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INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON OFFERS \$169 CHRISTMAS FRIENDS & FAMILY RATE (4 DAYS ONLY) PLUS NEW MIEL PROVENCE CHRISTMAS MENU WITH 13 TRADITIONAL DESSERTS

BOSTON - (December 2, 2009) – From our family to yours, InterContinental Boston offers a special gift this holiday season – the hotel's employee Family & Friends rate of \$169.00 available for a limited time for stays only on Christmas Eve (Thurs., Dec. 24), Christmas Day (Fri., Dec. 25) and over the Christmas weekend (Sat., Dec. 26 and Sun., Dec. 27). And for additional Christmas treats, Miel "Brasserie Provençale", a Four-Diamond Provence brasserie located on Boston's waterfront, offers a menu that recreates a Provence Christmas tradition of 13 desserts following *le gros souper* (the big supper). Miel will be offering the 'Christmas in Provence' menu with the 13 desserts for lunch and dinner on Christmas Day.

InterContinental Boston's Friends & Family rate is typically only available to employees of InterContinental Boston but, for four days over this Christmas, this unpublished rate will be made available to the general public. The InterContinental Boston is looking forward to hosting new friends and family and is ideally located overlooking Boston's glistening waterfront. The special \$169.00 Friends & Family rate is valid only for Thurs., Dec. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009 and is subject to availability and based on double occupancy. **This rate is only bookable by contacting the InterContinental Boston directly at 617-217-5033 and asking for "CHRISTMAS FRIENDS" rate.**

On Christmas Day Miel will be offering a traditional 'Christmas in Provence' lunch and dinner followed by *les treize desserts de Noël* (the thirteen desserts of Christmas). In true Provence-style, Christmas dinner ends with a ritual number of 13 traditional desserts symbolizing the attendees at the Last Supper. Four of the desserts are the *mendiants*, representing "four beggars" or orders of monks: hazelnuts (Augustinians), almonds (Carmelites), raisins (Dominicans), and dried figs (Franciscans). Also served is white nougat symbolizing good and black nougat symbolizing evil and an array of fall and winter fruit and nuts. In Provence, revelers eat from all 13 dishes to bring good luck in the New Year.

Miel will be offering 'Christmas in Provence' lunch served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner served from 4 p.m. to 11 pm on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2009. The multi-course **lunch (excluding the Amuse Bouche course) is \$55 per adult; \$26 per child and dinner (full menu) is \$68 per adult; \$34 per child** (both menus exclude tax, gratuity and alcohol). Reservations are required and can be made by calling Miel directly at 617-217-5151. The 'Christmas in Provence' menu consists of:

Amuse Bouche

Red Wine Pear & Smoked Duck with Lemon and Country Dijon Mustard

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First Course

Chestnut Velouté with White Truffle Foam dusted with Porcini Mushrooms

or

Hudson Valley Foie Gras Bonbons with Petite Mâche and Fig-Onion Marmalade

or

Striped Beets with Three Pepper Crusted Goat Cheese with Fried Basil Vinaigrette

Entrée

Olive Oil Poached Monkfish
with Mustarda and Tomato Cilantro Rouille

or

Pan-roasted Wild Mushroom Risotto (vegetarian option)
with Vegetables Provençale and Baby Arugula

or

Wild Boar Provençale
with Olive Potato Millefeuille and Rosemary Honey Glaze

or

Grilled Thyme-Rubbed Prime Rib
with Fourme d'Ambert and Fleur de Sel

Dessert

Roasted Apricot and Toasted Almond
with Honey Ice Cream with Muscat Crème Anglaise

The 13 Desserts (buffet-style):

1. Fougasse (also called Pompe de Noël à l'huile)

A leavened cake made from the flour, olive oil, orange flower water and brown sugar

2. White Nougat

3. Dark Nougat

4. Dried Figs

5. Raisins

6. Almonds

7. Hazelnuts

8. Grapes

9. Winter Fruit Jam(s)

10. Candied Fruit

11. Squash Pie

12. Walnuts

13. Dates

An ideal dining destination for Christmas lunch or dinner, Miel "Brasserie Provençale" offers a festive Provence glow and is located in the lobby level of InterContinental Boston (510 Atlantic Ave.). Discounted valet parking (\$13 for a maximum of four hours) is available for Miel guests through ICON parking located on the lower level of the hotel.

About Miel "Brasserie Provençale"

Miel "Brasserie Provençale" celebrates the organic wonders of Provence highlighting the area's indigenous products such as its aromatic herbs (de Provence), lavender, honey and olive oil. InterContinental Boston has formed a culinary partnership with world renowned two-star Michelin-rated Chef Jacques Chibois, owner and operator of "La Bastide Saint Antoine," a Relais & Châteaux hotel and restaurant in Grasse, France. Chef Chibois serves as the ambassador chef of Miel and Miel restaurant chef, Josean Rosado, leads the Miel team daily to continuously bringing a creative and authentic Provence influence to Boston. Miel is located in the lobby level of InterContinental Boston at 510 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02110. For more information, visit www.intercontinentalboston.com and for reservations, call 617-217-5151.

About the InterContinental Boston

InterContinental Boston, which opened in November 2006, is located on Boston's historic waterfront in the heart of the city's financial district and just ten minutes from Logan International Airport. This AAA Four Diamond luxury 424-room hotel is the first InterContinental hotel in Boston (and New England) and offers a 6,600 sq. ft. spa and health club with indoor pool, *Miel "Brasserie Provençale,"* a Provence-inspired brasserie; *Sushi-Teq,* a sushi and tequila bar and *RumBa,* a rum and champagne bar. The hotel also offers 32,000 sq. ft. of meeting/function space, including the largest ballroom in downtown Boston. InterContinental Boston has been named one of ten "Best New Business Hotels of 2006" by *Forbes.com,* voted Best of Boston 2007 as "Best New Hotel" by *Boston Magazine* and was voted among the "2008 Best Business Hotels" in the world by *Fortune* and *Wallpaper* magazines. InterContinental Boston is located at 510 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02110. For more information on the hotel, visit www.intercontinentalboston.com and for reservations call 877-747-BOSTON.

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