



HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN SAN DIEGO

Now that it's December, we're thinking about snow, cozy sweaters, time with our families and unbelievable light displays. You don't have to celebrate Christmas to appreciate the effort people across San Diego put into the light displays, from their own homes to city streets to the Hotel Del Coronado, the city's famous landmarks and hidden corners are full of the magic of lights and we're making sure you can experience them all.

BELARDO LIGHTS IN TIERRASANTA

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📍 5306 BELARDO DR.

This is a **one-house masterpiece** of lights. In 2006, the Schmika family began decorating their home in lights to give their autistic sons their own holiday light show. Now there are more than 100,000 lights and is awaited eagerly by families every year. Plus, tune your radio to 106.1 FM for music in sync with the lights.

CHRISTMAS CARD LANE (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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📍 9106 ELLINGHAM ST.

This street is home to colossal Christmas cards and Disney themed light and yard decor. The street's non-holiday name is Oviedo St, off Black Mountain Road. This display started in 1982, and has since expanded from one street to most of the neighborhood, so there is no wrong way to turn onto Christmas Card Lane. The neighborhood keeps the lights on from dusk to 10 PM, but the best time to go is about 7:00 PM.

GARRISON STREET LIGHTS (POINT LOMA)

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📍 3616 GARRISON ST

Garrison Street in Point Loma is lined with luxury homes...that go all out with holiday lights so it's a definite must-see this holiday season. It's described as a "3D extravaganza", and the street has spectacular views, so head up just before dusk and catch the sunset, then stroll through the over the top light displays.

GARDEN OF LIGHTS (SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS)

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📍 230 QUAIL GARDENS DR.

The Botanic Gardens get a lights face lift in December and everything that can be wrapped in lights gets wrapped in lights. The Gardens offer free marshmallows for toasting over a fire, and some nights even have horse drawn carriage rides and sledding (yes, with snow). But if you want those extras, come early and bring a little extra cash. Santa even makes an appearance at the Botanic Gardens, so start rehearsing your wish list.

FAIRWAY VILLAGE (CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH)

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📍 STONEY GATE PL.

Nearly 100 homes on the east and west sides of Stoney Gate Pl in Carmel Mountain Ranch turn on all the lights they can collect and make their street true “holiday magic”. It’s considered one of the best neighborhood displays in the city, and we have to agree - on this magical street you can also get cocoa and cookies, listen to music, and maybe even see Santa in a red firetruck with his elves.

KNOB HILL (SAN MARCOS)

KNOB HILL HOLIDAY LIGHTS

 1639 KNOB HILL RD.

This neighborhood has been setting up lights for almost 30 years now, and they have at least 100,000 bulbs waiting to amaze you, plus displays and themed yard decor. These families start their light displays before December even hits, usually right after Thanksgiving. To find this place, just look for Nordahl Rd. Between Tam O' Shanter Dr. & Augusta Dr.

SAN DIEGO BAY PARADE OF LIGHTS

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 1220 ROSECRANS ST # 414

The 46 annual Parade of Lights on the Bay is December 10 and 17 at 5:00 PM. The parade this year is pirate themed and will have approximately 80 boats, vessels, and other watercrafts decorated from bow to stern. Head to the waterfront on either day and enjoy the costumes, ships, and commentary if you watch from near the maritime museum or the Coronado landing. The parade route is roughly Shelter Island to Harbor Island to the Embarcadero to Seaport Village to the Pier at Cesar Chavez Park and will end at the Ferry Landing on Coronado.

JUNGLE BELLS

SAN DIEGO ZOO

 2920 ZOO DR

This is the San Diego Zoo's annual celebration, with lights, activities, and music for the whole family. The zoo will have animal light sculptures, a twinkle light trolley, carol singers, festive foods, and even performances like trampoline acrobatics. Lights will be up around winter-loving animals, Albert's will have food and drink specials, and so much more.

DECEMBER NIGHTS

BALBOA PARK 2

 1549 EL PRADO

Only on December 1 and 2, go to Balboa Park for the 40th annual December Nights. The museums are open late, the park is covered in festive lights, and food and drink from all over the world will be available to munch on. There will even be performances from San Diego's dance, theatre, and vocal groups and schools, as well as cultural performances. The Timkin Museum showcases Hold and Schlappi ornaments on it's own Christmas trees, and the International Houses host their annual international Christmas Festival.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET YOUR FESTIVE ON THIS SEASON? HIT US UP AT DOSD@DOSD.COM IF WE MISSED YOUR FAVE SPOT.

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FEATURED EVENTS



DEL MAR
**REGGAE
FEST**

featuring
PEPPER
SAT NOV 10

Coors
LIGHT

A promotional poster for the Del Mar Reggae Fest. The top left features a photograph of three men in reggae attire. A circular logo with a horse silhouette contains the text 'DEL MAR REGGAE FEST'. To the right, the text 'featuring PEPPER SAT NOV 10' is displayed in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. The Coors Light logo is in the bottom right. The background has a colorful geometric pattern.



THE MATAT
WITH THE DIP

11/2 SOLANA BEACH, CA
BELLY UP

A vibrant, stylized poster for 'The Matat with the Dip'. It features a large white skull with green teeth and a black and white checkered border. The background is purple with a red and black patterned banner. A snake is visible on the right. The text 'THE MATAT WITH THE DIP' is on the left, and '11/2 SOLANA BEACH, CA BELLY UP' is on the right.

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PHOTO GALLERY: FIDLAR

SPOOKTOBER WITH PINBACK

WILD WILD WETS - SONIC SAN DIEGO

HAUNT IT UP: THE MOST HAUNTED PLACES IN SAN DIEGO

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FEATURED EVENTS



Uncorked
DERBY DAYS WINE FEST
SAT NOV 17

DEL MAR
FALL
RACING
Festival

A photograph of four women wearing elegant hats and dresses, smiling for the camera at an outdoor event.



OCTOBER 31

MARCHFOURTH

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
VOKAB KOMPANY

GRAND ARCADE

DOORS 8PM - MUSIC BOX
1337 INDIA ST SAN DIEGO, CA - MUSICBOXSD.COM

DESIGN: CLAYE THARD

FEATURED VENUES

BELLY UP TAVERN

29 ERIC HUTCHINSON & THE BELIEVERS: THE MODERN
OCT HAPPINESS TOUR W/ JEREMY MESSERSMITH
8:00PM

31 HALLOWEEN HEAT FT. 80S HEAT AND BELLA LUX DANCE
OCT CREW
8:00PM

1 AN EVENING WITH JIM JAMES SOLO TOUR
NOV 8:30PM

2 ATOMIC GROOVE HAPPY HOUR
NOV 5:30PM

2 THE MOTET W/ THE DIP
NOV 9:00PM

3 BETAMAXX W/ PAGING THE 90'S
NOV 9:00PM

4 WILLIE K W/ KALEO PHILLIPS
NOV 8:00PM

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🎫 WIN FREE TICKETS

01. The Adicts
02. Not So Silent Night
03. Soda Bar Presents Hellogoodbye
04. Tom Segura: Take It Down Tour
05. Pepper

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☰ FEATURED STUFF

01. Win Stuff
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04. Just Announced
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🇺🇸 DOSD TASTEMAKERS

01. YEW!
02. The Whistle Stop
03. Xavier Hernandez
04. DoSD Intern
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