

Central Texas | 2024

Holiday Fun





Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Holiday Screenings

Austin

Kick back at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema this holiday season and laugh as you watch classic holiday comedies such as "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" or "A Christmas Story." drafthouse.com/austin

The Armadillo Bazaar

Austin | December 14 - 23

Celebrate 45+ seasons of the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar, a premier art shopping experience. Discover a diverse array of national and local award-winning artists in a vibrant, festive atmosphere. Join the Armadillo Bazaar this year for a multi-day, family-friendly fine art extravaganza featuring curated artists, live local music, and the city's vibrant ambiance. armadillobazaar.com

Ballet Austin's "The Nutcracker"

Dec 6 – Dec 23

Waltz into winter with the 62nd annual The Nutcracker, Texas' longest-running production! Join Clara's magical journey, featuring stunning costumes, dazzling sets, and live music by the Austin Symphony Orchestra. balletaustin.org

Blue Genie Art Bazaar

Nov 15 – Dec 24 | Austin

This event offers incredible indoor shopping throughout November and December, with the best in art, ceramics, paintings, sculpture, and more. This year, they also have an online store. bluegenieartbazaar.com

Driskill Holiday Tea

Dec 8, 15 & 21 | Austin

This cherished experience features three luxurious courses of seasonal treats, classic loose-leaf teas, live holiday music, professional family portraits, and a surprise appearance by St. Nick! driskillhotel.com

German-Texan Heritage Society Christmas Market

Dec 7 | Austin

Explore the German-Texan Heritage Society's yearly market for unique handcrafted items, imported decorations, ornaments, and more. Enjoy the market, savor traditional German Christmas tunes, and bring home delectable Christmas Stollen from the New World Bakery and German cookies from Silke's German Gourmet Cookies. germantexans.org

Holiday Sing-Along and Downtown Stroll

Dec 7 | Austin

Enjoy carols, live entertainment, and free food as you meander down Austin's Congress Avenue, where the galleries, stores, and restaurants spill into the street in celebration. downtownaustin.com/holidays

Ice Rodeo at The Four Seasons

Nov 22 – Jan 5 | Austin

Saddle up for Ice Rodeo, Austin's luxurious holiday tradition! Enjoy an open-air skating rink by Lady Bird Lake, cozy "cabins" for gatherings, and stunning décor, including a 30-foot Christmas tree and a Texas-sized gingerbread installation. fourseasons.com

The Junior League of Austin's A Christmas Affair

Nov 20 - 24 | Austin

A Christmas Affair is a five-day holiday market benefiting The Junior League of Austin's signature programs and non-profit community partners. The annual event hosts over 200 retail merchants nationwide and attracts over 25,000 patrons. jlaustin.org/a-christmas-affair

Lighted Boat Parade

Dec 9 | Austin

Boat owners can decorate their boats and participate in this great annual event.

laketravis.com

Luminations

Nov 22 – Jan 5 | Austin

Join Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center as they celebrate winter's natural beauty with brand-new light installations! This year's exhibition illuminates the Central Gardens, inviting you to explore Fortlandia after dark. Enjoy food and drink options available for purchase.

wildflower.org/luminations

Miracle on 5th Street

Nov 15 – Dec 29 | Austin

Miracle is a festive Christmas pop-up bar serving holiday cocktails in a charming and nostalgic setting. It features wall-to-wall Christmas decor, multiple bars, joyful social experiences, and a dash of holiday cheer.

miracleon5thst.com

Mozart's Coffee Holiday Light Show

Nov 9 - Jan 4 | Austin

This Austin tradition is something you don't miss! This free show is each evening, every hour on the hour.

mozartscoffee.com

Peppermint Parkway

Nov 22 – Dec 29 | Austin

Go on a journey down COTA's Tunnel Road, which is full of holiday entertainment.

peppermintparkway.com

Trail of Lights

Dec 10 – Dec 23 | Austin

The Trail of Lights in Zilker Park is a beautiful, festive mile drive through dazzling light displays. Grab a cup of hot chocolate and gather the whole family for a night of lights and fun for all ages!

austintrailoflights.org

Tuba Christmas

Dec 23 | Austin

Austin families are invited to hear memorable Christmas music played by many different forms of tubas and euphoniums at the Texas Capital!

tubachristmas.com

Ventana Ballet's "The Watchmaker's Song"

Dec 12 - 21 | Austin

Austin's beloved holiday tradition is back! Experience The Watchmaker's Song, a jazzy and interactive reimagining of The Nutcracker, a performance by Ventana Ballet at the historic Neill-Cochran House Museum. It's a Nutcracker for all, offering an immersive dance-theatre take on the cherished ballet.

ventanaballet.com/watchmaker

Wassail Fest & Small Business Saturday

Nov 30 | Bastrop

Holiday shoppers and visitors are invited to Downtown Bastrop for the annual Wassail Fest! Homemade hot mulled cider will be served downtown, and visitors can vote for their favorite recipe in the coveted annual People's Choice Awards! Shop for that perfect stocking stuffer while listening to strolling musicians.

visitbastrop.com

Budafest

Dec 6 - 8 | Buda

Bring the whole family to Downtown Buda for three days of holiday cheer! With live music at the brand-new Buda Amphitheater, a craft and art market in the Downtown Greenbelt, and a dazzling Night Parade and Fireworks show along Main Street, there is plenty to do and see all weekend.

budafest.org

North Pole Flyer

Nov 30 – Dec 15 | Cedar Park

This 2-hour, round-trip train ride on the historic Bertram Flyer includes story-time, cookies, and a visit from Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus!

austinsteamtrain.org

Tree Lighting & Santa's Workshop in Cedar Park

Dec 6 | Cedar Park

Come out to the Cedar Park Tree Lighting Ceremony, a snow hill, a snow-playing area, games and prizes, crafts, photos with Santa, a Yule fire, live music, inflatables, and food concessions.

cedarparktexas.gov

Christmas on Mercer Street

Dec 7 | Dripping Springs

Celebrate the magic of the holidays on Mercer Street in downtown historical Dripping Springs with arts and crafts booths, children's games and activities, live family entertainment, local food vendors, and pictures with SANTA!

cityofdrippingsprings.com

Elgin Christmas Tree Farm

Nov 23 – Dec 15 | Elgin

Take the family out this year to handpick your Christmas tree at an actual Tree Farm. In addition to getting a tree, you can enjoy a scenic hayride, animals, a crazy maze, and a playground.

elginchristmastreefarm.com

Evergreen Farms

Nov 29 – Dec 24 | Elgin

Evergreen Farms is a Choose and Cut Christmas tree farm designed with fun-loving consumers in mind. Customers can experience the fresh air of the country as they pick out their perfect Christmas tree. Take a wagon ride out to the field where you can cut your own Texas-grown Christmas tree or pick a pre-cut Noble fir or Fraser fir.

evergreen-farms.com/christmas-trees

Home for the Holidays & Hot Cocoa Stroll

Dec 7 | Elgin

Throughout the day, there will be a farmers market, arts and crafts booths, and musical entertainment. Holiday store specials, sidewalk sales, and delicious dining options will also add to this festive celebration of the holidays.

elgintxchamber.com

Georgetown Christmas Stroll

Dec 6 - 8 | Georgetown

Kick off your holiday season with some jolly, family-friendly fun at the 42nd annual Christmas Stroll in historic downtown Georgetown, Texas.

visit.georgetown.org



Carol Of Lights and HoliDazzle Christmas Parade

Dec 7 | Lampasas

An all-day holiday event with activities including vendors, an antique car show, and a Snow Queen Contest around our beautiful courthouse. The lighted Christmas HoliDazzle parade begins at 6:30 from Avenue B and Western Street. The parade goes West on North Avenue and left on Third Street past our beautifully lit downtown. visionlampasas.org

Christmas on the Creek

Dec 14 | Lampasas

Fun for the entire family! Get into the Christmas spirit! Join us for an evening of making memories with family and friends! Our annual Christmas on the Creek event will take place at W.M. Brook Park visionlampasas.org

Old Town Christmas Festival

Dec 7 | Leander

This event includes the Old Town Rudolph Run 5k, Leander in Lights Parade, a snow zone, activities for the kids, pictures with Santa, local school performances and entertainment, a food court, local vendors, and more. visitleandertx.com

Liberty Hill Christmas Fest

Dec 14 | Liberty Hill

Each mid-December, the whole town comes together for the Christmas Festival in downtown LHTX. The daytime event features shopping, dining, and family fun. In the evening, Main Street lights up with a magical Christmas parade, enchanting the community with sparkling floats and joyous wonder. experiencelhtx.com

A Christmas to Remember in Lockhart

Dec 1 - 2 | Lockhart

On Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday, you can experience a festive Christmas parade illuminated with lights and a variety of entertainment right in front of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library and around the courthouse square. Plus, there will be food and craft vendors for your enjoyment. lockhartchamber.com

Christmas Light-Up Parade

Dec 7 | Marble Falls

Nothing kicks off the Christmas season like the Light Up Parade! Celebrate as dazzling floats light up Main Street Marble Falls alongside the Walkway of Lights and Ice-Skating Rink. visitmarblefalls.org

Walkway of Lights

Nov 22 – Jan 4 | Marble Falls

Annually, the Marble Falls Walkway of Lights is one of the most significant holiday gatherings in the Highland Lakes. Commencing in November, over two million lights adorn more than 130 sculptures that transform Lakeside Park. visitmarblefalls.org

Pfestival of Lights and Christmas Parade

Dec 7 | Pflugerville

The parade starts at 5 p.m. and follows a route from Railroad Avenue through downtown, heading west on Main Street. Don't miss Santa at the Best Little Plaza in Texas near City Hall for photos and a visit—don't forget your camera! pflugervilletx.gov

The Light Park

Nov 4 – Jan 5 | Round Rock

Who needs the North Pole when you can light up your holidays at The Light Park? Cruise through millions of dazzling lights synced to festive beats by DJ Polar Ice. Enjoy tasty treats and zappy drinks for an electrifying experience! thelightpark.com

Light Up the Lake

Dec 6 - 7 | Round Rock

The event will feature spectacular holiday cold and hot air balloons hovering over Bright Lake, a fantastic light show, live music, holiday displays, holiday food and refreshments, a Yuletide log, and more! roundrocktexas.gov

Sights & Sounds of Christmas

Nov 14 | San Marcos

San Marcos, Texas, transforms into a magical winter wonderland for Sights & Sounds of Christmas. Step into Bethlehem's past with costumed actors and live animals, savor caroling and concerts, meet Santa in surprising ways, make furry friends at the petting zoo, ice skate with "snow," enjoy thrilling carnival rides, savor delicious food, and kick off your holiday season joyfully in San Marcos. sights-n-sounds.org

Trail of Lights in Wimberley

Nov 30 – Dec 26 | Wimberley

The EmilyAnn's Trail of Lights runs Nov 30-Dec 26. Enjoy 8 acres of lighted exhibits, live entertainment, complimentary treats, and visits from Santa. Free entry: donations and proceeds support the EmilyAnn's largest fundraiser. emilyann.org



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