

Light a Light of Love Pier Lighting Ceremony Dec. 7 Join Waymakers in shedding a light on Orange County's children this holiday season with your support of sponsoring a snowflake! Your beautiful glistening sponsored snowflake on the pier or on Main Street will be lit up through the new year. 3:30-6pm / Main Street and Pier Plaza [714-842-6600](tel:714-842-6600) / www.waymakersoc.org

Brea Holiday Car Show Dec. 7
10am-4pm / Birch and Brea Blvd.
[714-674-0801](tel:714-674-0801) / www.breadowntown.com

Corona del Mar Christmas Walk Dec. 7
Live entertainment staging over 17 local bands. Santa's Visits and Snapshots. Beer & Wine Gardens. Unique Vendor Gifts. Children's Activities. Merchant & Restaurant Promotions. 11am-5pm / Corona del Mar Village www.cdmchamber.com

Pines Park Tree Lighting Dec. 8
Santa and his elves will be arriving at Pines Park on his Jolly Trolley to hand out pre-packaged treats for children up to 12 years of age. Features carolers, hot chocolate, cookies, and the annual tree lighting at 5:15pm.
4:30-5:30pm / 34941 Camino Capistrano, Dana Point
[949-248-3500](tel:949-248-3500) / www.danapoint.org

Placentia Tamale Festival Dec. 11
Live entertainment, food and tamale vendors, non-profit booths, business booths, a beer garden, pictures with Santa Claus, a Holiday Tree Lighting, and a kid's games area.
4-10pm / Santa Fe Street
[714-993-8232](tel:714-993-8232) / www.placentiatamalefestival.org

Jingle Jam Dec. 12
Santa, train ride, toy drive, raffles, vendors, and food trucks.
5-9pm / 12001 St Mark Street
[714-741-5000](tel:714-741-5000) / www.ggcity.org

Dana Point Boat Parade of Lights Dec. 12-14
"CAROL OF THE BOATS" theme. Boaters will decorate their vessels to the theme of the parade, for a chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash prizes across several award categories, courtesy of Dana Point Harbor Partners.
6:30-8pm / Dana Point Harbor
[949-496-6137](tel:949-496-6137) / www.danapointharbor.com

Surfing Santa Competition Dec. 13
A fun surf competition where men, women and children dress like Santa or other holiday inspired characters and surf Salt Creek to benefit Surfers Healing.
Salt Creek Beach, Dana Point www.surfsantascontest.org

Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade Dec. 13
Experience the unique sights and sounds of the holidays with exciting parade entries like floats, marching bands, youth groups, and exotic cars.
10am-12pm / Crown Valley Pkwy
[949-425-1500](tel:949-425-1500) / www.cityoflagunaniguel.org

Candy Caneland & Craft Faire Dec. 13
A joyful afternoon filled with entertainment, food, games, raffles, a snow slide, and a special appearance from Santa Claus. 10am-4pm / Ehlers Event Center [714-562-3500](tel:714-562-3500) / www.buenapark.com

Rossmoor Winter Festival Dec. 13
Live music, snow play area, kids carnival, food trucks, craft vendors, meet Santa Claus, holiday fun and entertainment. 4-9pm / Rush Park www.rossmoor-csd.org

Floral Park Holiday Event Dec. 13
Join us for this annual holiday celebration with sledding, snow, cookies, crafts, horse-drawn carriage rides and of course, a visit by Santa himself! Food for purchase. 4:30-7:30pm / North Park Blvd and Riverside Dr. www.floralpark.com

Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade Dec. 17-21
Watch beautifully decorated yachts, boats, kayaks and canoes sail along the harbor. On the opening night of the parade on Wednesday at 6:15 pm a special opening fireworks display will take place off the Newport Pier to kick off the parade. See website for schedule. / Newport Harbor [949-729-4400](tel:949-729-4400) / www.christmasboatparade.com

A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail Dec. 19
Take pictures with Santa, enjoy hot coco and cookies, this event will be fun for the entire family. 6-8:30pm / The Phantom Projects Theater, La Habra [562-697-1704](tel:562-697-1704) / www.lahabrachamber.com

Cruise of Lights Dec. 19-23
The Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Cruise of Lights® offers a 50-minute narrated boat tour through the waterways of Huntington Harbour. Share the beauty of thousands of lights and animated displays on brightly decorated homes, docks, decks, and boats. 5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm / Huntington Harbour www.cruiseoflights.org

Floral Park Walk of Lights Dec. 22
Stroll the neighborhood to view the many holiday displays and light shows! 6-9pm / Floral Park, Santa Ana [714-840-7542](tel:714-840-7542) / www.floralpark.com

First Night in Fullerton Dec. 31
7pm-12am / Downtown Fullerton Plaza [714-738-6300](tel:714-738-6300) / www.cityoffullerton.com



December 2025

Orange County

Calendar of Events

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Mission Viejo Santa's Arrival & Lighting Ceremony Nov. 30

The Main Stage Entertainment will be the heart of the celebration, featuring live performances, enchanting holiday shows, and lively dance routines for everyone to enjoy. As the grand finale, Santa himself will make a spectacular entrance. 3-6:30pm / Civic Center Plaza **949-830-7066 / www.mvactivities.com**

Tree Lighting at Balboa Bay Resort Nov. 30

A grand, high-energy performance featuring Frosty, Rudolph, Santa, Mrs. Claus and friends, with holiday magic, live singers, toe-tapping dancers, the lighting of our brand-new giant 20' Christmas Tree and a snow filled finale!
5-10pm / 1221 Coast Highway, Newport Beach
949-645-5000 / www.balboabayresort.com

Anaheim Town Square Holiday Carnival Nov. 30

Santa, Snow, Mrs. Claus, Magician, Cookie Decorating and More at Anaheim Town Square's Holiday Carnival!
12-3pm / 2180 East Lincoln Avenue
www.anaheimtownsquare.com

The Holiday Gem Through Dec. 21

Backed by live musicians, stunning costumes, and a whimsical set, Santa Claus, his tap-dancing elves, and a cast of talented performers kick off the season in true holiday fashion!
The Gem Theatre, Garden Grove
714-741-9550 / www.thegemoc.com

Sawdust Art Festival's Winter Fantasy Nov. 22-Dec. 22

Our iconic Laguna Beach eucalyptus grove transforms into a dazzling gallery under the sun and stars. Here, our 175+ artists transform joy into treasures, giving you the chance to gift the extraordinary.
Fri-Sun 10am-7pm / 935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach
949-494-3030 / www.sawdustartfestival.org

Old World Christmas Market Through Dec. 28

Shop for your holiday gifts and enjoy the holiday cheer with food and drinks while listening to the talented Curtis Hoffman playing classical holiday songs!
Sat 1-6pm, Sun 12-4pm / Old World Village, Huntington Beach
714-696-8271 / www.oldworldhnb.com

Winter Fest OC Nov. 28-Jan. 4

SoCal's largest winter festival, featuring ice tubing, ice skating under the star, mini slides, snowball tossing and freshly falling snow. Guests can also enjoy more than 30 carnival rides and attractions, nightly tree lighting ceremonies, live entertainment, holiday treats and immersive photo opportunities.
Lot A, OC Fair & Event Center **www.winterfestoc.com**

La Palma Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 3

Mr. & Ms. Claus will arrive before the Ceremony so families can visit with him and Mrs. Claus. There will also be arts and crafts, a letter to Santa station, and more!
4:30pm / City Hall
714-690-3350 / www.lapalmaca.gov

Aliso Viejo Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting Dec. 4

Holiday cheer, train rides, ornament making, community and aerial performances, snow fall, and Santa. 5-8pm / Town Center Fountain & Amphitheater **949-425-2550 / www.avcity.org**

Stanton Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4

Join us as we welcome Santa Claus for photos, explore captivating 'Holidays Around the World' displays, enjoy a choral performance, and much more.

6:30-8:30pm / Stanton City Hall
714-890-4270 / www.stantonca.gov

Buena Park Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 5

Join us for the lighting of the tree and other special holiday-filled activities!
6-9pm / City Hall
714-562-3500 / www.buenapark.com

Fullerton Tree Lighting Dec. 5

Enjoy live music, performances, food trucks, craft vendors, photos with Santa, classic car show, and the official tree lighting program.
5-9pm / City Hall **www.cityoffullerton.com**

Tustin Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll Dec. 5

Dreamers Market beginning at 5pm. Vendors, snow village, stage performances, photos with Santa, kids activities, and food trucks.
6-8:30pm / Old Town Tustin **www.tustinca.org**

Winter in the Grove Dec. 6

Free refreshments and kids activities. Snowtopia, holiday craft boutique, food, Frosty's photo shop, crafts and carnival games, and entertainment.
3-7pm / Village Green Park, Garden Grove
714-741-5200 / www.ggcity.org

SJC Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 6

Festivities begin with pre-show entertainment, followed by a musical holiday production. The tree lighting will take place at 5:45pm followed by a variety of holiday activities. In addition, the shops within the Los Rios District will offer unique gift shopping, live music and treats.
4-8pm / Historic Town Center Park
949-493-5911 / www.sanjuancapistrano.org

Laguna Niguel Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 6

Enjoy cookie decorating, holiday crafts, games, live entertainment, special moments with Santa, and more.
5-8pm / City Hall **www.cityoflagunaniguel.org**

Yorba Linda Breakfast With Santa Dec. 6

Families are invited to make special memories in our winter wonderland that will include breakfast, crafts, entertainment, and a special one-on-one visit with Santa!
9-11:30am / Yorba Linda Community Center
714-961-7100 / www.yorbalindaca.gov

Los Alamitos Winter Wonderland Dec. 6

Snow play, ice skating rink, tree lighting, snow sledding, musical entertainment, and Santa's Village. 4-7:30pm / 10901 Pine Street **562-430-1073 / www.cityoflosalamitos.org**

Puttin' on the Glitz Dec. 6

A fun and festive evening of late-hours holiday shopping & dining, live music, carolers, sweet treats, street musicians, and community vendor booths offering fun for the whole family.
4-9pm / Avenida Del Mar **www.scdba.org/Glitz**

La Habra Tamale Festival Dec. 6

Live entertainment on three stages, tamales, food vendors, retail vendors, informational booths, children's play activities, a cantina, performances from local dance studios, holiday tree lighting, and a Holiday Firework show!
10am-8pm / 301 S Euclid St.
562-383-4200 / www.lahabratamalefestival.com

Santa's Village by the Sea Dec. 6

One holiday event that brings the Holly Jolly Hoopla and the Glitz on Del Mar together for a night of music, games, cookie decorating, and snow to San Clemente.
4-9pm / Community Center
949-361-8264 / www.san-clemente.org

Ladera Winter Fest Dec. 6

Enjoy an afternoon packed with holiday performances and activities for all ages—from bouncing on inflatables to shopping at the craft fair, playing games, making crafts, and capturing magical moments with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.
2-5pm / Town Green
949-388-8300 / www.laderalife.com

RSM Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 6

Complimentary hot cocoa, and cookies, trail of lights photo op with Mickey & Minnie, create a holiday craft, enjoy the reading of "The Night Before Christmas" while awaiting Santa and Mrs. Claus' arrival by boat.
4-6pm / Lago Santa Margarita Lakeshore
949-709-0010 / www.samlarc.org

La Plaza Park Tree Lighting Dec. 6

Santa and his elves will be arriving at Pines Park on his Jolly Trolley to hand out pre-packaged treats for children up to 12 years of age. Features carolers, hot chocolate, cookies, and the annual tree lighting at 5:15pm.
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949-248-3500 / www.danapoint.org

Boat Rides with Santa Dec. 6-7

Santa will be hearing those Christmas wishes as you cruise the Harbor. Bring your cameras for pictures with Santa. Tickets are \$5 per person and all proceeds will benefit the Soroptimist of Capistrano Bay.
10am-2pm / Dana Wharf Sportfishing docks
949-496-5794 / www.danawharf.com