

New and improved for 2007

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As 2006 draws to a close it seems this year has gone by in a flash and we will be singing auld lang syne once again. Whilst Christmas party season is in full swing let's look into the crystal ball to see which companies are offering new exciting packages for the corporate market in 2007.

Urban Golf Smithfield has just opened with 8 state of the art golf simulators. It is the larg-

est indoor facility in the country, with a large lounge area and two artificial grass putting greens. So you can drink with clients and colleagues, order food and play golf or catch the latest sporting action on the huge drop down screen. There are also a couple of VIP areas for 20 people, each with their own simulator.

Thorpe Park is offering a Thrill & Chill family day package whereby businesses can

enjoy the rides then return to Lake View for hospitality supplied by one of their top listed caterers including Dish and Moving Venue. Lake View will be kitted out with specially designed chill out furniture for the ultimate in relaxation and areas for Indian head massages, a henna tattooist and a nail bar for the ladies. Lake View is also offering an out of season conference package until the middle of March with an SAS Experience ice breaker involving sieges and hostage taking around the park, great for those colleagues who have always wanted to play 007 for real. Thorpe Park is the perfect conference venue for companies who need somewhere quiet to escape, within the M25, and get down to business. Some rides will be available for corporate hire from February for those wanting thrilling roller coaster energisers.

Chessington World of Adventures has developed its central theme of fun and magic

with the animals and has created a Circus School family fun day package complete with a Big Top, animal meet and greets and mastering circus skills. Guests can handle various animals such as Bingly and Bernie the parrots, Priscilla the kookaburra and even Jade the Python. There'll be juggling, Diablo and even plate spinning lessons for both adults and children to enjoy as well as first class hospitality brought to you by the award winning team at Madame Tussauds.

Venue management and caterer Maverick has created a couple of fantastic team building packages to be used at their stately homes in Leicestershire. Gourmet Games will take place at Noseley Hall near Leicester from January. Delegates will learn how to make their favourite dishes from one of Maverick's revered chefs, and understand why flavours work – a rudimentary necessity for good cooks! Delegates can enjoy the stunning surroundings of stately splendour and eat like

a king! Maverick also offers wine matching lessons to accompany Gourmet Games. This creative East Midlands Company will also be launching their Italian Job team building package early next year where delegates will have to do a number of tasks including 'stealing' gold bullion in the requisite minis. They will not however be asked to blow any doors off. Italian Job team building will take place at Prestwold Hall near Loughborough where there is a

race track to complete the course.

Royal Caribbean International launches their voyager 'Navigator of the Seas' in Southampton at the end of April. Short sailings between Southampton and Cork or Le Havre are perfect for conferences and group events and the ship can hold 3,114 guests. Navigator of the Seas has extensive facilities for use during conference, such as a studio for broadcasts,



or down time including an ice rink, rock climbing wall, miniature golf course, jogging track, basketball court plus extensive shopping, dining and entertainment outlets in the Royal Promenade which runs through the centre of the ship.

Namco Station in the County Hall has a new games room adjacent to their bowling suite which handily doubles up as a conference or meeting room. The whole venue has had a full AV upgrade including 42" plasma screens.

For further information on any of these packages please go to:
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