CHELTENHAM

where Christmas sparkles

Your guide to festive events and memorable moments with Santa in Regency Cheltenham

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THE FESTIVAL TOWN

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CHRISTMAS LAUNCH EVENTS

The festive season officially kicks off with two free annual celebrations.

Christmas Launch Party – The Brewery Quarter

Saturday 21 November, 2pm-8.30pm

Celebrate the season with Santa, choirs, dance groups and Huntrix Tribute act. Party along with The Grinch, Bluey and panto stars. Christmas lights throughout the town centre will come on at dusk.

Christmas Lights Switch On – Pittville Pump Room

Saturday 28 November, from 1pm

Enjoy a magical afternoon of festive entertainment, live music, family activities, Christmas characters, and seasonal food and drink.

NEW FOR 2026

Cheltenham Christmas Projection – The Promenade

3 – 16 December evenings from dusk. FREE to attend

A magical projection illuminating the iconic Municipal Offices with dazzling light and sound to celebrate Cheltenham's identity and heritage.

Town Centre Late Night Shopping Evenings

Thursday 3 & 10 December. *FREE parking from 3pm

Enjoy two evenings of Christmas shopping and festivities as many town centre retailers, including John Lewis and M&S, stay open until late to celebrate the festive season.

Full guide to in store entertainment and opening times on **visitcheltenham.com/christmas**. **In Cheltenham Borough Council town centre car parks, excluding Regent Arcade car park.*

John Lewis is also open until 7pm on 27 – 28 November and 5 & 12 December and until 8pm from 14 – 23 December.

Regency Roller Rink – Cheltenham Town Hall

28 – 30 December, sessions from 10.30am-7.15pm

Get your skates on for a wheel-y good time. Glide around to floor-filling and festive favourite tunes in a unique post-Christmas experience for all ages.

CHELTENHAM CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Markets will be popping up in and around town, including:

Christmas Markets at Pittville Pump Room

Friday 27 November, 5pm-9pm

Sunday 29 November, 11am-4pm

Browse gifts, crafts and artisan products from local makers and producers in the beautiful surroundings of Pittville Pump Room. FREE entry.

The Suffolks Christmas Market

Sunday 29 November, 11am-4pm, Suffolk Parade

Stalls by independent traders, featuring Santa, carols & street food.

See visitcheltenham.com/christmas for full details of all Christmas Markets

Christmas lights switch on at Pittville Pump Room

MAKE MAGICAL MEMORIES WITH SANTA

* On selected dates only.

Christmas at Cotswold Farm Park

***27 November – 23 December**

Join Santa for a memorable experience for all the family at our local farm

Santa Specials with GWSR

***28 November – 23 December**

Toddington Station

Travel by steam rail to visit Santa in his festive grotto

Christmas Grotto at Webbs Cheltenham

***5 December – 24 December**

Wander through a traditional grotto and meet Santa

Breakfast with Santa at Mulligans

13 & 20 December

The Brewery Quarter

Special morning playing golf and enjoying breakfast with Santa

Dear Santa – Show at Cheltenham Town Hall

14 & 15 December

A festive show with chance to meet Santa in his grotto

Meet Santa at Dunkertons

21 & 22 December. Free

Photo opportunity with Santa. His real reindeer will join him on 22 December

UNMISSABLE FESTIVE EVENTS

Spectacle of Light
***20 November – 30 December**
Sudeley Castle
New illuminated trail featuring *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

Cinderella – Panto
***27 November – 10 January**
Everyman Theatre
Gloucestershire's biggest pantomime starring Tweedy as Buttons

The Wind in the Willows
***27 November – 2 January**
Everyman Theatre
A beautiful festive adaptation of a much-loved classic

A Christmas Carol
***3 – 29 December**
Everyman Theatre
An alternative to pantomime, suitable for all ages from 7+

Fawlty Towers Comedy Dining
4 December
Cheltenham Town Hall
Hilarious Christmas-themed dining experience with Basil, Sybil and Manuel

Peter Pan – Pantomime
***11 December – 2 January**
Cheltenham Playhouse
Cheltenham's most hilarious and heartwarming Christmas tradition

The Christmas Meeting
11 & 12 December
Cheltenham Racecourse
Two days of top-quality racing & festive fun for all ages. Under 18's race free

The Nutcracker
Sunday 13 December
Bacon Theatre
A magical Christmas ballet for the whole family. Suitable for all ages

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
Saturday 19 December
Leisure at Cheltenham
Festive family party with games, crafts, bouncy castle and special surprise guest.

Christmas Day Swim
Friday 25 December
Cheltenham Lido
Join hundreds of festive swimmers as they brave the cold

New Year's Day Racing
Friday 1 January
Cheltenham Racecourse
Start 2027 in style with thrilling racing action. Under 18's race free

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WIN A LUXURY RECHARGE & RELAX BREAK IN CHELTENHAM

We're giving one lucky winner, and their guest, the chance to win a stay at The Greenway Hotel and Spa, with two spa treatments, reformer pilates at Core & Co. and lunch at Lardon. *T&C's apply*

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