

Holiday Celebrations

& Festivities in San Diego



Spending the Christmas holiday season in San Diego has its benefits: the weather is usually mild - in fact, December is one of the sunniest months of the year. Unlike other parts of the country, we miss out on rituals like shoveling snow - although the nights can get chilly this time of year. San Diegan's still enjoy plenty of the traditional holiday season activities.

Source: Various public internet websites.
Locations & times subject to change.

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Fun Neighborhoods to See the Holiday Lights:

Coronado - Cross the bridge and enter a different world! Drive around and look at the brightly lit homes and stroll down Orange Ave. Check out the tree in the Hotel Del lobby.

Chula Vista's Candy Cane Lane
One of the shortest streets in San Diego that carries the most Christmas punch. Located on Whitney Street and Mankato, Christmas Circle is between First and Second Avenue, off H St and First Ave.

Downtown San Diego - Enjoy strolling downtown San Diego to look at holiday lights. Horton Plaza is always decked out for Christmas to bring some extra cheer to your shopping experience.

El Cajon Jingle Bell Hill - A quaint neighborhood that really gets into the holiday spirit. Soloman Ave./Pageen Pl. off 67 & Bradley.

La Mesa - A single residence with the heart of an entire neighborhood. Bring a canned item for donation 7171 Cornell Avenue.

Poway - Take a mini holiday vacation & stop by 12631 Stoutwood St. off Twin Peaks Rd & Deerwood St. It's nicknamed "The Griswolds".

Rancho Penasquitos - Head northwest of the intersection of Carmel Mountain and Black Mountain roads to find one of San Diego's most famous neighborhood light displays.

San Marcos - One of the largest residential light displays in San Diego County. Off Nordahl Rd. between Tam O'Shanter Dr. and Augusta Dr. at 1639 Knob Hill.

Nov 22 Poinsettia Festival

Coast Highway 101 - Downtown Encinitas
(760) 945-9288 9:00am-4:00pm www.encinitas101.com

Nov 26-Jan 3 Holiday of Lights

Del Mar Fairgrounds (858) 793-5555 www.sdfair.com
S-Th 5:30-10:00 pm Fri-Sat 5:30-11:00 pm

Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Jazz Festival

Town & Country Resort - Mission Valley
(619) 297-5277 www.dixielandjazzfestival.org

Nov 28 Fallbrook Tree Lighting Ceremony

Main St. & Alvarado 4-5:00 pm (760) 723-2232 fallbrook.org

Nov 28 Julian Country Christmas

4:00-6:00 pm (760) 765-1857 www.julianca.com

Nov 28 & 29 Rancho Guajome Christmas

Rancho Guajome Adobe 10:00 am-4:00 pm
(760) 724-4082 <http://historyandculture.com/guajome>

Nov 29 Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Grand Del Mar 4-7:00 pm (858) 314-1996 www.thegrandedelmar.com

Nov 30 Legoland Tree Lighting Ceremony

5:30 pm (760) 918-5346 www.legoland.com/california

Dec 4 Coronado Holiday Open House and Parade

Orange Avenue 6-7:00 pm
Santa & Snow 4-8pm www.coronadochamber.com

Dec 4-5 Balboa Park December Nights

Fri 5:00-10:00 pm/Sat noon-10:00 pm
(619) 239-0512 www.balboapark.org

Dec 4-20 "A Christmas Carol"

Julian Town Hall F-Sat 7:30 pm/Sun Dec. 20 1:00 pm
(760) 765-3120 www.julianca.com

Dec 5 Chula Vista Starlight Parade

Third Avenue - Chula Vista 6:00 pm
(619) 422-1982 www.cvdoba.com

Dec 5 Fallbrook Holiday Parade

Main Street in Fallbrook at 5:00 pm
(760) 728-5845 www.findfallbrook.com

Dec 5 Vista Winterfest Parade

S. Sta Fe Ave & Main St Festival 10-4pm/Parade 1pm
(760) 500-7583 1:00 pm www.vistachamber.org

Dec 5 Encinitas Holiday Parade

Coast Hwy 101 5:30pm (760) 633-2740
www.ci.encinitas.ca.us

Dec 5 Ocean Beach Holiday Parade

5:00-7:00pm on Newport Ave (619) 846-6269.

Dec 6 San Marcos Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

Mission Road 1:00 pm
www.kiwanisclubofsanmarcos.org

Dec 6 La Jolla Christmas Parade & Holiday Festival

Girard Ave Festival 3:30-5pm
Parade 2:00 pm (858) 454-1444 www.ljparade.com

Dec 6 Vista Holiday Homes Tour

10:00 am-4:00 pm (760) 631-5000 ext 1418
www.vistacommunityclinic.org/HHT.html

Dec 6 Del Mar Holiday Wonderland

1:00 -5:00 pm www.delmarmainstreet.com

Dec 10-23 & 26-30 Garden of Lights

Quail Botanical Gardens - Encinitas 5-9:00 pm
(760) 436-3036 www.sdbgarden.org

Dec 11-23 & 23-30 Jungle Bells

Wild Animal Park - Escondido 5:00 pm-9:00 pm
(760) 796-5621 www.wildanimalpark.org

Dec 12 Escondido Holiday Parade

Broadway - Escondido 11:00 am
www.escondidojaycees.org

Dec 12 Poway Christmas in Park

Poway Park 4:30 pm-8:30 pm
(858) 668-4575 www.ci.poway.ca.us

Dec 12 Mission Bay Boat Parade of Lights

5:30-9:00pm Crown Pt, Vacation Island & Fiesta Island.
(858) 488-0501 www.missionbayparadeoflights.org

Dec 12 Oceanside Boat Parade of Lights

Oceanside Harbor 6-9:00pm /Parade 7:00pm
(760) 722-5751 www.oceansideyc.com

Dec 13 & 20 San Diego Bay Parade of Lights

San Diego Bay 5:30-9pm www.sdparadeoflights.org

Approximate arrival times of boat parade:

Shelter Island (start of parade) - 5:30pm

Harbor Island - 6pm

The Embarcadero - 6:30pm

Seaport Village - 7pm

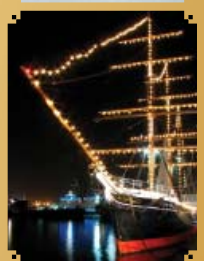
Ferry Landing on Coronado - 7:30pm

Dec 30 Big Bay Balloon Parade

San Diego Bay - Harbor Drive 10:00am
(619) 283-5808 www.holidaybowl.com

Dec 19-24 Holly Jolly Holidays

Legoland California - Carlsbad
(760) 918-5346 www.legoland.com/california



Wishing You a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!