of award-winning restaurants set the standards in cuisine and dining. The signature restaurant, Vanitas, provides guests with an extraordinary gastronomic encounter while at Vie Bar + Restaurant you can find a showcase of contemporary flavours in a distinctive, stylish space overlooking the Gold Coast Broadwater. The sophisticated casual dining of Il Barocco Restaurant is famed for its lavish seafood buffet and classical dishes. In addition, Palazzo Versace also boasts the incredibly chic bar, Le Jardin, where you can try this season's cocktails or relax with a high tea in our beautiful hotel lobby.

Each of the 200 light-filled bedrooms and suites are crafted with bespoke Versace Home furnishings. Luxurious fabrics, colourful silks, floor-to-ceiling windows and a 'Juliet' balcony inviting the Gold Coast sunshine and azure skies to pour in. It is a place of pure indulgence, true glamour, ultimate relaxation and the very best that is possible in life.



Palazzo Versace Recent Awards

2015 Awards

- **Australia's Leading Hotel** World Travel Awards
- **Chef Hat – Vanitas** Australian Good Food Guide
- **The Most Fashionable Restaurant Around The World - Vanitas** by Harper's Bazaar

2014 Awards:

- **Best Luxury Day Spa in Australia & Oceania** at the *World Luxury Spa Awards*
- **Fifth Most Glamorous Pool in the World** by *TripAdvisor*
- **Certificate of Excellence** from *TripAdvisor*
- **2014 Best Hotel Reception Venue Queensland** at the *Australian Bridal Industry Academy Awards*
- **Top 5 Best Hotels on the Gold Coast** from *Wotif*

2013 Awards:

- **Top Places to Stay** in the *Condé Nast Traveller Gold List 2013*

2012 Awards:

- **Ranked 6th in the Top 15 Resorts in Australia and the Pacific** at the *2012 Condé Nast Traveller Reader's Choice Awards*
- **Certificate of Excellence** from *TripAdvisor*

2011 Awards:

- **Ranked 7th Best Resort, Oceania Region and 2nd Best Resort, Australia** at the *Condé Nast Traveller (USA) Reader's Choice Awards*
- **Best Luxury Hotel** at the *Australian Traveller Reader's Choice Awards*
- **Best Luxury Australian Hotel** at the *World Luxury Hotel Awards*
- **Best Australian Hotel** in *Luxury Travel Magazine's* Gold List for the fourth consecutive year