

# 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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