

# Holidays in Grand Rapids

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Adventures in Babywearing Blog

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*Rebel Reclaimed, one of my fave shops in GR!*

There is so much to do in [Grand Rapids](#) during the holidays. This is Part Two of our most recent trip there, btw (see [Part One](#).)



The [Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park](#) was all be-decked for Christmas. There's even a sleigh right at the entrance perfect for photo opportunities. Over 300,000 sparkling lights are hung, and see if you can catch the Gardens Holiday Express train as it travels through the three indoor gardens.

Through January 8 you can check out the [Christmas and Holiday Traditions Around the World](#). Trees representing countries from all over the globe line the hallways at Meijer Gardens. The kids loved looking at each one -- Carter especially loved Japan's with all the origami paper cranes. (He's really into origami right now.)



*So much to see, Ivy couldn't stand still*

Later that evening we drove up to the [Nite Lites Drive-Thru Christmas lights](#) at Fifth Third Ballpark, just a short drive from downtown Grand Rapids. It was awesome -- over one mile of beautiful and fun displays and *tunnels of lights* --

over a *million* lights total! I thought it would be so wonderful to drink cocoa and creep along in the snow. So perfect!



*Nativity at Nite Lites*



Sunday after breakfast we walked over to the [Grand Rapids Public Museum](#) which was beautifully decorated for the holidays. We walked upstairs to the Planetarium and got in line for the [Holiday Magic](#) laser light show going on through December 16. It was incredible! We were told to sit in the back if we could so we'd have the best view. We got a great spot and were practically fully reclined in the seats as we watched the ceiling with a really cool laser light show set to holiday music and favorite carols. So neat!



*Ivy rides a bike on the streets of old Grand Rapids at the Public Museum*



For lunch we headed over to [Electric Cheetah](#) and found out they had [26 craft root beers!](#) Gray chose the Dang! butterscotch flavor and it was the best root beer I (*I mean he*) ever drank. Our meal was fantastic, with great kids options. The fresh veggies instead of fries was fab- fresh peppers, celery, carrots, etc. Oooh and we also ordered the hot pretzels for an appetizer with special dipping sauces. Highly recommend! Ha and P.S. I accidentally left my debit card there and when we called to see if they had it, they asked, "Yes. Were you the table with the *many children?*" LOL

So, these are just the things we did while chilling during a short weekend visit. Be sure to visit [Experience Grand Rapids](#) for a [full list of all the awesome events and activities to check out this winter](#). Do plan a trip! I am hopefully going back for a *just girls* trip in a few weeks! I can't wait to play tour guide. Then after that Jeff and I are really hoping to sneak away to GR for a couple's weekend.

**Do you do any holiday traveling with the kids? What's your favorite thing to do with the family when visiting a new city?**

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