

A NEVER ENDING STORY

Every year, our hosts, Philippe and Nanette host a magnificent Christmas weekend at their country home in Wiltshire. It is a continuous story of friendship, family and love fitting in with the season.



On a cold crisp October day, every guest received a **rectangular packaged** through their post box. Inside, the **invitation** to the Christmas Party of the year printed on the label of a flat designed wine bottle. Some guests, are invited to become Time Travellers and step into **Time in Space** on the Friday night, some will experience the extravagance of a **Russian Fairy Tale** at the Tsar's Royal Court on the Saturday night. But a **Never Ending Story** never draws to a close and on Sunday it will be continued during lunch.

Time In Space

Guests will be greeted by our **Glitz** and **Glamour** clad Time Assistants who will effortlessly guide them to the drawing room for pre-dinner drinks and canapes.

A focal point of the decorations is the **Time in Space Christmas Tree**. Constructed from a sizeable number of hanging light bulbs, it truly is a sight to behold, dominating the entrance hall in all its splendour.

After the conclusion of pre-dinner drinks and timeless cocktails guests will be taken through a starlit tunnel to the Marque where the brave and not so brave alike will be asked to step onto a **hovering cloud** in order to be seated at long gold oval tables where high flying acrobats, and images of space floating across the walls will entertain them during the sensuous three course dinner.



A RUSSIAN FAIRY TALE

The tree dappled horses are prancing excitedly in front of their quaint buggy. Their shimmering coats mirroring the occasional swoop of the **Russian Firebird**. **A palpable tension hovers in** the air. When the horse drawn buggy pulls away from the entry gate with the first guests to the Tsar's court squealing with delight, the **fire breathing** Kozak dancers jump into action along the driveway.



Guests to the Tsar's Court are met by a magnificent golden firebird who swoops down the house's front façade and steal another gleaming gold and red apple from decorations on the imposing twin pillars, framing the front door. The life like projection of one of Russia's most beloved fairy tales capture the imagination of young and old alike.

The festivities are kicked-off with a selection of **bespoke themed cocktails** as part of the pre-dinner drinks and canapes while dancers captured in a golden cage delights the visual senses of the court. At the Tsar's command the Royal Court relocates to the Marque, dressed in all the **splendour and opulence** of the Russian royal court, for a three-course culinary journey. While dinner is served a magnificent troupe of ballet dancers re-enact the story of the Tsar and the mythical firebird.

It would not be a night hosted by a Tsar if there was not royal mystery, intrigue woven into the entertainment. For the court attendees needing **a brief respite** from the intricacies of Royal Court the open cart barn is transformed into a **Russian peasant village** where they can sample **traditional Russian sweets and teas**.



TO BE CONTINUED...



On Sunday guests return to the house once more to celebrate the Christmas season. Now decked out in Christmas decorations with a contemporary flair Elves scurry between the kitchen and the Marque to serve another **gastronomic fest!** Talk around the table is filled with **amazement** about the weekend's entertainment, the plans for the remainder of Christmas and what the New Year might hold. Already, possible dates for **next year's party** are marked in their calendars. After all this is a **NEVER ENDING STORY**

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