

Winnipeg Winter Seasonal Events 2022



Winter Solstice

The winter, or December solstice, is the beginning of the winter season in the Northern Hemisphere. Winter officially begins at 3:48 p.m. on Wednesday December 21, 2022. This is the day with the shortest amount of daylight in the year and the longest night. The sun will rise at 8:24 a.m. that day and set at 4:29 p.m.

Winnipeg Seasonal Events

There are many events taking place in and around Winnipeg during the months of November and December. Some events are free, and others cost money. Below are some websites you can visit to look at all the upcoming events.

www.tourismwinnipeg.com

www.downtownwinnipegbiz.com

www.todocanada.ca/christmas-events-in-winnipeg-lights-carols-theatre

www.allevents.in/winnipeg/calendar

Hanukkah

Hanukkah is also referred to as the Festival of Lights. This celebration is an eight day Jewish festival. This year, Hanukkah starts on December 18, 2022, and ends on December 26, 2022. On each of the eight nights Jewish people light a candle on a an eight-branched candelabra called a menorah. Many families serve special holiday foods, sing songs, play games, and exchange gifts. Best wishes to families who are celebrating Hanukkah!



Christmas

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 each year. It is a religious celebration for some people and a cultural celebration for others. Most Christmas traditions were brought to North America by immigrants, beginning with the Germans in the 1700's

For Christians, Christmas is a holy day that marks the birth of Jesus Christ. For other families, Christmas is a time to gather and celebrate their own traditions. Many cultures and countries around the world have unique traditions that include special foods, decorations, songs, gift giving, and other practises. Popular North American Christmas traditions include Santa Claus, Christmas trees, candy canes, watching Christmas movies, and family gatherings. Happy holidays to all who are celebrating Christmas!





Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa was created by an American, Maulana Karenga, in 1966. This annual celebration takes place mainly in the United States. And affirms and celebrates African family and social values. It is held from December 26 to January 1 each year. Kwanzaa is based on harvest traditions from various parts of Africa. A feast called Karamu is held on the 6th day of Kwanzaa. All the best to families celebrating Kwanzaa.

Orthodox Christmas in Ukraine

Ukrainians traditionally celebrate Orthodox Christmas. Ukrainian Christmas celebrations begin on Christmas Eve, January 6. Christmas Eve is a day of fasting followed by a feast of 12 meatless dishes that represent the 12 apostles. Special decorations, songs, attending church and visiting with relatives and friends are also important traditions for many Ukrainian people during the season.



Santa Clauses Around The World

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United States
**SANTA
CLAUS**



Cuba
**THE THREE
KINGS**



Brazil
**PAPAI
NOEL**



South Africa
**KRISMIS
VADER**



England
**FATHER
CHRISTMAS**



Australia
**SANTA
CLAUS**



Sweden
**YUL
TOMTEN**



Russia
**DED
MOROZ**



China
**DUN CHE
LAO REN**



Finland
JOULUPUKKI

Santa Claus Parade- November 19, starting at 3PM

Arrive early for Santa's Block Parties, starting at 2:00 PM

Local organizations will host activities and events along the parade route.

Locations and hosts:

1. Garry to Fort - Sport Manitoba
2. Carlton to Hargrave - Manitoba Advocate
3. Edmonton to Carlton - Manitoba Hydro



Dress Warm!

Hats- Gloves- Boots- Snow Suits

Look online at www.mbhydrosantaparade.com

For more information

Write a Letter to Santa Claus

In Canada, Santa Claus has been declared a Canadian citizen. He has a passport and an address. Every year thousands of children write a letter to Santa. No postage stamp is required.

Santa Claus says to write your letter by December 9, 2022, so he has time to write back to you. Make sure to have your return address on the envelope.

Write a Letter to Santa

Santa loves getting letters from children all over the world

John Doe
123 ANY STREET
MYCITY PROVINCE A1A 1A0
CANADA



Santa Claus
North Pole HOH OHO
CANADA

Visit Santa Claus

Most major shopping malls are offering visits with Santa Claus. Mostly visits with Santa are free, but photos with Santa cost money. Look at the mall websites for more information.

Kildonan Place

www.kildonanplace.com

Polo Park

www.shops.cadillacfairview.com

St Vital Centre

www.stvitalcentre.com

Garden City Mall- Lights of the North
Christmas from November 5 until
December 31, 2022

www.lightsofthenorth.ca

Other stores and garden centers also offer visits with Santa and family activities. Check out their websites for more information.



History of the Candy Cane

The original candy cane was made 350 years ago in Germany. Children will often receive a candy cane when they visit Santa Claus. Candy canes are often used as decorations for Christmas trees.



Canadian Pacific Holiday Train- Saturday December 3, 2022, at 9:00 PM
Location: Panet Road and Molson Street

The CP Holiday Train returns in 2022. This program has two trains that travel through Canada and the U.S. to bring holiday cheer to the communities they stop at, and to raise money and food for food banks across Canada and the United States. The trains leave from Montreal and make stops at many communities. The event is free, but people are welcome to donate non-perishable food or money to help support local food banks. The train is 1000 feet in length and has 14 decorated train cars. The last train car is a travelling stage where performers will provide entertainment and music.



Craft Sales and Christmas Markets

Community clubs, churches, schools, and other groups host many markets and craft sales during November and December. These are open to anyone to shop for locally made goods, baking and other items.



Popular Winnipeg Seasonal Family Events

Zoo Lights- Assiniboine Park Zoo www.assiniboinepark.ca/zoo/zoolights

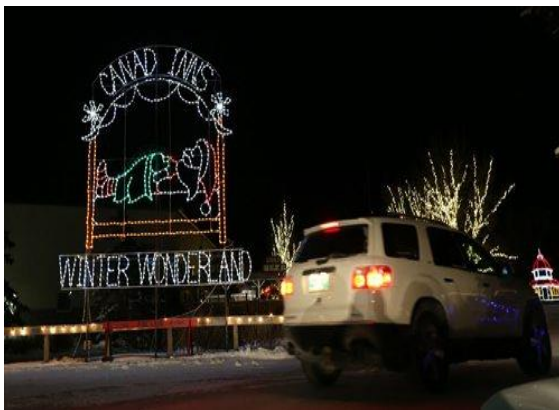
Canada Inns Winter Wonderland www.redriverex.com

Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall Events www.centennialconcerwerthall.com

Fort Whyte Alive www.fortwhyte.org

Eaton's Fairytale Vignettes- Children's Museum www.childrensmuseum.com

The Forks www.theforks.com



CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD

Hamper Applications

www.christmascheerboard.ca

The Christmas Cheer Board provides grocery hampers & gifts for children 14 years and under over the 2022 holiday season.

Who can apply?

People in need and living in Winnipeg (including St. Norbert) can apply for a hamper for their household. Referrals are not accepted, individuals and families must apply for themselves.

How to apply?

All hamper applications are taken by phone at Hamper Application Call Centres.

Phone lines open November 7 at 9 am

**Employment Income
Assistance (EIA) Applicants**

204-948-2022

EIA case number required. Address must be current with EIA.

**EIA application hours: Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Low Income, Pensioners,
Students, New Canadian
Applicants**

204-989-5683

Have a Manitoba Health card ready for all adults in the household.

**November - Normal business hours
December - Extended business hours**

The 12 DAYS of SAFETY

- Never use lighted candles near trees or boughs 
- Keep poisonous plants out of reach of children and pets 
- Keep trees away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources 
- Make sure your tree has a stable platform 
- Choose an artificial tree that is labeled fire resistant 
- If using a natural tree, make sure it is well watered 
- Check holiday lights for fraying, bare spots, gaps in the insulation or excessive kinking in the wire 
- Turn off all tree lights and decorations when not in use 
- When putting up decorations, use a step stool or ladder to reach high places 
- Designate a sober driver 
- When preparing a meal, wash hands, utensils, sink and anything else that touches raw meat 
- Reheat leftovers to at least 165°F 

Happy Holidays.



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Contact the RETIS settlement staff if you have any questions about seasonal activities in Winnipeg.



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