

The Best Christmas Towns in America You Should Visit at Least Once



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From festivals and twinkling lights to snow-covered rooftops and giant festive trees, these Christmas towns really get into the holiday spirit. Experience the best the season has to offer with our top picks from coast to coast!

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The Christmas towns you have to see

The soft glow of lights, the window displays, the snow crunching underfoot, the warm scent of cinnamon and spice in the air...these Christmas towns are chock full of all the things we've come to associate with the holiday season. But what makes these villages the absolute best? Whether they've got the best [Christmas light shows](#), old-fashioned Victorian decorations, fun [Christmas activities](#), things for kids to do, or have your best chance for a [white Christmas](#), these are the places you'll want to visit to feel as if you've stepped into a Hallmark movie.

Some of the Christmas towns on our list exude Old World charm, with German markets, centuries-old traditions, or a focus on the [history of Christmas](#); others feature huge, kitschy Christmas shops and even a giant Santa statue. Many are located in regions that get a lot of snow—but some southern locales also made our list, for those who prefer warmer weather and Christmas lights on palm trees instead. So no matter where you're located, there's a "Christmas village near me" to find. They all make for great [Christmas getaways](#), so we've also included [holiday travel tips](#) on what to see and do, and where to stay, at each destination.

How we chose the best Christmas towns

Many of these towns have gained a reputation for going all out for Christmas, so our reporting included recommendations and ratings from travel experts and real travelers, including our own personal experience. We also confirmed the towns' Christmas events will be happening, safely, during 2021. However, be sure to double-check before booking, as event cancellations due to the pandemic are always possible. Also, check state and local Covid protocols and requirements before you travel.

We've curated some great tips and tricks to [bring joy home this season](#). Read on to make sure your whole family gets into the holiday spirit this year.



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Woodstock, Vermont

Best for: A classic country Christmas

Covered bridges, rolling farmland, horse-drawn sleigh rides, charming country inns...Vermont and Christmas go hand-in-hand. The quaint town of Woodstock hosts a Wassail Weekend, a feast for the senses with holiday lights, the sound of bells from horse-drawn wagons, decorated homes, music, and hot cider and donuts. The celebrations continue during the festive Christmas at the Farm event at the rural history museum Billings Farm, with candle dipping, holiday stories, cooking demonstrations, sleigh rides, and snowshoe trekking.

Right outside the town, the Jackson House Inn presents a refined historical inn that looks wonderful dressed up for Christmas—especially when snow-covered. Classically elegant rooms feature fireplaces and four-poster beds.

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