Where to Order Christmas Dinner Around D.C.

Dine-in and takeout options for every holiday craving

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With COVID-19 dining restrictions in the rear view mirror this holiday season, it’s time to ditch DIY dinner plans in favor of a festive meal from a reliable D.C. restaurant.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, select eateries opt to remain open to showcase their team’s take on the celebratory spread. Mainstays like Blue Duck Tavern and Boqueria are continuing their streak of seasonal specialties, while newcomers Lyle’s and Dolce Vita are looking to become a family’s new tradition of choice.

Here’s a guide to takeout and dine-in options for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner around D.C.

_A number of D.C. area restaurants have resumed dine-in service. However, this should not be taken as endorsement for dining in, as there are still safety concerns. The Washington Post is tracking coronavirus cases and deaths in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. More information can be found at coronavirus.dc.gov. Studies indicate that there is a lower exposure risk when outdoors, but the level of risk involved with patio dining is contingent on restaurants following strict social distancing and other safety guidelines._
Kevin Tien's contemporary Vietnamese establishment on the Wharf puts its own tasty spin on the holiday. On both Christmas Eve and Christmas, customers can enjoy coconut pandan milk buns with condensed milk butter, beef short ribs with cheesy potatoes, and an ube yule log with vanilla ice cream. The dine-in feast serves four and is priced at $250.