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12 FESTIVE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES TO SEE AND DO THIS YEAR

The festive decor in the atrium at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center. Image: courtesy of the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center.

Whether your holiday traditions include a backdrop that harkens your favorite holiday movie or an escape to a warm beach town, we have everyone covered with unique experiences across the U.S. From immersive light displays, a life-size Gingerbread Lighthouse, two-story Champagne Cascade and merry markets with unique finds, this list will inspire ways to make this season merry and bright.

Newport, Rhode Island

The [Newport Marriott's](#) team and the Roger's High School culinary program have teamed up to create Newport's largest Gingerbread House, a 16-foot working lighthouse and a seven-foot keeper's house, making it one of the largest gingerbread houses in New England. This holiday creation takes more than 530 pounds of gingerbread and nearly 240 pounds of royal icing to build! The gingerbread lighthouse shines its beacon over a festooned lobby, where guests are encouraged to share the bounty of the season by placing a non-perishable food item in one of the sleighs. This year canned goods will be donated to support the Martin Luther King Center. The completed Gingerbread Lighthouse is on view to the public until January 3, 2022.

