

Winter Events Guide: LA Beach Cities & Los Angeles

Curated for Coastal Vacation Estates clients & friends • Updated for late December 2025 through January 2026. Links below are clickable. Event schedules can change—always confirm on the official site before heading out.

Beach Cities: Manhattan Beach • Hermosa Beach • Redondo Beach

Downtown Manhattan Beach Events Calendar

Where: Downtown Manhattan Beach (various venues)

Runs: Ongoing (includes events spanning late Dec 2025–early Jan 2026)

Why it's worth it: Best one-stop list for MB shopping, dining happenings, and seasonal pop-ups.

Manhattan Beach City Calendar (Month View)

Where: Manhattan Beach (citywide)

Runs: Ongoing

Why it's worth it: Great for family events and city-run seasonal programming.

Hermosa Beach Calendar of Events (January 2026 view)

Where: Hermosa Beach (citywide)

Runs: January 2026 events listed

Why it's worth it: Use this to plan around Pier Plaza and city events into the New Year.

Hermosa Beach City Calendar (General)

Where: Hermosa Beach

Runs: Ongoing

Why it's worth it: Filter by category and always see the latest updates.

Riviera Village Holiday Stroll (Redondo Beach)

Where: Riviera Village, Redondo Beach

Runs: Seasonal (annual community event)

Why it's worth it: Festive shopping + dining in one of the South Bay's most charming walkable districts.

Los Angeles & Greater LA: Holiday + New Year Experiences

L.A. Zoo Lights: Animals Aglow

Where: Los Angeles Zoo (Griffith Park)

Runs: Nov 13, 2025 – Jan 11, 2026

Why it's worth it: A beautifully produced lantern-and-light experience that's great for families, dates, and visitors.

Holiday Ice Rink at Pershing Square

Where: Pershing Square, Downtown LA

Runs: Nov 20, 2025 – Jan 11, 2026

Why it's worth it: Classic outdoor skating downtown with skyline views (plus themed sessions/events).

LA Kings Holiday Ice at L.A. LIVE

Where: L.A. LIVE (Downtown LA)

Runs: Nov 28, 2025 – Jan 10, 2026

Why it's worth it: Perfect pre/post dinner activity—fun, festive, and easy to pair with concerts or games.

Ice at Santa Monica

Where: Santa Monica (near the Pier area)

Runs: Nov 7, 2025 – Jan 19, 2026

Why it's worth it: Coastal skating with a 'winter-by-the-ocean' vibe—great for out-of-town guests.

Astra Lumina Los Angeles (Night Walk)

Where: South Coast Botanic Garden (Palos Verdes Peninsula)

Runs: Begins Nov 6, 2025 (select nights)

Why it's worth it: Immersive, elegant, and beautifully done—an easy 'wow' evening experience.

Dinosaurs Around the World: The Great Outdoors

Where: South Coast Botanic Garden (Palos Verdes Peninsula)

Runs: Nov 1, 2025 – Feb 1, 2026

Why it's worth it: A fun daytime option for families—life-sized animatronic dinosaurs in a gorgeous garden setting.

Rose Parade (137th Rose Parade presented by Honda)

Where: Pasadena (Colorado Blvd route)

Runs: Jan 1, 2026 (8:00 AM start)

Why it's worth it: The iconic New Year's Day tradition—spectacular floats, bands, and pure SoCal energy.

Enchant Christmas (World's Largest Christmas Light Maze)

Where: Santa Anita Park (Arcadia)

Runs: Now through Dec 28, 2025

Why it's worth it: A big-ticket holiday night: light maze + skating + festive food and photo ops.

Holiday Road (Immersive Walk-Through Lights)

Where: King Gillette Ranch (Calabasas)

Runs: Select nights: Nov 28 – Dec 28, 2025

Why it's worth it: A polished, family-friendly walk-through experience with themed installations and photo moments.

Tip: If you're hosting guests, pair a night experience (Zoo Lights / skating / Astra Lumina) with an early dinner, and plan a daytime outing (botanic garden, shopping, pier stroll) the next day—winter crowds are lighter and parking is easier.

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