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Nov 15 – Jan 1	BELLEVILLE Christmas Lighting Display Jane Forrester Park	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. https://belleville.ca/christmas-lighting-display
Nov 15 – Jan 5	NAPANEE The Big Bright Light Show Dundas Street	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 and shopping at our one of a kind boutiques and stores. https://downtowngreaternapanee.com/big-bright-lights/
Nov 16 – Jan 5	AMHERSTBURG River Lights Winter Festival Kings Navy Yard & Toddy Jones Park	Hundreds of customized festive light displays, interactive photo ops and a life-sized Gingerbread Warming House that will take off the chill of the winter season. Lights are lit throughout the 2 downtown parks. Stop by any evening until January 5th to view the holiday light show. Special events take place every weekend during the festival at the Gingerbread Warming House. https://visitamherstburg.ca/events/river-lights-winter-festival/
Nov 16 – Jan 8	KINGSVILLE Fantasy of Lights Lakeside Park	Lakeside Park is magically transformed into a sea of colourful displays. Dinner with Santa, fireworks, Gingerbread Gazebo, Fantasy Express Train, Sip and Shop Holiday Nights and children’s activities will entertain everyone in your family this season. www.fantasyoflights.ca/
Nov 16 – Jan 4	KITCHENER Gift of Lights 425 Bingemans Centre Drive	Gift of Lights is a family-friendly drive-thru holiday light display with two tunnels and more animated and static light displays than ever before! Enjoy this holiday spectacle from inside the comfort of your own vehicle and tune into Gift of Lights Radio at 100.1FM. www.bingemans.com/gift-of-lights.php
Nov 16 – Jan 12	NIAGARA FALLS Winter Festival of Lights	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. www.wfol.com/

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Nov 16 – Jan 5	<p>OWEN SOUND Festival of Northern Lights Downtown</p>	<p>Enjoy the beauty of Owen Sound this winter season as nearly 400 displays and 25+ kilometres of lights illuminate the harbour, the Sydenham riverbanks, the downtown core and Harrison Park. Opening Celebrations complete with fireworks, Festival in the Park, Scavenger Hunt and other events take place throughout the Festival. No grinch can resist the magic of the lights! www.owensoundfestivalofnorthernlights.ca/home.html</p>
Nov 17 – Jan 4	<p>SUDBURY Festival of Lights at Science North</p>	<p>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 family and friends to see the festival of lights. https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=200018316716657</p>
Nov 21 – Dec 7	<p>MIDLAND First Light Sainte-Marie among the Hurons</p>	<p>Thursdays to Saturdays Now in its 20th 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. www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca</p>
Nov 21 – Jan 4	<p>OTTAWA Magic of Lights Wesley Clover Parks</p>	<p>Magic of Lights™ is a unique and dazzling drive-through holiday lights experience to celebrate the season. At every turn, the magical route is overflowing with spectacular light displays that bring your favourite holiday themes and characters to life. http://magicoflights.com/ottawa/</p>
Nov 22 – Feb	<p>COBOURG Christmas Magic Downtown</p>	<p>Shimmering displays illuminate downtown Cobourg featuring 180-thousand lights from Victoria Hall, down Second Street, through Rotary Harbourfront Park and in Victoria Park. This year’s Christmas magic will have ‘Winter Wonderland’ theme. https://calendar.cobourg.ca/default/Detail/2019-11-22-1800-Christmas-Magic2</p>

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Nov 22 – mid Jan	<p>GODERICH Festival of Lights Celebrations</p>	<p>Let Goderich set the tone for the festive season with glittering lights and charming displays. Take in 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. www.goderich.ca/en/stay-and-play/special-events.aspx</p>
Nov 22 – Jan 5	<p>TORONTO Aurora Winter Festival Ontario Place, West Island</p>	<p>Toronto's Ontario Place will be transformed into a magical winter wonderland with a beautiful skating rink, a tube park, massive light displays, a Christmas Market, amusement rides, food gardens, magical characters, and plenty of other exciting activities. Experience Canada's largest winter festival this holiday season. www.aurorawinterfestival.com/toronto/</p>
Nov 22 – Dec 31	<p>VAUGHAN Winterfest Canada's Wonderland</p>	<p>Select Nights Canada's Wonderland will be magically transformed into a winter wonderland full of enchantment and holiday cheer during WinterFest! Become immersed in the season's spirit with spectacular holiday lights and décor, world-class live entertainment, savoury treats and fanciful Christmas activities. Our holiday event is sure to bring joy to boys and girls of all ages, from one to ninety-nine! www.canadaswonderland.com/play/winterfest</p>
Nov 23 – Jan 1	<p>GEORGINA Festival of Lights Georgina Pioneer Village</p>	<p>Join us throughout the holiday season as we light up the buildings and grounds of the Georgina Pioneer Village. Tune in to 101.7FM to enjoy music with the show! Old Fashioned Christmas will kick off the festival on Sat Nov 23 - Experience the Village at night, decorated for the season. Live music, historical demonstrations, activities for the whole family, hot apple cider and cookies are FREE for everyone. www.georgina.ca/events/festival-lights-and-old-fashioned-christmas</p>
Nov 23 – Jan 1	<p>SARNIA / LAMBTON Celebration of Lights Centennial Park</p>	<p>A spectacular display in which Sarnia-Lambton is set aglow under a blanket of illuminated lights with 41-illuminated displays and approximately 250,000 lights throughout Centennial Park. This year features horse and wagon rides, a tent with children's activities, entertainment, food and souvenir booth, a visit from Santa Claus, and the official lighting of the displays with fireworks. https://celebrationoflights.com/</p>

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Nov 23 – Dec 23	SMITH FALLS Celebration of Lights Centennial Park	Centennial Park will be lit with thousands of Christmas lights for everyone to enjoy this holiday season. www.facebook.com/smithsfallscelebrationoflights/
Nov 24 – Jan 1	TRENTON Christmas Fantasy of Lights Fraser Park	Tour these magical waterfront light displays while listening to favourite holiday carols. www.quintewest.ca/en/visit-discover/communityeventsfestivals.asp
Nov 28 – Jan 4	TORONTO Christmas Glow Toronto Congress Centre North Building	NEW: Laugh, stroll and play under the twinkle of a million lights as you explore the light gardens and illuminated structures. Let the playgrounds entertain the kids for hours, while you kick back at our licensed bar and enjoy some seasonal beverages, delicious food, and live music. Shop the vendor market, showcasing the best local artisans and boutique businesses, alongside delicious food and drink options. www.glowgardens.com/toronto-christmas/
Nov 29 – Jan 1	BRANTFORD Brantford Lights Glenhyrst Art Gallery	Glenhyrst Art Gallery is transformed into a winter wonderland. Visit nightly to enjoy the magical displays this holiday season. www.glenhyrst.ca/events-calendar/
Nov 29 – Jan 8	BURLINGTON Lakeside Festival of Lights Spencer Smith Park	Come share your holiday spirit with family and friends while strolling through the 60 magical lighting displays set up at Spencer Smith Park. Wander through the park with family and friends, or get a 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. www.burlingtonfestivaloflights.com/
Nov 29 – Jan	CAMBRIDGE Christmas in Cambridge Multiple locations	Throughout the month of December, residents and visitors can enjoy spectacular Christmas light displays in four locations throughout the city: interactive light displays in Central Park; Christmas trees in Hespeler Village, Queen's Square; and the lights and CAMBRIDGE sign at City Hall. In addition to the light displays there are several events taking place throughout the season. www.christmasincambridge.ca

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Nov 29 – Dec 21	<p>DELTA Celebrating the Season Lower Beverley Lake Park</p>	<p>Friday and Saturday Nights Enjoy a wagon ride or a walk through the park to see the trees and buildings magically lit with hundreds of thousands of festive lights and displays. Wagon ride tours to the park will depart from the Fairgrounds starting at 5pm; visitors wishing to walk through the park may enter the grounds at the Village Boat Launch. Remember to bring your letters to Santa and your camera for photos when you visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in Cottage #1. Enjoy Willard's fried cakes and hot chocolate and while standing around the campfire. www.beverleylakepark.com/celebrating-the-season</p>
Nov 29 – Jan 4	<p>MORRISBURG Alight at Night Upper Canada Village</p>	<p>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! www.uppercanadavillage.com/events/alight-at-night/</p>
Nov 29 – Dec 22	<p>OTTAWA Vintage Village of Lights Cumberland Heritage Village Museum</p>	<p>Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings The Museum's 1920s and 30s village is illuminated to set a picture-perfect scene as you explore the festive touches that have been a part of preparing for Christmas throughout the years. As you stroll through the village, enjoy the fun activities including: sending a Santagram, decorating gingerbread, taking a horse-drawn wagon ride (weather dependent), singing along to Christmas standards, decorating ornaments, a cozy campfire and more. And don't forget to say hi to Santa! https://ottawa.ca/en/arts-heritage-and-events/museums-and-historic-sites/cumberland-heritage-village-museum</p>
Nov 30 – Mar 28	<p>THE BLUE MOUNTAINS Blumination Blue Mountain Village</p>	<p>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. Enjoy a dancing light display to music every night. Weekends bring Saturday night fireworks, horse and wagon rides and visits with Santa. http://bluemountainvillage.ca/blumination</p>
Nov 30 – Jan 1	<p>FRANKFORD Fantasy of Lights Frankford Tourist Park</p>	<p>Enjoy the festive lighting display at Frankford Tourism Park for a magical experience you won't forget. www.quintwest.ca/en/visit-discover/communityeventsfestivals.asp</p>

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Nov 30 – Dec 31	<p>LONDON Winter Wonderland Victoria Park</p>	<p>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 and an outdoor skating rink. View the Winter Wonderland lights from the City Hall Promenade Deck, 12th floor of City Hall on select evenings. www.londontourism.ca/Events/Winter-Wonderland</p>
Nov 30 – Jan 5	<p>SIMCOE Christmas Panorama of Lights Downtown parks</p>	<p>Thousands of lights and over 60 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. Visitors are sure to enjoy our small town hospitality. www.simcoepanorama.ca/</p>
Nov 30 – Dec 31	<p>TORONTO Cavalcade of Lights Nathan Phillips Square</p>	<p>The Cavalcade of Lights event will mark the official start to the holiday season in Toronto on Nov 30. The 53rd annual celebration will feature the first lighting of Toronto’s 60-foot Christmas tree, live musical performances, circus arts, a skating party and a spectacular fireworks display. The tree will light up Nathan Phillips Square until New Year’s Eve. www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/cavalcade-of-lights/</p>
Nov 30 – Dec 31	<p>WATERLOO Wonders of Winter Waterloo Park</p>	<p>Over 100 colourful and fun displays while over 100 thousand light bulbs light up Waterloo Park. Enjoy horse-drawn trolley rides; visit Santa’s Workshop, view the Nativity Scene, get a photo inside the huge Wonders of Winter Photo Frame; and don’t miss the Opening Celebration on Nov 30 that includes the turning on of the lights and a fireworks show! www.wondersofwinter.ca/</p>
Dec 1 – Dec 31	<p>TORONTO A Nutcracker Christmas At The Castle Casa Loma</p>	<p>Guests can explore the holiday magic of Casa Loma. Wander through the dazzling lighting display in the gardens and experience all of Casa Loma’s holiday festivities as well as an outdoor holiday Christmas Market. https://casaloma.ca/project/a-nutcracker-christmas-at-the-castle/</p>

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Dec 1 – Jan 3	<p>GEORGETOWN Light Up The Hills Dominion Gardens Park</p>	<p>"Ignition" is held in Georgetown, Acton & Glen Williams on DECEMBER 1ST each year. All 3 locations offer different entertainment and experiences! Georgetown is the largest celebration with entertainment, free hot chocolate, free Hot Dogs, Outdoor Movies, Santa Claus, and new this year a "Selfie Booth." In Acton, enjoy a smaller celebration with great entertainment, free hot chocolate and cookies as well as free hot dogs, plus Santa. The most intimate and smaller crowd can be found at Glen Williams with singing and free hot chocolate. Dominion Gardens Park, the site of Georgetown's Tree of Hope, has been expanded with lighting displays throughout, featuring wreaths, candy canes, Santa's House, and much more! Bring your family and friends out for a wondrous winter walk through the sparkling lights during the month of Dec. www.lightupthehills.com</p>
Dec 1 – Jan 5	<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 and makes for a magnificent family outing. www.kapuskasing.ca/en/playing/festival-of-lights.aspx</p>
Dec 4 – Jan 7	<p>OTTAWA Christmas Lights Across Canada Confederation Boulevard/ Parliament Hill</p>	<p>Ottawa sparkles and shines during the holiday season. National museums, monuments, and other prominent landmarks provide the perfect backdrop for Christmas lights that brighten Confederation Boulevard, while the splendour of Parliament Buildings brings a magical winter lightscapes multimedia show to light. www.ottawatourism.ca/events/christmas-lights-across-canada/</p>
Dec 5 – Jan 4	<p>OTTAWA Christmas Glow EY Centre</p>	<p>NEW: "Glow Around the World" as you follow Santa on his journey to deliver presents in 6 different countries! Explore lighted trails, stroll through festive city streets and marvel at illuminated historical landmarks as you discover themed rooms in China, India, Holland, Mexico, France, and England. Laugh, stroll and play under the twinkle of a million lights as you explore the light gardens and illuminated structures. Let the playgrounds entertain the kids for hours, while you kick back at the licensed bar and enjoy some seasonal beverages, delicious food, and live music. Shop the vendor market, showcasing the best local artisans and boutique businesses, alongside delicious food and drink options. www.glowgardens.com/ottawa-christmas/</p>

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Dec 6 – Jan 5	<p>BURLINGTON Winter Lights at the Rock Royal Botanical Gardens</p>	<p>Weekends + Dec 23, 30 & Jan 2 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! www.rbg.ca/winterlights</p>
Dec 6 – Feb 17	<p>NEWMARKET Winter Wonderland Newmarket Riverwalk Commons</p>	<p>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. www.newmarket.ca/winterwonderland</p>
Dec 6 – Dec 31	<p>ORANGEVILLE Christmas in the Park Kay Cee Gardens</p>	<p>A Magical Forest of Lights and Fantastical Displays featuring over 50,000 bulbs, entertainers and performances, photos with jolly ol' Saint Nick in his Sleigh in the Gazebo, Peruvian Alpacas to delight the young and old and so much more. A magnificent Orangeville community tradition! http://orangevilleoptimists.ca/events/27th-annual-christmas-in-the-park</p>
Dec 6 – Jan 7	<p>WINDSOR Bright Lights Windsor Jackson Park</p>	<p>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 select nights. www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Recreation/Special-Events/bright-lights-windsor/Pages/default.aspx</p>
Dec 7 – Jan 8	<p>KITCHENER Christmas Fantasy of Lights Victoria Park</p>	<p>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. www.kitchenerevents.ca/whats-on/events?eventID=174</p>
Dec 7 – Jan 4	<p>UXBRIDGE Optimist Fantasy of Lights Elgin Park Drive</p>	<p>Drive through the path of light displays, then park your car and walk through the beautiful Fantasy Trail, a beautiful pathway of Christmas lights through the treed area. Join us on a night when we have free hot chocolate and horse and carriage rides. https://uxlights.ca/</p>

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Opening mid-Dec	TORONTO Terra Lumina Toronto Zoo	NEW: After nightfall at the Toronto Zoo this winter, you are invited to pursue an immersive experience along a 1.5 km walking path that travels into the future and back. Your journey begins when a portal carries you into the luminescent wonders of the year 2099, a time when humans and nature have learned to live in harmony. Let yourself be transported by vibrant lighting, multimedia effects, breathtaking video projections and an original score to an enchanted world filled with possibility. And explore this bright and hopeful future to reveal the powerful secrets of tomorrow. www.torontozoo.com/terralumina

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