

Round-Up: Holiday Happenings in PA's Hershey Harrisburg Region Heartwarming Holidays – Hershey Harrisburg Style

Harrisburg, PA – Experience the magic and wonderment of the holiday season this year in Hershey Harrisburg. The Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau (HHRVB) is pleased to announce the region's most festive and heartwarming activities, organized below by event date. Celebrate with us this season and take advantage of our holiday packages and hotel rates starting at just \$89/night. Turn a favorite holiday moment into an unforgettable memory.

1.) [Holiday Shopping @ Hershey Outlets](#) (Ongoing)

Located just off Hersheypark Drive, indulge your shopping appetite at over 60 stores including Polo Ralph Lauren, Under Armour, Coach, Banana Republic, and Gap Outlet. Find something for everyone on your shopping list this holiday season and enjoy tax-free clothing while you're at it.

2.) **NEW!** [Hershey Harrisburg Craft Beer Country](#) (Ongoing)

A band of brewers have come together to showcase some of the finest handcrafted beer in Pennsylvania. These 12 breweries have perfected a vast selection of unique handcrafted brews for the enjoyment of any palate, and are conveniently surrounded by first-rate attractions and world-renowned restaurants and hotels. More than just a trail, the customizable program allows you to visit, experience, learn, and taste.

3.) [Toys On The Square](#) (Ongoing)

Toys On The Square is a family-owned and operated specialty toy store in Hummelstown featuring hand-selected inventory that inspires creativity and imagination. Our shelves are loaded with an endless variety of unique and fine quality toys, ranging from infant to toddler to teens, and adults. Find something truly unique for everyone this holiday.

4.) [Koziar's Christmas Village](#) (Nov. 2 – Jan. 1)

Christmas Village, celebrating its 66th anniversary in 2013 started when William M. Koziar began decorating his home and property in 1948 for fun with his wife and their four children. Soon the elaborate decorations grew and locals began referring to it as "Christmas House." As the decorating expanded to include the lake, walkways, buildings and surroundings the property became known as "Christmas Village." Over the years this holiday tradition has received many rewards including Best Outdoor Christmas Display in the World by Display World magazine; and Award of Excellence from the PA Travel Council as one of the Top Ten Travel Attractions in PA.

5.) [American Music Theatre Presents: The First Noel](#) (Nov. 5 – Dec. 30)

Come celebrate the wonder of the holiday season at AMT with a show guaranteed to leave you in the Christmas Spirit. Our critically acclaimed Christmas Show is back with an all-new presentation of your favorite sacred and secular holiday songs, performed by professional artists from across the country. This live, musical experience will feature spectacular vocal harmonies, amazing musical arrangements, magnificent dancing, and the incredible sounds of the AMT Orchestra. The warmth will embrace you, along with the breathtaking scenery and elegant costumes that fill the stage.

6.) [Santa vs. the Snowman 3D](#) at Select Medical IMAX Theatre (Nov. 9 – Dec. 31)

There is a new holiday classic comin' to town - that will add a new dimension to the holidays. Tradition is turned on its head when an innocent and lovable Snowman discovers Santa's Village and reaches in the workshop window to pick up a shiny, new flute. What ensues is an all-out, riotous battle for Christmas, with the Snowman and his minions squaring off against Santa and his elf army for the rights to the worldwide gift delivery franchise of the jolly man in red. MPAA Rating: G and is approximately 35 minutes in length.

7.) [Cars and Christmas Celebration at the AACA Museum](#) (Nov. 15 – Jan. 15)

We're transforming the galleries of the Antique Automobile club of America Museum into a spectacular winter wonderland featuring Christmas trees through the ages adorned with period decorations. Toys for kids from 1-92 will fill our Cammack Gallery with exotic cars, Hot Rods, Hot Wheels, Hess Trucks, Dolls, Pedal Cars and much more.

8.) [Hershey's Holiday Chocolate House at Hershey's® Chocolate World®](#) (Nov. 15 – Dec. 31)

This year marks the fifth annual Hershey Holiday Chocolate House at Hershey's® Chocolate World® Attraction. Each year the house is constructed by Hershey Company volunteers and a donation is made to Children's Miracle Network for their hours worked. This year 537.5 volunteer-hours were spent on construction and The Hershey Company will donate approximately \$4,300 to Children's Miracle Network. Thirty-two different candies were used to completely adorn the house and this is the first year the house is decorated inside as well as outside. Visitors can enjoy the chocolate house during regular Chocolate World hours.

9.) [Hersheypark® Christmas Candylane®](#) (Nov. 15 – Dec. 31)

The magic of the holidays comes to life at Hersheypark Christmas Candylane. With two million twinkling lights, rides for all ages, festive decorations, and Hershey's Product Characters decked out in their holiday best, there is something for all to enjoy. Sing-along at our heart-warming Christmas show, A Rockin' Music Box Christmas, visit Santa's reindeer (sponsored by U-GRO Learning Centres), and browse our quaint village shops. Christmas Candylane features many attractions for guests of all ages including over 30 rides.

10.) [Hershey Sweet Lights®](#) (Nov. 15 – Jan. 1)

A winter wonderland awaits at Hershey Sweet Lights, A Holiday Drive-Thru Spectacular. Enjoy nearly 600 illuminated, animated displays from the comfort of your car as you drive through two miles of wooded trails. Families return year after year for this holiday tradition. Admission is charged.

11.) [Miracle of Christmas](#) (Nov. 22 – Dec. 30)

From November 22 through December 30, Sight and Sound Theatre, located in Ronks, will be featuring the Miracle of Christmas. The theater is brilliantly decked out in holiday attire with lights, greenery, and a thirty-foot tall Christmas tree. You will watch the story of Jesus the Messiah taking human form unfold on the stage. The play is complete with live animals that have been trained and housed on-site.

12.) [A Holiday Dinner Musical at Hershey® Lodge](#) (Nov. 29 – Dec. 28)

The stage is set in the Great American Hall at Hershey Lodge for an interactive Christmas In Chocolate Town. At the start of the show you'll meet Mayor Herschel Sugarman, your guide through a multi-course celebration of the traditions of Christmas while our talented cast entertains you with spirited song and dance performances. Celebrate the sights, sounds, and tastes of Christmas with us in this heartwarming and distinctly Hershey holiday tradition that the entire family will enjoy! Available November 29 – December 28.

13.) [Festival of Trees at Tavern House Harrisburg](#) (Nov. 30 – Dec. 1)

View themed Christmas trees beautifully displayed and decorated with handmade ornaments by local garden clubs. Select ornaments, as well as handmade wreaths made from natural materials, will be for sale.

14.) ["Kids Only" Shop at Fort Hunter Centennial Barn](#) (Nov. 30 – Dec. 14)

Children will find tasteful items from the Fort Hunter Museum store priced \$10 and under and many fun gifts can be purchased for \$5 or less. Santa's elves help youngsters shop for family and friends while parents visit the Toy Train exhibit or the Festival of Trees. There is no admission to enter the "Kids Only" shop.

15.) [2013 PA Christmas and Gift Show at the PA Farm Show Complex](#) (Dec. 4-8)

Thousands come from all over the Northeast to visit The Pennsylvania Christmas & Gift Show, a festive celebration of the season's finest decorations, arts & crafts, cuisines, and musical & dance groups. Among the unique and exclusive gifts available are crafts, jewelry, clothing, Christmas decorations, toys, household accents, ceramics, furniture, dolls, flowers, paintings, holiday foods and much more.

16.) [Mount Hope Theater: A Dickens of a Christmas](#) (Dec. 4-23)

From December 4 through 23, delight in this fun-filled, turn-of-the-century Christmas celebration as Charles Dickens and friends welcome you to a joyous celebration in the Mount Hope Mansion (Manheim) bedecked in her Victorian finery for the festivities. With the first floor rooms of the Mansion transformed into intimate theaters, guests move from one room to the next experiencing three separate performances filled with holiday cheer, comedy, drama and Christmas sentiment. Before the show, guests visit the newly-remodeled Swashbuckler Pub for Dinner and a Show or Lunch and a Show, where they enjoy a filling buffet while interacting with some of our favorite characters from the show.

17.) [Christmas with the Celts @ Sunoco Performance Theater](#) (Dec. 5)

The Celts (formerly known as "The Blair Band") have been performing around the world for 15 years. The Celts are a combination of Irish born and Irish-American musicians. The band performs a combination of fiery Scottish/Irish traditional instrumental tunes and vocal songs as well as their own Beatles/American pop influenced original songs with Celtic instrumentation.

18.) [Santa's Secret Garden @ Hershey Gardens](#) (Dec. 6-14)

Children will be greeted by Santa's elves as they travel through a path of twinkling lights to discover Santa and his secret garden. Their enchanted journey includes take-home crafts, a visit with Mrs. Claus and a special gift to last the whole year.

19.) [Trans-Siberian Orchestra](#) (Dec. 8)

On December 8, Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) will celebrate their first 15 years of touring with an encore and final performance of their multi-platinum rock opera, "The Lost Christmas Eve" at Hershey's Giant Center. TSO, whose phenomena has grown year after year, has played over 1,500 shows for more than 10 million fans in the past fifteen years, and quietly became one of the world's biggest arena rock acts. The unprecedented fan driven growth is a testament to TSO founder Paul O'Neill's vision of "Rock Theater," the perfect amalgamation of Broadway storytelling with the spectacle of rock, delighting audiences of all ages year after year.

20.) [Christmas at the Harris-Cameron Mansion](#) (Dec. 8)

Come and see the mansion beautifully decorated for the holidays, including a special exhibit of antique toys. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. It will be holiday fun for the whole family – and even Santa will be making an appearance.

21.) [Masonic Village Holiday Model Train Display](#) (Dec. 10 – January)

Every year during the Christmas season, Masonic Village of Elizabethtown's Model Railroad Club showcases a beautiful model train display. This family friendly event starts on December 10. For more information call Masonic Village at 717-367-1121.

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