

# LOUISIANA HOLIDAY TRAIL of LIGHTS

## *Fa-La-La Louisiana!*

Looking for something exciting, new, and memorable to do with your group for the holidays? Well, look no further!

Holiday Trail of Lights' ten partner Louisiana cities will brighten your holiday experience. From parades and fireworks to candlelight tours of homes and millions of twinkling lights, there are group tour experiences from November to December 2023.

The cities of Alexandria / Pineville, Minden, Monroe - West Monroe, Natchitoches, Shreveport-Bossier, Logansport, and Ruston offer great group tour ideas. The best part about it, these tours can be organized very inexpensively. Here are some potential tour ideas and dates. Many of the attractions, festivals, and events offer free admission.

### November 17-19

- Ruston: Nov 16 - Holiday Open House & Kickoff to Christmas
- DeSoto/Logansport: Nov 18 - Premiere Festival of Lights
- Monroe-West Monroe: Nov 16 - Champagne Stroll on Antique Alley
- Natchitoches: Nov 18 - Turn on the Holidays\Live Music & Fireworks
- Natchitoches: Nov 18 - Cookies with Santa
- Natchitoches: Nov 19 - Light the Way 5K
- Shreveport-Bossier: Nov 17-18 - 19th Annual Mistletoe & More
- Shreveport-Bossier: Nov 18 - The Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet
- Shreveport-Bossier: Nov 17-28 - Scrooge!
- Alexandria/Pineville: Nov 24-26 - Holiday Light Safari

### November 24-26

- Minden: Nov. 25 - Shop Small Business Saturday
- DeSoto/Logansport: Nov. 25 - Festival of Lights - Bryan Martin Concert
- Monroe-West Monroe: Nov 25- Holiday Outdoor Movie
- Monroe-West Monroe: Nov 25- Shop Small Saturday
- Natchitoches: Nov 25 - Fleur de Lis Christmas Craft Mall
- Natchitoches: Nov 25 - Live Music & Fireworks Downtown
- Shreveport-Bossier: Nov 24 - Dec 23 - Believe! Lights the Night at The Shreveport Aquarium
- Shreveport-Bossier: Nov 24 - Dec 17 - Christmas in Roseland at the American Rose Center
- Shreveport-Bossier: Nov 25 - Jan 28 - SnoPort at SciPort Discovery Center
- Shreveport-Bossier: Nov 25 - Rockets Over The Red fireworks display

### December 1-3

- Ruston: Nov 30 - Dec 2 - Lincoln Lights Up the Pines
- Ruston: Nov 30- Dec 3 - The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
- Ruston: Dec 2 - Holiday Arts Tour
- Minden: Dec 3 - Sound of Christmas Orchestra Concert
- DeSoto/Grand Cane: Dec 2 - Christmas Parade, Market, Tour of Homes & Concert
- Monroe-West Monroe: Nov 30-Dec 2- Christmas Open House at the Biedenharn
- Monroe-West Monroe: Dec 2- Bawcomville Redneck Parade
- Monroe-West Monroe: Dec 2 - Festival Weekend Christmas Parade & Fireworks
- Monroe-West Monroe: Dec 2-3- Journey to Bethlehem
- Natchitoches: Nov 29 - Dec 1 - Northwestern State University Christmas Gala
- Natchitoches: Dec 2 - 97th Annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival
- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 1 - A Charlie Brown Christmas: Live on Stage at The Strand Theatre

### December 1-3 (cont'd)

- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 2 - Benton Christmas on the Square
- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 2 - Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 1-3 - Holiday Light Safari
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 2 - River Oaks Annual Holiday Porch Sale
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 2 - Pineville Park Baptist Church Christmas Extravaganza Vendor Market
- Alexandria/Pineville: Nov 30-Dec 2 - Alex Winter Fete

### December 7-10

- Ruston: Dec 7 - Downtown Holiday Sip & Stroll
- Ruston: Dec 8 - Home for the Holidays Concert
- Ruston: Dec 9 - Cookies with Santa
- Ruston: Dec. 7-9 - Lincoln Lights Up the Pines
- Minden: Dec. 8 - Trail of Lights Historic Hayride Tours
- Minden: Dec. 9 - Christmas in Minden Festival
- Minden: Dec 9 - We Have a Savior Concert
- DeSoto/Grand Cane: Dec 8 - Back Alley Community Theater Christmas Play
- DeSoto/Grand Cane: Dec 9 - Christmas Concert Holiday Classic Songs
- DeSoto/Mansfield: Dec 9 - Christmas Parade
- Monroe-West Monroe: Dec 10- Santa in the Park at Christmas at Kiroli
- Natchitoches: Dec 7-9 - Christmas Tour of Homes
- Natchitoches: Dec 8 - Gospel Night on the Riverbank
- Natchitoches: Dec 9 - Cookies with Santa
- Natchitoches: Dec 9 - Live Music & Fireworks Downtown
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 8-10 - Holiday Light Safari
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 9 - Garden District Neighborhood Foundation Holiday Tour of Homes
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 8 - Pineville Christmas Parade
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 10 - Alexandria Christmas Parade

### December 14-17

- DeSoto/Logansport: Dec 14 - Downtown Holiday Stroll
- DeSoto/Logansport: Dec 14 - Community Choirs & Singalong
- DeSoto/Logansport: Dec 17 - Keatchie Musicales
- Ruston: Dec 16 - Ruston Christmas Parade
- Ruston: Dec 16 - Ruston Rudolph Run 5K
- DeSoto/Mansfield: Dec 16 - Mansfield SHS Christmas on the Homefront
- Monroe-West Monroe: Dec 15- Holiday Outdoor Movie
- Monroe-West Monroe: Dec 15- A Very Merry Oz Christmas by Louisiana Delta Ballet
- Monroe-West Monroe: Dec 16- Christmas Market on the Alley
- Natchitoches: Dec 14-16 - Christmas Tour of Homes
- Natchitoches: Dec 15 - Gospel Night on the Riverbank

### December 14-17 (cont'd)

- Natchitoches: Dec 16 - Live Music & Fireworks Downtown
- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 15 - Rally on the Red in East Bank District
- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 16 - Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 15-17 - Holiday Light Safari
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 14-17 - A Calvary Christmas

### December 22-24

- Ruston: Dec 22 - Holiday Movie Night
- Natchitoches: Dec 23 - Live Music and Fireworks Downtown
- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 21 - 24 - A Christmas Story, The Musical at Centenary College
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 20-23 - Holiday Light Safari
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 23 - Christmas Eve Eve Jam

### December 29-31

- Natchitoches: Dec 30 - Live Music & Fireworks Downtown
- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 31 - New Year's Eve at Louisiana Downs
- Shreveport-Bossier: Dec 31 - Rock the Clock New Year's Eve Celebration
- Alexandria/Pineville: Dec 26-28 - Holiday Light Safari

### Ongoing Events:

- Minden: Christmas at Germantown Colony, Historic District Walking Tours, Dorcheat Museum, Antique Trail Holiday exhibits
- DeSoto/Logansport: Holiday lights on throughout the season until after New Years. Food vendors
- Monroe-West Monroe: Freedom Trees, Candy Cane Lane, Christmas at the Biedenharn, Santa's Christmas Village, Land of Lights, Christmas at Kiroli
- Ruston: Downtown Carriage Rides, Artificial Ice Skating
- Natchitoches: Christmas lights from Nov 18 - Jan 6, Christmas in the Park, Carriage Rides, Santa Claus House, Food vendors open 7 nights a week
- Shreveport-Bossier: Believe! Lights the Night at The Shreveport Aquarium from Nov 24 - Dec 23
- Shreveport-Bossier: Christmas in Roseland at the American Rose Center from Nov 24 - Dec 23, fireworks every weekend in December
- Shreveport-Bossier: SnoPort at Sci-Port Discovery Center from Nov 25 - Jan 28
- Alexandria/Pineville: Christmas Magic Lights on select nights

*See other side for more info →*

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

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*Fa-La-La Louisiana!*

Join the chorus and get in the holiday spirit - Holiday Trail of Lights is a seasonal delight from November to December! From east to west on I-20, and north to south on I-49, experience holiday lights and exciting events in 10 of our most festive cities:

**Alexandria / Pineville, Minden, Monroe - West Monroe, Natchitoches, Shreveport-Bossier, Logansport, and Ruston**

We've decked the halls just for you. Brilliant lights, shopping, great food, awesome music, festival and parades as only we can do in Louisiana. Come often and experience unique sights and sounds in each of the different cities - your group will delight in this chance to find exciting experiences in multiple Louisiana cities!



## 📍 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER

Christmas in Shreveport-Bossier is full of twinkling lights, fireworks, and lots of shopping. Holiday happenings kick off the weekend after Thanksgiving with the opening of Christmas in Roseland and Rockets Over the Red Fireworks Festival. From then through the New Year, enjoy gaming, festivals, theatrical performances, fireworks, and more.

## 📍 MINDEN

Celebrate Christmas with the folks from the "Friendliest City in the South" - Minden. Visit Santa, shop at antique and specialty shops and tour museums and art galleries. Hundreds of life-size nutcrackers and twinkling lights are part of the Christmas displays. Discover the essence of Minden's German heritage this holiday season.

## 📍 MONROE-WEST MONROE

Have yourself a Merry Christmas on the River in Monroe-West Monroe! Here the holiday season is filled with merriment including parades, fireworks, live performances, shopping, wagon rides, Santa sightings, and more! Whether walking through our Land of Lights or driving through the tunnels of Candy Cane Lane, the holiday season is bright in Monroe-West Monroe!

## 📍 NATCHITOCHEs

Make holiday memories in Natchitoches - Louisiana's oldest city! Celebrate six weeks of Christmas tradition with historic district carriage tours, Christmas lightings, fireworks, parade, plays, carolers, and a Broadway-style production each creating a festive atmosphere for all to enjoy.

## 📍 ALEXANDRIA/PINEVILLE

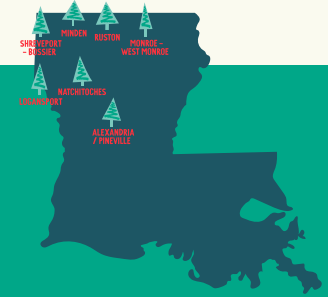
The holidays in Alexandria/Pineville - the heart of Louisiana - offer parades, Santa Claus appearances and performing arts. Whether it's experiencing the Holiday Light Safari, shopping for gifts or listening to Christmas carols that puts you in the holiday spirit, you can find it all here. Be sure to leave time for the annual 12 Days of Christmas, and Alex Winter Fête.

## 📍 LOGANSPOrt

Celebrate your Christmas holiday with a visit to the historic community of Logansport in DeSoto Parish. Located on the Sabine River you'll enjoy the hard work that turns Logansport into a wonderland of lights from the weekend after Thanksgiving through the New Year.

## 📍 RUSTON

The holiday magic is alive in Ruston with carriage rides, visits with Santa, beautifully decorated downtown shops, streets lined with twinkling lights, a Christmas parade, and more festive fun throughout the entire parish!



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