

Guide to Christmas at Walt Disney World



Disney World comes alive during the Christmas Season! To us, this is the *most magical* time of year at Disney World! You can enjoy an amazing light display at Disney's Hollywood Studios, with millions of twinkling lights, dancing to your favorite Christmas music. You can watch Goofy Santa as he makes his way down Main Street USA, for the Once Upon a Christmastime Parade. You can even see your favorite actor recite the story of Christmas at Epcot. *A Disney World Christmas is extra magical!*



Christmas at Disney's Hollywood Studios

Discover all of the Christmas magic of old Hollywood at Disney's Hollywood Studios at Walt Disney World. Disney's Hollywood Studios is decorated for the Christmas Season in the typical Hollywood style. Each section of the park is decorated with greenery, lights, and festive ornaments. The highlight for the Holidays at this Theme Park is the Osborne Family Spectacle of

Dancing Lights. This is the most amazing light display you will ever see!

This attraction is named after the Osborne Family that created this original light display in their home town of Little Rock, Arkansas. They kept adding lights and decorations to their home until they reached over 3 millions lights. Their display got so large that the government told them they had to shut down the light display. Disney stepped in and offered to display their lights at Disney's Hollywood Studios. This light display is now available for all guests to see and enjoy.



Originally the lights did not flash, but they recently improved the light display to actually dance to music. This is the most incredible light display, live to music. This is a walking display that covers several blocks at the Streets of America, near Muppet Vision 3-D and Lights, Motors, Action! This area does get very very crowded, so be prepared for the crowds. The lights turn on around dusk and stay on until about 1 hour after Disney's Hollywood Studios close. These lights are a must see for everyone.

The Osborne Spectacle of Dancing Lights event runs through early January.

Christmas Season at Epcot

Epcot at the Walt Disney World Resort is extra magical this time of year! Both Future World and World Showcase (which are the two sections of Epcot) are decorated for the Holidays. The Future World is decorated with lots of greenery, lights and futuristic decorations. Moving into World Showcase, each country is decorated for the Holidays Around the World. The decorations are based on the typical decorations from that country. It is a great way to learn about other countries and cultures. Many of these countries even have entertainment based on their celebrations of the seasons including storytellers and Disney Characters.

The most popular entertainment at Epcot for the season is the Candlelight Processional in the American Adventure. This amazing show is included with your paid admission into Epcot. This show starts off with hundreds of singers with candles walking into the theater. It is just beautiful. There is even a 50 piece orchestra. During the show, there is a celebrity that reads the story of Christmas.

During the show, there are lots of beautiful songs. It is one of the most popular shows during the Holiday Season. Since it is so popular, seating fills up quickly. Plan on arriving to the designated line in the American Adventure at least 1 hour prior to showtime. You do not have to sit in the theater to get a great view. Most locals and Annual Passholders, find a spot to sit outside of the theater, along the white gate. This way, you can grab a quick dinner and then just sit and wait for the show instead of





standing in an hour line to maybe or maybe not get a seat. Another popular way to be guaranteed a seat for the Candlelight Processional is by booking the Candlelight Processional Dinner Package. You can enjoy lunch or dinner at one of the popular Epcot Restaurants with this package and

you will guaranteed a seat for one of the shows. The seating for the Candlelight Processional is free, but you do have to pay for your sit down meal with this package.

The show times are at 5:00, 6:45, and 8:15 PM daily. Here are the celebrities appearing for the Candlelight Processional at Epcot:

- Gary Sinise for November 29 to December 1, 2013
- Neil Patrick Harris for December 2 to December 3, 2013
- Ashley Judd for December 4 to December 5
- Whoopi Goldberg for December 6 to December 7, 2013
- Sigourney Weaver for December 8 to December 10, 2013
- Dennis Haysbert for December 11 to December 13, 2013
- James Denton for December 14 to December 16, 2013
- Edward James Olmos for December 17 to December 19, 2013
- Trace Adkins for December 20 to December 22, 2013
- Steven Curtis Chapman for December 23 to December 25, 2013
- Blair Underwood for December 26 to December 28, 2013
- Amy Grant for December 29 to December 30, 2013

For the Holiday Season, be sure to enjoy the beauty of the Candlelight Processional and the Holidays Around The World at Epcot.



Christmas Season at Magic Kingdom

Magic Kingdom is one of the most popular parks for the holidays with sparkling decorations including colorful ornaments, greenery, and even snow. Yes, it does snow in Florida (only at Magic Kingdom). You can enjoy all of the beautiful decorations, but to really get into the Christmas Spirit, you have to attend the special event called Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party. This special event party is held on select nights through mid-

December. During this party, you can enjoy many of the regular Magic Kingdom rides and attractions. Plus, you will have some other special activities including a special fireworks show, Christmas parade, snow on Main Street USA, Disney Characters in their holiday best attire, cocoa and cookies, Mickey's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" show, a special story telling with Belle, and much more. You can even purchase special souvenirs from this special event.

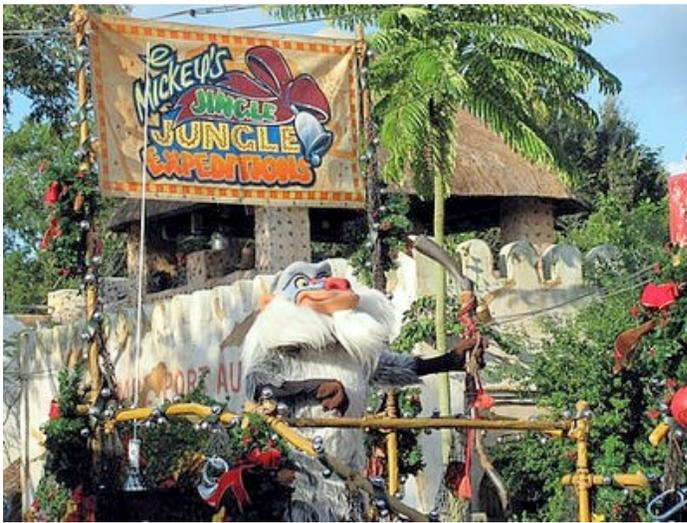
We have been attending this event for over 10 years. It is one of those special events that really gets your family in the Christmas spirit. We highly recommend this special event for your family. The evening kicks off at 7 p.m. and continues until midnight.

When daylight has passed during the holiday season, Magic Kingdom guests can behold a



breathtaking transformation during the Castle Dream Lights ceremony. Cinderella and favorite characters decked out in holiday garb take to the stage and magically transform Cinderella Castle into an ice palace aglow with 200,000 white lights – a perfect centerpiece to a park all decked out with wreaths, bows, garland and towering Christmas trees.

Christmas Season at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Theme Park



The wild side of Animal Kingdom blends with a playful spirit of the holidays during “Mickey’s Jingle Jungle Parade.” Mickey and pals present seasonal melodies with a world beat twist during a whimsical cavalcade throughout the park. The high-energy afternoon parade runs daily through January.

Santa Goofy’s Holiday Village is adorned with festive décor and perfectly trimmed Christmas trees and crooning carolers. And Santa Goofy and spirited friends greet guests for photo opportunities.

Christmas Season at Downtown Disney

The Downtown Disney Marketplace and West Side also celebrated the Christmas Season with meet and greets with Santa, live entertainment and beautiful decorations. From mid-November through December, you can meet Santa in the afternoon/evening hours at Downtown Disney Marketplace.

Besides Santa, there will be lots of live entertainment including choirs from local schools, Dj's with dance parties, dance performers, and much more. The Downtown Disney Marketplace is free.

For pictures with Santa, you can either use your own camera or the Disney Photographer can take pictures for PhotoPass. Besides Santa and live entertainment, you may want to hit the train for younger kids or the carousel for everyone else. To pick up your favorite Christmas souvenirs, stop by the Disney Christmas store to get an ornament, stocking, or just a fun Disney holiday souvenir.



Don't forget all of the great shopping around Downtown Disney including the 12 Days of Christmas store at the Downtown Disney Marketplace.

Christmas Season at the Disney World Resorts

The Walt Disney World Resorts even get into the Christmas spirit! All of the Disney World Resorts decorate with the theme of the resort. There are a few Disney Resorts that are extra special including Disney's Grand Floridian Resort and Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts. These three resorts add a little extra magic to their decorations.

Disney's Grand Floridian Resort features a 16 foot gingerbread house! As you walk into the lobby of Disney's Grand Floridian Resort you can smell the sweet gingerbread and



notice the amazing house. This house is made with 800 pounds of flour and 600 pounds of sugar. You can walk around the Gingerbread House and even purchase Gingerbread Cookies. The sell the cookies inside the Gingerbread House. It is an amazing site for all holiday

seekers.

Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts features extra fun decorations for the holidays. Disney's Yacht Club Resort has a holiday train display. Adults and children can spend hours watching the trains move around the holiday display. If you want to smell more gingerbread, walk over to Disney's Beach Club Resort to see the carousel made completely of gingerbread. You can even spot "hidden Mickeys" on the Gingerbread Carousel.

Recreational Activities for the Christmas Season

You can enjoy some recreational activities at Walt Disney World filled with Christmas cheer. Disney has a miniature golf course called Winter Summerland. The whole golf course is themed after Santa Claus and Christmas. There are two golf courses to choose from including winter or summer. Both are themed with Christmas elves, snowmen, Mickey Mouse, Goofy, and even Santa. They are great fun for an afternoon or evening of Christmas fun!

For an evening of Christmas lights, you may want to try a Horse Drawn Carriage Ride at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort. The RV campsites are all aglow with Christmas lights, decorations, and inflatables. The carriage ride runs in the evening hours for a small fee for up to 4 riders. It is a great way to add some Christmas cheer to your vacation at Disney World.

There are so many magical activities to enjoy over the Christmas holidays at Disney World. Add a little extra cheer to your vacation with these fun-filled activities from Christmas lights at Disney's Hollywood Studios to mini-golf at Winter Summerland.



Enjoy your vacation to Disney World and have a Merry Christmas!