Merry & Bright

HOLIDAY GUIDE

CELEBRATING THE SEASON ACROSS DFW



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Dallas

Holiday at the Arboretum
Open Now - January 3 | $17.95 - $40
Guests can stroll through the charming Christmas Village, marvel at festive décor throughout the historic DeGolyer House, and experience the iconic 12 Days of Christmas gazebos. This year marks the final season of the beloved 12 Days of Christmas Gazebos, so take advantage of this last chance to be a part of it!

The Nutcracker Ballet
December 18 - 20 | $27 - $106
Step into the world of Clara and her enchanted Nutcracker as Ballet North Texas brings this timeless classic to life with breathtaking choreography, vibrant costumes, and Tchaikovsky's unforgettable score at Moody Performance Hall.

Dallas Holiday Parade
Saturday, December 5 | 9:00am | Free
Kick off the holiday season at the 39th Anniversary of the Emmy Award-Winning Dallas Holiday Parade, presented by Verizon!

Decatur

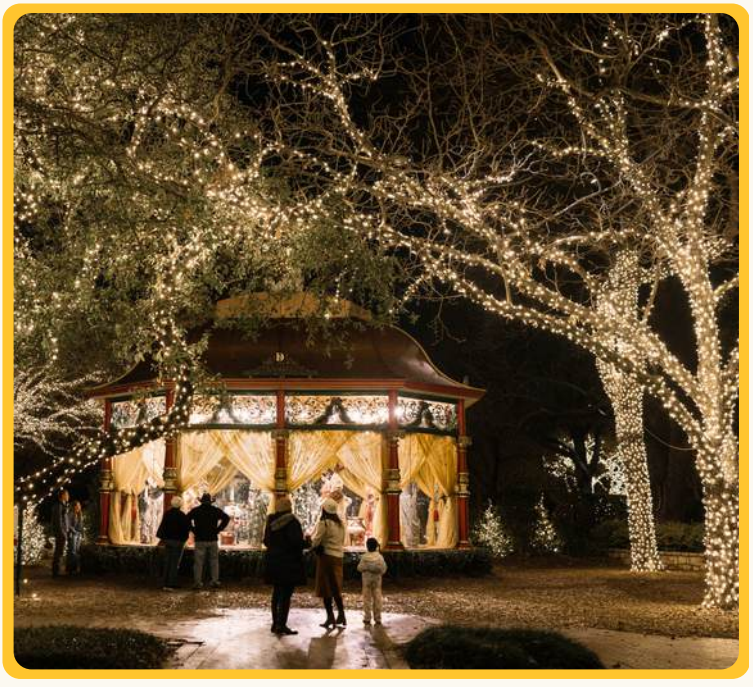
Christmas Tree Lighting
Tuesday, December 1 | 5:00 - 7:30pm | Free
Enjoy Santa's Village, Hot Chocolate, Bounce Houses, Community Performances & Lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Decatur Town Square!

Decatur Chamber Parade of Lights
Saturday, December 5 | 6:00pm | Free
Come celebrate the Holidays, grab your blankets, hot chocolate, and enjoy the most anticipated night of the year as hundreds gather around the downtown square waiting to see the next vehicle, motorcycle, horse and so many more creative entries into the parade.

Fort Worth

Christmas in the Garden
Open Now - January 3 | $13 - $34
An illuminated outdoor holiday trail with spectacular light installations, festive music, food, drinks, and photo opportunities at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

Christmas in the Stockyards
Saturday, December 5 | 11:00am - 8:00pm | Free
Ring in the holidays at the 25th Annual Christmas in the Stockyards, featuring an ice rink, sounds of the season, photos with Cowboy Santa, story time with Mrs. Claus, reindeer games, a spectacular Christmas Parade, and more!



Frisco

Christmas in the Square

November 20 - January 4 | $5 - $25 *(Light Show is Free)*

Families, friends, and holiday guests from all over come and enjoy the nightly spectacular light show. The Holiday lights and music will run daily from 6:00 - 10:00pm. In its 16th year at Frisco Square, Skate the Square is the area's only real ice outdoor ice rink!

Garland

Garland Christmas on the Square

Friday, December 4 | 5:00 - 9:00pm | Free

Celebrate the holidays at Downtown Garland Square's Tree Lighting Ceremony! Bring the family for an evening of music, holiday shopping, seasonal treats, and Christmas fun throughout the Square.

Granbury

Night of Lights Christmas Parade

Friday, November 27 | 6:00pm | Free

A festive lineup of glowing, colorful floats and walking groups. In keeping with local tradition, Santa Claus appears on the final float of the parade, marking the lighting of the city's holiday displays in Shanley Park and City Hall.

Granbury Christmas Showcase & Market

December 5, 12 & 19 | 2:00 - 9:00pm | Free

Warren's Backyard hosts a festive holiday market featuring thousands of lights, more than 100 inflatable displays, live music, vendors, and seasonal drinks.



Grapevine

ICE! at Gaylord Texan

Open Now - January 3 | $34 - $40

A walk-through winter wonderland featuring elaborate ice sculptures, frozen slides, and immersive holiday scenes. The 2026 theme features Harry Potter!

Parade of Lights

Thursday, December 3 | 7:00pm | Free

The 47th annual illuminated Christmas parade along Historic Main Street, featuring festive floats, marching bands, and holiday entertainment. This year's theme is Christmas Miracle on Main Street.

6th Annual Merry & Bright Drone Show

Monday, December 7 | 7:00pm | Free

400 drones create Christmas magic in the sky over Historic Main Street! Walk around and enjoy the Christmas Capital of Texas and the drone show!

Plano

Lights on the Farmstead

November 20 - December 30 | $12 - $15

Step into a winter wonderland at Heritage Farmstead Museum and experience the magic of the season as you stroll along a beautifully illuminated quarter-mile path through the historic farm with more than one million dazzling lights, holiday displays, festive music, and family fun.

The Gift of Christmas

December 4-6, 9-13 | $24.95 - $76.95

The Gift of Christmas is a Prestonwood Baptist Church tradition and has become one of the highlights of the Christmas season. This visually stunning multimedia event is complete with special effects, an over 1,000-member cast and choir, live orchestra, flying angels and more!

Rockwall

Rockwall Hometown Christmas

Saturday, December 5 | 9:00am - 7:00pm | Free

The Hometown Christmas Festival in Historic Downtown is part of an all-day celebration! Enjoy the festive float parade, shop the holiday market, children's activities, photo ops, train rides, and more. After a fun-filled day of Christmas festivities on the downtown square, make your way across the street to City Hall for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at City Hall.

Southlake

Home for the Holidays Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 21 | 6:00pm | Free

Southlake Town Square's annual tree lighting, snow hill, Santa photos, live entertainment, and fireworks. A great local event for families.



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