



December



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Nov. 16–Jan. 6, Knott's Merry Farm

Spend the most wonderful time of the year with your family at Knott's Merry Farm enjoying thrilling attractions, a crafts fair, festive food, lavish holiday decor, enchanting snowfall, and live entertainment such as the Holiday Ice Show starring the Peanuts gang and world-class ice skaters.

Time: Refer to website

Location: Knott's Berry Farm, 8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Park
www.knotts.com/play/merry-farm

Nov. 17–Dec. 16, Sawdust Art & Craft Festival

Experience a winter wonderland full of painting, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, woodwork, glasswork, metals, and textiles from 182 artists, along with live entertainment, outdoor eateries and cafes, demos, art classes, holiday shopping, and picture-perfect moments.

Time: 10 am–7 pm (weekends only)

Location: 935 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach
www.sawdustartfestival.org/festivals/winter-fantasy

Nov. 24–Dec 24, A Christmas Carol

Recapture the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas with this timeless Dickens classic featuring Tiny Tim and the Cratchit family, the Fezziwigs, the Ghosts of Christmas past, present, and yet-to-come—and, as always, everyone's favorite curmudgeon, Ebenezer Scrooge.

Time: Refer to website

Location: South Coast Repertory, 655 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa
www.scr.org/calendar/view?id=10337



Nov. 30–Dec. 23, Irvine Park Railroad's Christmas Train

Enjoy colorful Christmas lights and decorations on a magical night ride through historic Irvine Regional Park to meet Santa Claus at the North Pole! Children can share their wish lists and have photos taken.

Time: 4–8 pm weekdays, 10 am–8 pm weekends

Location: Irvine Park Railroad, 1 Irvine Park Rd., Orange
www.irvineparkrailroad.com/events/christmas-train

Dec. 1, Christmas at the Mission

Enjoy a memorable festive evening with family. There will be carolers, "Merry-achi" music, savory tamales, sweet treats, cookie-decorating, photos with Santa, a candlelight procession, and a tree-lighting ceremony.

Time: 5:30–8 pm

Location: 26801 Ortega Hwy., San Juan Capistrano
www.missionsjc.com/events-venue/signature-events

Dec. 1, Winter Market

Gather for holiday entertainment and pictures with Santa! This free event also features food booths, holiday shopping, kids' activities, a beer and wine garden, and a toy drive with the Fullerton Firefighters.

Time: Noon–4 pm

Location: Fullerton Downtown Plaza, Fullerton
www.cityoffullerton.com/resident/community_events/winter_market.asp

Dec. 2, Corona del Mar Christmas Walk

Don't miss this special holiday event with live music, games, prizes, food, unique vendors, a beer and wine garden, opportunity drawings, and kids' activities including Santa photos, bounce houses, bungee jumping, holiday characters, and a petting zoo!

Time: 11 am–4 pm

Location: Village of Corona Del Mar
www.cdmchamber.com/events/40th-annual-corona-del-mar-christmas-walk

Dec. 2, Winter Solstice Festival

Start off this festive month by celebrating international holiday traditions: Posadas, Kwanzaa, and Chanukah. Enjoy face painting, art projects, sweet treats, and exciting performances by Raices de Mexico Folklorico, 3rd Degree Blues, and female klezmer band Isle of Klezbos.

Time: 11 am–3:30 pm

Location: Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana
www.bowers.org/index.php/visit/kidseum/kidseum-programs

Dec. 2–10, Hooray for Chanukah

Spin the dreidel, light the Menorah, sing songs, and get into the holiday spirit! Let your little ones learn about Chanukah through fun activities, traditions, games, and art.

Time: Refer to website

Location: Pretend City Children's Museum, 29 Hubble, Irvine
www.pretendcity.org/event/hooray-for-hanukah

Dec. 5, Placentia Tamale Festival

Don't miss the annual mouth-watering Tamale Festival in Old Town Placentia! Activities include two stages of live entertainment, Christmas Palm Tree Lighting, and visits with Santa.

Time: 4–9:30 pm

Location: Santa Fe St. (100–200 blocks), Placentia
www.placentia.org/index.aspx?nid=685



Dec. 7–8, 14–15, Dana Point Boat Parade of Lights

Join a “Western Wonderland” and see boats parade through the harbor displaying their country western-themed decorations, animations, colors, and lights. Seasonal activities are offered before the parade each night.

Time: 4:30–9 pm

Location: Dana Point Harbor, 34555 Golden Lantern St., Dana Point
www.danapointharbor.com/boat-parade



Dec. 8, La Habra Pop-Up Holiday Market

Come and do some holiday shopping at a whimsical market run entirely by creative and gifted kid entrepreneurs! Find an array of specialty gifts from hand-crafted jewelry to bath bombs, fun frames, and more.

Time: 10 am–Noon

Location: The Children’s Museum (outside), 301 S. Euclid St., La Habra
www.lhcm.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=303

Dec. 8, Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade

Swing into the season with a parade of beautiful equestrian units, spirit-filled youth groups, patriotic military tributes, world-class athletes, classic auto clubs, talented marching bands, and more. It’ll be “Snow Much Fun!”

Time: 10 am

Location: Crown Valley Pkwy., Laguna Niguel
www.lagunaniguelparade.com



Dec. 9, Home for the Holidays Pet Adoption Fair

Meet 600+ dogs, cats, and small animals who need fur-ever homes. There will be pet-related vendors, food trucks, a silent auction, an opportunity drawing, and low-cost micro-chipping. Each adoptable animal is spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, vet-evaluated, and vaccinated (age-appropriate).

Time: 10 am–2 pm

Location: Irvine Animal Care Center, 6443 Oak Canyon, Irvine
www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-animal-care-center/home-holidays

Dec. 9, Menorah Lighting

Celebrate Chanukah with the Chabad Jewish Center of San Clemente. This free family-friendly celebration includes entertainment for kids, a magic show, traditional activities, latkes and doughnuts, gelt, and more.

Time: 4 pm

Location: Oak Tree Court, Outlets at San Clemente
www.jewishsc.com/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/3845765/jewish



Dec. 14–23, Holidays Around the World

Witness the Argyros Plaza transform into a winter wonderland during the second annual celebration! Enjoy nightly snowfall, live performances, festive activities, and free holiday fun for the entire family.

Time: Refer to website

Location: Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, Costa Mesa
www.scfta.org/events/2018/holidays-around-the-world

Dec. 14–17, 20–23, Huntington Harbour Cruise of Lights

Venture out on a 45-minute narrated boat tour through the waterways of Huntington Harbour, sharing the beauty of thousands of lights and animated displays on brightly decorated homes, docks, decks, and boats.

Time: 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Location: Shuttles from Huntington Harbour Mall parking lot 16889 Algonquin St., Huntington Beach
www.cruiseoflights.org

Dec. 19–23, Newport Christmas Boat Parade & Ring of Lights

Watch beautifully decorated yachts, boats, kayaks, and canoes sail along the harbor by festive waterfront homes. The largest public viewing area is at the new 10.5-acre Marina Park, which offers 177 parking spaces, a nautical-themed playground, a picnic area, and sailing center.

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Begins at Lido Isle, Newport Beach
www.christmasboatparade.com



Dec. 20–Jan. 6, Winter Fest

Immerse yourself in holiday magic! Winter Fest features ice tubing, snow play, ice skating under the stars, tree lighting, holiday parades, fireworks, snowfall, a Santa flyover, a light maze, wintery attractions, carnival rides, live entertainment, seasonal eateries, a petting zoo, and much more.

Time: Refer to website

Location: OC Fair & Event Center, Costa Mesa
www.winterfestoc.com

Dec. 23, Anaheim Ballet’s The Nutcracker

Experience a spectacle of towering Christmas trees, waltzing flowers, battling toy soldiers, and menacing mice in this heartwarming tale of Clara and her Nutcracker Doll in Candyland. A cornerstone of seasonal family tradition, this is a must-see production from Anaheim Ballet.

Time: 12:30–2:30 pm & 5:30–7:30 pm

Location: City National Grove, 2200 E Katella Ave, Anaheim
www.anaheimballet.org/events



Dec. 31, First Night Fullerton

Kick off the New Year at this family-oriented, alcohol-free event featuring live performances by a variety of bands, roaming entertainment, games, food, activities, and more. The evening concludes with a fireworks show.

Time: 7 pm–Midnight

Location: Harbor Blvd., Pomona Ave., Wilshire Ave., Fullerton
www.cityoffullerton.com/residents/community_events

Dec. 31, GIANT New Year’s Eve Dinner Dance

Ring in the New Year with hundreds of singles (and couples, too). Meet new friends during the supper shuffle and dance the night away to live bands and DJs playing hits from various decades. Dress to impress!

Time: 7 pm–1 am

Location: The Hotel Fullerton, 1500 Raymond Ave., Fullerton
www.eventbrite.com/o/wwwspectaculareventzcom-17179842940

