

Independence Title

Central Texas HOLIDAY FUN 2026



Events

Alamo Drafthouse Holiday Screenings
Austin | drafthouse.com/austin
Watch Christmas favorites like National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation and A Christmas Story, and treat yourself to themed snacks.

The Armadillo Bazaar
Dec. 12–21 | Austin | armadillobazaar.com
Austin's winter arts festival is back at the Palmer Events Center for 10 days of holiday shopping, almost 200 artists, and live music. Kids 12 and under get in free.

Ballet Austin's "The Nutcracker"
Dec. 4–23 | Austin | balletaustin.org
Ballet Austin's 64th annual production features festive sets, costumes, and live music from the Austin Symphony Orchestra. There are sixteen performances scheduled.

Blue Genie Art Bazaar
Nov. 13–Dec. 24 | Austin
bluegenieartbazaar.com
Browse thousands of original pieces from local artists and makers, including art, jewelry, ceramics, and unique gifts. Open daily.

German-Texan Heritage Society Christmas Market
Dec. 5 | Austin | germantexans.org
The German Free School and gardens turn into a traditional German Christmas market, with imported ornaments, special foods, festive drinks, and family activities. Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; kids 12 and under are free.

Holiday Sing-Along and Downtown Stroll
Dec. 5 | Austin | downtownaustin.com
Join the annual downtown holiday stroll and community sing-along on Congress Avenue. The 2026 event is from 5 to 8 p.m.; more details will be announced soon.

Ice Rodeo at The Four Seasons
Nov. 20–Jan. 3 | Austin | fourseasons.com
Go ice skating by the lake, enjoy seasonal food, holiday decorations, and rinkside cabins at Four Seasons Hotel Austin. The rink is open daily.

The Junior League of Austin's A Christmas Affair
Nov. 13–22 | Austin | jlaustin.org
The Junior League of Austin's main holiday fundraiser has over 200 merchants, themed parties, kids' events, and holiday shopping. The Market at Palmer Events Center is open Nov. 19–22, with other special events from Nov. 13–15 and Nov. 18–22.

Trail of Lights – Lakeway
Dec. 5 – Jan. 1 | Austin | lakeway-tx.gov
Walk through Lakeway's favorite holiday tradition. See bright light displays and enjoy festive cheer every night during the season.

Luminations at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Select dates Nov. 20–Dec. 5 | Austin
wildflower.org/luminations
Walk along lit garden paths, listen to live music, and celebrate the season at the Wildflower Center. Dates include Nov. 20–22, Nov. 27–29, and Dec. 3–5. Check the event calendar for tickets and updates.

Miracle on 5th Street
Nov. 12–Dec. 30 | Austin | miracleon5thst.com
This Christmas pop-up bar is back for its 10th year with several festive spaces, holiday decorations, themed drinks, and seasonal experiences. Check the calendar for dates and reservations.

Mozart's Coffee Holiday Light Show
Nov. 21–Jan. 3 | Austin | mozartscoffee.com
Mozart's Coffee Roasters is hosting its holiday light show again along Lake Austin, with over two million LED lights, holiday music, live entertainment, and festive experiences. Check the calendar for showtimes and tickets.

Peppermint in the Park
Nov. 12–Jan. 3 | Austin
peppermintparkway.com
Previously called Peppermint Parkway, this holiday event at COTALAND has amusement rides, bright lights, festive shows, a holiday market, and visits with Santa. Check dates and hours before you go.

Austin Trail of Lights
Dec. 10–23 | Austin | austintrailoflights.org
See over two million lights and 40 displays. The event is open from 7 to 10 p.m. General admission is free on Dec. 10–11 and Dec. 13–17; other nights require tickets.

Tuba Christmas
Dec. 21 | Austin | tc-austin.com
Austin families can enjoy Christmas music played by tubas and euphoniums at the Capitol.

Wassail Fest & Small Business Saturday
Dec. 3 | Bastrop | visitbastrop.com
Sip and shop in Downtown Bastrop. Try homemade hot wassail, vote for your favorite, and find unique gifts while listening to live music.

Budafest
Dec. 4–6 | Downtown Buda | budafest.org
Join three days of holiday fun, with a tree lighting and market on Friday, a lighted parade and fireworks on Saturday, plus vendors, carnival activities, and visits with Santa.

North Pole Flyer
Nov. 28–29, Dec. 5–6 & 12–13 | Bertram Depot
austinsteamtrain.org
Enjoy a two-hour holiday train ride on the Bertram Flyer, with festive activities and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Heritage Oak Tree Lighting
Dec. 2 | Cedar Park | cedarparktexas.gov
Celebrate under Cedar Park's biggest live oak tree, lit up with over 30,000 lights. Enjoy holiday music and take photos with Santa at Heritage Oak Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Christmas on Mercer Street
Dec. 5 | Dripping Springs
cityofdrippingsprings.com
Shop, watch entertainment, and join family activities on Mercer Street during this annual downtown holiday festival, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holiday by the Tracks: Hot Cocoa Stroll
Dec. 5 | Elgin | elgintxchamber.com
Explore downtown Elgin with a holiday cocoa passport, shop locally, visit a Christmas bazaar, enjoy holiday music, and take photos with Santa. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Georgetown Christmas Stroll
Dec. 4–6 | Georgetown | dgagtx.org/events
The 45th annual stroll is a free, three-day event with holiday lights, vendors, music, food, family activities, Santa's Village, and a parade on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Carol Of Lights and HoliDazzle Christmas Parade
Dec. 5 | Lampasas | visionlampasas.org
Celebrate the season at the Downtown Courtyard Square with holiday activities and the HoliDazzle lighted parade, which starts at 6:30 p.m. The event is part of the community's Carol of Lights celebration.

Christmas on the Creek
Dec. 12 | Lampasas | visionlampasas.org
Visit Santa's Village, see a lighted Nativity, big holiday displays along Sulphur Creek, have hot cocoa, enjoy a snow machine, and join family activities. The event is from 5 to 8 p.m.; park displays stay up from Thanksgiving to New Year's.

Old Town Christmas Festival
Dec. 5 | Old Town Leander | visitleandertx.com
Enjoy the annual festival with the Rudolph Run 5K, Christmas Marketplace, Hometown Parade, photos with Santa, live shows, food, and local vendors. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Liberty Hill Christmas Fest
Dec. 12 | Liberty Hill | experiencelhtx.com
Take part in the Jingle Bell Run, holiday shopping, food, family activities, and a lighted Christmas parade on Main Street. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the parade starts at 6 p.m.

A Christmas to Remember in Lockhart
Dec. 4 - 5 | Lockhart | lockhartchamber.com
On Friday night and all day Saturday, watch a festive Christmas parade with lights and enjoy entertainment in front of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library and around the courthouse square. Food and craft vendors will also be there.

Pfestival of Lights and Christmas Parade
Dec. 5 | Pflugerville | pflugervilletx.gov
See this year's holiday movie-themed floats, then greet Santa around 6 p.m. for the tree lighting and photos.

The Light Park
Nov. 6–Jan. 3 | Round Rock | thelightpark.com
Drive through a holiday light show with millions of lights set to festive music. Food and drinks are available. Check the official site for hours and tickets.

Light Up the Lake
Dec. 4–5 | Round Rock | roundrocktexas.gov
This two-night holiday festival has giant lit balloons over Bright Lake, a light show, live music, holiday displays, food, crafts, family activities, and a yule log.

Christmas Light-Up Parade
Dec. 4 | Marble Falls | visitmarblefalls.org
See festive floats light up Main Street during Marble Falls' annual holiday parade, which happens with the Walkway of Lights.

Walkway of Lights
Nov. 20–Jan. 2 | Marble Falls | visitmarblefalls.org
Walk by the lake and see holiday sculptures lit up each night from 6 to 10 p.m.

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll
Dec. 4–6 and Dec. 11–13 | Salado
business.salado.com
Enjoy small-town Christmas with festive lights, over 100 unique shops, and live entertainment along historic Main Street.

Sights & Sounds of Christmas
Dec. 3–5 & 10–12 | San Marcos
sights-n-sounds.org
Enjoy holiday lights, caroling, concerts, Santa, a petting zoo, carnival rides, food, and family activities. The festival runs from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

Trail of Lights in Wimberley
Nov. 28–Dec. 26 | Wimberley | emilyann.org
Walk through about eight acres of light displays, enjoy live entertainment, free marshmallows and hot chocolate, and see Santa on most nights. Admission is free, and donations help EmilyAnn Theatre & Gardens. Hours vary by day.

Christmas Tree Farms

Brungot Farms
Opens Nov. 22 | Cedar Park | brungotfarms.com
Pick out a fresh Fraser Fir Christmas tree in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. It's the closest you'll get to a traditional choose-and-cut tree farm in Austin.

Elgin CHRISTmas Tree Farm
Opens Nov. 21 | Elgin
elginchristmastreefarm.com
You can choose and cut your own pine or cypress tree, or look through the pre-cut firs. Entry is free during the Christmas season. Food vendors and attractions are available on certain days. Keep in mind, tree availability may change the dates.

Evergreen Farms
Opens Nov. 27 | Elgin | evergreenfarms.biz
Pick out and cut your own Texas-grown Christmas tree, or choose a pre-cut Noble or Fraser fir. The farm also has wagon rides, games, a maze, a nature trail, farm animals, and concessions on weekends.

Sweet Eats Farms
Nov. 27–Dec. 24 | Georgetown
Celebrate Christmas at the farm with fresh tree cutting, photos with Santa, live reindeer, wagon rides, family attractions, and other seasonal activities. The farm is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and you can buy tickets online.



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