Sonic Drive-In Christmas Parade DEC 3

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.

Living Bethlehem

DEC 8-10

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.

The Nutcracker

DEC 9 -10

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.

City of Broussard Christmas Parade DEC 10 Begins at the intersection of S. Morgan down Albertsons Pkwy. 1 p.m. 337-837-6681.

Lessons & Carols

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.

Old-Time Christmas at Vermilionville DEC 12-23

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

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 ciderl Perfect for student field trips. 337-233-4077, Vermillonville.org.

Home For Christmas

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 Poddie Parenz & the Hun Citiv All-stars. Charrie Acadianne

Roddie Romero & the Hub City All-stars, Chorale Acadienne singing traditional holiday favorites including selections by GF. Handel, P. Tchaikovsky, I. Berlin, L. Anderson and others. 337-232-4277 ext. 1, AcadianaSymphony.org.

VISIT OUR INFORMATION CENTER

Intersection of I-10 & I-49 1400 N.W. Evangeline Thruway

> I-10 Exit 103-A I-49 South of I-10

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



*Schedule subject to change. For information on dining, lodging and attractions:



Convention and Visitors Commission U.S. 800 346 1958 CANADA 800 543 5340

LafayetteTravel.com

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Country Christmas

NOV 19

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 22

Parc Sans Souci, 201E. Vermilion St., Lafayette. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Join the Pine Leaf Bays for a special Thanksgiving Eve Holiday celebration at Downtown Alivel where the Mayor will light the official city Christmas treel 337-291-5566, DowntownLafayette.org.

Safari of Lights

NOV 24-25, DEC 1-3, 8-30 Zoosiana, Broussard, 5-9 p.m. 3 years old and above \$7. 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.

Noël en Broussard

NOV 29

City Hall, Broussard. Join the city of Broussard for the lighting of their 25-foot Christmas tree. The reception and tree lighting will last from 5.30 - 8 p.m. 337-837-6001.

Christmas in Scott

NOV 30

St. Aubin Park, Scott. 5 – 8 p.m. Farmer's Market opens for

shopping. 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. 337-267-5155. CityOfScott.org.

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, Acadian/Village.org.

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.

Festival of Light DEC 1

Oil Center, Lafayette. 5-9 p.m. Celebrate as the switch is pulled to light the colossal Santa, sleigh and reindeer over Coolidge Bivd. 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. 337-232-267. TheOilCenter.com.

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.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Grand Noel

Downtown Grand Coteau. 4–8 p.m. Start your Christmas shopping with a visit to the streets of historical Grand Coteau. 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. 337-945-4344, CojunTravel.com.

Annual Lighting of the Village DEC 1

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 Noëll 800-424-5442, CityOfOpelousas.com.

Christmas at Coteau DEC 1-2

Schools of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau. This year's schedule of events includes the Holiday Market, Coteau Café, the Friday gourmet luncheon, Cookles 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 10/5 a.m. and 2/£ p.m. in the chapel. SSRCoteau.org.

Christmas Choir Concert

DEC 2

St. John's Episcopal Church, 308 Church St., Washington. Get a little Christmas cheer from one of the few early music ensembles in the state of Louisiana, the Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble. 337-826-7337. CajunTraveLcom.

Eunice Community Concert Band & Choir Christmas Concert DEC 7-8

Liberty Center for the Performing Arts, 200 Park Ave., Eunice. Eunice Community Concert Band & Choir presents the 2017 Christmas concert and includes a variety of styles. This familyfriendly event is designed to get everyone in the holiday mood. 337-457-1776, CajunTravel.com.

Children's Christmas Parade DEC 14

The parade begins at 6 pm. at St. Landry Catholic Church on Union and Main Street, rolls through downtown Opelousas and ends on Creewell Lane. The annual holiday event features colorfully lit Christmas themed floats, marching bands, costumed characters and of course everyone's favorite, Santa Clausi 800-424-5442, CityOfOpelousas.com.

ST. MARTIN PARISH

Breaux Bridge Official Lighting of the Christmas Tree NOV 24

Farmers Merchants Bank & Trust, 100 S. Main St., Breaux Bridge.

Santa will be there to help start our holiday season by officially lighting the Christmas Tree on top of PM Bank in downtown Breaux Bridge. Performances by Brazos Huval School of Music, Yvette Landry and Friends and entertainment from local dance teams. The Coca Cola truck, photo opportunities for the family and morel Events begins at 4 p.m. BreauxBridgeLA.net.

Breaux Bridge Christmas Parade NOV 26

Downtown Main Street. 2 p.m. The Bayou comes to life with the holiday spirit with floats, live entertainment and caroling. The parade will start at the Armory Hail on Bridge Street turning on Rees Street and ending on Refinery Road. For more information call the Bayou Teche Visitors Center at 337-332-8500.

Tour of Homes

DEC 2 St. Martin de Tours Church Square, St. Martinville. 337-394-2235, StMartinville.org/Festivals.html.

Supper on the Square

St. Martin de Tours Church Square, St. Martinville. Stroll around the historic square stopping at numerous historic sites to enjoy a taste of the best Cajun and Creole food in Acadiana. 337-394-2235, StMartinville.org/Festivals.html

St Martin de Tours Lighting of the Square / Bicentennial Closing

DEC 10 St. Martin de Tours Church Square, St. Martinville. 337-394-2235, StMartinville.org/Festivals.html.

IBERIA PARISH

Sounds of the Season with the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra

NOV 26 St. Peters Catholic Church, 108 E. St. Peter St., New Iberia. 3 – 4:30 p.m. Free Christmas concert featuring familiar Christmas songs as well as classical selections. 337-364-1603, IberiaCulturalora.

Window Wonderland

NOV 28 - DEC 31 Main Street, Historic Downtown, New Iberia: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Storefront windows on New Iberia's Historic Main Street play host to festive Holiday Magic on Main themes through the merry season. 337-378-9469, IberiaTravel.net.

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.

Delcambre Christmas Boat Parade DEC 2

Delambre Docks. 411 S. Richard St. 7 a.m.-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.

Jeanerette Christmas Parade

Main Street. 1 – 3 p.m. Christmas parade with Santa Claus, marching bands, dance groups and more. 337-579-2153, IberiaTravel.com.

Shadows Merry Making Season

DEC 4-30 Shadows-on-the-Teche, New Iberia. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission. Tours of Shadows-on-the-Teche Plantation & Gardens decorated for Holiday season. 337-369-6446, ShadowsOnTheTeche.org.

Very Berry Christmas Quest DEC 9

Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce, 111 West Main Street, New Iberia. Family scavengers hunt with activities throughout the day and prize drawings. 337-364-1836, IberiaTravel.com.

Magic on Main Christmas Parade

DEC 9

Main Street, New Iberia. 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Events throughout the day, including a Christmas themed breakfast, craft vendors, food trucks, musical performances and lighting of the Community Christmas Tree. There will be a cutest PJ contest and winners will ride in the parade on the "Santa" float. Magic on Main Christmas Parade with Santa Claus, marching bands and dance groups at 6 p.m. 337-207-5670, IberiaTravel.com.

Delcambre Main Street Christmas Parade DEC 10

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.

Hugo Kringle

Iberia Parish Library, 445 E. Main St., New Iberia. Mike Anderson better known as Hugo Kringle sings Christmas songs and tells stories of growing up with the boy who would become Santa Claus. 337-364-750, IberiaTravel.com.

ACADIA PARISH

Christmas in Crowley "A Holiday Affair." DEC 6 Historic Downtown, Parkerson Ave., Crowley. 6 – 8 p.m. Enjoy Christmas carols, live nativity, children's activities, a light show and morel 337-783-0824 ext. 301.

ST. MARY PARISH

City of Patterson's Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree NOV 26 Morey Park, Main Street Hwy. 182 Downtown Historic District Patterson. 985-395-5205. Cajun Coast.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.

Victorian Christmas at Grevemberg House Museum

DEC 1-31 407 Sterling Rd, Franklin. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults \$10, Seniors & Students \$6, 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.

Christmas on the Cajun Coast DEC 1-31

337-828-2092. CajunCoast.com.

Various locations in St. Mary Parish. Elegant antebelium 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.

Tour of Oaklawn Manor

DEC 10-31

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.

VERMILION PARISH

Abbeville's Annual Christmas Stroll

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.

Abbeville's Christmas Parade

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

