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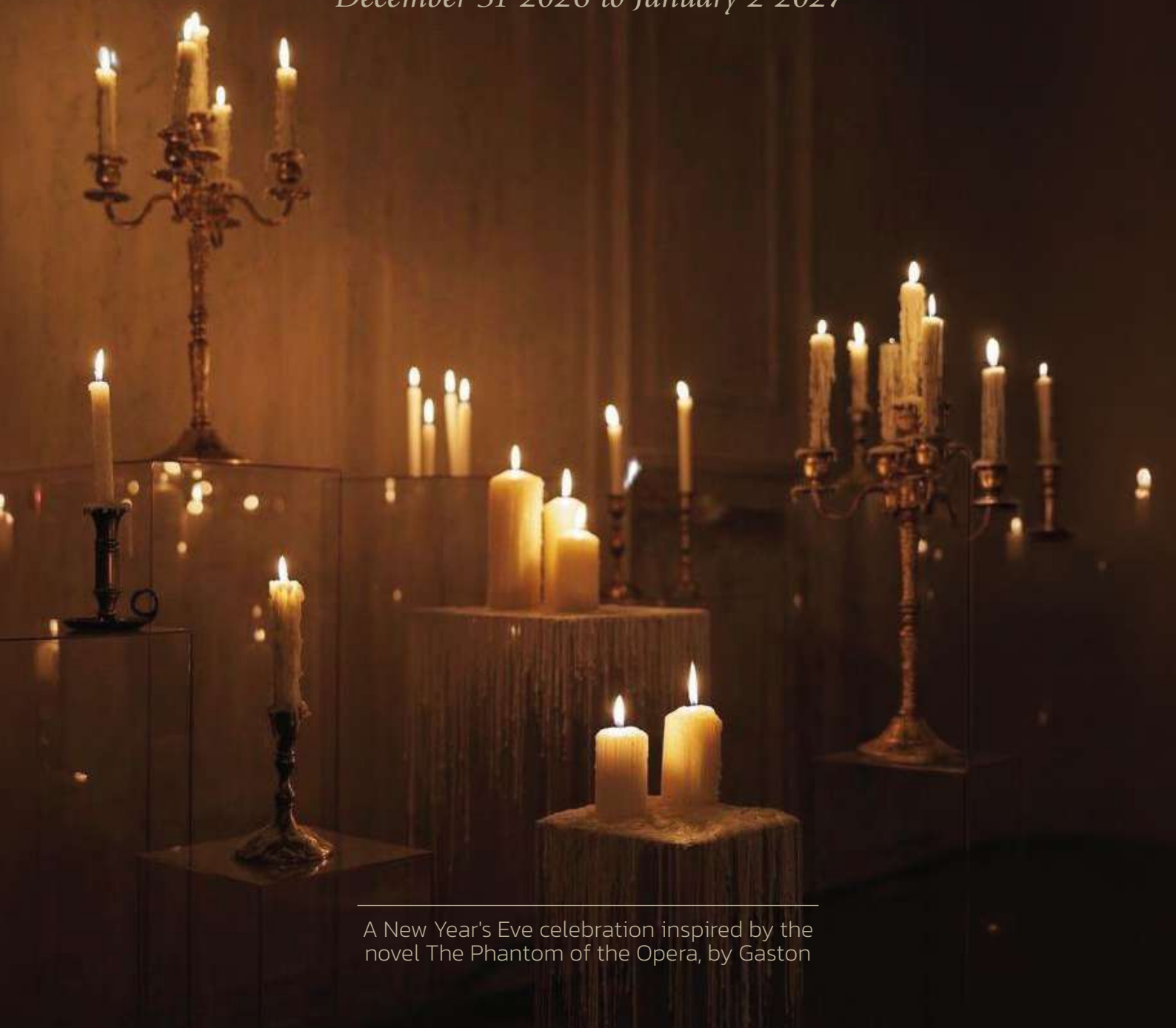
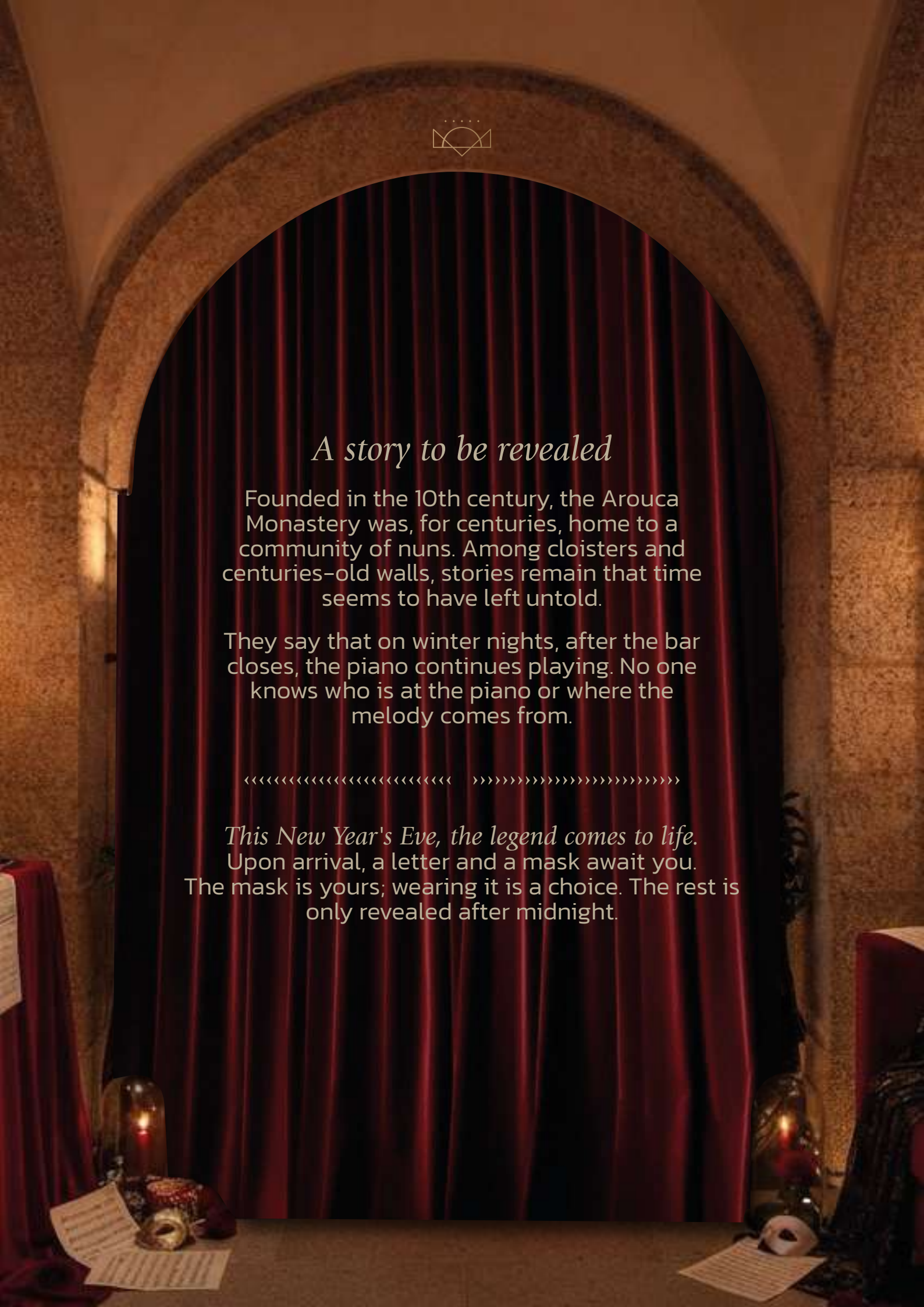
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

New Year's Eve at the Arouca Monastery
December 31 2026 to January 2 2027



A New Year's Eve celebration inspired by the novel The Phantom of the Opera, by Gaston



A story to be revealed

Founded in the 10th century, the Arouca Monastery was, for centuries, home to a community of nuns. Among cloisters and centuries-old walls, stories remain that time seems to have left untold.

They say that on winter nights, after the bar closes, the piano continues playing. No one knows who is at the piano or where the melody comes from.

This New Year's Eve, the legend comes to life.
Upon arrival, a letter and a mask await you.
The mask is yours; wearing it is a choice. The rest is only revealed after midnight.



December 31st | The Curtain Rises

At 5 pm, the sound of the piano accompanies a pause in the Lobby Bar, between tea and convent sweets.
As the night approaches, the atmosphere transforms.

At 7:30 pm, the beats of Molière announce the beginning of the celebration, marked by a sparkling wine toast.



ACT I.

The Table

By candlelight, live music begins an evening designed to awaken the senses.

At Heritage 1220, chefs Fernando Machado and António Sousa create a seven-act dinner, with wines chosen by our sommelier.

Midway through the dinner, the lights dim.

A waltz echoes through the room and masked figures dance among the tables. At the end, an outstretched hand invites each guest to be part of the story.

Dinner in seven acts

Chefs Fernando Machado and António Sousa

I. Opening
Cod, Olives and Pickles

II. Ária
Arouquês Puff Pastry, Foie Gras and Apple

III. Recitative
Red Mullet, Celery Puree, Fennel
and Crustacean Sauce

IV. Intermezzo
Lime and Sparkling Wine

V. Grand Aria
Filet Mignon, Potato Mille-feuille,
Chestnut and Mushrooms

VI. Dueto
Passion Fruit, Lemon and Mint

VII. Finale
Chocolate, Hazelnut, Coffee and Apple

Wine pairing chosen by our sommelier.

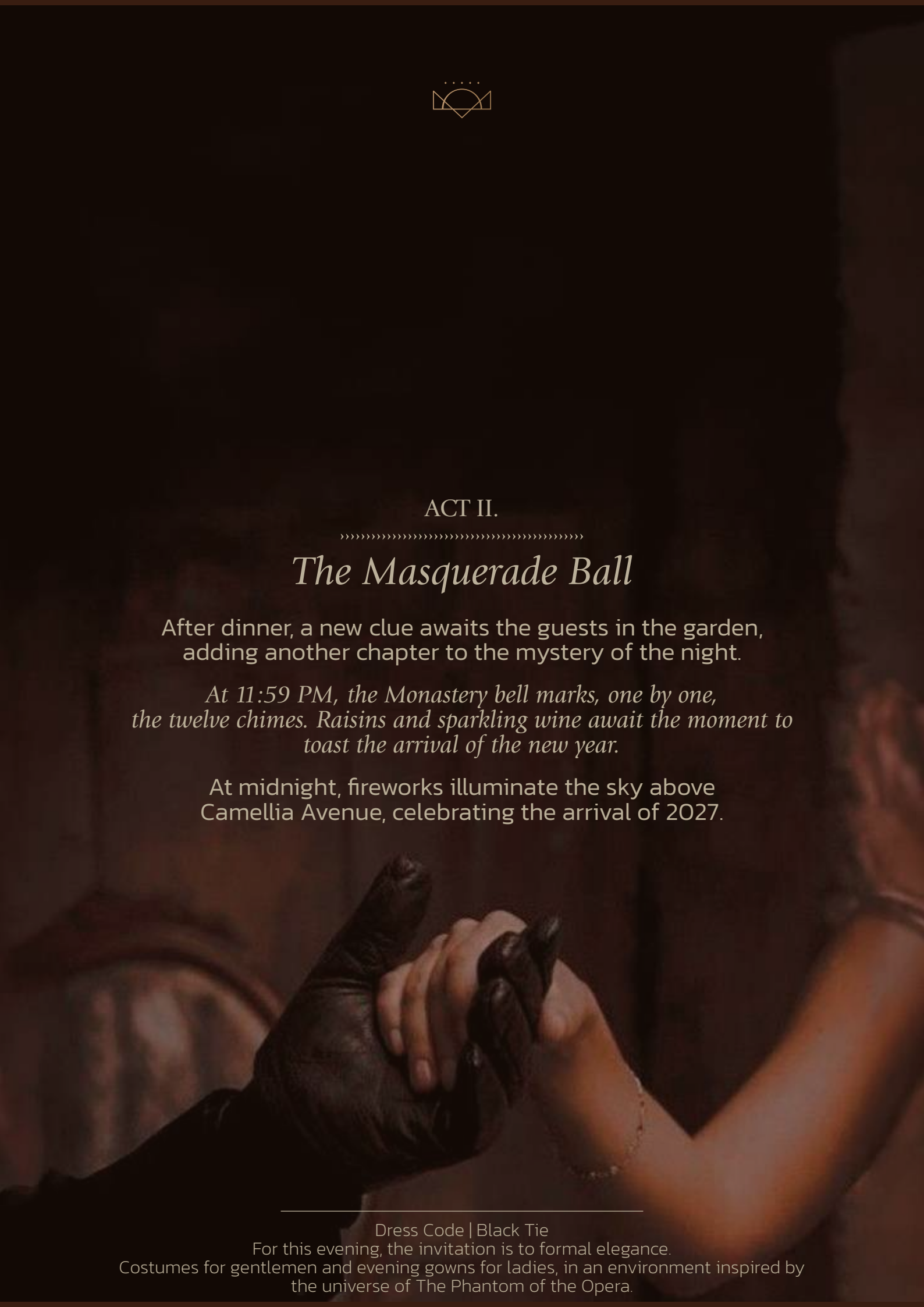
ACT II.

The Masquerade Ball

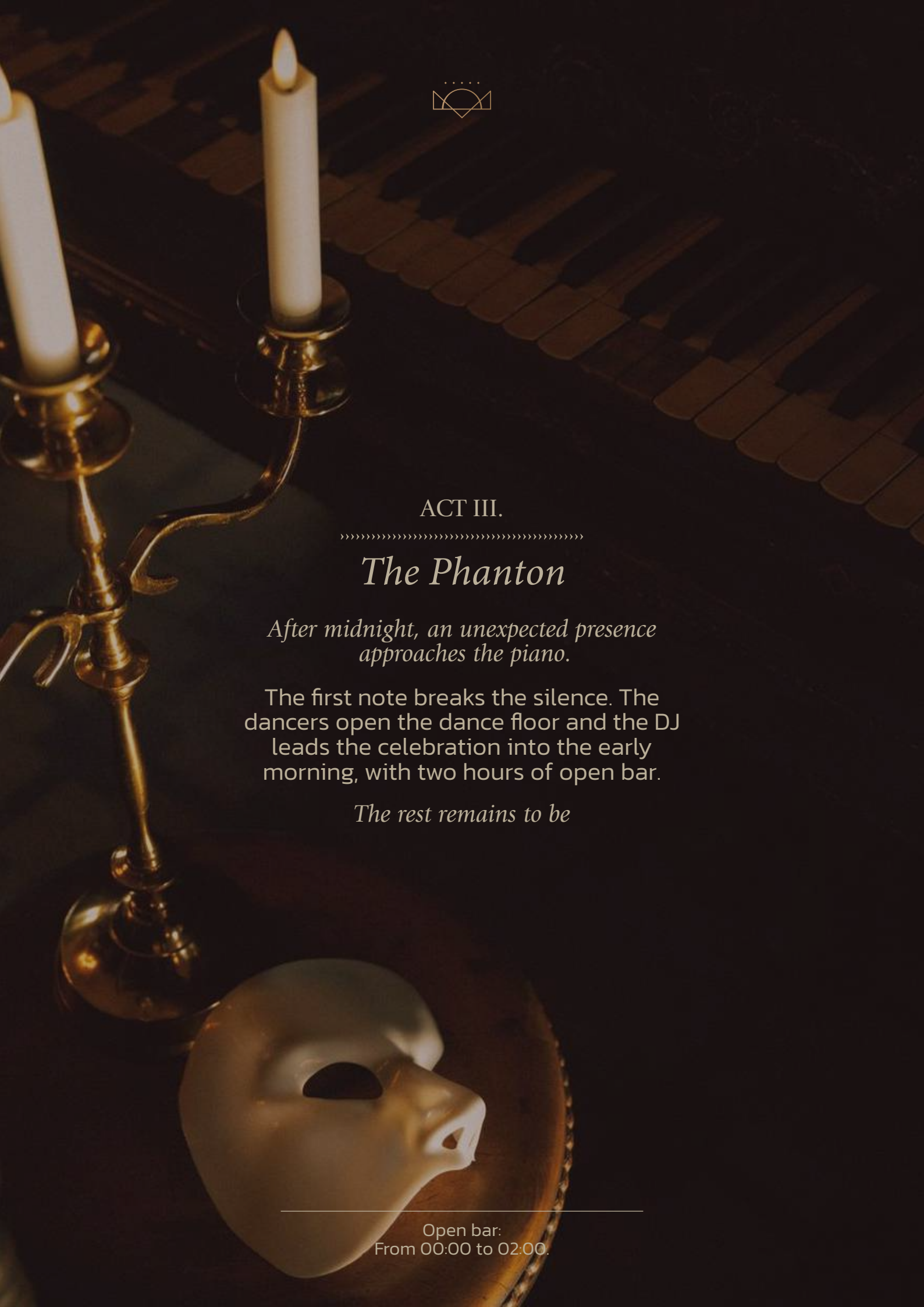
After dinner, a new clue awaits the guests in the garden, adding another chapter to the mystery of the night.

At 11:59 PM, the Monastery bell marks, one by one, the twelve chimes. Raisins and sparkling wine await the moment to toast the arrival of the new year.

At midnight, fireworks illuminate the sky above Camellia Avenue, celebrating the arrival of 2027.



Dress Code | Black Tie
For this evening, the invitation is to formal elegance.
Costumes for gentlemen and evening gowns for ladies, in an environment inspired by the universe of The Phantom of the Opera.



ACT III.

The Phanton

After midnight, an unexpected presence approaches the piano.

The first note breaks the silence. The dancers open the dance floor and the DJ leads the celebration into the early morning, with two hours of open bar.

The rest remains to be

Open bar:
From 00:00 to 02:00.

Epilogue

January 1st | The first day of the year

12:30 PM–4:00 PM | Heritage 1220

The first day of the year begins at the table, with brunch accompanied by live jazz.

A varied buffet, with fresh oysters and a selection of flavors celebrating the region and conventual tradition, is complemented by hot dishes prepared on the spot and served at the table.

6:00 PM | The Club

Three Port wines, served blind by our sommelier, invite you to discover aromas and flavors.

At the end of the tasting, each guest is invited to write a letter for the year that is now beginning. Kept by the Monastery, it will be returned at the end of 2027.

8:00 PM | Heritage 1220

For those who wish to extend the experience, the restaurant will be open for à la carte dinner, subject to reservation and additional payment.

10:00 PM | Lobby Bar

As night falls on the first day of the year, Fado music by candlelight creates an intimate atmosphere, prolonging the celebration in a moment of sharing and serenity.

January 2nd | The Last Scene

07h30–11h00 | Heritage 1220

Um pequeno-almoço para começar o dia ao seu ritmo.

09h30 | The Geopark

Weather permitting, a guided walk along the Paiva Walkways invites you to discover the region's natural landscape, accompanied by a guide from the Arouca Geopark.

10:30 AM | The Museum

Alternatively, a private guided tour of the Arouca Monastery and the Museum of Sacred Art reveals the history and heritage of this place, from the cloister to the nuns' choir and the church. Activity planned for adverse weather conditions.

On Departure | Rooms

A final note accompanies the farewell:
"Until next winter."

To extend your stay without rushing, you can request a late check-out, subject to confirmation.

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Stay until Sunday, January 3rd

Start the year with more time to enjoy the Arouca Monastery. Guests of the New Year's Eve program have a preferential rate for the night of January 2nd.

The offer includes breakfast on Sunday and the possibility of late check-out, subject to availability and according to the reservation conditions. Saturday dinner can be booked separately, subject to availability.

Bookings & Terms

December 31, 2026 to January 2, 2027

Celebrate the arrival of 2027 in the world of The Phantom of the Opera, with a two-night stay at the MS Collection - Arouca Monastery, amidst heritage, gastronomy and moments of celebration.

Prices for two people

Orchestra

Classic - € 1,250
Classic Garden – € 1,350

Box

Superior - € 1,400
Suite – € 1,500

Tribune

Garden Suite – € 1,600
Royal Suite – € 2,500

The program includes two nights' accommodation, a seven-course New Year's Eve dinner with wine pairing, a Masquerade Ball with two hours of open bar, and New Year's brunch. Late check-out is also possible, subject to availability.

Extended Stays

For those wishing to extend their stay, additional nights are available at a preferential rate for guests of the New Year's Eve program, subject to consultation and availability.

Whether you are traveling alone or in a group, our team will be happy to help prepare your stay, from arranging a private table to booking a private transfer from Porto or Lisbon.

The Heritage 1220 Restaurant is open for dinner on January 1st, subject to reservation and availability.

Booking Conditions

To confirm the reservation, an initial payment of 50% will be requested, with the remaining amount due up to 14 days before arrival.

In case of a change of plans, the reservation may be transferred to another guest, subject to prior notice.

Conditions for children and extra beds

Children aged 0 to 3 years: free stay.
Children aged 4 to 12 years: 50% of the program price.
Guests aged 13 and over: full program price.

On the evening of December 31st,
a children's menu is available for dinner.
Babysitting services can be requested upon reservation.

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