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Our family tradition...Homemade **wontons** on Christmas Eve. By the time Santa gets to our house he is sick to death of cookies and milk, so he is greeted by homemade wontons and sweet and sour sauce. Of course, there is a Coke Zero to wash it all down with (got to cut those calories somewhere)!

My very grown children generally stop by to pick theirs up to make sure that there are plenty of savory stops along Santa's route. (I have sent a video clip of how to make them, but they still won't make their own!).

Following are some great holiday hotel traditions to consider.

A Few Spots to Consider Making a Part of Your Family Tradition.



Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee

If ever there was a time to embrace a more-is-more aesthetic, it's the season of silver bells and sparkle. [Nashville's Gaylord Opryland Resort](#) obliges with its annual Christmas spectacle in November and December, when the huge hotel is adorned with 3 million holiday lights, a "Parade of Trees" decorated by country music stars, and fountains erupting in sync with Christmas carols. Without leaving the grounds, you can go snow tubing, ride bumper cars on ice, help Buddy the Elf save Christmas via an interactive experience, and catch a dinner show with

performances by some of Nashville's biggest names. Save the subtlety for Presidents' Day.



Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort in Honolulu

"Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright," Bing Crosby sang in "[Mele Kalikimaka](#)" of December in [Hawaii](#), "the land where palm trees sway." Throw in some world-famous sand and surf and you've got a good description of Honolulu's [Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort](#). The fun-loving hotel kicks off the holiday season with the arrival of Santa in an outrigger canoe on the hotel's beachfront. In Hawaii, apparently even Rudolph is on vacation. If you're still dreaming of a white Christmas, head to the onsite [Duke's Waikiki](#) restaurant and gaze upon the snow-colored ice cream filling of the macadamia-topped, chocolate cookie-crusted Hula Pie.



Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa at Walt Disney World in Florida

Christmastime gives Disney yet another chance to activate the company's unrivaled skill at creating moments that are at once magical and monetized. Many of [Walt Disney World's](#) onsite hotels boast enchanting yuletide décor—but room rates seem designed for guests with the funds of Scrooge McDuck. Still, you don't have to spend the night to check out the lobby of [Disney's Grand Floridian Resort](#), known for its massive Christmas tree and 15-foot-tall Victorian gingerbread house covered in more than 5,000 edible shingles. Yes, of course there's an adjacent shop selling cookies, fudge, peppermint bark, and other sweets.



The Edgewater in Madison, Wisconsin

At the end of November, [Madison](#)'s stylish [Edgewater](#) hotel transforms its outdoor Grand Plaza into a winter wonderland with abundant holiday decorations and an ice skating rink where visitors turn figure eights in view of two of the city's icons: the Wisconsin State Capitol building and Lake Mendota. Inside, the hotel keeps things jolly with a season-long calendar of festivities. Among the highlights are meet-and-greets with Santa and, possibly more significant for Big Ten fans, Bucky Badger from the nearby University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For more information and ideas follow the link:

<https://www.frommers.com/slideshows/848386-hotel-noel-the-jolliest-hotel-christmas-decorations-and-traditions>