

Christmas Light Displays

Nov 10th- Jan 2nd - Wonderlights/Castle of Lights, Dublin – The magic of Winter

Address: Malahide Demesne, Malahide, Dublin, K36 C432

Multi-Sensory Accessible Trail - An Inclusive event the route is accessible for those using wheelchair. Parking and accessible bathrooms available.

Wonderlights offers new areas to explore, providing engaging and entertaining experiences for guests of all ages. 'The Magic of Winter' would not be complete without a visit to the Festive Lights and the Woodland Village where a selection of food vendors will offer delicious hot food, treats and winter warmers.



Nov 16th – Jan. 5-9pm - Wild Lights, Dublin Zoo, Dublin

Address: Dublin Zoo, Saint James' (part of Phoenix Park), Dublin 8

This year Wild Lights theme is 'The Enchanted Zoo'. Come inside an enchanting world where you'll discover the secret life of the Zoo at night! You'll be greeted by a Wizard and presented with a choice of three pathways to explore first. From there, you'll be transported to lands of magic and wonder, with fairies mythical creatures, multi-coloured animals and even a candyland, all lit up as beautiful silk lanterns.

<https://www.dublinozoo.ie/wildlights/>



Nov 10th – Dec 23rd - The Light Fantastic! Sensory Evening – Thursday Dec 14th

Belvedere House, Gardens and Park, Belvedere, Mullingar, Westmeath, N91 EF80

The Land of Light Experience is like nothing else in Ireland. Set in the beautiful grounds of Belvedere House, Gardens & Park in County Westmeath, the experience delivers thrills and excitement at every turn. As you walk your way along the forest trail, the night sky, trees and buildings are lit up by a spectacular light show, with stunning atmospheric music to complete the scene. There is limited accessibility carparking available if required. Please email hello@landoflight.ie to request one of these spaces. <https://landoflight.ie/about/>



Nov 23rd – Dec 23rd - Loughcrew Lights, Meath

Address: Loughcrew Estate, Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 X4Y1

An amazing Christmas event to attend this year is the returning lightshow at the Loughcrew Estate in County Meath. The theme is Celtic myths and legends and visitors are invited to travel through the four ages of Ireland’s mythological past and see how these favourite tales are unwoven through an interpretation of light, sound and installation.

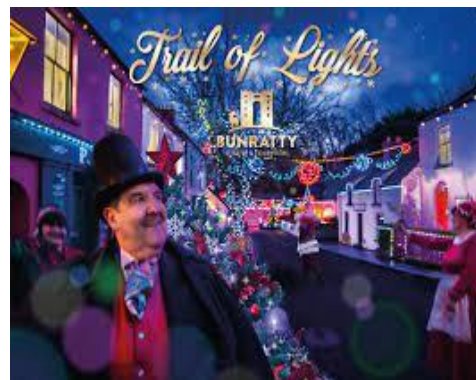


This is a Santa-free Christmas event in Ireland and outdoors, so dress appropriately and bring cash to enjoy some hot drinks and refreshments afterward.

Nov 25th – Dec 23rd - Bunratty Castle Trail of Lights, Clare

Address: Bunratty West, Bunratty, Co. Clare

With a sprinkling of magic fairy dust, Bunratty Castle Folk Park is transformed into a magical illuminated festive trail for all to enjoy. Enjoy an enchanted walk through the winter wonderlands and twinkling lights of the Folk Park.



Follow the festive trail where you might see a Snowman, a Nativity scene, and more. Colourful Christmas characters may be encountered around the village including Scrooge, the Grinch, and more. There will also be a Polar Express train ride, carousels, and puppet shows. Note Christmas Trail of Lights does not include a gift and personal meet & greet with Santa.

Nov 28th – Jan 7th - The Moving Crib, St Martin Apostolate, Parnell Square West, Rotunda, Dublin 1

This year The Moving Crib will be opening it’s doors for it’s 67th year!

The Moving Crib has been a key feature of Christmas in Dublin for so long that parents and grandparents, who visited The Moving Crib as children, are now bringing their children and grandchildren to enjoy and re-live this amazing Christmas experience! Admission is FREE.



**Blanchardstown Centre, Friday 17th
November - Sunday 28th January**

Ireland's Largest Ice Rink, Ice Skating Blanchardstown, is back this winter to bring a fun-filled, magical experience for everyone to enjoy! The stunning 1000 square metre ice rink will open at Millenium Park, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre on November 17th and run until January 28th 2024.



**Winterval, Waterford City - Friday, November
17th until Saturday, December 23rd.**

Winterval will host over 40 festive fun events with 20 of those on offer free of charge. There is a GLOW garden and a brand new sensory wall at New Street Gardens, an incredible Winterval light show which sees a magical array of animation sitting amidst a backdrop depicting the City's skyline which features of some of Ireland's oldest buildings, this will be on offer every half hour.



**Festive Market in Galway City – Friday, Nov
10th until Sunday Jan 7th.**

The Galway Continental Christmas Market has 50 wooden chalets located in Eyre Square along with the Big Wheel, Carousel, Santa's Grotto, the German Bier Keller along with numerous other theatrical delights throughout the four week fair.



Christmas Music Events

Dublin

The Helix

The Rocket Man A tribute to Elton John November 18th

A Christmas Serenade November 25th

The Andrea Bocelli Experience December 13th

ABBA Forever The Christmas Show Friday December 15th

The Jerseys Live December 20th

Fairytale of New York December 21st

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It's a Wonderful Life December 6th

Coolmine Christmas Gala Concert December 14th

Home Alone December 19th

Bord Gais Theatre

Love Actually – In Concert November 29th

Phil Coulter December 1st

The Carpenters December 2nd

The Rocky Horror Show January 15th to 20th

National Concert Hall

Ding Dong Merrily on Hight November 28th

Christmas with the Palestrina Choir December 6th

Home Alone in Concert December 8th & 9th

Candlelit Carols December 19th

And Many More.....



Christmas Events – Tipperary



Wed Nov 15th at 7:30pm - Christmas Themed cookery demonstration with Edward Hayden in the Abbeycourt Hotel, Nenagh - €15 per person. Fundraising events for Toomevara GAA. Tickets can be purchased at the Abbeycourt Hotel, Centra in Toomevara

Mon Nov 27th 8-10pm - Christmas Themed cookery demonstration with Edward Hayden in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles - €25 per person.

Sat Dec 2nd – Trudi Lawlor – Christmas Concert – The Source, Thurles

Sat Dec 9th 8-10:30pm- Roscrea Community Choir – Christmas Joy

Venue: St Cronin’s Church €20 roscreacommunitychoir@gmail.com 0878140132

Sunday Dec 10th – 1-6pm - Thurles Christmas Skyfest in Townpark - Christmas Markets, firework display, music, funfair rides

Fri Dec 15th – Jack L – The Northern Lights -Song of the Winter Solstice – The Source, Thurles

Sat Dec 23rd - Seskin Lane- Christmas Concert – The Source, Thurles

Sat Dec 29th to Dec 31st – Robin Hood (2pm & 7pm shows on Dec 29th & 30th, 1pm & 6pm shows on Dec 31st) The Source, Thurles

Christmas Events - Limerick

Nov 22nd to Nov 26th - Shrek The Musical - Limetree Theatre

Sun Nov 26th at 3pm - Miracle on 34th Street will be shown in UL Concert Hall. Tickets €7.50 / Conc. €5 & Groups 4+

Sat Nov 25th at 8pm - Regina Nathan's Annual Christmas Concert – St. Mary's Cathedral, Bridge St, Limerick €30

Sat Nov 25th at 8pm - Phil Coulter - Songs, stories and a touch of Tranquillity – UL Concert Hall

Fri Dec 1st at 8pm - ABBA Forever – UL Concert Hall

Sun Dec 3rd at 7:30pm - UL Orchestra Christmas Concert – UL Concert Hall

Dec 8th to Jan 7th - Aladdin & his Magic Lamp (Relaxed performance at the 1pm shows on Dec 29th & Jan 2nd) - Limetree Theatre

Sun Dec 10th @4:45pm – Christmas Carols at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick - V94 E068
Free event

Tues Dec 12th 9-10pm – Christmas Classics by Candlelight with Frank McNamara & guests, St Augustine's Catholic Church, O'Connell St, Limerick. €27.50

Thurs Dec 14th 8pm - Irish Chamber Orchestra Best of Christmas event at St. Mary's Cathedral

Dec 21st – Jan 14th – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime (Sensory Day on Jan 4th) - UL Concert Hall

Sat Jan 6th - Women's little Christmas at Castleoaks House Hotel - Festive afternoon tea and mulled wine reception, entertainment & spot prizes - €35 per person

Sat Jan 6th @6:30pm - Little Christmas in the Radisson Blue Hotel, Limerick. Dinner and show featuring Neil Diamond tribute band - €55

Sat January 27th at 8pm - Nathan Carter - UL Concert Hall

Sun Jan 21st at 8pm – Sharon Shannon, Mary Coughlan & Frances Black – Limetree Theatre

Ennis

Wed Nov 29th at 8pm – A Christmas Country with the stars – Glor, Ennis €30

And many more.....

Dublin

Three Unique Locations:

Swords Town Park (Behind the Castle): Step into a fairytale setting in the heart of Swords. The park, adorned with festive decorations, creates a magical backdrop for your holiday shopping.

Trading Hours:

Fri 24th Nov: 3pm to 8pm

Sat 25th Nov: 11am to 6pm

Sun 26th Nov 11am to 6pm

Sat 2nd Dec 11am to 6pm

Sun 3rd Dec 11am to 6pm

Bremore Castle, Balbriggan: Experience the charm of Balbriggan's historic Bremore Castle as it turns into a festive marketplace. Discover unique gifts and treasures amidst the castle's historic walls.

Trading Hours:

Sun 26th Nov: 11am to 4pm

Sun 10th Dec: 11am to 6pm (Times to be confirmed)

Sun 17th Dec: 11am to 6pm (Times to be confirmed)

Shackleton Gardens, Clonsilla: Explore the tranquil beauty of Shackleton Gardens, where you'll find a serene atmosphere and a delightful selection of seasonal treats. Trading hours and details to be confirmed.

Christmas Craft Market 2023

National Botanic Gardens - December 9th at 10.00am & December 10th at 4.00pm

Farmleigh Farmers Market (monthly market)

Come along and enjoy the long-established Farmers market in the beautiful grounds of Farmleigh.

There is a great variety of food stands to choose from including many award winning food producers and vendors. You will be spoiled for choice as there is something to suit everybody's taste.

Make sure to come along on one of the markets days at Farmleigh and enjoy what the market has to offer, and you can also take in the beautiful surroundings of Farmleigh House and Estate.

Markets will take place on:

Christmas Markets: Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December, 10am – 5pm.

Christmas Markets: Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December, 10am – 5pm.

Christmas Markets: Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th December, 10am – 5pm.

**Please note that there is no ATM at Farmleigh but many of the traders have credit card facilities*



Christmas Markets

Limerick/Tipperary

Sun Nov 19th 12-4pm – Croom Christmas Craft Market – Croom Sports Complex, Co. Limerick

Sun Nov 26th 11-3pm – Santa Paws at Limerick Milk Market - Enjoy a Sunday visit to Limerick Milk Market with outdoor cafe, live music, brunch, crafts, antiques and vintage fairs.

Sun Nov 26th 12 – 4pm - Castleconnell Christmas Market – Bradshaws Bar

Sun Nov 26 2023 11:00 - 05:00 pm - Annual Christmas fair/market at ASD Ireland centre in Limerick - the movement area, Trampoline and sensory room will be open to all, stalls will include hot food, music , Santa , artisan foods, crepes , crafts and more , All welcome
ASD Ireland, 72 Eastlink business park Ballysimon road Limerick V94038E,Limerick, Ireland

Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd Dec, 11am-3pm - Get ready to embrace the festive spirit at our enchanting Christmas Market at the Woodlands Hotel, Adare

Sun Dec 3rd – Rockbarton Garden Centre, Bruff, Co Limerick - Christmas Boutique Market

Sun Dec 3rd 12-4pm – Ahern Nurseries, Killmallock V35D892 Christmas Fair

Dec 3rd 6-9pm, Dec 4th 12-5pm - Newport Christmas Market in the community centre

Dec 1st, 2nd & 3rd - Kilmeedy Social Farm Christmas Market - €5 entry.
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Dec 4th & 5th, 12-5pm – A Georgian Christmas Fair on the corner of Pery Square and Barrington St. Limerick.

Saturday Dec 9th from 12-8pm - Abbeyleix House and Farm magical Christmas Market & Santa's Grotto – a wide range of stalls offering unique gifts, delicious food, and locally crafted goods. From handmade decorations to festive treats, you'll find something special for everyone on your list.

There are a few disabled parking spots onsite, these **must** be pre-booked

This is a ticketed event. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will not be available for sale onsite.

Sunday Dec 10th – 1-6pm - Thurles Christmas Skyfest in Townpark - Christmas Markets, firework display, music, funfair rides

Sat & Sun Dec 16th & 17th 12-5pm – Nenagh Christmas Craft and food market (outside the arts centre)

Sun Dec 17th 2:30-6:30pm – Delta Sensory Gardens, Carlow – Christmas Market

Christmas at Limerick Milk Market Dates & Times:

- **Sunday 26th November** - Santa Paws Event in aid of Animal rescue charity
- **Friday 1st December** - Outdoor Café 10am to 2pm
- **Saturday 2nd December** - Seasonal Food and Postbox 8am to 3pm
- **Sunday 3rd December** - [Christmas Art Fair](#) 11am to 4pm
- **Friday 8th December** - Transition Year Student Enterprise Market 10am to 2pm
- **Saturday 9th December** - Seasonal Food and Postbox 8am to 3pm
- **Sunday 10th December** - Christmas Vinyl Record & CD Fair 11am to 4pm
- **Friday 15th December** - Outdoor Cafe 10am to 2pm
- **Saturday 16th December** - Seasonal Food and Charity Santa 8am to 3pm
- **Sunday 17th December** - Christmas Antique & Craft Fair 11am to 4pm
- **Sunday 17th December** - Boherbuoy Band Christmas Concert 6:30pm to 8pm
- **Friday 22nd December** - Christmas Market 10am to 2pm
- **Saturday 23rd December** - Christmas Seasonal Market 8am to 3pm
- **Sunday 24th December** - Christmas Eve Seasonal Food 8am to 2pm



FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA LIMERICK/TIPPERARY



STRAND HOTEL, LIMERICK	061 421800	€36.00 Per Person
CASTLETROY PARK HOTEL, LIMERICK	061 335566	€31.95 per person
WOODLANDS HOUSE HOTEL, ADARE	061 605107	€32 per person
CASTLEOAKS HOUSE HOTEL, CASTLECONNELL	061 377666	€27 per person
BALLYKISTEEN HOTEL,	062 33333	€25 per person
LAKESIDE HOTEL, KILLALOE	061 376122	€30 per person
RACKETT HALL HOTEL, ROSCREA	0505 21748	€20 per person
HORSE AND JOCKEY HOTEL, THURLES	0504 44192	€26 per person
ANNER HOTEL, THURLES	0504 21799	€25 per person

- Advance booking is required.

For the Foodies in Dublin

Weekend markets

Howth Market

Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays (10am-5pm) | Harbour Road, Howth
Hop on the northbound DART and you'll find Howth Market nestled along Dublin's stunning coastline.

Temple Bar Food Market

Saturday (10.30am-4pm) | Meeting House Square, Temple Bar
Temple Bar Food Market is perfect for finding the makings of a weekend picnic

Dún Laoghaire CoCo Market

Sundays (11am-4pm) | The LexIcon Library & The People's Park, Dún Laoghaire

Every Sunday, jump on the DART to this beautiful seaside town as it hosts the Dún Laoghaire CoCo Market in two locations. By the LexIcon Library a food village & in the People's Park there are handmade crafts, second-hand books and contemporary art pieces for something to last longer than lunchtime.

Blackrock Market

Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays (11am-5:30pm) | 19a Main Street, Blackrock

Farmleigh Market

First Sunday of every month (10am-5pm) | Phoenix Park, Castleknock

Kicking off each month with an array of flavours and products, Farmleigh Market is nestled amongst the polished greens of Phoenix Park in Dublin City.

Media captionRoam Phoenix Park and discover amazing bites at Farmleigh Market.

St Anne's Park Market

Saturdays (10am-4pm) | St Anne's Park, Clontarf

Set on the bustling main avenue of the grounds, St Anne's Park Market is home to dozens of talented Dublin-based producers, crafts people and artisans showcasing their products. Keep your Saturday free and indulge in handmade chocolates and freshly baked bread. Or spruce up your dishes by picking up some of the merchants' organic meats and produce.

Herbert Park Farmer's Market

Sundays (11am-4pm) | Herbert Park, Ballsbridge

For the Rugby Fans!

The International Rugby Experience, Limerick

Perfect for all ages, the International Rugby Experience is the new, world class, interactive celebration of what it takes to become a Legend of the game!

Visitors will move through six, awe-inspiring stages centred around World Rugby's values of **Passion, Discipline, Integrity, Solidarity and Respect**, enjoying stories from grass roots rugby up the players, clubs and nations that have reached legendary status.

They will put their own skills to the test on our exciting Legendary Skills floor, where they will enjoy virtual coaching by famous faces including current Rugby World Cup players Keith Earls and Faf De Klerk, across running, kicking, handling and strength trials.

Expect fun every step of the way and stunning 360-degree views of Limerick city centre to finish.

Hear the Stories, Feel the Passion, Test your Skills at the International Rugby Experience!

Open 7 days a week from 9.30am – 6pm (last tour from 4.30pm)

Group Tickets €8 (Under 18s) & €13 (Adults)

Please enquire via groupbookings@internationalrugbyexperience.com

www.internationalrugbyexperience.com

Allow approximately 1.5 hrs for the self-guided tour.

Recommended Accommodation

- **Seafield Hotel and Spa Resort, Ballymoney, Gorey, Wexford, Y25X2V0**

Some individuals from Dublin had a very enjoyable stay at the Seafield Hotel recently and found the staff to be very accommodating of their specific needs and requirements – the hotel linked with Mobility Direct to bring in specialised beds to rooms for their stay.

List of Changing Places registered in Republic of Ireland

- **IKEA**, St Margaret's Rd, Ballymun, Dublin 11, D11 FW18. [Opening Hours and Directions](#). For more information visit ikea.ie Tel: (01) 541 3300
- **Trinity College Dublin**, College Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 896 1000. Open to visitors, it is located at the entry level into the Arts Building, adjacent to the college's [respite room](#). [TCD Changing Places](#)
- **Áras an Uachtaráin** (Office of Public Works), Phoenix Park, Dublin. Contact Phoenix Park Visitor Centre for information, T: 01-6770095, E: phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie [Aras an Uachtaráin](#)
- **The Lime Tree Theatre**, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Contact the Box Office on (061) 953400 boxoffice@limetreetheatre.ie. or visit [The Lime Tree Theatre](#)
- **Dublin Airport**, Terminal 1 beside the Information Desk. Contact (01) 8141111, Email: information.queries@dublinairport.com or visit [Dublin Airport](#)
- **The Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission**, 16-22 Green Street, Dublin 7. Contact: (01) 8589601, E: changingplaces@ihrec.ie or visit [IHREC.ie](http://ihrec.ie)
- **The National Gallery of Ireland**, Merrion Square, Dublin. Located in the Beit Wing, Level -1. A key is accessed from information desks. Contact: 087 117 0880. Visit [National Gallery.ie](http://nationalgallery.ie)
- **The National Heritage Park** (in conjunction with Wexford County Council). Contact: (53) 9120733, Email: bookings@irishheritage.ie or visit [Irishheritage.ie](http://irishheritage.ie)
- **Min Ryan Park**, Killeens, Wexford. Contact: customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie or call 053 919 6000. Visit [Wexford County Council Changing Places](#)
- **Marlay Park Craft Courtyard**, Grange Rd., Rathfarnham, Dublin D14 Y6X5. Opening hours: 9am – 4pm. Contact: Park Ranger 01-2047244 / 086-6056634 More details [here](#)
- **Athboy Convent Community Centre**, Kildalkey Road, Athboy, Co. Meath. Contact: (083) 1039668 or E: athboydevelopmentforum@gmail.com. More details [here](#)
- **Dundrum Town Centre**, Sandyford Road, Dublin 16. Located on Level 1 beside River Island. Key from Customer Service Desk. Open: Monday–Friday 9.00am–9.00pm. Sat: 9.00am–7.00pm. Sundays/public holidays: 10.00am–7.00pm. Contact: 01- 2991700. customerservice@dundrum.ie. [Changing Places at Dundrum Town Centre](#)
- **Tullamore Primary Care**, Church View, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Contact: 057-9319599. [Tullamore Primary Care Centre](#)
- **Jetland Shopping Centre**, Ennis Road, Limerick. For more information contact (061) 458 502 or visit: [Dunnes Stores, Jetland Shopping Centre](#)

- **County Hall, South Dublin County Council, Tallaght**, Dublin D24 A3XC. For more information visit: [Changing Places, County Hall Tallaght](#)
- **Roscommon Community Sports Park**, Lisnamult, Roscommon Town. Contact (090) 662 6152. [Roscommon Comm Sports Park](#) or visit Facebook [here](#)
- **Iarnród Éireann Connolly Train Station**, Amiens Street, Dublin D01 V6V6. Located in the Enterprise waiting area off Platform 2, close to main toilets. Access key from Customer Services desk. Contact : 01-7032358, Email: info@irishrail.ie, Website: www.irishrail.ie
- **Iarnród Éireann Heuston Station**. Located on St. John's Road, D10 XR23. Open Monday-Saturday 7am-9pm. Sunday/Public Holidays 9am-9pm. Contact: 01-7032132 E: access@irishrail.ie
- **Kildare County Council, Naas**. Located on floor 0 in Council Offices, Devoy Park. W91X77F. Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Contact: 045 980200. E: customerservice@kildarecoco.ie [Kildare Co Co Changing Places](#)
- **Newbridge Sports Centre**, Station Rd, Piercetown W12 KP84. Open Monday-Friday 6am-10pm, Saturday/Sunday 9am-4.30pm, Public Holidays 10am-4.30pm. Contact 045-433663. E: newbridge@kildareleisure.ie. <http://www.kildareleisure.ie>
- **CHI at Crumlin, Children's Health Ireland**. Located on the hospital's ground floor, access with a swipe card from the Main Reception desk (01 4096316). Open 24 hours daily. [CHI at Crumlin](#).
- **University College Cork**. Located at The Hub, College Road T12YF78. Accessible parking nearby and a manned security gate to allow access and additional directions. Open: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Contact: 021-4902265 [UCC Changing Places Toilet](#)
- **University of Limerick**. Located in Room No EG-010, just off Main Reception. Open Monday-Friday 8am-10pm, Saturday/Sunday/Public Holidays 8am-6pm. UL Staff/Students can access by emailing disabilityservices@ul.ie for swipe access through their UL ID Card. The public can access from the Main Reception, Main Building.
- **Blanchardstown Centre**, Dublin D15 XKK8. Located on 2nd Level beside the Ladies Toilets. Open Monday-Friday 9am-9pm. Saturday 9am-7pm. Sundays/Public Holidays 10am-6pm. [Blanchardstown Centre Changing Places](#)
- **Ladies Beach, Salthill, Galway City**: Monday to Friday 6AM – 10PM, The facility can be accessed through a keypad system on the door where a person calls a number to get an access code. Telephone: 01-6950707. Email: environment@galwaycity.ie