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CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY 26



'TIS THE SEASON IN SOUTHAMPTON

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Christmas *in Southampton*

Festive feeling? It starts in Southampton.

Wander along the twinkly lights of the Christmas Market, warm your hands around something delicious, then head off in search of festive finds, dazzling snowy shop windows and a spot on the ice.

With brilliant shows, seasonal events and our **FREE Snow Windows Trail**, the city centre has plenty to fill a festive day out.



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Christmas Markets

Southampton Christmas Market

Guildhall Square, Above Bar Street & Bargate Quarter

Now until 27 December

Follow the lights and you'll find Southampton's Christmas Market in the heart of the city, with rides, festive treats and gifts galore. Browse the stalls, pick up something tasty and enjoy the free light show on the Bargate every night from 4.30pm. Word has it Santa will be stopping by too.

southamptonchristmasmarket.co.uk



Soton Makers Christmas Market

Southampton City Art Gallery

28 November

Head to Southampton City Art Gallery to browse stalls from a fantastic line-up of makers and creatives to find your next perfect gift.

southamptonmuseumsandgallery.co.uk/events



Carlton Place Market

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4 December

Carlton Place is getting a festive makeover for its Night Market this December. Expect a range of local traders, street food, covered seating, warm lights and a DJ, with plenty of reasons to grab a bite, meet friends and explore some of the businesses in and around the area.

Winter Makers Market

God's House Tower

4, 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13 December

Discover handmade gifts and one-of-a-kind finds at Southampton's Winter Makers Market at God's House Tower, where independent makers bring their creativity to the historic Old Town. Explore a wonderful selection of stalls across two December weekends, or make a Friday evening of it with late-night shopping and live music on 4 and 11 December.

godshousetower.org.uk



Festive Shows



What's Christmas without a little theatre magic? From this year's spectacular Christmas panto to Stage Door's cheeky adults-only show, there's something for everyone looking to add a little festive fun to the season. So, grab your tickets, take your seats and get ready for a show-stopping Christmas!

Mayflower Theatre

mayflower.org.uk

Christmas at the Movies Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
29 November

English National Ballet Romeo & Juliet
3 – 5 December

Robin Hood: Southampton's Spectacular Pantomime
12 December – 3 January



Mayflower Studios

mayflower.org.uk

Cinderella... a VERY Happy Ending!
26 November – 11 December

Festive Afternoon Tea
26 November – 30 December

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Christmas Show
2 – 12 December

Peter Pan: A BIG Musical Adventure
20 – 31 December

Peter Pan: Festive Afternoon Tea
23, 27 & 30 December

Christmas Lights
25 – 28 November

The Stage Door

thestagedoor.org.uk



A Very Dotty Christmas
11 December

Dawn's Christmas Drag Brunch
12 & 19 December

New Year's Eve with Aura Jay and Dawn
31 December

SNOW WINDOWS TRAIL

Snowmen on the loose



28 November – 3 January

A whole family of snowmen have come to Southampton for a Christmas holiday, and they've headed out to explore the city.

Follow the **HAT** and **CARROT** routes to discover 22 unique window scenes and see what the snowmen are getting up to.

At each clue stop, collect all the letters you find and unscramble them to reveal the secret word.

Finish one or both routes and head to one of the end locations where children can receive a free prize.

You'll also have the chance to enter our Winter prize draw.

See back of map for T&Cs.

HAT ROUTE

CARROT ROUTE

Take the **HAT** route and write down the letter you find at each stop. When you have found them all, unscramble the letters to reveal the secret word.

1. **Boots Opticians** *Above Bar Street, SO14 7DT* ☐
2. **Trespass** *Marlands Shopping Centre, SO14 7SJ* ☐
3. **Toni & Guy** *Above Bar Street, SO14 7DU* ☐
4. **Dice & Dumplings** *Above Bar Street, SO14 7DU* ☐
5. **Southampton Design & Print** *London Road, SO15 2AE* ☐
6. **Venture Photography** *London Road, SO15 2AG* ☐
7. **Impressions Care Solutions** *London Road, SO15 2AH* ☐
8. **Trevor Mitchell Hairdressing** *Bedford Place, SO15 2DS* ☐
9. **Retro Café** *Bedford Place, SO15 2DG* ☐
10. **Diego's Rotisserie** *Bedford Place, SO15 2DB* ☐
11. **SeaCity Museum** *Havelock Road, SO14 7FY* ☐

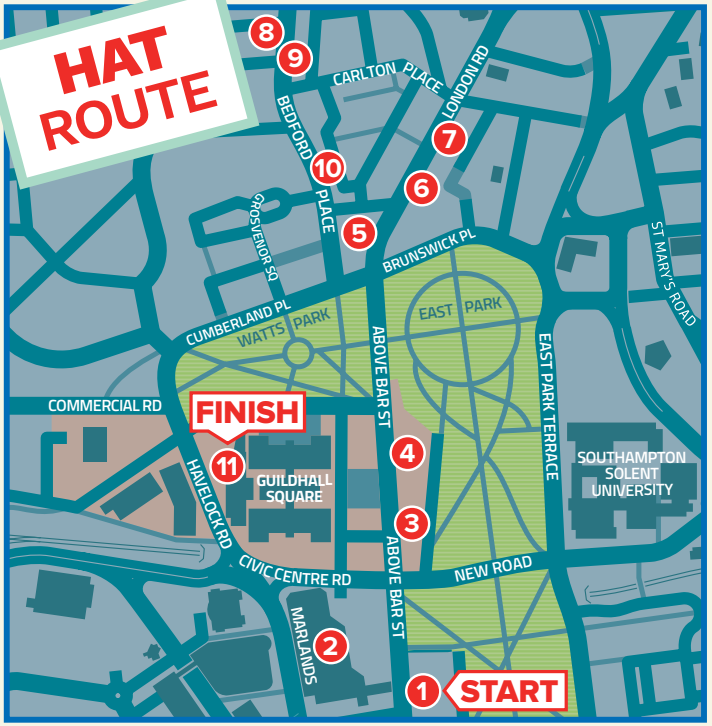
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Depending on how you roll, this trail should take...

APPROX **60** mins

The **HAT** Route is APPROX **1.2 miles**

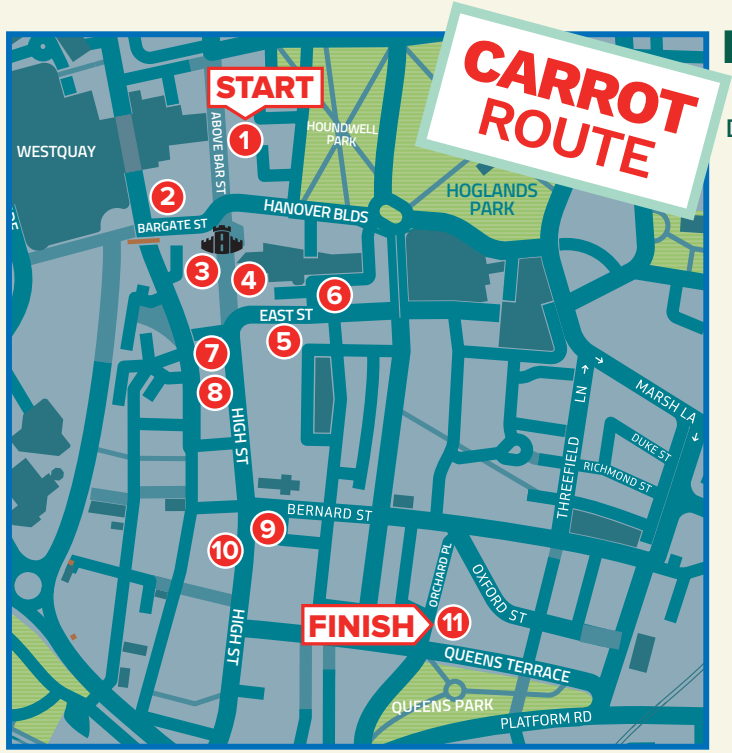




Write your secret word here:

Take the **CARROT** route and write down the letter you find at each stop. When you have found them all, unscramble the letters to reveal the secret word.

1. **Primark** *Above Bar Street, SO14 7DQ* ☐
2. **Artistic Beauty** *Bargate Street, SO14 2DA* ☐
3. **Edo Asia** *High Street, SO14 2BY* ☐
4. **Costa Coffee** *High Street, SO14 2DH* ☐
5. **sk:n Clinic** *East Street, SO14 3HD* ☐
6. **Cake Box** *East Street, SO14 3HG* ☐
7. **Howden Insurance** *High Street, SO14 2BT* ☐
8. **Cherry Godfrey** *High Street, SO14 2BT* ☐
9. **Argento Steak House** *High Street, SO14 2NS* ☐
10. **Kookie Tattoo** *High Street, SO14 2AA* ☐
11. **Second Nature** *Queens Terrace, SO14 3BP* ☐



READY TO ROLL?

Depending on how you roll, this trail should take...

APPROX **50** mins

The **CARROT** Route is APPROX **0.9 miles**



Write your secret word here:





How to claim your prize

1. Unscramble the letters and discover the secret words
2. Take your completed map to **Second Nature** or **SeaCity Museum** (see opening times below)
3. Fill in the feedback form provided to you and claim your free prize!
4. You can also enter our **Winter Prize Draw** where you could be in with the chance of winning:
   - Family ticket of four at **Showcase Cinema de Lux** Southampton
   - Voucher for two for **Locked In A Room** Southampton
   - £50 **Build-a-Bear Workshop** gift card
   - £50 **Tap & Tandoor** gift card

Terms and conditions:

- Feedback form must be completed to receive a prize (one per person)
- Prize collection times
  SeaCity Museum opening times:
  Monday – Saturday 10am – 4.30pm
  Sunday 11am – 4pm
  Closed 24 – 26 December and 1 January
  Second Nature is open 24/7 but we recommend collecting during the day
- The winner of our Winter prize draw will be announced in January 2027
- Some windows may not be visible on public holidays

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The latest exhibitions

Fancy a little culture between Christmas shopping and festive outings?

Southampton's art galleries are home to a line-up of inspiring temporary and permanent exhibitions.

The exhibitions below are FREE for you to visit over Christmas.



Jeremy Gardiner: Strata	Naeem Mohaiemen: Through a Mirror, Darkly	New Ceremonies	Art Then! British Painting, Sculpture and Drawing, 1910–1960
Southampton City Art Gallery	John Hansard Gallery	John Hansard Gallery	Southampton City Art Gallery

Want to get creative?

There are plenty of arty activities and workshops for all ages in Southampton's cultural venues from wreath and gonk making to winter watercolours and Christmas decorations.

For more details on exhibitions, activities and workshops, head to the Visit Southampton Christmas page.

Go outdoors

Guided Christmas walks

1.30pm from the Bargate

Every Saturday and Sunday
(except 26 & 27 December)

Step into Christmas past with See Southampton's guided walks, uncovering stories, historic characters and the city's surprising links to Christmas music as you explore the medieval walls and vaults.

For an evening outing, their 'Joy to the World!' walks finish with warming refreshments at the Westgate.

seesouthampton.co.uk



Westquay ON ICE

The Esplanade, Westquay

Now – 3 January

ON ICE returns to The Esplanade at Westquay, bringing the ultimate holiday skating experience for all ages. Step into a winter wonderland and enjoy a magical moment on the ice with friends or family. Glide beneath sparkling lights, soak up the festive atmosphere, and enjoy the simple fun of skating together.

westquay.co.uk

Christmas concerts & live music

From Christmas classics to intimate gigs, there's plenty of room for a song and dance in Southampton.

The Tumbling Paddies
The 1865
4 December

Buzzcocks
Papillon
9 December

Martin Kemp – Back to the 80s Christmas Party
Engine Rooms
11 December

Pop Kids: Christmas Wonderland
The 1865
13 December

Massaoke
Engine Rooms
18 December

Boogie Wonderland
The 1865
18 December

Step into Christmas
O2 Guildhall Southampton
18 December

Loonee Toons Christmas Party with The Urberts
The Brook
19 December

The Christmas Orchestra
Central Hall
19 December

Black Kat Boppers Annual Christmas Show
Heartbreakers
19 December

Swing into Christmas
Turner Sims
19 December

Day Fever: Christmas Special
O2 Guildhall Southampton
19 December

Christmas at the Movies
Central Hall
22 December

Heartbreakers Christmas Eve Karaoke
Heartbreakers
24 December



For more, head to **visitsouthampton.co.uk/music-concerts**

Get that festive feeling with film

Showcase Cinema de Lux Southampton is bringing festive favourites to the big screen, with something for all ages. From a classic tale of The Nutcracker, performed by the Royal Ballet and Opera, to the CBeebies Christmas Panto, there's plenty to enjoy. For a full list of dates and screening times, head to **showcasecinemas.co.uk**









Where to see Father Christmas

Christmas at Tudor House
Tudor House & Garden
12, 13, 19–22 December
tudorhouseandgarden.com/whats-on

Santa's Grotto
Southampton Christmas Market
4–6, 11–13, 18–24 December
southamptonchristmasmarket.co.uk

Breakfast with Santa
IKEA Southampton Swedish Restaurant
5–6, 12–13 & 19–20 December
ikea.com

Santa's Tea Party
John Lewis & Partners Southampton
10–13 December
experiences.johnlewis.com

NYE plans?

Pop open the fizz and celebrate the arrival of 2027 in Southampton.

With plenty of parties and venues to enjoy the festivities, there's every reason to make a night of it with friends and family.

Start planning your NYE at **visitsouthampton.co.uk/newyear**



2027 events for your diary













FEBRUARY
- Lunar New Year

MARCH
- Holi Hungama
- Easter Trail
- Coastal Crime Fiction Festival
- Vegan Market

APRIL
- ABP Southampton Marathon Festival
- International Circus

MAY
- South Coast & Green Tech Boat Show
- Wanderlust Festival
- Fake Festival
- The Big Eat Festival
- Playing The Field

JUNE
- Seawork

JULY
- Thai Festival
- Mela Festival

AUGUST
- UK Pride 2027

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