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# Christmas



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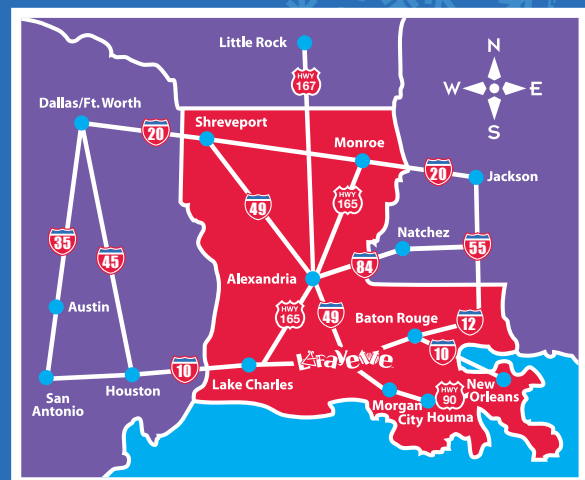
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## Hours of Operation

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## Merry Marketplace

**TBA**

**Top Shelf Sports Arena, Youngsville. Doors open at 9 a.m. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.** Get a jump start on holiday shopping with nearly 15,000 square feet of gifts including home décor, jewelry, clothing, fashion accessories, gourmet foods, men and boys' gifts, children's toys and more. 337-789-9515, AMerryMarketPlace.com.

## Noël en Broussard

**NOV 29, DEC 11, DEC 15**

**City of Broussard.** On Nov. 29, join the city of Broussard for the lighting of their 25 foot Christmas tree. The reception and tree lighting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Broussard Community Center. To continue the celebration join Broussard for their Christmas parade on Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. Adding a little Cajun flair to their Christmas celebration, the city will host the Annual Taste of Broussard on Dec. 15, at the Madison beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 337-837-6001.

## Country Christmas

**NOV 20**

**Sugar Mill Pond Town Center, Youngsville. 1-3 p.m.** Ring in the holiday season with free photos with Santa printed onsite, train rides, fun jumps, live music, arts and crafts, and of course a traditional favorite – roasted marshmallows. 337-856-2323, SugarMillPond.com.

## Downtown Alive! Official Lighting of the City Tree

**NOV 23**

**Parc Sans Souci, 201 E. Vermilion St., Lafayette. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free.** Join the Pine Leaf Boys for a special Thanksgiving Eve Holiday celebration at Downtown Alive! where the Mayor-President Joel Robideaux will light the official city Christmas tree! 337-291-5566, DowntownLafayette.org.

## Safari of Lights

**NOV 25-26, DEC 2-4, 9-30**

**Zoo of Acadiana, Broussard. 5-9 p.m. 3 years old and above \$6.** Stroll the glistening pathways of the Zoo at night as Christmas music fills the air putting you in the spirit of the holidays. View still and animated lighted animal figurines, North Pole Express Train ride, hot cocoa or hot cappuccino at the Elves Eatery. 337-837-4325, Zoosiana.com.

## Grand Noël

**NOV 26**

**Downtown Grand Coteau.** Start your Christmas shopping with a visit to the streets of historical Grand Coteau. Starting at 3 p.m., there will be a blessing of the life-size nativity scene on display. The gift shops will be open for your convenience offering refreshments and unique gift items. Enjoy holiday traditions including carriage rides, live music at various locations and photos with Santa. Popular food trucks will be on hand offering their specialties. Bring the entire family for a memorable evening. 337-945-4314, CajunTravel.com.

## Breaux Bridge Christmas Parade

**NOV 27**

**Downtown Main Street. 2 p.m. Free.** Annual Christmas parade always the Sunday after Thanksgiving kicks off the Holiday Season. 337-332-8500.

## Sounds of the Season with the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra

**NOV 27**

**St. Peters Catholic Church, 108 E. St. Peter St., New Iberia. Free** Christmas concert featuring familiar Christmas songs as well as classical selections. 337-364-1603, IberiaCultural.org.

## Christmas Shoppe

**NOV 27**

**Willow Wood Park Recreation Center, New Iberia. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.** Several local crafters displaying handcrafted jewelry, beauty products, handmade candles and soap, food products and much more. 337-229-1982, IberiaTravel.com.

## Kemper Williams Park Christmas Lights in the Park

**NOV 27-DEC 31**

**264 Cotten Rd., Patterson. Sun.-Thurs. 5-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 5-10 p.m. \$2 per car.** Enjoy the beautiful displays, lights and music throughout the park as you ride and gaze upon the Christmas Nights and Holiday Lights. 985-395-2298, CajunCoast.com.

## Abbeville's Annual Christmas Stroll

**DEC 1**

**Downtown Abbeville. 5:30-8 p.m. Free.** Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas as local merchants open their businesses for holiday shopping, festivities and more. 337-898-4110, MostCajun.com.

## Noël Acadien Au Village

**DEC 1-23**

**Acadian Village, Lafayette. 5:30-9 p.m. \$10 at the gate; \$8 in advance.** Festival fundraiser with half a million lights, displays, food, entertainment, and holiday shopping. 337-981-2364, AcadianVillage.org.

## Victorian Christmas at the Joseph Jefferson Home

**DEC 1-31**

**Rip Van Winkle Gardens of Jefferson Island, New Iberia. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission.** Tours of the Joseph Jefferson Home and Rip Van Winkle Gardens decorated for the Holiday Season. 337-359-8525, RipVanWinkleGardens.org.

## Victorian Christmas at Grevemberg House Museum

**DEC 1-31**

**407 Sterling Rd., Franklin. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults \$10, Seniors & Students \$8, Children 12 and under \$5.** Grevemberg House Museum will be decorated in the Victorian fashion with toys and dolls, Christmas tree, garlands and floral arrangements. 337-828-2092, CajunCoast.com.

## Christmas at the Alexandre Mouton House

**DEC 1-31**

**1122 Lafayette St., Lafayette. Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 Adults, \$3 Seniors, \$2 Students.** The Alexandre Mouton House will be decorated for Christmas with period decorations. 337-234-2208.

## Christmas on the Cajun Coast

**DEC 1-31**

**Various locations in St. Mary Parish.** Elegant antebellum homes decked in Victorian holiday finery, boulevards of live oaks twinkling with white lights, traditional holiday performances, Christmas parades. 985-380-8224, CajunCoast.com/ChristmasEvents.

## Christmas in Crowley

**DEC 1-JAN 2**

**Historic Downtown, Parkerson Ave., Crowley. 5:30 p.m.-midnight.** Over 200,000 dazzling animated Holiday lights synchronized to music. Tune your radio to 93.3 FM and listen to the lights! 337-783-0824 ext. 301.

## Festival of Light

**DEC 2**

**Oil Center, Lafayette. 5-10 p.m.** Celebrate as the switch is pulled to light the colossal Santa, sleigh and reindeer over Coolidge Blvd. Enjoy music, food and fun, and of course shopping! For children of all ages...Santa will be on hand to take pictures. Behold the living Nativity and enjoy an outdoor snow yard. You do not want to miss Lafayette's most loved holiday tradition. 337-232-1267, TheOilCenter.com.

## Annual Lighting of the Village

**DEC 2**

**828 E. Landry St., Opelousas. 5-8:30 p.m. Free.** The annual lighting of the historic Le Vieux Village celebrates the season with children's activities, Christmas carols and a visit from Papa Noël! 800-424-5442, CityOfOpelousas.com.

## Christmas at Coteau

**DEC 2-3**

**Schools of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau.** This year's schedule of events includes the Holiday Market, Coteau Café, the Friday gourmet luncheon, Cookies at Coteau, Eat Drink & Be Merry Saturday Luncheon. You can also enjoy the Sounds of Coteau, where the lower school students perform Christmas music at 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the chapel. SSHCoteau.org.

## Carencro Country Christmas

**DEC 3**

**5115 N. University, Carencro.** Arts & crafts, food, choirs and entertainment. 337-280-9570, 337-896-6686.



## Abbeville's Christmas Parade

**DEC 3**

**Downtown, Abbeville. Free.** Enjoy floats decorated for Christmas, marching bands playing holiday favorites and an appearance by Santa Claus. 337-652-0646, MostCajun.com.

## Sacré Coeur Kaycee Auxiliary Annual Christmas Shopping Extravaganza

**DEC 3**

**Corner of South Ave. E. and Elm St., Crowley. 9 am.-3 p.m. \$1 per person, 12 years and younger Free.** 46 vendors from throughout area, new and interesting items, door prizes, concession. Shopping and dining under one roof. 337-783-9076.

## Sonic Drive-In Christmas Parade

**DEC 4**

**Downtown to the Oil Center, Lafayette. 1 p.m. Free.** One of the oldest Christmas activities in Acadiana. Parade features over 20 floats, high school marching bands and the official arrival of Santa Claus to Lafayette. 337-988-5301.

## Festival of Light and Christmas Parade

**DEC 4**

**St. Martin de Tours Church Square, St. Martinville.** 337-394-2235, StMartinville.org/Festivals.html.

## Jeanerette Christmas Parade

**DEC 4**

**Main Street. 1 p.m.** Christmas parade with Santa Claus, marching bands, dance groups and more. 337-579-2153, IberiaTravel.com.

## Shadows Merry Making Season

**DEC 5-31**

**Shadows-on-the-Teche, New Iberia. Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission.** Tours of Shadows-on-the-Teche Plantation & Gardens decorated for Holiday season. 337-369-6446, ShadowsOnTheTeche.org.

## Tour of Oaklawn Manor

**DEC 5-JAN 1**

**3296 E. Oaklawn Dr., Franklin. Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults \$15, Students \$10.** Each room of the home is beautifully decorated with trees and themes of the holiday season. 337-828-0434, CajunCoast.com.

## Christmas in Scott

**DEC 7**

**St. Aubin Park, Scott. 5 p.m. Farmer's Market opens for shopping. 6-8 p.m. Celebration. Free.** Come and join us for the official lighting of our Christmas tree and a visit/photo op with Santa Clause. This is the perfect event to put you in the Christmas Spirit and enjoy great entertainment. 337-269-5155, CityOfScott.org.

## Christmas in Crowley "A Holiday Affair"

**DEC 7**

**Historic Downtown, Parkerson Ave., Crowley.** Enjoy Christmas carol, live nativity, children's activities, a light show and more! 337-783-0824 ext. 301.

## I'll Be Home For Christmas

**DEC 7-11**

**Worship Center - First Baptist Church, 1100 Lee Ave., Lafayette. 12/7-9: Show starts 7 p.m.; 12/10-11: Show starts 3 p.m. Free** tickets can be obtained by visiting the website. Musical presentation this December commemorating the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. 337-593-3757, FBCLaf.org.

## Children's Christmas Parade

**DEC 8**

**Union and Main St. to Creswell Ln., Opelousas. The parade begins at 6 p.m.** The annual holiday event features colorfully lit Christmas themed floats, marching bands, costumed characters and of course everyone's favorite, Santa Claus! 800-424-5442, CityOfOpelousas.com.

## Living Bethlehem

**DEC 9-11**

**Sugar Mill Pond Town Center, 120 Waterview Rd., Youngsville. 7-8 p.m. Free.** The Living Bethlehem is a live nativity drama, held outdoors at Sugar Mill Pond and features a cast of children, live animals and a children's choir. 337-856-2323, SugarMillPond.com.

## Magic on Main Christmas Parade

**DEC 10**

**Main Street, New Iberia. 6-8 p.m.** Christmas parade, with Santa Claus, marching bands and dance groups. 337-207-5670, IberiaTravel.com.

## Delcambre Christmas Boat Parade

**DEC 10**

**Delcambre Docks. 411 S. Richard St. 4-9 p.m.** Fun for the whole family as you watch lighted boats of all sizes cruise Bayou Carlin while listening to Christmas music. 337-658-2422.

## The Nutcracker

**DEC 10 & 11**

**Heymann Performing Arts Center, Lafayette.** Lafayette Ballet Theatre with Principal guest artists from the Pacific Northwest Ballet, and the entire dance community, present the Holiday classic, The Nutcracker. A full-length classical ballet in two acts, based on the story of E. T. A. Hoffmann's "Nutcracker and the King of Mice" with original music of Peter Tchaikovsky. For ticket information call 337-262-0444 or 337-291-5555, LafayetteBalletTheatre.org.

## Lessons & Carols

**DEC 11**

**St. John Cathedral, 914 St. John Street, Lafayette. 7:30 p.m. Free.** Traditional candlelight service of readings and choral music for the Christmas season in the beautiful ambiance of St. John Cathedral. 337-232-1322, SaintJohnCathedral.org.

## Noël dans la Ville (Christmas in the Ville)

**DEC 11**

**St. Martinville.** Food, arts & crafts, musical entertainment. 337-394-2233.

## Delcambre Main Street Christmas Parade

**DEC 11**

**Main Street, Delcambre. 2-4 p.m.** Parade begins at corner of Main Street & S. Pelloat to Delcambre Shrimp Festival Bldg. 337-519-2541, IberiaTravel.com.

## Old-Time Christmas at Vermillionville

**DEC 13-21**

**300 Fisher Rd., Lafayette. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily.** (Family Day-Dec. 17) Regular admission \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 students and children 6 & under enter free. Group rates available. Experience the simple warmth and beauty of Christmas past as our historic village brings to life the holiday traditions of yesteryear. You can meet Papa Noël, learn how to make wax candles, sing along to Christmas carols, watch popcorn stringing and even get a taste of apple cider! Perfect for student field trips. 337-233-4077, Vermillionville.org.

## Magic of the Season

**DEC 15**

**Heymann Performing Arts Center, 1373 S. College Rd., Lafayette. 7 p.m. Admission.** Acadiana Symphony Orchestra's annual Christmas concert celebrates the magic of the season with cultural activist, poet, and singer-songwriter, Zachary Richard. Traditional holiday favorites guarantee to put everyone in a joyful holiday spirit. 337-232-4277 ext. 1, AcadianaSymphony.org.

## New Year's Noon Carnival & Countdown

**DEC 31**

**Children's Museum of Acadiana, Lafayette. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Ring in the New Year at the stroke of 12 Noon with fun for the whole family. 337-232-8500, ChildrensMuseumOfAcadiana.com.

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