

Houston Area | 2024

Holiday Fun





Christmas Boat Lane Parade

Dec 14 | Clear Lake

Over 100,000 people traditionally enjoy this event from land, and hundreds of boats are anchored throughout the lake. The parade features more than 60 brightly decorated power and sailboats that will traverse the Clear Lake channel from the South Shore Harbour Marina and the Nassau Bay Lagoon to Galveston Bay. clearlakearea.com

The Christmas Train

**Nov 29 - 30, weekends in December
Alvin**

The Christmas Train is a unique holiday experience unlike anything else in Houston! Your family can enjoy an old-fashioned train ride on our open-air coaches while experiencing hundreds of thousands of Christmas lights and displays. thechristmastrain.com

Dickens on the Strand

Dec 6 - 8 | Galveston

Polish your bowlers and don your petticoats for the annual Dickens on The Strand, presented by the Galveston Historical Foundation. This festive tradition, happening the first weekend in December, transports you to 19th-century Victorian London with parades, live entertainment, new attractions like Tiny Tim's Play Land, and a bustling marketplace filled with holiday delights. galvestonhistory.org

Holiday in the Garden

Nov 23 - Jan 1 | Galveston

Enjoy the festival of lights, including Arctic slides, train rides, pictures with Santa, and more! moodygardens.com

Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 14, 15, 21 - 24 | Houston

Santa will travel from the North Pole to Houston's Downtown Aquarium for breakfast with boys and girls on the nice

list! At Breakfast with Santa, enjoy a delicious meal and get your picture taken in a safe and socially distanced environment. Keep a close eye on the aquarium tank; you may see Santa swimming with the fish! Reservations required. aquariumrestaurants.com

Houston Ballet Nutcracker Market

Nov 14 - 17 | Houston

The Nutcracker Market returns for an in-person experience for the 2024 holiday season. It will feature around 150 merchants and will welcome more than 100,000 shoppers. houstonballet.org

The Houston Symphony presents Very Merry Pops

Dec 12, 14, & 15 | Houston

Experience the full sonic color and splendor as never before in this exceptional performance featuring the entire Houston Symphony. houstonsymphony.org

Jingle on the Boardwalk

Dec 1 - 22 | Kemah

Welcome the season with Santa, holiday music, movies, a toy drive, a parade & more! kemahboardwalk.com

The Nutcracker

Nov 29 – Dec 29 | Houston

Bring the family back to the theater this holiday season to share the joy of Clara's magical journey to the Kingdom of Sweets! Stanton Welch's The Nutcracker is a grand spectacle of luxury and one of the most splendid versions of this holiday classic ever staged. houstonballet.org

Santa in the Park & Lighted Christmas Trail

Dec 14 | Friendswood

You and your family can experience the magic of Christmas at Santa in the Park. ci.friendswood.tx.us

Texas Winter Lights at Marriott Marquis

Nov 9 – Dec 31 | Houston

Back for its fourth year, enjoy more extensive light displays, walk-through experiences, and endless selfie stations for an even bolder poolside encounter. With over 20 new Instagram-worthy elements, guests will enjoy photo-ops as they walk under the shade of lights, through our Grove of Trees, among the Archway of Lanterns, and more! marriottmarquishouston.showare.com

Reliant Lights Mayor's Holiday Spectacular

Dec 7 | Houston

This cost-free gathering at Hermann Square, City Hall, includes live music, captivating performances, the illumination of a grand tree, and an array of enjoyable activities suitable for all age groups. houstontx.gov/mayorsholiday

Zoo Lights

Nov 22 – Jan 5 | Houston

Stroll through the beautiful zoo grounds and take in the sights and sounds of this holiday season. houstonzoo.org

Tomball German Christmas Market & Festival

Dec 13 - 15 | Tomball

German Christmas Market & Festival Weihnachtsmarkt Texas Style - Free Admission, Parking, and Shuttle Herzlich Willkommen! It's a Texas German celebration on the old downtown streets of Tomball, Texas. But you don't have to be German to enjoy this festival! tomballgermanfest.org

Market Street in Lights

Nov 21 – Dec 31 | The Woodlands

Experience Market Street in Lights! With a flip of a switch, thousands of lights on a 70-foot-tall Christmas tree illuminate this popular shopping and dining area, greeting you with a three-minute light show synchronized to your favorite holiday songs. visitthewoodlands.com

Lighting of the Doves Festival

Nov 23 | The Woodlands

Kicking off a bright and beautiful holiday season, Lighting of the Doves is a long-standing tradition in The Woodlands. The ceremonial illumination of the giant doves attracts many visitors each year. visitthewoodlands.com

Home for the Holidays in Old Town Spring

Starts Nov 9 – Dec 21 | Spring

Head to Old Town Spring's Annual Home for the Holidays festival, featuring a spectacular display of twinkling holiday lights, entertainment, family-friendly activities, and photos with Santa every weekend! In addition, patrons will experience a Texas-style winter wonderland and hassle-free holiday shopping that includes unique gift ideas, hand-made and locally sourced products, and more. oldtownspringshopping.com





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