



## Holiday Cheer is Lighting up the Bluegrass State

*Magnificent Décor and Cherished Comfort Food Show Kentucky's True Warmth*

**KENTUCKY, November 2019:** Kentucky offers the best of both worlds this holiday season: southern hospitality and crisp winter weather. While the temperature goes down, the cheer and warmth of the Bluegrass State welcomes travelers to experience the charm of the season from amazing light displays and quaint Christmas villages to down-home holiday cooking.

Please see below for Kentucky's most anticipated holiday events and cherished comfort food traditions.

### **NEW: Winter Woods Spectacular, Louisville: Nov. 30 – Dec. 31**

This half-mile drive through Iroquois Park, designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, who also designed New York City's Central Park, will illuminate the night with brilliant lights and artistry. Explorers will be transported to an ethereal winter wonderland in the heart of the city at this brand-new experience. For more information, please visit: [www.winterwoodsspectacular.com](http://www.winterwoodsspectacular.com)

### **Lights Under Louisville at Louisville Mega Cavern, Louisville: Nov. 15 – Jan. 14**

The only underground light show of its kind in the world, this 30-minute open-top tram or car ride winds through 17 miles of underground passageways, featuring more than 850 lit characters with 3 million points of light. Families can add breakfast with Santa for a truly magical experience. For more information, please visit: [www.lightsunderlouisville.com](http://www.lightsunderlouisville.com)

### **Holiday Traditions at Behringer Crawford Museum Center, Covington: Nov. 19 – Jan. 5**

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Toy Train display is a cherished family tradition as miniature trains click-clack around 250 feet of track and more than 30 guest-activated displays. The entire museum will be alive with holiday music, lights and spirit throughout. For more information, please visit: [www.bcmuseum.org/activities/holiday-traditions-bcm](http://www.bcmuseum.org/activities/holiday-traditions-bcm)

### **Christmas Comes to Logan County: Nov. 21 and Nov. 24**

This tight-knit community comes together for the holidays to support those in need and celebrate the season. The Bro. Joe's Christmas Toys for Tots Breakfast kicks off the season on Nov. 21 at the Logan Extension Complex. Next up, the Downtown Russellville Christmas Open House on Nov. 24 transforms

downtown with special trolley and carriage rides, shopping, food, singing and more. For more information, please visit: [www.facebook.com/events/425089894866722](https://www.facebook.com/events/425089894866722)

**Light up the Levee, Newport: Nov. 23**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Light Up the Levee draws crowds from across northern Kentucky and southern Ohio to officially kick off the holiday season. The evening begins with Santa's grand helicopter arrival followed by family activities, the season's first snowfall, live music, the lighting of a 50-foot tree with 1.4 million lights and even more surprises. For more information, please visit:

[www.facebook.com/events/446067826262844](https://www.facebook.com/events/446067826262844)

**Southern Lights Holiday Festival at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington: Nov. 29 – Dec. 31**

This stunning driving tour of holiday lights is one of the top 20 holiday events in the Southeast, drawing over 120,000 visitors to Lexington each year. After the tour, guests can enjoy a free petting zoo, train ride and meet-and-greet with Santa. For more information, please visit:

[www.khpfoundation.org/programs/featured-events/southern-lights-holiday-festival](http://www.khpfoundation.org/programs/featured-events/southern-lights-holiday-festival)

**Winter Wonderland with Scuba Santa, Newport: Nov. 29 – Dec. 31**

The Newport Aquarium welcomes the whole family to discover the magic of Scuba Santa's Water Wonderland and celebrate the holidays under the sea. Kids can meet playful elves straight from the North Pole and tell Scuba Santa what they want for Christmas. For more information, please visit:

[www.newportaquarium.com/Visitor-Tips/Aquarium-Events/Scuba-Santa-Water-Wonderland](http://www.newportaquarium.com/Visitor-Tips/Aquarium-Events/Scuba-Santa-Water-Wonderland)

**Ark Encounter, Williamstown: Nov. 29 – Dec. 30**

Christmas is a special time to visit this life size replica of Noah's Ark, as the gardens are illuminated in rainbow-colored lights, animated shows share Christmas messages and special concerts inspire the spirit of the season. Many activities are free, and visitors have the option to add premium experiences, such as a Christmas buffet and ice skating. For more information, please visit: [www.arkencounter.com](http://www.arkencounter.com)

**Christmas Town at the Creation Museum, Petersburg: Nov. 29 – Dec 30**

Guests may tour the dazzling garden of lights and reflect on the true meaning of the season as they watch the live nativity at the free annual Christmas Town at the Creation Museum. A sister attraction to the Ark Encounter, the state-of-the-art museum welcomes guests to venture through biblical history, explore exhibits, botanical gardens, a planetarium and much more. For more information, please visit:

[www.creationmuseum.org](http://www.creationmuseum.org)

**Logan County Christmas Parades: Nov. 31 | Dec. 1 | Dec. 8 | Dec. 14**

Christmas parades are a cherished tradition throughout Kentucky, but Santa Claus himself might mistake Logan County for the North Pole come December. The Adairville Christmas Parade will take place on Nov. 31, followed by the Schochoh Christmas Parade and special candlelight service on Dec. 1 at Red River Meeting House. But, it doesn't end there! On Dec. 14 the Lewisburg Christmas Parade and the Quality Christmas Parade invite locals and visitors alike to come together to donate to local causes and celebrate the season.

**Ward Hall Christmas Candlelight Tours, Georgetown: Dec. 6 – 17**

The grand and gracious Greek revival style mansion will be resplendent with the glow of candlelight during its annual Christmas Candlelight Tours. Guests can explore the 12,000-square-foot villa and hear stories of Sallie Ward, the “Belle of Louisville,” who loved nothing more than scandalizing polite society. For more information, please visit: [www.facebook.com/events/550037959094363](https://www.facebook.com/events/550037959094363)

**South Union Shaker Village Holiday Market, Auburn: Dec. 6-7 | Dec. 17**

Featuring over 30 regional antique vendors and artists, the South Union Shaker Village Holiday Market is the perfect place for holiday shopping! A canned food drive and item donation will also be available for visitors to give back to those in need. Later in the month, the Fountain Square Players will perform a Charles Dickens’ classic in the Centre House on Dec. 17, bringing *A Christmas Carol* to life. For more information, please visit: [www.southunionshakervillage.com/special-events](http://www.southunionshakervillage.com/special-events)

**Illuminated Evenings at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill: Dec. 7, 14 and 21**

During the holiday season, Shaker Village will bustle with light-hearted moments that remind guests to delight in life’s simple gifts with family and friends as festive music and candlelight illuminate the Village. In addition to regular holiday festivities, Illuminated Evenings will feature holiday music, roaring fires, twinkling lights and special visits with Mrs. Claus! The Village is accepting donations for the Shaker Village Giving Tree. For more information, please visit: <https://shakervillageky.org/>

**Grinch Saved Christmas Parade and Downtown Open House, Auburn: Dec. 7 - 8**

The Grinch Saved Christmas Parade through downtown Auburn includes a decorated float contest, cookies and cocoa with Santa, as well as a toy drive for the Auburn School’s Family Resource and Youth Service Center. The next day, the Downtown Open House invites everyone to shop local and connect with neighbors.

**New Riff Holiday Dinner at the Kentucky Castle, Versailles: Dec. 19**

Perfect for the romantic night out, the New Riff Holiday Dinner at The Kentucky Castle will begin with an opening reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and a welcome cocktail, followed by a guided whiskey flight with New Riff Bourbon and a festive dinner paired with cocktails. Guests will even learn how to make a specialty craft cocktail to try at home! For more information, please visit: [www.facebook.com/events/2451886315068879](https://www.facebook.com/events/2451886315068879)

**BB Riverboats Holiday Lunch Cruise, Newport: Select Dates Thanksgiving – New Year’s Eve**

BB Riverboats is excited to offer special two-hour holiday themed cruises between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Eve. Passengers can enjoy a seasonal menu, beautiful views, games and entertainment on board. Saturday cruises will even feature a special guest: Santa Claus himself! For more information, please visit: [www.bbriverboats.com/cruises/holiday-lunch-cruise](http://www.bbriverboats.com/cruises/holiday-lunch-cruise)

**Patti’s 1880’s Settlement and Patti’s Famous Sawdust Pie Recipe, Grand Rivers: Ongoing**

Each year, Patti’s 1880’s Settlement lights up the town of Grand Rivers with over 750,000 Christmas lights. There’s no better sweet treat for the occasion than Patti’s Famous Sawdust Pie a meringue pie with pecans, coconut and graham cracker crumbs. For the full recipe, please visit: [www.spaces.hightail.com/space/b1TzTDVXJk](http://www.spaces.hightail.com/space/b1TzTDVXJk)

## **About Kentucky**

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