

The countdown to New Year's Eve in Katy and Houston has begun. Check out *Katy Magazine*'s best places to say goodbye to 2016 and hello to 2017.

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Deciding where to celebrate New Year's Eve can be stressful, but if you go to one of these amazing places, you can't go wrong. We have put together the best places to dine, stay, and ring in the new year with your family, a date, or group of friends.

# PARTY AND STAY THE NIGHT

#### THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM

909 Texas St., Houston

Enjoy a night of dancing and a midnight crystal ball drop. There will be live music by Empire 6, a DJ, premium bars, and a breakfast buffet at 1 a.m. Visit crystalballnye.com.

#### **HOTEL SORELLA - CITYCENTRE**

800 Sorella Ct., Houston

Check in at Hotel Sorella, enjoy live music, a balloon drop, and champagne at the Monnalisa bar. Roxy Roca will light up the night with a live performance. Call 713-973-1600 for New Year's Eve packages or visit hotelsorella-citycentre.com.

#### **HOTEL ZAZA**

5701 Main St., Houston

Zaza-style fun from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$75 and include entrance to the party, entertainment, and a champagne toast. Room packages are also available. Visit hotelzaza.com.

### THE HYATT REGENCY HOUSTON

1200 Louisiana St., Houston

Have a blast at Houston's longest-running New Year's Eve party! With a giant balloon drop, a live DJ, and a champagne toast, you won't be disappointed. Visit houston.regency.hyatt.com.

#### **OMNI HOUSTON HOTEL**

13210 Katy Fwy., Houston Four Riverway, Houston

Join the Omni Houston Hotel for an unforgettable evening of dancing and bubbly to ring in 2017. This includes an overnight stay, champagne toast, balloon drop, party favors, photo booth, and DJ all just steps from your hotel room door. Call 713-871-8181.

# **EVENING OUT**

#### ARTISAN'S RESTAURANT

3201 Louisiana St., Houston

If you haven't tried the French cuisine at Artisan's, New Year's Eve is a great time to explore a new eatery. The restaurant offers reservations from 5 to 10 p.m. for \$120 per person. Visit artisansrestaurant.com.

#### **CLUB AMNESIA**

406 W. Grand Pkwy. S.

Ring in the New year at Katy's new night club for their first New Year's bash! Visit amnesiakaty.com.

#### FIREWORKS DINNER CRUISE

Kemah Boardwalk, Kemah

Cruise the night away on Clear Lake and Galveston Bay while enjoying fireworks, dining, and dancing. Visit boardwalkfantasea.com.

#### THE H-TOWN COUNTDOWN

Silver Street, 2000 Edwards St., Houston

Complete with a New Year's Eve champagne toast, open premium bar, and a balloon drop, this event is one of the most anticipated in Houston. With two DJs from 104.1 KRBE, this party will be taken to a new level. Visit htownnye.com.

#### Perry's Steakhouse & Grille

23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.

Perry's Steakhouse & Grille offers diners New Year's Eve entertainment and a set menu. Make a reservation for 5:30 p.m. and earlier for \$59.95 per person. Any reservations after 5:30 p.m. are \$79.95 per person. Visit perryssteakhouse.com.

#### DAY'S CRILL

8502 FM 359, Fulshear

Enjoy fresh seafood, organic vegetables, and more dining options at this popular, unique neighborhood grill. Visit raysgrill.com.

#### TOPGOLE

1030 Memorial Brook Blvd., Houston

Experience a night of neon featuring live entertainment, a chef-inspired menu, and plenty of music and dancing to ring in the New Year! General bay reservations are \$225 and VIP bay reservations are \$450. Visit topgolf.com.

# **FAMILY-FRIENDLY**

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE HISTORICAL BASH

George Ranch Historical Park 10215 FM 762 Rd., Richmond

Prepare for the countdown to 2017 with a historical mask-making and noisemaking craft. At noon, a countdown will be held at the 1830's Jones Stock Farm followed by a special New Year's Eve meal at 12:30 p.m. Visit georgeranch.org.

#### **ROCKIN' NEW YEAR'S NOON BASH**

Children's Museum of Houston 1500 Binz St., Houston

This is Houston's longest-running New Year's Eve celebration for kids. The bash rings in the New Year at noon with a parade and countdown to the shimmering ball drop.

Visit cmhouston.org.

#### SHARKY'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Downtown Aquarium 410 Bagby St., Houston

Celebrate the new year with a buffet, balloon drop, contests, and giveaways for the kids. Reservations are required. Visit aquarium restaurants.com. **KM** 

KRISTA FRIEDLI is so excited to spend New Year's Eve with her best friends and ring in 2017.

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# **New Year's Eve Tips**

**BOOK AN UBER** - Use the Uber app to summon a driver within minutes who will take you to and from the night's festivities.

**BRING COMFY SHOES** - Those four-inch stilettos might look fierce, but after a few hours of dancing, you will regret it. Pack a pair of fashion-savvy flats or sandals that coordinate with your outfit.

**TRAVEL LIGHT** - Carry a small purse or clutch with only the essentials.

**DON'T GO ALONE** - Stick with the buddy system and always travel with your spouse or in pairs.

AVOID SOCIAL MEDIA - Make a rule not to post pictures after 10 p.m. Better safe than sorry! You never know what you'll post after a few glasses of champagne.



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