



## The Ultimate Olympic Viewing Party

Get a gold medal from guests with our easy to execute party guide.

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**The XXII Olympic Winter Games** in Sochi kick off Friday, February 7—the first winter games ever to be held in the Russian Federation, and the first time the games return to the country since the Summer Olympics in 1980. And if you can't watch the snow- and ice-filled action in person, invite a few friends over and cheer on Team USA at home with these Russian-inspired tips, sips and snacks.

### Décor

Russian restaurant **Mari Vanna** in Washington, D.C. has vibes that evokes a cozy night in at your Russian great aunt's house, with antiques on shelves and tchotchkes hanging on the wall.

"If you want your guests to feel the same, I suggest family-style servings, plush pillows and comfy seating," says Tatiana Brunetti, owner of **Mari Vanna**. Or opt for a more sumptuous feel, like at **Red Square Restaurant & Lounge** at the Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

"We like the use of red lighting and deep red fabrics for draping and napkins, says Brian Massie, corporate executive chef for Light Group, which operates the Mandalay Bay. "White is also a good color to incorporate."

### Snacks

#### Siberian Nachos

*Recipe courtesy Brian Massie, corporate executive chef, Red Square Restaurant & Lounge, Las Vegas*

This classic bar food gets gussied up with the addition of smoked salmon and caviar. Feel free to add chopped chives and a few turns from a pepper grinder.

Potato chips (long, oval shaped ones work best)

Smoked salmon

Crème fraîche

Domestic caviar

Place the potato chips on a platter or in a large bowl. Top the chips with small pieces of smoked salmon and a dollop of Crème fraîche. Garnish with caviar.