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WHEN: **November 28 - 29, December 4 - 6, 11 - 13, 16 - 23, 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: 323-661-8030, www.laparks.org

DECEMBER

348 11th Annual Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Situated amid the downtown skyscrapers, the rink will be open for ice skating daily, including holidays. There will also be a variety of free activities, including concerts covering an array of genres, youth hockey clinics, the Winter Holiday Festival, a preview of Disney on Ice, and more.

WHEN: **December through January 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: \$8 per hour
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Kings & City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 213-847-4970, www.laparks.org

349 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

The City of Inglewood invites everyone to join Inglewood's Mayor and Council Members for the City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will include entertainment, arts and crafts, refreshments for all, and a special holiday visit by Santa.

WHEN: **December 3, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Historic Market Street, 101 N. Market St., Inglewood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Inglewood
INFO: 310-412-8700

350 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 3, 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

351 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

This is the official start of the holiday season on historic Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles. See the illumination of the entire plaza and the Christmas tree. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and family entertainment.

WHEN: **December 4, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

352 6th Annual Winter Holiday Festival at Downtown on Ice

This seasonal celebration during Downtown on Ice includes a snow zone with real snow, outdoor ice skating, holiday-themed make-and-take arts and crafts, tree decorating contests, live entertainment, music, and puppet shows. The event also features an artisan area, a food court, with a Teen Night on Friday, and family days on the weekend.

WHEN: **December 4 through 6, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
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354 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 5, 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

355 Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade

This annual parade of lighted and decorated boats is a festive start to the holiday season. View dozens of boats parade down the Main Channel of the Port of Los Angeles.

WHEN: **December 5, 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Port of Los Angeles Main Channel, San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Port of Los Angeles
INFO: 1-800-831-PORT, www.portoflosangeles.org

356 Civil War Christmas Celebration

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 5 & 6, 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: 310-548-7509, www.laparks.org, www.drumbarracks.org

357 8th 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 5 & 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Banning Residence Museum, 401 East 'M' St., Wilmington
COST: \$5 Donation (Adults)
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7777, www.laparks.org, www.banningmuseum.org

358 Holiday Street Festival

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

WHEN: December 6, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Downtown Ventura
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Division
INFO: 805-654-7830, www.venturastreetfair.com

359 Hanukkah Family Festival

The Skirball Cultural Center presents its annual Hanukkah Family Festival that welcomes people of all backgrounds to celebrate the holiday of light, freedom, and dedication. Families can enjoy the festival through a variety of activities including performances, storytelling, art workshops, gallery tours, and more.

WHEN: December 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors, Students, and Children over 12, \$5 Children; Free to members and children under 2
SPONSOR: Skirball Cultural Center
INFO: 310-440-4500, www.skirball.org



Peter Turman/Courtesy Skirball Cultural Center

360 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 6, 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

361 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 6 through 13, 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

362 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 10, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

363 Virgen de Guadalupe Celebration

Celebrating the Virgen de Guadalupe's appearance to native Mexican St. Juan Diego in 1531. The event includes food, shopping, and family entertainment.

WHEN: **December 11 & 12, All Day**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

364 2009 Echo Park Community Parade

This is a community event and parade full of holiday spirit. The festival features entertainment, ethnic, food, and much more.

WHEN: **December 12, 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Begins at Elysian Park Avenue and travels along Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Echo Park Holiday Parade Committee
INFO: 323-664-2412, www.echoparkcommunityparade.com

365 Santa's Workshop

The City of Inglewood will host a hands-on holiday craft workshop. Everyone will have the opportunity to make holiday crafts. Workshops will include creative Christmas cards, holiday picture frames, stamped holiday gift wrap, ornament making, personalized stockings, and more. Other activities include face painting, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa. Take home your creations and get a jump start on the holiday season.

WHEN: **December 12, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Darby Park, 3400 W. Arbor Vitae, Inglewood
COST: \$3
SPONSOR: The City of Inglewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department
INFO: 310-412-5391

366 Navidad en la Calle Ocho, LA

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 12 & 13, 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



367 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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 12 & 26, 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

368 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 each night.

WHEN: **December 16 through 24, 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument

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369 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

370 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 25, 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