

# Festival of Lights Celebrations

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Nov 3 – Jan 31	<p>NIAGARA FALLS Winter Festival of Lights</p>	<p>The most enchanting of Niagara attractions has become a Holiday tradition for over one million visitors from around the globe. Spectacular light displays, the Fallsview Sound and Light Show, Holiday Lights Tours and over 3 million lights displayed along the Niagara Parkway, Dufferin Islands and Niagara Falls. <a href="http://www.wfol.com/">www.wfol.com/</a></p>
Nov 16 – Jan 6	<p>BELLEVILLE Christmas Lighting Display Jane Forrester Park</p>	<p>Bring your family and friends to Jane Forrester Park to view the historic Foster Display and beautiful Christmas Lights. A truly memorable experience for everyone to enjoy. <a href="http://belleville.ca/events/details/christmas-lighting-display/">http://belleville.ca/events/details/christmas-lighting-display/</a></p>
Nov 16 – Jan 3	<p>GODERICH Festival of Lights Celebrations</p>	<p>Let Goderich set the tone for the festive season with glittering lights and charming displays. Take the joy which sparkles in our town during this annual salute to the festive holiday season. Catch the spirit with all Goderich has to offer. <a href="https://www.goderich.ca/en/stay-and-play/festivaloflights.aspx">https://www.goderich.ca/en/stay-and-play/festivaloflights.aspx</a></p>
Nov 16 – Jan 5	<p>KITCHENER Gift of Lights 425 Bingham Centre Drive</p>	<p>Gift of Lights is a family-friendly drive-thru holiday light display featuring two light tunnels, and dozens of animated and static lights displays. Enjoy this holiday spectacle from inside the comfort of your own vehicle. <a href="http://www.bingemans.com/gift-of-lights.php">www.bingemans.com/gift-of-lights.php</a></p>
Nov 16 – Jan 6	<p>NAPANEE The Big Bright Light Show Dundas Street</p>	<p>Downtown Napanee is lit up nightly with 750,000 LED lights. Get into the holiday spirit by taking in the colourful display, having dinner at a local restaurant shopping at our one of a kind boutiques and stores. <a href="https://downtowngreaternapanee.com/big-bright-lights/">https://downtowngreaternapanee.com/big-bright-lights/</a></p>
Nov 17 – Jan 4	<p>AMHERSTBURG River Lights Winter Festival Navy Park</p>	<p>The Amherstburg River Lights Winter Festival features Victorian and children’s themed LED light displays, period costumes, horse drawn carriage rides, carolers, and bell ringers in one of the prettiest towns in Ontario. Stop by any evening until January 4th to view the holiday light show. Special events take place every weekend during the festival at the Gingerbread Warming House. <a href="http://eyesonwindsor.com/event/river-lights-winter-festival-opening-ceremonies-amherstburg/">http://eyesonwindsor.com/event/river-lights-winter-festival-opening-ceremonies-amherstburg/</a></p>

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Nov 17 – Dec 30	<p>BURLINGTON Winter Lights at the Rock Royal Botanical Gardens</p>	<p>Thousands of festive lights lead you through a winter wonderland of charming Christmas melodies, festive sips and bites and the <u>Escarpment Train Exhibit</u>. This unique holiday experience provides a special evening for you and your loved ones to capture those perfect holiday memories! <a href="https://www.rbg.ca/winterlights">https://www.rbg.ca/winterlights</a></p>
Nov 17 – Jan 7	<p>KINGSVILLE Fantasy of Lights Lakeside Park</p>	<p>Lakeside Park is magically transformed in to a sea of colorful displays. Dinner with Santa, Fireworks, the Santa Games, Marketplace and children’s activities will entertain everyone in your family this season. <a href="http://www.fantasyoflights.ca/">www.fantasyoflights.ca/</a></p>
Nov 17 – Jan 6	<p>OWEN SOUND Festival of Northern Lights Downtown</p>	<p>Join the magic in downtown Owen Sound. The Festival of Northern Lights is a large, award-winning display of lights that attracts thousands of people each year. No grinch can resist the magic of the lights as they gradually illuminate the Sydenham River. <a href="http://www.owensoundfestivalofnorthernlights.ca/home.html">http://www.owensoundfestivalofnorthernlights.ca/home.html</a></p>
Nov 22 – Dec 8	<p>MIDLAND First Light Sainte-Marie among the Hurons</p>	<p>Now in its 19th year, Sainte-Marie’s “First Light” is a must-see event with a great line-up of family activities and performers, all amidst the spectacular glow of over 5,000 candles. The magic begins when visitors approach the candlelit historic site, as a beautiful amber glow illuminates the famous 17th-century mission. Visitors can stroll the candlelit paths which lead to a variety of fun family activities. Select dates. <a href="http://www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca">www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca</a></p>
Nov 23 – Jan 7	<p>COBOURG Christmas Magic Downtown</p>	<p>Shimmering displays illuminate downtown Cobourg, featuring 180 thousand lights along the waterfront, Division Street and Rotary Harbourfront Park. This year’s Christmas magic will have a vintage theme. <a href="https://experiencecobourg.ca/">https://experiencecobourg.ca/</a></p>

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Nov 24 – Jan 6	BARRIE Christmas Glow Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery	Glow is the largest indoor Christmas festival in the greater Barrie area. Bring together the people you love to stroll, laugh and play under the twinkle of a million lights. Glow’s illuminated sculptures are the perfect backdrop for selfies and holiday family photos. Enjoy a Christmas Market and delicious options from local food trucks. It’s all the magic and wonder of an outdoor festival hosted inside a cozy and spacious venue. <a href="https://www.glowgardens.com/christmas-barrie/">https://www.glowgardens.com/christmas-barrie/</a>
Nov 24 – Jan 1	FRANKFORD Fantasy of Lights Frankford Tourist Park	Join the festive lighting display at Frankford Tourism Park for a magical experience you won’t forget. <a href="https://www.quintewest.ca/en/visit-discover/communityeventsfestivals.asp">https://www.quintewest.ca/en/visit-discover/communityeventsfestivals.asp</a>
Nov 24 – Jan 2	GEORGINA Festival of Lights & Old Fashioned Christmas Georgina Pioneer Village	Watch as the buildings and grounds come to life with the lights and sounds of Christmas. Bring your wish list for Santa as the jolly man himself and Mrs. Claus stop by for a visit. Kick off the holiday season by stepping back in time to enjoy the sights, smells and sounds that a 19th Century Christmas would bring. Live music, holiday crafts, hot apple cider, historic demonstrations and more! <a href="https://www.georgina.ca/events/festival-lights-old-fashioned-christmas-1">https://www.georgina.ca/events/festival-lights-old-fashioned-christmas-1</a>
Nov 24 – Dec 25	SARNIA / LAMBTON Celebration of Lights Centennial Park	A giant tree of lights magically appears in Centennial Park every year, a 72-foot archway alerts visitors they have arrived, and a castle and pirate ship that shine over the St. Clair River. These are the enduring features of a winter lights festival that is a tribute to the Sarnia resident who inspired it. <a href="https://celebrationoflights.com/">https://celebrationoflights.com/</a>
Nov 24 – Dec 31	SMITH FALLS Celebration of Lights Victoria Park	Beautiful displays will be lighting up Victoria Park this year. Capture the magic this holiday season by walking or driving through the fascinating lighting features in Victoria Park Campground along the Rideau Canal. <a href="http://www.togethersmithsfalls.com/celebration-of-lights.html">http://www.togethersmithsfalls.com/celebration-of-lights.html</a>

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Nov 24 – Dec 31	TORONTO Cavalcade of Lights Nathan Phillips Square	The Cavalcade of Lights at Nathan Phillips Square is an annual holiday tradition featuring the lighting of Toronto's official Christmas Tree, live musical performances by some of Canada's top performers, a spectacular fireworks show and skating parties on the iconic outdoor rink. All free! The tree will light up Nathan Phillips Square until New Year's Eve. <a href="https://web.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/cavalcade-of-lights/">https://web.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/cavalcade-of-lights/</a>
Nov 25 – Jan 6	SUDBURY Festival of Lights at Science North	Every year, in partnership with Science North, the Sudbury Charities Foundation brings a little holiday cheer to Greater Sudbury by lighting up the shores of Ramsey Lake. Bring the family and friends to see the festival of lights. <a href="http://www.sudburycharities.com/">www.sudburycharities.com/</a>
Nov 29 – Dec 30	TORONTO Aurora Winter Festival Ontario Place	Ontario Place will be transformed into an ultimate winter wonderland. Escape to a hidden village by the North Pole filled with captivating Christmas light displays, magical characters, market huts, food gardens, amusement rides, live entertainment, and plenty of other exciting activities. <a href="https://www.aurorawinterfestival.com/toronto/">https://www.aurorawinterfestival.com/toronto/</a>
Nov 30 – Jan 1	BRANTFORD Brantford Lights Glenhyrst Art Gallery	Glenhyrst Art Gallery is transformed into a winter wonderland. Visit once or nightly to enjoy the magical displays this holiday season. <a href="https://www.glenhyrst.ca/brantford-lights-at-glenhyrst-2018/">https://www.glenhyrst.ca/brantford-lights-at-glenhyrst-2018/</a>
Nov 30 – Jan 8	BURLINGTON Lakeside Festival of Lights Spencer Smith Park	Over 60 festive displays light up Burlington's Spencer Smith Park through the holiday season. Wander through the park with family and friends, or get a full view of the themed displays while driving along Lakeshore Road at the city's waterfront. It's a magical sight for the whole family, especially the young at heart. <a href="http://www.burlingtonfestivaloflights.com/">www.burlingtonfestivaloflights.com/</a>

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Nov 30 – Jan 5	KINGSTON Lumina Borealis Fort Henry	Find your path through an enchanted land, across a frozen landscape, to reignite your winter spirit. Enjoy the wonders of winter while walking on a one-kilometer trail illuminated with the magic of the season. <a href="https://www.luminaborealis.com/">https://www.luminaborealis.com/</a>
Nov 30 – Dec 31	LONDON Winter Wonderland Victoria Park	Victoria Park is lit for the holiday season with more than 75,000 lights decorating trees in the park. There are a variety of festive displays. View the Winter Wonderland lights from the City Hall Promenade Deck, 12th floor of City Hall on select evenings. <a href="https://www.londontourism.ca/Events/Winter-Wonderland">https://www.londontourism.ca/Events/Winter-Wonderland</a>
Nov 30 – Jan 5	MORRISBURG Alight at Night Upper Canada Village	Bundle up for an evening stroll through this picture-perfect postcard setting. Close to one million lights adorn the heritage buildings, trees and fences of Upper Canada Village creating a one-of-a-kind magical backdrop for its annual Alight at Night Festival...a true winter wonderland! <a href="http://www.uppercanadavillage.com/events/alight-at-night/">www.uppercanadavillage.com/events/alight-at-night/</a>
Nov 30 – Jan 4	NEWMARKET Winter Wonderland Newmarket Riverwalk Commons	Winter Wonderland is the most beautiful light display in Newmarket. Enjoy the light display and free outdoor skating on the Tim Hortons Skating and Water Feature. <a href="http://www.newmarket.ca/ThingsToDo/Pages/Recreation%20and%20Culture/Events/Winter-Wonderland.aspx">www.newmarket.ca/ThingsToDo/Pages/Recreation%20and%20Culture/Events/Winter-Wonderland.aspx</a>
Nov 30 – Dec 23	OTTAWA Vintage Village of Lights Cumberland Heritage Village Museum	The village is illuminated to set a picture-perfect scene as you explore the festival touches, decorations and embellishments that have been a part of Christmas traditions throughout the years. <a href="https://www.todocanada.ca/city/ottawa/event/vintage-village-lights/">https://www.todocanada.ca/city/ottawa/event/vintage-village-lights/</a>
Dec 1 – Jan 6	THE BLUE MOUNTAINS Blumination Blue Mountain Village	Blumination Dream Trail is a magical, illuminated winter stroll through the Village, around the Mill Pond and straight through your imagination. It's a holiday celebration every day of the week, with entrancing nightly light shows and an experience like none other. Weekends bring Saturday night Fireworks, horse and wagon rides and visits with Santa. <a href="https://www.bluemountain.ca/things-to-do/events/blumination-dream-trail">https://www.bluemountain.ca/things-to-do/events/blumination-dream-trail</a>

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Dec 1 – Dec 31	<p>WATERLOO Wonders of Winter Waterloo Park</p>	<p>Over 100 colourful and fun displays with over 100 thousand light bulbs light up Waterloo Park. <a href="http://www.wondersofwinter.ca/">www.wondersofwinter.ca/</a></p>
Dec 2 – Jan 6	<p>SIMCOE Christmas Panorama of Lights Downtown parks</p>	<p>Thousands of lights and themed displays transform Simcoe’s downtown parks into a winter wonderland. Stroll the parkland at your leisure or step aboard our horse-drawn trolley available most weekends in December. Motor coach visitors will enjoy our small town hospitality so be sure to register your group for an official tour! <a href="http://www.simcoepanorama.ca/">www.simcoepanorama.ca/</a></p>
Dec 3 – mid Jan	<p>KAPUSKASING Festival of Lights Riverside Park</p>	<p>Be part of the holiday magic as Riverside Park is transformed into a Winter Wonderland. More than 300 thousand square feet of colourful lights set the mood for the festive season ahead. It’s Kapuskasing’s warmest, brightest and most impressive winter holiday tradition. <a href="http://www.kapuskasing.ca/en/playing/festival-of-lights.aspx">http://www.kapuskasing.ca/en/playing/festival-of-lights.aspx</a></p>
Dec 5 – Jan 7	<p>OTTAWA Christmas Lights Across Canada</p>	<p>Ottawa sparkles and shines during the holiday season. Thousands of colourful lights illuminate Canada’s capital and has become a national tradition. The lit areas include Confederation Boulevard, Canada’s ceremonial route, which encompasses Wellington Street, Mackenzie Street, Elgin Street and Sussex Drive in downtown Ottawa. Historic sites and parks along the way are lit up as well. <a href="http://www.ottawatourism.ca/ottawa-insider/christmas-lights-across-canada/">www.ottawatourism.ca/ottawa-insider/christmas-lights-across-canada/</a></p>
Dec 7 – Dec 31	<p>ORANGEVILLE Christmas in the Park Kay Cee Gardens</p>	<p>This winter wonderland features over 50,000 bulbs and dozens of unique displays. <a href="http://www.orangeville.ca/events/2017/12/01/christmas-in-the-park-2">www.orangeville.ca/events/2017/12/01/christmas-in-the-park-2</a></p>

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Dec 7 – Jan 6	WINDSOR Bright Lights Windsor Jackson Park	Create holiday memories this year in Windsor where you'll find a spectacular backdrop of thousands of lights and stunning displays. Enjoy a giant illuminated tree in the Queen Elizabeth II Sunken Gardens, thousands of lights, and a host of iconic holiday characters throughout the park. There is also a holiday market and festive performances on Fridays and Saturdays. <a href="https://windsorite.ca/events/bright-lights-windsor-45/">https://windsorite.ca/events/bright-lights-windsor-45/</a>
Dec 8 – early Jan	KITCHENER Christmas Fantasy of Lights Victoria Park	Bring the whole family out for some holiday cheer! View the spectacular display of festive lights that adorn Victoria Park's buildings, trees and bridges. <a href="http://www.kitchenerevents.ca/whats-on/events?eventID=174">www.kitchenerevents.ca/whats-on/events?eventID=174</a>

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