

## **407** 11th Annual Holiday Light Festival

One of the largest holiday-themed events in Southern California, this attraction features a mile-long stretch of lighted displays depicting various seasonal messages. The event can be enjoyed from within a vehicle, a free shuttle on weekends and nightly from December 15, or during a casual walk. This is always one of the most popular holiday activities in Los Angeles.

**WHEN:** Daily November 21 through December 30,  
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
**INFO:** 1- 888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## **408** Reindeer Romp

Santa's Reindeer fly into the L.A. Zoo for Thanksgiving and stay until after the New Year. Kids of all ages can get up close to these beautiful creatures, talk to zookeepers, and make their own antlers and holiday crafts. Santa and friends will be available for souvenir photos and guests can ride the L.A. Zoo Choo Choo train.

**WHEN:** November 22 through January 1, 2008,  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens,  
5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles  
**COST:** Free with paid admission, \$10 Adults, \$5 Children (2-12)  
**SPONSOR:** Los Angeles Zoo  
**INFO:** 323-644-4200, [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)

## **409** Train Ride to Santa's House

Ring in the season with a trip to the North Pole on the Travel Town Railroad, which will take passengers on a magical ride aboard a miniature train. At the end of the line will be Santa's house, brilliantly decorated with festive light displays and scenes of winter to put visitors of all ages in a jolly holiday mood. The nonprofit group Los Angeles Live Steamers conducts the popular program.

**WHEN:** November 24 - 25, December 1 - 2, 8 - 9, 13 - 21,  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Travel Town Museum,  
5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park, Los Angeles  
**COST:** \$6 per round trip  
**SPONSOR:** City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
**INFO:** 1- 888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## **410** Bones and Blues

Bones and Blues is a monthly concert series featuring live blues and jazz music, domino tournaments, and a hearty barbecue dinner.

**WHEN:** November 30, 8:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles  
**COST:** \$15 presale, \$25 at the door  
**SPONSOR:** Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)  
**INFO:** 323-563-5639, [www.wlcac.org](http://www.wlcac.org)

# DECEMBER

## **411** Undiscovered Chinatown Tour

Tours take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of cultural and historical interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and trendiest shops.

**WHEN:** December 1, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Los Angeles Chinatown  
**COST:** \$20  
**SPONSOR:** Chinatown Business Improvement District  
**INFO:** 213-680-0243, [www.chinatownla.com](http://www.chinatownla.com)

## **412** Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade

This annual parade of lighted and decorated boats is a festive start to the holiday season. Public viewing areas along the Main Channel including Banning's Landing (100 E. Water St.), Los Angeles Maritime Museum (Berth 84), and Ports O'Call in San Pedro (Berth 76-79).

**WHEN:** December 1, 6:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Port of Los Angeles Main Channel, San Pedro  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** L.A. Harbor Holiday Afloat Committee  
**INFO:** 1-800-831-PORT, [www.portoflosangeles.org](http://www.portoflosangeles.org)

## **413** Holiday Treats for the Animals

Families can enjoy holiday music, crafts, special presentations, unique photo opportunities, shopping, and more. The Seal and Sea Lion Habitat will be decked out for the "sea"son with frozen "fish-mas" treats. The Aquarium's sea turtles will receive holiday herbivore "cookies" from their stockings.



**WHEN:** December 1 & 2,  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach,  
100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach  
**COST:** Free with Aquarium Admission  
**SPONSOR:** Aquarium of the Pacific  
**INFO:** 562-591-3100,  
[www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

## **414** 8th Annual Civil War Christmas

Experience an authentic replica of a Civil War-era holiday celebration, complete with rustic handmade toys, ornaments, and other decorations, and entertainment including seasonal tunes played on a restored 1864 Steinway box grand piano. Re-enactors of the 116th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company D, will set up camp depicting the Civil War soldiers' holiday. A horse-drawn trolley will take visitors to the nearby Banning Residence Museum to experience its Victorian Christmas program.

**WHEN:** December 1 & 2, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Drum Barracks Civil War Museum,  
1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
**INFO:** 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## **415** Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration

This family event will feature authentic, Victorian-style seasonal decorations, including Christmas trees with handmade ornaments. There will be holiday-themed entertainment and strolling carolers, readings of Victorian Christmas stories, ornament making sessions, and a horse-drawn trolley to take visitors to the nearby Drum Barracks Museum for a Civil War Christmas.

**WHEN:** December 1 & 2, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Banning Residence Museum, 401 East 'M' St., Wilmington  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
**INFO:** 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

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**WHEN:** December 1 – 2, 8 – 9, 13 – 21, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park, Los Angeles  
**COST:** \$6 per round trip  
**SPONSOR:** City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
**INFO:** 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## 417 Holiday Street Festival

This community event features four stages with live entertainment, food booths, and handmade arts and crafts.

WHEN: **December 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Downtown Ventura Cultural District  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Division  
INFO: 805-654-7830, [www.venturastreetfair.com](http://www.venturastreetfair.com)

## 418 Northeast Los Angeles Holiday Parade & WinterFest



This is the second oldest parade in Los Angeles, serving the community for 63 years. Come with the family to the parade and stay for WinterFest.

WHEN: **December 2, 12:00 noon**  
SITE: Avenue 60 and N. Figueroa, Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Highland Park Chamber of Commerce & the North Figueroa Association  
INFO: 323-255-5030

## 419 Victorian Christmas House Tour

The Grier Musser Museum will host its annual Christmas party in a festive Victorian, turn-of-the-century restored setting. There will be guided tours and refreshments.

WHEN: **December 2, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Grier Musser Museum, 403 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles  
COST: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children  
SPONSOR: Grier Musser Museum  
INFO: 213-413-1814, [www.griermussermuseum.com](http://www.griermussermuseum.com)

## 420 Granada Hills Holiday Parade

This holiday parade includes equestrians, floats, bands, drill teams, novelty groups, service clubs, and civic organizations.

WHEN: **December 2, 2:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Chatsworth St. between Petit Ave. and Zelzah Ave.  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce  
INFO: 877-233-5753, [www.grnadachamber.com](http://www.grnadachamber.com)

## 421 Los Angeles Music Week

This is a weeklong celebration of the music scene in Los Angeles featuring various styles of music in concert venues citywide. Special events for children.

WHEN: **December 2 through 9, call for times**  
SITE: Various sites, check website  
COST: Various prices  
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Music Week  
INFO: 310-670-6898, [www.los-angeles-music-week.com](http://www.los-angeles-music-week.com)



Vicki Evans

## **422** 1st Thursday San Pedro ART Walk

On the first Thursday of each month, the artists, entertainers, and business people of San Pedro celebrate the arts with an evening of open galleries, studios, street vendors, and live entertainment in the downtown San Pedro Arts District. Downtown San Pedro is magically transformed into a village of creativity surrounded by historical architecture, including the magnificent Warner Grand Theatre, quaint restaurants and cafes, plus plenty of places to shop for unusual items and gifts. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable evening in this seaside village.

WHEN: **December 6, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts.  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
INFO: [www.1stthursday.com](http://www.1stthursday.com)

## **423** Candy Cane Craft Fair

Join us for a great day of holiday shopping for unique handmade gifts from a variety of crafters.

WHEN: **December 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Diamond Bar Center, 1600 S. Grand Ave., Diamond Bar  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of Diamond Bar  
INFO: 909-839-7070, [www.cityofdiamondbar.com](http://www.cityofdiamondbar.com)

## **424** San Dimas Family HolidayFest

An event for the entire family, featuring live entertainment, children's rides, an arts and crafts fair, and 9 tons of snow on Mt. San Dimas. Join the Santa's R Us Parade!

WHEN: **December 8,  
Raindate  
December 15,  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

SITE: San Dimas Civic Center Park, 245 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas

COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of San Dimas Parks and Recreation Department  
INFO: 909-394-6230, [www.cityofsandimas.com](http://www.cityofsandimas.com)



Leon Raya

## **425** Winter Snow Fest

A family festival featuring a snow play area, snowman building, children's game booths, a holiday craft boutique, tree decorating, and photos with Santa.

WHEN: **December 8, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Dr., Diamond Bar  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of Diamond Bar  
INFO: 909-839-7070, [www.cityofdiamondbar.com](http://www.cityofdiamondbar.com)

## **426** Chatsworth Holiday Parade & Festival

The community event and parade is a 24-year neighborhood tradition full of holiday spirit.

WHEN: **December 8, 1:00 p.m.**  
SITE: From Devonshire and Canoga to Winnetka and Plummer, Chatsworth  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Kiwanis Club of Chatsworth  
INFO: 818-489-6423, [www.chatsworthkiwanis.com](http://www.chatsworthkiwanis.com)

## **427 Pomona Art Walk**

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second Saturday of the month that brings big crowds to stroll the streets. Over a dozen galleries host receptions and open houses to showcase their latest exhibits and artists. Music, food, wine, and art from 6:00 p.m. on into the evening.

**WHEN:** December 8, 5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
**SITE:** Garey Park, 2nd & 3rd, Downtown Pomona  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** Pomona Arts Colony  
**INFO:** [www.metropomona.com](http://www.metropomona.com)

## **428 Navidad en la Calle Ocho**

The Christmas Navidad en la Calle Ocho festival is considered the biggest toy giveaway and one of the most important festivals in the community. This two-day event will include entertainment on four stages, free toys



and products, clowns, and small rides. Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas spirit and the happiness of children.

**WHEN:** December 8 & 9, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** 8th St. at Normandie Ave., Los Angeles  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** Edgar N. Palacios Children's Foundation  
**INFO:** 213-388-8291, [www.calleochola.com](http://www.calleochola.com)

## **429 5th Annual Nutcracker in the City Holiday Performances**

This is a contemporary version of the traditional holiday favorite, featuring a variety of cross-cultural dance styles, including jazz, hip-hop, and ballet, as well as East Indian, Egyptian, Russian, Chinese, and Spanish. Adults and youth students in Department of Recreation and Parks dance and/or drama classes will perform in and produce the full-length shows.

**WHEN:** December 8 & 9, Saturday 2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.,  
Sunday 2:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** To Be Announced  
**COST:** \$10  
**SPONSOR:** City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
**INFO:** 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## **430 El Día de Nuestra Señora la Virgen de Guadalupe**

The event features an altar to La Virgen, traditional food and drinks, an art exhibition to honor her, and a market where you can buy remembrances of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

**WHEN:** December 12, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Rock Rose Gallery, 4108 N. Figueroa, Sycamore Grove  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council  
& Recreation, Culture and the Arts  
**INFO:** 626-831-7970

## **431 Downtown Art Walk**

The Downtown Art Walk is a monthly, self-guided tour of the art exhibition venues in Downtown Los Angeles, which includes commercial art galleries, public museums, non-profit spaces, and grassroots arts venues.

**WHEN:** December 13, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Downtown Los Angeles  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** Gallery Row Organization  
**INFO:** 213-842-8574, [www.downtownartwalk.com](http://www.downtownartwalk.com)

### **432 Las Posadas**

This presentation of the nine-day journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem is depicted with singing, a candlelight procession, and the breaking of a piñata.

WHEN: **December 16 through 24, 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m.**  
SITE: El Pueblo Monument, Placita Olvera,  
125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants  
INFO: 213-485-9769, 213-485-8372, [www.calleolvera.com](http://www.calleolvera.com)

### **433 Las Posadas y Más**

This multi-cultural festival celebrates not only Las Posadas, but also celebrates Hannukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. It combines the traditional Posadas with a Mercado de Ruedas so you can purchase that special, unique, handmade gift.

WHEN: **December 16 through 24, various times**  
SITE: Rock Rose Gallery, 4108 N. Figueroa, Sycamore Grove  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council & Recreation, Culture and the Arts  
INFO: 626-831-7970

### **434 L.A. County Holiday Celebration**

Choirs, instrumental groups, and dance companies representing the many cultures of Los Angeles celebrate the season with seasonally-themed music and dance from across the cultural spectrum. Around 1,500 performers from 35 groups, chosen by competitive application, participate in this event.

WHEN: **December 24, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Door opens at 2:30 p.m.**  
SITE: Music Center, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion,  
135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: Free. Parking under the Music Center is free for this event  
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission  
INFO: 213-972-3099, [www.lacountyarts.org](http://www.lacountyarts.org)

### **435 Lula Washington Dance Theatre Kwanza Celebration**

The Kwanzaa Celebration includes a gala reception and performance and two public performances. This is a great way to bring the family together. Live music accompanies jubilant dances that span the African Diaspora, with spoken word, singing, special guests, and celebrities.

WHEN: **December 27 through 29, call for time**  
SITE: 3773 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles  
COST: To be announced  
SPONSOR: Lula Washington and Guests  
INFO: 323-292-5852, [www.lulawashington.com](http://www.lulawashington.com)

### **436 Bones and Blues**

Bones and Blues is a monthly concert series featuring live blues and jazz music, domino tournaments, and a hearty barbecue dinner.

WHEN: **December 28, 8:00 p.m.**  
SITE: The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles  
COST: \$15 presale, \$25 at the door  
SPONSOR: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)  
INFO: 323-563-5639, [www.wlcac.org](http://www.wlcac.org)