DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY GUIDE



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Chasing Holiday Magic

Events that will delight the entire family.

Inner Harbor Ice Rink

November 12, 2026 – January 18, 2027

INNER HARBOR

Glide into the holiday season at the Inner Harbor Ice Rink! Enjoy outdoor skating surrounded by stunning waterfront views and Baltimore's illuminated skyline. Perfect for family outings, date nights, and festive gatherings with friends. This seasonal favorite brings winter magic to the heart of the city.

The Magic of Merryland

November 21, 2026 | 12–6 PM

HARBOR EAST

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season in Harbor East! Enjoy festive shopping, seasonal activities, and holiday cheer throughout the neighborhood. Explore local boutiques, restaurants, and special holiday experiences as Harbor East transforms into a festive destination for families and friends.

Festival of Trees

November 21– December 23, 2026

BALTIMORE VISITOR CENTER, INNER HARBOR

Get into the holiday spirit at the Baltimore Visitor Center! Explore a festive display of beautifully decorated trees, each featuring unique themes and creative designs. Visitors can admire the decorations, vote for their favorites, and support Kennedy Krieger Institute. This free holiday experience is a perfect stop while exploring the Inner Harbor and Christmas Village.

The Polar Express Train Ride

November 28–December 22, 2026

B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM

Climb aboard a magical holiday train adventure inspired by the beloved story. Families can enjoy live entertainment, a visit with Santa, a keepsake sleigh bell, seasonal crafts, and festive activities at the museum.

Miracle on 34th Street

November 28, 2026 - January 1, 2027

HAMPDEN

Discover one of Baltimore's most beloved holiday traditions as neighborhood homes transform into a spectacular display of sparkling lights, colorful decorations, and whimsical creations. Perfect for an evening stroll with family and friends.

Holiday Lights Trolley Tour

December 3, 2026 | 6–10 PM

POWER PLANT LIVE!

Discover Baltimore's festive lights aboard a spirited trolley experience featuring holiday music, games, trivia, and stops at seasonal attractions. Routes may include Mount Vernon, the Inner Harbor, and Hampden's famous illuminated streets.

Monument Lighting at the Maryland Center for History and Culture

December 3, 2026 | 5:30–7:30 PM

MARYLAND CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE

Warm up during Mount Vernon's Monument Lighting celebration with hot chocolate, historic chocolate tastings, holiday card decorating, and traditional tin crafts. This free, family-friendly experience combines Baltimore history with seasonal creativity.



Christmas Village in Baltimore

November 21–December 27, 2026

INNER HARBOR

Experience the magic of a European-inspired Christmas market along Baltimore's waterfront. Browse handcrafted gifts, seasonal treats, festive decorations, and international vendors in a heated festival tent and charming outdoor booths.

Fell's Point Olde Tyme Christmas

December 5, 2026 | 9 AM–6 PM

FELL'S POINT

Celebrate the season with Santa's memorable arrival by tugboat, holiday shopping, children's crafts, photos with Santa, and a neighborhood tree lighting. The festivities conclude with the waterfront's dazzling Lighted Boat Parade.

Fell's Point Lighted Boat Parade

December 5, 2026 | 6 PM

FELL'S POINT WATERFRONT

Watch festively decorated boats illuminate the harbor in a colorful waterfront procession. This Baltimore tradition brings families and visitors together for an evening of sparkling lights and holiday cheer.

The 53rd Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade

December 6, 2026 | 1–4 PM

HAMPDEN AND MEDFIELD

Celebrate the holidays with one of Baltimore's longest-running traditions! Enjoy colorful floats, marching bands, dance troupes, festive balloons, costumed characters, and a special appearance by Santa along the neighborhood parade route.



55th Annual Monument Lighting at Mount Vernon Place

December 3, 2026 | 5-8 PM

WASHINGTON MONUMENT, MOUNT VERNON PLACE

Celebrate one of Baltimore's signature holiday traditions as the historic Washington Monument comes alive with dazzling lights. Enjoy seasonal entertainment, neighborhood festivities, and a spectacular fireworks display in the heart of Mount Vernon.

Merry Little Adventures

Museums, attractions and memorable experiences for all ages.

Holly Days at the Zoo

November 27–December 31, 2026 | 10 AM–4 PM

MARYLAND ZOO

Celebrate the season every weekend with festive crafts, special character appearances, and charming holiday photo moments plus experience the zoo's red panda habitat. Enjoy a cheerful atmosphere and hands-on fun. It's a joyful way to make memories all season long.

Monument Lighting Artisan Marketplace

December 3, 2026 | 5–7:30 PM

THE WALTERS ART MUSEUM

Celebrate the season with artisan shopping, complimentary art-making activities, and warm apple cider during Mount Vernon's annual Monument Lighting. Explore creative gifts and enjoy an evening of holiday inspiration at one of Baltimore's cultural treasures.

Breakfast with Santa

December 5–19, 2026

MARYLAND ZOO

Enjoy a festive breakfast or brunch with Santa at the Maryland Zoo. Kids can make holiday crafts, meet an Animal Ambassador, and take keepsake photos with Santa. What a magical way to start a December morning!

An Enchanted Evergreen

December 5, 2026 | 11 AM–2 PM

EVERGREEN MUSEUM & LIBRARY

Welcome the holidays at Evergreen Museum & Library with a seasonal celebration at one of Baltimore's historic cultural attractions.

Arctic Planet: Winter Break at Port Discovery

December 6, 2026– February 16, 2027

PORT DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Make winter break a season of joy, discovery, and memories at Port Discovery! Families can explore Arctic Planet, a winter-themed experience featuring hands-on opportunities to experiment, create, and discover the wonders of ice, light, water, and more. With extended hours and special activities throughout winter break, there's always something new to explore!

Holiday Heap Craft Fair

December 12, 2026 | 10 AM - 4 PM

2640 SPACE

Celebrate 20 years of creativity and community at Holiday Heap, presented by the Charm City Craft Mafia! Shop handmade treasures, unique gifts, artwork, jewelry, and one-of-a-kind finds from Baltimore's talented artists and makers. This milestone celebration is the perfect opportunity to shop local, support small businesses, and discover something special for everyone on your holiday list.

Sea Glass Tree Workshop

December 13, 2026 | 1–4 PM

MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER

Get creative this holiday season with a hands-on workshop making a decorative tree from sea glass. This seasonal art experience offers a unique opportunity to create a handmade keepsake or thoughtful gift.



Dashin' Downtown

DECEMBER 12, 2026
12-5PM

Get ready for a day filled with holiday cheer in Downtown Baltimore! On Saturday, December 12, the 200 to 700 blocks of North Charles Street will come alive with festive fun, family-friendly activities, holiday shopping, and seasonal surprises for all ages! Bring the whole family to visit Santa, explore the Baltimore Made Holiday Village at The Grand, enjoy live holiday music and performances, and get creative with hands-on crafts and activities. From decorating gingerbread rowhouses and exploring local art to discovering unique gifts, enjoying delicious seasonal treats, and supporting neighborhood businesses, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Celebrate the magic of the season while experiencing the charm, creativity, and community spirit of Downtown Baltimore.

The Gift of Baltimore

Find thoughtful gifts, discover local makers, and support Baltimore businesses.

Bazaart: Holiday Craft Marketplace

November 27, 2026 | 12-5 PM &
November 28, 2026 | 10 AM-5 PM

AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM

Shop one-of-a-kind gifts from 50 regional artists and makers at AVAM's annual holiday marketplace! Discover unique jewelry, paintings, sculptures, handmade clothing, and more at this beloved Baltimore holiday tradition. Museum admission is separate.

Zion Church's 29th Annual Christkindlmarkt

November 28, 2026 | 10 AM-5 PM &
November 29, 2026 | 11 AM-4 PM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE

Explore a traditional German-inspired holiday market featuring seasonal shopping and festive cultural traditions at historic Zion Church in Downtown Baltimore.

Hampden Holiday Markets

November 28 & December 19, 2026
| 11 AM-4:30 PM

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ON THE AVENUE

Shop handmade gifts, artwork, jewelry, accessories, and home décor from more than 40 local artists and makers. Enjoy festive music and seasonal treats while supporting Baltimore's creative community.

Fell's Point Holiday Eggnog Tasting Tour

December 12, 2026 | 1:30-4:30 PM

BROADWAY SQUARE

Explore historic Fell's Point while sampling festive eggnog creations at participating neighborhood establishments. This seasonal tasting experience combines local flavors with holiday cheer.

6th Annual Station North Holiday Market

December 12, 2026 | 12-5PM

12 - 30 W. NORTH AVE.

Celebrate the season with the 6th annual Station North Holiday Market! Shop unique gifts, handmade treasures, artwork, and creative finds from Baltimore-based artists and makers. Enjoy local food vendors and festive shopping indoors and outdoors at the historic North Avenue Market while supporting the city's vibrant creative community.

Extended Hours Holiday Market

December 16, 2026 | 4-8 PM

BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

Shop local artisans and makers, enjoy live music and hot food, and explore Baltimore's industrial history with guided tours. Free parking available.

Fell's Point Annual Cookie Crawl

December 17, 2026 | 4–7 PM

FELL'S POINT

Discover sweet holiday treats while exploring participating Fell's Point shops and businesses. This festive neighborhood experience offers a fun way to shop local and enjoy the season.

The Holiday Shoppe

December 18–20, 2026

LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL

Discover one-of-a-kind gifts, handcrafted artwork, and seasonal treasures at the fifth annual Holiday Shoppe. This boutique shopping experience showcases local artisans and small businesses inside the historic Lord Baltimore Hotel.





SOUND OF THE SEASON

Concerts, theater, dance, and live holiday performances.

CHARMZ: The Other Reindeer

November 13–December 27, 2026

BALTIMORE CENTER STAGE

Follow Charmz, an ambitious reindeer dreaming of shining as brightly as Rudolph, in a heartwarming holiday musical celebrating friendship and self-belief. Featuring original songs and a Motown-inspired North Pole, this festive production brings soulful sounds, humor, and holiday magic!

NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet

November 27 – 28, 2026

HIPPODROME THEATRE

Make this the Christmas they'll never forget with NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet. Experience the largest Nutcracker production in North America – a breathtaking holiday spectacle featuring world-class international dancers, gravity-defying acrobatics, magnificent costumes, and towering puppets.

Agatha Christie's The Mirror Crack'd

November 29 – December 30, 2026

EVERYMAN THEATRE

In this holiday-season whodunit, a poisoned cocktail at a glamorous Hollywood star's party shatters a sleepy English village. Miss Marple must unmask the killer before they strike again in Everyman Theatre's premiere of Agatha Christie's The Mirror Crack'd.

Christmas with Baltimore Choral Arts

December 1, 2026 | 7:30 PM

BALTIMORE BASILICA

Experience a beloved Baltimore holiday tradition featuring the Baltimore Choral Arts chorus and orchestra, traditional carols, audience singalongs, and special dance performances inspired by The Nutcracker.

Pentatonix: Christmas in the City Tour

December 3, 2026 | 7 PM

CFG BANK ARENA

Celebrate the holidays with the award-winning vocal group, Pentatonix, as they bring their signature harmonies and festive favorites to Downtown Baltimore for an unforgettable holiday concert.

Jazmin Ghent: Holiday Soul

December 6, 2026 | 5 PM

KEYSTONE KORNER BALTIMORE

Enjoy an intimate holiday music experience with saxophonist Jazmin Ghent, blending soulful sounds and seasonal spirit at Harbor East's acclaimed jazz venue.

Handel's Messiah at the Baltimore Basilica

December 11–12, 2026 | 7 PM

BALTIMORE BASILICA

Experience Handel's timeless masterpiece performed by the Baltimore Basilica Festival Orchestra and Choir under the direction of Maestro Edward Polochick. This cherished holiday tradition fills the historic cathedral with music celebrating hope and joy.

Cirque Nutcracker with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

December 12, 2026 | 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM

MEYERHOFF SYMPHONY HALL

Experience a breathtaking twist on The Nutcracker as Troupe Vertigo joins the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for an exhilarating performance combining dazzling acrobatics, expressive movement, and Tchaikovsky's iconic score.

Candlelight: Christmas Classics

December 17, 2026 | 6:30 PM

MARYLAND CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE

Experience beloved holiday melodies in an intimate candlelit setting. This seasonal concert brings together classical Christmas favorites and contemporary holiday songs for a magical evening.

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

December 18–27, 2026

HIPPODROME THEATRE

Discover a dazzling holiday production featuring Cirque du Soleil's signature acrobatics, imaginative storytelling, and breathtaking performances. This family-friendly spectacular brings fresh excitement to a classic holiday tale.

Holiday Pops with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

December 19–20, 2026

MEYERHOFF SYMPHONY HALL

Celebrate the sounds of the season with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's annual Holiday Pops concerts. Enjoy festive orchestral music and beloved holiday favorites in a joyful performance for all ages.

Modern Nutcracker Ballet: Christmas Legend

December 20, 2026 | 6 PM

BALTIMORE THEATRE PROJECT

Experience a contemporary interpretation of the beloved Nutcracker story, featuring imaginative choreography and themes of compassion, friendship, and holiday magic.

Sleigh the Night

Cocktails, nightlife, date nights, and festive celebrations for Grown-ups

Merry Mixology at the Zoo

December 11, 2026 | 6–9 PM

MARYLAND ZOO

Celebrate the holidays at this festive 21+ experience featuring a seasonal cocktail-making class, animal encounters, an ornament swap, music, crafts, and an ugly sweater contest. Gather your friends for a cheerful night out.

Maysa's New Year's Eve Party

December 30–31, 2026

KEYSTONE KORNER BALTIMORE

Welcome the new year with Baltimore's own acclaimed jazz and soul vocalist Maysa. Enjoy an intimate evening of captivating vocals, soulful music, and unforgettable live entertainment at Keystone Korner.

NYE Live! New Year's Eve Party

December 31, 2026 | 8 PM–2 AM

POWER PLANT LIVE!

Ring in 2027 at one of Downtown Baltimore's biggest New Year's Eve celebrations! Enjoy access to multiple bars and nightclubs, live entertainment, food and beverage packages, party favors, and a high-energy midnight countdown. Ages 21 and older.

Hops & Vines

January 30, 2027 | 7–10PM

PORT DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Sip, savor, and support learning through play! Join us for a grown-up friend-raiser (21+) in support of Port Discovery's educational and access programs. Hops & Vines brings together the best breweries and wineries from around the region for an evening of premier tastings. Take a tour of beverage samples along a backdrop of a fun night-at-the-museum vibe, complete with music and mingling.

Cheers to New Beginnings

New Year's Eve celebrations and winter festivities

Noontime New Year

December 31, 2026 | 10 AM–3 PM

PORT DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Celebrate Noontime New Year at Port Discovery on December 31 from 10 AM to 3 PM! Enjoy a special countdown to noon complete with a balloon drop, New Year's-themed art projects, and interactive games that encourage teamwork and creativity. This fun-filled event is included with museum admission, so bring the whole family to celebrate the arrival of the new year together!



New Year's Eve at the Inner Harbor

December 31, 2026

INNER HARBOR

Celebrate the arrival of 2027 along Baltimore's waterfront! Gather with family and friends at the Inner Harbor to welcome the new year and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Programming details will be announced. Stay tuned to Downtown Partnership of Baltimore's website and social media channels for updates on this year's celebration.

Beethoven's Ninth: New Year's Celebration

January 1–3, 2027

MEYERHOFF SYMPHONY HALL

Begin the new year with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's inspiring performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Featuring the powerful Ode to Joy, this uplifting celebration brings together orchestral and choral music in a message of hope and unity.



Support Charles Street

This season, shop small, give big, and spread a little Downtown holiday cheer!

This holiday season, discover the charm of shopping local in the heart of Downtown Baltimore! From unique boutiques and specialty shops to locally owned businesses, Charles Street and the surrounding Downtown neighborhoods offer plenty of opportunities to find thoughtful gifts while supporting our community.

Make your holiday shopping more meaningful by exploring the businesses that give Downtown its character. Every purchase helps support local entrepreneurs, strengthen our neighborhoods, and keep Downtown Baltimore vibrant.

- **THE MORELY**
  2 N CHARLES ST.
- **DAVID AND DAD'S CAFÉ**
  115 N CHARLES ST.
- **PARK'S TAILOR SHOP**
  217 N CHARLES ST.
- **STREETS MARKET & CAFÉ**
  222 N CHARLES ST.
- **CAZBAR**
  316 N CHARLES ST.
- **KLAFOX HOUSE OF BEAUTY**
  320 N CHARLES ST.
- **STEM & VINE**
  322 N CHARLES ST.
- **VIVA BOOKS**
  322 N CHARLES ST.
- **MICK O'SHEA'S IRISH PUB**
  328 N CHARLES ST.
- **LUXURY NAIL AND SPA**
  330 N CHARLES ST.
- **HOMESLYCE**
  334 N CHARLES ST.
- **BYTE RIGHT**
  335 N CHARLES ST.
- **PARI EYEBROWS THREADING & BOUTIQUE**
  338 N CHARLES ST.
- **DOLLHOUSE BOUTIQUE**
  403 N CHARLES ST.
- **SOTTO SOPRA**
  405 N CHARLES ST.
- **KRAZY SWEET DESSERT CAFE**
  407 N CHARLES ST.
- **AN DIE MUSIK**
  409 N CHARLES ST.
- **BLANCOS KITCHEN AND KOCKTAILS**
  413 N CHARLES ST.
- **GIAN MARCO MENS WEAR**
  517 N CHARLES ST.
- **CHARLES STREET PSYCHIC CANDLE SHOP**
  525 N CHARLES ST.

SOUTH CHARLES STREET

- **YEN & IRIE**
  15-19 S CHARLES ST.
- **YOUNG'S DELI**
  20 S CHARLES ST.
- **GOOD NEWS II**
  36 S CHARLES ST.
- **NEWS MART**
  100 S CHARLES ST

There's Snow Much More

This season, shop small, give big, and spread a little Downtown holiday cheer.

Baltimore Winter Restaurant Week

January 15–24, 2027

Warm up your winter with Baltimore Restaurant Week! Discover the city's vibrant dining scene as participating restaurants offer special prix-fixe menus and delicious deals. From neighborhood favorites to upscale dining destinations, it's the perfect opportunity to explore new flavors, revisit beloved spots, and support Baltimore's local restaurants.

DPOB Discovery Days

January 22–31, 2027

Discover more of Downtown Baltimore for less! Downtown Partnership of Baltimore's Discovery Days returns with 10 days of exclusive discounts and special offers at participating attractions, restaurants, museums, and cultural destinations. Whether you're exploring somewhere new or rediscovering a local favorite, enjoy unforgettable Downtown experiences at a fraction of the price.



Shop Small for Big Impact

This holiday season, make a big impact by shopping small! Downtown Baltimore is home to a growing community of entrepreneurs, including businesses supported through DPOB's BOOST and Baltimore Culinary Exchange (BCX) programs. From unique gifts and stylish finds to sweet treats and specialty services, BOOST and BCX businesses offer something for everyone on your list. Shop local, support small businesses, and give gifts that give back!

- **DAY AND NIGHT EXOTIC CEREAL BAR**
  333 N CHARLES ST.
- **KAIZEN BEAUTY**
  339 N CHARLES ST.
- **BYRD'S EYE VIEW**
  100 N CHARLES ST.
- **TRIBE SOCIAL CAFE**
  233 E REDWOOD ST.
- **NEON PAINT PLACE**
  307 W BALTIMORE ST.

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