

The Best Christmas Towns in the USA for a Dose of Holiday Cheer

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The holiday season is upon us, meaning you now have carte blanche to enjoy as many freshly baked snickerdoodles and mugs of mulled wine as you like. But where to enjoy said festive treats? The best Christmas towns in the USA are a fine place to start. As these charming destinations begin to string up lights and trim their trees, it's the perfect time to plan an atmospheric getaway.

The hallmarks of a Christmas town go beyond the expected decor, offering traditional markets, immersive programming, and an overall magical mood. And while powdery white snow makes for a particularly storybook feel, there are plenty of Christmas towns that can achieve that sense of wonder no matter the weather. Ahead, 19 holly jolly locales across the states to head for this season.

Newport, Rhode Island



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This coastal town has long been admired for its Gilded Age mansions, scenic cliff walk, and maritime culture (it's known as the sailing capital of the world, after all). And come Christmas, the entire town lights up as holiday cheer spreads across its cobblestone streets. There are countless activities to choose from, including holiday bubbly cruises, themed afternoon teas, nutcracker performances, an illuminated boat parade, and much more.

Where to Stay: Castle Hill Inn