

UNWRAP YOUR HOLIDAY ADVENTURE



'Twas the night before

*Island Time, and all through the sand,
Excitement was building for fun on demand.
With bright twinkling lights and laughter filled air,
Galveston awaits with holiday cheer.*

*Join us this season for festivities and sights,
Where memories are made on warm magical nights.
Plan your visit today and experience the charm,
Of Galveston's holidays, where joy is the norm!*

Checklist

Once you've checked off six or more activities, head over to the Visitor Center at 2228 Mechanic St. #101 to pick up your nice list certificate!

- View Holiday Lights & Decorations**
Head to Historic Downtown Galveston to see 86 buildings decked out in lights or go view the historic East End homes!

- Shop Local & Find Unique Gifts**
Discover the best small businesses, gift shops, art, and antiques, such as those on Postoffice St.

- Take a Festive Photo at the Visitor Center**
Capture the joy of the season with a holiday photo. There will be photo opps such as a jumbo cut out postcard and a Santa Mailbox to take pics with – smile and say, “seaside sleigh bells!”

- Build a Sand Snowman at the Beach**
Put a coastal twist on this season tradition by building your very own sand snowman on one of the many beautiful beaches.

- Savor a Sweet Holiday Treat**
Treat yourself (and your group) to a seasonal dessert from one of the island’s charming cafes to sweeten your holiday adventure.

- Enjoy a Warm Seasonal Drink**
Try a festive flavor latte at MOD Coffeehouse or enjoy a variety of beverages and bakery items at Seawall Coffee Company.

- All Aboard for a Magical Ride**
Step into your favorite holiday movie or hop on one of our trolleys to see the beautiful holiday sights (only \$1 to ride)!

- Visit a Local Museum**
Check out A Coastal Christmas at The Bryan Museum on Dec. 8 or view their wonderful year-round exhibits.

- Enjoy a Fun Island Seasonal Experience**
Moody Gardens is offering a plethora of special events and even more special deals.

- Stroll Through a Holiday Festival**
Dec. 6-8, historic Downtown Galveston becomes fully Victorian with Dickens on The Strand.

- Attend a Live Holiday Performance**
Take in a live performance of a holiday classic at The Grand 1894 Opera House.

- Share a Favorite Holiday Memory from Galveston**
Capture your special holiday moments on the island and tag #WinterWonderGalveston to spread the festive fun online!



Don't forget to spread some island-style cheer by sending your Winter Wonder Island postcard to someone special (or Santa).

11 TOP WINTER WONDER ISLAND EVENTS

- 1 THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride Nov. 8 – Dec. 23**
Hop aboard for a magical journey to the North Pole! Meet Santa, sip hot cocoa, and relive this beloved holiday tale with a theatrical twist.
- 2 The Grand 1894 Opera House Holiday Season Nov. 15 – Jan. 4**
Enjoy festive performances at Galveston's historic theater, from A Christmas Carol to a special New Year's show with Marilyn Maye.
- 3 Holiday in the Gardens at Moody Gardens Nov. 23 – Jan. 1**
Experience ICE LAND's polar sculptures, the Festival of Lights, 3D holiday films, an Arctic slide, and more at this winter wonderland!
- 4 Downtown Holiday Shopping Nov. – Jan.**
Stroll the Historic Downtown District's unique shops, art galleries, and boutiques for one-of-a-kind holiday finds and delicious local dining.
- 5 Miracle Pop Up Bar at Daiquiri Time Out Nov. 26 – Dec. 30**
Step into a festive wonderland at Miracle, where holiday cocktails and quirky décor make spirits bright.
- 6 Galveston's Official Tree Lighting in Downtown Nov. 30**
Kick off the season with Santa, a holiday golf cart parade, live entertainment, and late-night shopping at Saengerfest Park.
- 7 51st Annual Dickens on The Strand Dec. 6 – 8**
Celebrate 51 years of Dickens on The Strand with parades, live music, Victorian-themed vendors, and holiday cheer in downtown Galveston.
- 8 Holiday Delights: A Coastal Christmas at The Bryan Museum Dec. 8**
Enjoy coastal-themed holiday activities, the 'Coastal Cowboys' exhibit, Santa photos, crafts, and more!
- 9 Holiday with the Cranes Dec. 14 – 15**
Celebrate the return of the Sandhill Cranes with birdwatching, nature talks, and seasonal events hosted by the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council.
- 10 Santa Hustle Half Marathon and 5K Dec. 22**
Join the Santa Hustle, where thousands run along the Gulf in holiday costumes with festive music, decorations, and swag!
- 11 New Year's on Galveston Island Jan.**
Celebrate the New Year with dazzling fireworks at Moody Gardens, lively galas, and free New Year's Day tours at the historic Moody Mansion.



For more holiday fun, go to [VisitGalveston.com](https://www.visitgalveston.com)



warm wishes from **GALVESTON ISLAND**



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