



DOWNTOWN

HOLIDAY ❄️ GUIDE



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Inner Harbor Ice Rink

November 10–January 15

Inner Harbor Amphitheater

Put on your skates and glide under the stars with waterfront views of Baltimore's neon-lit skyline at the Inner Harbor Ice Rink waterfrontpartnership.org

Christmas Village in Baltimore

November 18–December 24

Inner Harbor West Shore Park

The unique atmosphere with thousands of holiday lights, the big Gluhwine Pyramid, and the delicious smell of waffles & gingerbread. Family weekend filled with kids' activities awaits December 9 & 10. The whole festival grounds are free to the public on every weekday. baltimore-christmas.com

The Polar Express Train Ride

November 24–26,

December 1–3, 8–10 & 15–19

B&O Railroad Museum, 901 W. Pratt St.

Climb aboard The Polar Express to create a memory to cherish forever! Come in pajamas to watch the live performance of *The Polar Express*. borail.org

The Roller Wave

November 24–January 28

Baltimore Peninsula

Grab some skates and hit the rink at Holiday Remix. Bring your friends and family to skate all day, or skate the night away at the adults-only skate. baltimorepeninsula.com/holiday-remix

Couture Tree Competition

November 27–January 6

Lord Baltimore Hotel, 20 W. Baltimore St.

View an impressive display of over 20 highly designed trees, from both seasoned and new designers. lordbaltimorehotel.com

Crabs for Christmas

December 2

Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy.

Join David DeBoy as he performs his 1981 hit "Crabs for Christmas" and many other Balto-centric songs. thebmi.org/programs-events/crabs-for-christmas

Olde Tyme Christmas

December 2

Fells Point

Kick off the day with Santa arriving on a tugboat and end with the lighting of the neighborhood tree and a whole lot of fun in between. fellspointmainstreet.org

Parade of Lighted Boats

December 2

Sail Baltimore, Inner Harbor, Fells Point, and Canton

Watch creatively decorated vessels as they parade through the harbor in holiday style! sailbaltimore.org/events

WTMD Saturday Morning Kids Tunes

December 2

Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House St., 3rd Floor

Saturday Morning Tunes presents the music of Taylor Swift for kids (and parents too!), performed live by rising star Enslow and her band. baltimorepeninsula.com/holiday-remix

Breakfast with Santa & Friends

December 2–17

Baltimore Zoo, One Safari Place

Enjoy a breakfast on the Zoo's Mansion House Porch, create unique seasonal crafts, and meet one of Santa's feathered friends (think penguin). marylandzoo.org

Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Tree Lighting & Open House **FREE**

December 6

Baltimore City Hall, 100 Holliday St.

Join Mayor Scott in kicking off the season with his annual tree lighting, filled with song, dance, and performances. Come back to visit all weekend long for free activities. mayor.baltimorecity.gov/events

The Pratt's Winter Windows **FREE**

December 7–January 15

Enoch Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Festive winter window installations on the monumental Central Library. prattlibrary.org

Toymaker Pajama Party

December 15

Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St.

Make a toy for yourself or as a gift for a friend as you engineer bouncy balls, design paper walkers and create shrinking ornaments. End the night by gazing up at the winter sky in a live planetarium show. PJ parties are all the fun of a sleepover without the overnight stay! mdsci.org

Cookies & Caboozes **FREE**

December 9 & 16

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

Kids can spend time with Santa, enjoy a train ride, create seasonal crafts, eat cookies, drink hot cocoa, and watch *The Polar Express* for free. Held at Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center and Cahill Recreation Center respectively. bcpr.baltimorecity.gov

Holly Jolly Trolley Tours

December 9–December 31

Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, 550 Light St.

Hop aboard a decorated modern trolley and see festive light displays while learning a little Baltimore history. The 90 minute family-friendly tour, conducted by a Baltimore Rent-A-Tour expert guide amerlimo.com/services/holly-jolly-christmas-trolley-tours/

New Year's Eve at the Harbor

December 31

Inner Harbor Amphitheater

Countdown to 2024 with games, music and fireworks lighting the sky above the Harbor promotionandarts.org

Harbor Point Ice Festival

January 27

Harbor Point Central Plaza, 1300 Point St.

Watch talented artists use chainsaws and chisels to create spectacular ice sculptures right before your eyes. Stick around for hot drinks, cool tunes, and plenty of icy fun harborpoint.com/hp-ice-festival

LOOKING FOR UNIQUE GIFTS TO WOW?

Find locally-owned retailers, handcrafted Baltimore products, and special shopping events on the last page!

ANNUAL MONUMENT LIGHTING

December 7
Mount Vernon Place

Monument Lighting is a joyous event culminating with a spectacular fireworks display. Guests enjoy musical performances on stage, while having a tasty bite of food from a holiday vendor village. The Washington Monument is decked out with thousands of LED light strings which are illuminated as the fireworks begin. mountvernonplace.org



The Walters Art Museum Open House **FREE** 600 N. Charles St.

Stop by the Walters Art Museum from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for free activities for all ages. Warm up with hot chocolate (while supplies last!), enjoy performances, and explore their newest exhibition, Ethiopia at the Crossroads. thewalters.org

Maryland Center for History and Culture Open House **FREE** 610 Park Ave.

Visit MCHC during the lighting to enjoy holiday postcard decorating, hot chocolate, and warm cider to commemorate the unofficial opening of the holiday season in Baltimore. Free Museum admission between 5 and 8 pm. mdhistory.org

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Cinderella

November 25–December 23

Center Stage, 700 N. Calvert St.

Blending classic and contemporary versions of *Cinderella*, this version follows Cinderella's magical transformation with the help of her fairy godmother. Enjoyable for all generations. centerstage.org

'Twas the Night Before... by Cirque du Soleil

December 1–3

Hippodrome Theatre, 12 N. Eutaw St.

A thrilling interpretation of the well-known holiday classic, 'Twas the Night Before..., as only Cirque du Soleil could conjure it. france-merrickpac.com

A Christmas Carol

December 1–23

Chesapeake Shakespeare Theatre,
7 S. Calvert St

Forge cherished memories with loved ones during Dickens' hauntingly beautiful tale. chesapeake-shakespeare.com

Midweek: The Nutcracker: A Magical Tale In Mount Vernon

December 6

Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St.

Get ready to be swept away by excerpts of this reimagined version of *The Nutcracker* set in the Baltimore neighborhood of Mount Vernon, featuring inspiration from community landmarks such as The Walters Art Gallery,

Restaurante Tio Pepe, and even the Fireworks from the Monument Lighting! bsomusic.org

How The Grinch Stole Christmas In Concert

December 7–9

Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St.

Why is the Grinch such a grouch? No one seems to know, until little Cindy Lou Who takes matters into her own hands and turns both Whoville and the Grinch's world upside down, inside out and funny side up in her search for the true meaning of Christmas. bsomusic.org

The Nutcracker

December 8–16

Baltimore School for the Arts,
712 Cathedral St.

A fresh spin on the classic performance, including the high school and TWIGS dance ensembles. bsfa.org

State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine Presents The Nutcracker

December 14

The Lyric, 140 W. Mt Royal Ave

Be transported to a winter wonderland filled with vibrant characters and toy soldiers with the State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine's enchanting production. This must-see performance is suitable for all ages, ensuring a magical experience for everyone. lyricbaltimore.com

A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage!

December 15

The Lyric, 140 W. Mt Royal Ave

The classic animated television special comes to life in this faithful stage adaptation that celebrates the timeless classic. The whole family can join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the rest of the Peanuts characters in their journey to uncover the true meaning of Christmas. lyricbaltimore.com

Baroque Christmas

December 15

Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St.

Celebrate the holidays with brilliant Baroque music sure to stir the soul and lift the spirit. bsomusic.org

Cirque Nutcracker

December 16 & 17

Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St.

The audience's favorite holiday program, Cirque Nutcracker returns with Troupe Vertigo's acrobats, jugglers, and high-flying aerialists. bsomusic.org

NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet

December 18 & 19

Hippodrome Theatre, 12 N. Eutaw St.

Gather friends and family to re-live your fondest childhood dreams, overflowing with larger-than-life puppets, breath-taking acrobatics and dazzling costumes. france-merrickpac.com

Holiday Spectacular

December 22 & 23

Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St.

Celebrate the holidays with the BSO and Holiday Spectacular including the ever-popular tap-dancing Santas. bsomusic.org

Concerts at CFG Bank Arena

Celebrating their first holiday season since renovations, CFG Bank Arena has a line-up with something for everyone.

Pentatonix — The Most Wonderful

Time of the Year | December 3

Andrea Bocelli | December 10

Mariah Carey — Merry Christmas

One and All | December 15

WWE Live Holiday Tour | December 26

cfgbankarena.com



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DISCOVERY DAYS

January 2–12

Discovery Days will feature nearly two weeks of deals and discounts at several premiere attractions. Days, hours, and offers vary. Visit GoDowntownBaltimore.com for details.

PLAN YOUR DISCOVERY DAYS VISIT:

- B&O Railroad Museum
- Baltimore Museum of Industry
- Maryland Science Center
- Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
- National Aquarium
- Port Discovery, The Children's Museum in Baltimore
- Reginald F. Lewis Museum
- Star-Spangled Banner Flag House & Museum
- The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, Inc.
- The Public Works Experience
- Westminster Hall and Burying Ground



LITTLE GIFTS FOR YOU

\$10 Admission Day

November 8 & December 13
B&O Railroad Museum, 901 W. Pratt St.

On the second Wednesday of the month, stop by to see the birthplace of American railroading on a budget, with \$10 admission available all day. borail.org

Half-Price Friday Nights

November–December
National Aquarium, 501 E. Pratt St.

Enjoy the holidays at the National Aquarium. Explore award-winning exhibits for half the price of general admission during Half-Price Friday Nights, brought to you by M&T Bank. aqua.org

\$10 Community Day

November 17 & December 1
Port Discovery Children's Museum,
35 Market Pl.

Visit Port Discovery for just \$10 per person and enjoy 3 floors of fun, plus special performances and activities from their education team! portdiscovery.org

Extended Hours

December 27
Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy.

Hands on fun for the whole family from 9am – 8pm. The BMI participants in Museums for All, providing free admission to families receiving SNAP benefits. Free onsite parking. Located on the Charm City Circulator purple line. thebmi.org

MUSEUM MERRIMENT

Enjoy programs included with admission

Peake's on 34th Street: A Holiday Lights Storytime

December 2, 16, 23 & 30
Port Discovery Children's Museum,
35 Market Pl.

Peake, Port Discovery's puppet pet dog, wants you to join him in exploring how different communities use lights during the holiday season through songs, stories, and dramatic play. portdiscovery.org

Get Gifted!

December 3, 6, 13, 17, 20, & 24
Port Discovery Children's Museum,
35 Market Pl.

Join Port Discovery in garnishing gifts with beautiful wrapping paper. Learn how to make the gift receivers in your life feel special with your exceptional giftwrapping abilities. portdiscovery.org

Holiday Toddler Time

December 7
B&O Railroad Museum, 901 W. Pratt St.

Come make crafts, sing carols, take pictures with Santa, and listen to Mrs. Claus read Santa is Coming to Maryland borail.org

Muppet Matinee: The Muppet Christmas Carol

December 10
Maryland Center for History and Culture,
610 Park Ave

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon drop-in art-making and screening of *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. Hear stories about the creation of the film's puppets and costumes, and learn about the movie's special effects. Register in advance. mdhistory.org

Celebrate Kwanzaa

December 20
Enoch Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Charles Dugger presents the principles of Kwanzaa at Enoch Pratt Library. prattlibrary.org

Midnight Noon

December 31
Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St.

Everyone's favorite ball drop before bedtime is back again. Enjoy loads of festive activities and games and help ring in the New Year with a noontime ball drop! All activities are free with paid admission. mdsci.org

SOMETHING FOR THE GROWN-UPS

A Drag Queen Christmas

November 26

The Lyric, 140 W. Mt Royal Ave

Get ready for your favorite queens performing live for the longest running drag tour in America. Lyricbaltimore.com

Wine Pairing for the Holidays: Being the Host with the Most

November 30

Enoch Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Taught by a certified wine professional, this class will teach you all about how to buy wine to slay the holidays! prattlibrary.org

Thirsty Thursday Wine Tasting at German Christmas Village

November 30, December 7, 14, and 21

Inner Harbor West Shore Park

Happening weekly, check out this wine tasting event in cooperation with Boordy Vinyards from Hydes, MD. baltimore-christmas.com

Sagamore Spirit Tree Lighting

December 1

Sagamore Spirit Distillery

Get into the holiday spirit at the distillery with whiskey cocktails, distillery tours, festive music, and local food and beverage vendors. baltimorepeninsula.com/holiday-remix

Reindeer Run 5k

December 2

Inner Harbor Rash Field

Get out and get active with this festive run in its eighth year. charmcityrun.com

German American Weekend at German Christmas Village

December 2-3

Inner Harbor West Shore Park

Enjoy a special performance by the Washingtonia Schuhplattler on Saturday and Oktoberfest-style competitions on Sunday. baltimore-christmas.com

Fell's Point Egg Nog Tasting Tour

December 9

Fells Point

Local Fell's Point are serving up liquid cheer serving their best eggnog for you to sample and judge! fellspointmainstreet.org

Jingle Bell Run

December 9

Inner Harbor West Shore Park

Wear your favorite holiday attire and jingle all the way to a cure! Your registration fee and fundraising support the fight to conquer arthritis. charmcityrun.com

Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl

December 9

Power Plant Live, 34 Market Pl.

Ho-Ho Baltimore! The original Power Plant LIVE Holiday bar event is back for the annual Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl! facebook.com/POWERPLANTLIVE1

Jingle Y'all

December 13

Rams Head Live!, 20 Market Pl.

Enjoy songs from Scotty McCreery's No. 1 Billboard Top Holiday album and more. Joined by Walker Hayes, Nate Smith, and Tigerlily Gold. ramshheadlive.com

NYE Live!

December 31

Power Plant Live, 34 Market Pl.

Ring in 2024 in style with live music, electric DJ performances, laser shows, dancing and of course, a massive midnight celebration featuring the "Times Square" Ball Drop, confetti and balloon drops! nye-live.com/baltimore/



Drinks with DPOB

December 12

Let us show you the happiest of hours! This free DPOB member event offers a chance to network with some of Downtown's top leaders in business, real estate, government, and more.



Holiday Date Night

December 13

Bring your sweetheart out for an evening in the garden including spiked cocoa, sparkling wine, and build-your-own s'mores kits.



Not So Silent Night

December 14

An all-out 21+ holiday party that includes an open bar, desserts, and a dance party. Themed outfits are encouraged.

Winter
IN THE
GARDEN

CENTER PLAZA

100 N. CHARLES STREET

GoDowntownBaltimore.com/winter-garden

SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Made in Baltimore Holiday Store

November 10 – December 23
Harborplace Light Street Pavilion

MIB will have their holiday pop up store showcasing local makers open at the Inner Harbor this year! The store will be open Thursday-Sunday, 11am–7pm.
madeinbaltimore.org

Holiday Remix

November 24 – December 16 |
Weekends

Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House St., 3rd Floor

Shop small with local pop-up markets every weekend including The Locals Baltimore, Makers of Maryland, Creatively Mindful x Makers of Maryland, and BLK ASS KWANZAA MKT. baltimorepeninsula.com/holiday-remix

The Holiday Shoppe

November 24 – December 24
Lord Baltimore Hotel, 20 W. Baltimore St.

Open Wednesday through Saturdays from 1:00–8:00pm and on Sundays from 1:00–6:00pm, this is your one-stop boutique for holiday gifts. lordbaltimorehotel.com

Small Business Saturday in Federal Hill

November 25
Federal Hill Main Street, 42 E. Cross Street

Enjoy lunch and support your local businesses in a day of fun, shopping small! fedhill.org

Harbor East Holiday Haul

November 25
Harbor East

Come out for holiday shopping! Enjoy festive live music from, FREE pet photos with Santa, holiday lite bites and drinks, giveaways, and more! harboreast.com/HarborEastHoliday

Twilight Madness

December 1
Federal Hill Main Street,
42 E. Cross Street

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres in your favorite businesses and progressive sales and savings as the night advances. Free gift wrapping by Federal Hill Main Street! fedhill.org

2nd Annual FedHill Frosty Fest

December 2
Federal Hill Main Street, 42 E. Cross Street

Bring your families to meet Santa, enjoy holiday music, drink cocoa, and see the DHHS marching band perform live! fedhill.org

Holiday Makers Market

December 2 & 3
Harborplace Light Street Pavilion
Head to the Harbor for some shopping on Baltimore's most festive weekend.
waterfrontpartnership.org

Cookie Crawl

December 14
Fells Point

Shop at any (or all) participating Fell's Point retailers and enjoy complimentary cookies!
fellspointmainstreet.org

Last Minute Christmas Shopping at German Christmas Village

December 23
Inner Harbor West Shore Park

Haven't completed your Christmas gift list yet? Seize this opportunity for some eleventh-hour festive shopping.
baltimore-christmas.com

SHOP SMALL FOR BIG IMPACT

Downtown neighborhoods are home to dozens of small businesses. And while many of them are clustered in commercial districts like Fells Point and Federal Hill, there are several right in the heart of Downtown in the Bromo District, Inner Harbor, and Charles Center neighborhoods that can help you find creative solutions to your gift giving needs.

- **Benedetto Haberdashery**
324 Park Ave.
- **Black Genuis Art Show**
106 N. Eutaw St.
- **Chickie & Company**
801 N. Howard St.
- **Cuples Tea House**
409 N. Howard St.
- **Current Space**
421 N. Howard St.
- **Doll House Boutique**
403 N. Charles St.

- **Elite Secrets Bridal**
339 N. Charles
- **Jody Davis Designs**
110 W. Saratoga
- **Lexington Market**
112 N. Eutaw
- **Lexington Beauty Supply**
112 W. Lexington
- **Lucky's**
601 E. Pratt St.
- **Lumiere Candle Studio**
411 N. Charles St.

- **Luxury Nail & Spa**
330 N. Charles St.
- **NKVSkin**
113 N. Charles St.
- **SLS Boutique & Gallery**
34 S. Calvert St.
- **Trinacria**
406 N. Paca St.
- **Tigerlillyshop Jewelry**
520 Park Ave.
- **The Happy Grape**
29 Light St.

- **The Peanut Shoppe**
222 N. Charles St.
- **The QG**
31 S. Calvert St.
- **The Museum Store @ The Walters**
600 N. Charles St.
- **Urban Cellars**
222 N. Charles St.
- **Urban Outlet**
117 W. Lexington St.
- **Vinyl & Pages**
407 N. Howard St.

TREAT YOURSELF AFTER THE HOLIDAYS!

Baltimore Restaurant Week returns January 26 – February 4.
BaltimoreRestaurantWeek.com