

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024

# 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 2024.

The cities of Shreveport-Bossier, Minden, Ruston, Monroe - West Monroe, Alexandria / Pineville, Natchitoches, and Logansport 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 7-12

- **Ruston - 11/7-11/9:** Holidays in CedarTown
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 11/11:** Veteran's Day Celebration & Freedom Tree Lighting
- **Natchitoches - 11/12:** Jingle & Mingle Holiday Soiree hosted by Service League of Natchitoches
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 11/9:** A NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet @ The Strand Theater

### NOVEMBER 21-24

- **Ruston - 11/21:** Holiday Open House and Kickoff to Christmas
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 11/21:** Champagne Stroll
- **DeSoto/Stonewall - 11/22:** Grand Opening of Lumiere - An Immersive Christmas Experience
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 11/22-24:** 50th Anniversary Les Boutiques de Noel
- **DeSoto/Logansport - 11/23:** Festival of Lights Premiere featuring the world famous Polar Bear Coca Cola Truck
- **Natchitoches - 11/23:** Cookies with Santa
- **Natchitoches - 11/23:** Turn on the Holidays featuring live music, fireworks and drone show

### NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 2

- **Alexandria - 11/29-11/30:** Alexandria Zoo Holiday Light Safari
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 11/29-12/1:** Christmas in Roseland
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 11/30:** Believe! Light the Night
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 11/29-12/1:** Sno Port Exhibit at Sci Port Museum
- **Natchitoches - 11/30:** Fleur de Lis Christmas Craft Mall
- **Natchitoches - 11/30:** Downtown Events: Live music & Fireworks
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 11/30:** Shop Small Saturday & Holiday Outdoor Movie
- **Pineville - 12/1:** Christmas in the Pines
- **Logansport - 12/2:** Logansport - FREE Movie Night "The Polar Express" and visit with Santa

### DECEMBER 5-8

- **Natchitoches - 12/4-6:** Northwestern State University Christmas Gala
- **Ruston - 12/5-8:** Ruston Community Theatre: White Christmas
- **Ruston - 12/5-7:** Lincoln Lights Up the Pines
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/5-7:** Christmas in Roseland
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/7-8:** Believe! Light the Night
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/5-8:** Sno Port Exhibit at Sci Port Museum
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/7:** Benton Christmas on the Square
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/7:** Christmas on Caddo Firework Festival
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/5:** Downtown Gallery Crawl
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/5-12/7:** Christmas Open House at the Biedenharn
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/6:** SYAA Presents Christmas Cabaret
- **Ruston - 12/7:** Photos with Santa

- **Ruston - 12/7:** Christmas on the Farm
- **Ruston - 12/7:** Holiday Arts Tour
- **Natchitoches - 12/7:** 98th Annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival & Parade
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/7:** Bawcomville Redneck Parade
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/7:** Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita Christmas Parade
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/7:** Twin City Ballet's Scrooge
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/7:** Christmas on the River Fireworks
- **Alexandria - 12/5-7:** Alex Winter Fête
- **Alexandria - 12/5:** A Very Electric Christmas
- **Alexandria - 12/7:** River Oaks Annual Christmas Porch Sale
- **Alexandria - 12/6-7:** Alexandria Zoo Holiday Light Safari
- **DeSoto/Grand Cane - 12/6-14:** Back Alley Theatre presents Country Christmas Celebration
- **DeSoto/Grand Cane - 12/7:** Grand Cane Christmas Parade, Market & Tour of Homes
- **DeSoto/Stonewall - 12/7:** Stonewall Christmas Parade
- **DeSoto/Stonewall - 12/9:** A Christmas Walk in the Park

### DECEMBER 12-15

- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/13-15:** Christmas in Roseland
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/14-15:** Believe! Light the Night
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/12-15:** Sno Port Exhibit at Sci Port Museum
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/14:** Bossier Holiday Night Market
- **Minden - 12/13:** Minden Wine Walk
- **Minden - 12/13:** Trail of Lights Historic Hayride Tours
- **Minden - 12/14:** Christmas in Minden Festival
- **Minden - 12/15:** Christmas Tour of Homes
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/11-14:** ELsong Aglow: A Christmas Garden Stroll
- **Natchitoches - 12/12-14:** Christmas Tour of Homes
- **Ruston - 12/12-12/14:** Lincoln Lights Up the Pines
- **Natchitoches - 12/13:** Gospel Night on the Riverbank
- **Ruston - 12/14:** A Christmas Blues Spectacular
- **Ruston - 12/14:** Cookies with Santa
- **Natchitoches - 12/14:** Cookies with Santa
- **Natchitoches - 12/14:** Downtown Events: Live Music, Fireworks, Drone Show & Boat Parade
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/14:** Christmas Market on the Alley
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/14:** Calhoun Christmas Parade
- **Ruston - 12/15:** Christmas Cookie Crawl
- **Pineville - 12/13:** Pineville Christmas Parade
- **Alexandria - 12/13-14:** Alexandria Zoo Holiday Light Safari
- **Alexandria - 12/14:** Garden District Tour of Homes
- **Alexandria - 12/15:** Alexandria Christmas Parade
- **DeSoto/Mansfield - 12/14:** Mansfield Christmas Market & Festival
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/15:** Santa in the Park

### DECEMBER 18-22

- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/18:** Coca-Cola Truck Night at the Biedenharn
- **Ruston - 12/19:** Ruston Rudolph Run 5k
- **Ruston - 12/20:** Ruston Christmas Parade
- **Ruston - 12/20-12/21:** Christmas at the Complex
- **Alexandria - 12/20-12/21:** Alexandria Zoo Holiday Light Safari
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/20:** Louisiana Delta Ballet's Twas the Night Before a Cajun Christmas
- **Alexandria - 12/21:** "Olaf's Frozen Christmas Adventure" Ballet
- **Natchitoches - 12/21:** Fireworks, Drone Show & Live Music
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/18-22:** Christmas in Roseland
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/20-23:** Believe! Light the Night
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/18-22:** Sno Port Exhibit at Sci Port Museum

### DECEMBER 27-29

- **Alexandria - 12/26-12/28:** Alexandria Zoo Holiday Light Safari
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/27-29:** Christmas in Roseland
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/20-23:** Sno Port Exhibit at Sci Port Museum
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/28:** Rally on the Red by Independence Bowl
- **Natchitoches - 12/28:** Fireworks and Live Music

### ONGOING EVENTS:

- **Pineville - 12/2-31:** Christmas in the Kees
- **DeSoto/Logansport - 11/24-01/05:** Logansport Christmas Festival of Lights
- **DeSoto/Stonewall - 12/9-31:** A Christmas Walk in the Park
- **DeSoto/Stonewall - 11/30-12/31:** Spirit of DeSoto Christmas Tree
- **DeSoto/Stonewall - 11/22-12/31:** Premiere Lumiere, an Immersive Christmas Experience
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 11/8-1/4:** Candy Cane Lane Drive Through Light Park
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 11/11-12/31:** Christmas on the River, Freedom Trees, & Land of Lights
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 11/29-12/25:** Christmas at Kiroli
- **Monroe-West Monroe - 12/4-27:** Santa's Christmas Village at the NELA Children's Museum
- **Minden - Christmas** at Germantown Colony, Historic District Walking Tours, Dorcheat Museum, Antique Trail Holiday exhibits
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 12/16-23:** Christmas in Roseland
- **Shreveport-Bossier - 11/29-2/23:** Sno Port Exhibit at Sci Port Museum

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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:

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

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.



## 📍 RUSTON

The holiday magic is alive in Ruston with dazzling lights, beautifully decorated downtown shops, visits from Santa, a Christmas parade, and more festive fun throughout the entire parish! From the enchanting tree lighting to the spectacular drive-through light display, there's magic for everyone to discover in our cozy college town!



## 📍 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!



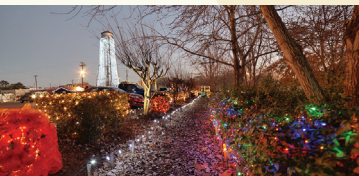
## 📍 ALEXANDRIA/PINEVILLE

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.



## 📍 NATCHITOCHE

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.



## 📍 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.



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