

2019

HOLIDAY

EVENTS



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Experience the color and pageantry of holiday events that reflect the culture and warmth of Wilmington, North Carolina's river district and island beaches. Visitors can choose from more than 50 holiday events to create a memorable vacation in Wilmington, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, and Wrightsville Beach. For details about seasonal highlights and specials, visit www.wilmingtonandbeaches.com/things-to-do/seasonal-highlights. For a free official visitors guide, call us at 1-866-266-9690 or email visit@WilmingtonAndBeaches.com. The following is a sampling of Holiday Events from the river to the sea.

November 18-January 2, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2019 Cape Fear Festival of Trees

NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher: 900 Loggerhead Rd. Kure Beach, NC
The Lower Cape Fear Hospice hosts the Festival of Trees among the inspiring and educational backdrop of the Aquarium. Admission charged. (910)796-8099 Ext. 6 www.facebook.com/events/496563947797510/

November 22, 6:00 p.m.

Santa Arrival & Holiday Show

Mayfaire Town Center: 6835 Conservation Way, Wilmington, NC
Thalian Association will perform a scene from "Elf, The Musical". The Wilmington School of Ballet, The Snow Princess, Wilmington Girls' Choir and Boys Choir will also perform and sing holiday favorites. Then Santa magically arrives and we count down the lighting of Mayfaire's 18-ft Christmas tree. Free Admission. (910)256-5131. <http://www.mayfaire.com/>

November 22- December 24, see website for dates and times

Photos with Santa

Mayfaire Town Center: 6835 Conservation Way, Wilmington, NC
Capture your child's holiday memory of their visit with Santa at Santa's Workshop. Santa welcomes children, adults, pets and anyone in the holiday spirit! Santa's Workshop is located at 890 Town Center Drive, near Regal Cinema. Free Admission. (910)256-5131. <http://www.mayfaire.com/>

November 22-December 24, see website for further details

Holiday Lights and Window Displays

Mayfaire Town Center: 6835 Conservation Way, Wilmington, NC
Grab a cup of hot chocolate and stroll the streets of Mayfaire from November 22- December 24 and view the magical lighted Holiday Window Displays, created by Wilmington Students. It's a beautiful way to create new family traditions. View all 21 decorated windows in Mayfaire & vote for your favorite! Free Admission. (910)256-5131. <http://www.mayfaire.com/>

November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Island of Lights: Lighting at the Lake

Carolina Beach Lake: 400 Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach, NC

Get in the holiday spirit with a brief opening ceremony featuring elected officials, musical entertainment, Honor Guard display and the National Anthem followed by the Lighting of the Lake. Free Admission. (910)612-2487. www.pleasureislandoflights.com

November 23-30, weekly on Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

Kure Beach Holiday Market

Kure Beach Ocean Front Park

Enjoy the closest holiday market to the Atlantic Ocean. Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping while supporting local artisans at the Kure Beach Holiday Market. Free Admission. (910)458-8216. www.townofkurebeach.org/OFPP-activities-events.aspx

November 25, 7:30 p.m.

A Very Postmodern Christmas by Postmodern Jukebox

The Wilson Center: 703 N Third Street Wilmington, NC

Start this holiday season by celebrating with a rotating retro collective of show-stopping vocalists, dancers, and instrumentalists as they mash-up timeless holiday classics and today's pop hits in the "vintage" styles of 1920's hot jazz, doo wop, and Motown. Ticket required. (910)362-7999. <https://cfcc.edu/capefearstage/show/?id=1001>

November 27, 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

Wilson Center: 703 N 3rd St. Wilmington, NC

Grammy Award winner Chip Davis has created a show that features the beloved Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller along with dazzling multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting. Experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with their signature sound. Ticket Required. (910)362-7999 <https://cfcc.edu/capefearstage/show/?id=3802>

November 28-December 30, 1:00 p.m.

Holiday Train Expo 2019

Independence Mall: Dillard's Wing

Be enchanted by spectacular displays of 12 unique model train layouts as 30 trains travel across miles of scale track through a wonderland of villages, parks and landscapes. Take advantage of a photo-op with the Polar Express. Admission charge. (910)231-8567.

November 28, 8:30 a.m.

Wrightsville Beach Turkey Trot

Wrightsville Beach Loop: Seawater Lane Wrightsville Beach, NC

Burn off those pre-Thanksgiving calories with the Wrightsville Beach Turkey Trot. This race includes a 5K timed run or a one-mile walk around the beautiful Wrightsville Beach Loop. Registration Fee. <https://its-go-time.com/wrightsville-beach-turkey-trot/>

November 29 & 30, December 6-22, 5—7:00 p.m. & 7-9:00 p.m.

Enchanted Airlie

Airlie Gardens: 300 Airlie Rd. Wilmington, NC

Stroll through Airlie Gardens and enjoy elaborate festive light displays, holiday flowers and musical entertainment. An STS Top 20 Event, this beloved holiday tradition enchants visitors year after year. Visit with Santa, enjoy hot cocoa and snacks. This event sells out; reserve tickets early. No tickets at gate; advance tix only.

(910)798-7700. www.airliegardens.org/events-news/enchanted-airlie

November 29, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Battleship Ho Ho Ho

Battleship NORTH CAROLINA: 1 Battleship Rd. Wilmington, NC

Santa welcomes everyone on board and volunteers stationed throughout the ship help visitors understand this floating city. Create your own retro e-card, type your Christmas wish list on a typewriter, and call the North Pole from the Battleship's main radio room!

admission Fee. (910)399-9100. www.battleshipnc.com/programs/events/battleship-ho-ho-ho/

November 29—December 28 (Fridays and Saturdays), 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Train and Light Spectacular

Wilmington Railroad Museum: 505 Nutt St. Wilmington

Holiday magic returns to the railroad museum with more lights and more action. The museum transforms into a winter wonderland with spectacular decorations, over 25,000 lights glisten and sparkle. Santa is also on hand with goodies, as well as cider to sip and enjoy.

Admission charge. (910)763-2634. www.wrrm.org

November 29, 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Holiday Tree Lighting

Downtown Wilmington

Festivities include music and caroling, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the lighting of the Holiday Tree. Enjoy a holiday marketplace and warm refreshments. Get into the spirit and stroll among the shops and restaurants to kick off the season coastal-style!

Free Admission. (910)772-4177. www.coolwilmington.com/

November 30-December 31

Island of Lights Festival

Carolina & Kure Beaches

An island-wide holiday festival featuring nightly lighted displays around Carolina Beach Lake, along with festive events, businesses and homes decked-out for the season. Free admission.

(910)458-5507. www.pleasureislandoflights.com/home.html

November 30, 10:00 a.m.

Wrightsville Beach Festival in the Park

Wrightsville Beach Park

As part of the NC Holiday Flotilla, enjoy a day of fun at Wrightsville Beach Park. One of the highlights of the weekend, this festival includes a large play area for kids with inflatable slides and bouncy houses, a coloring contest and the popular Choo Choo. Free Admission. (910)256-2120. www.ncholidayflotilla.org/weekend-events/festival-in-the-park

November 30

North Carolina Holiday Flotilla

Wrightsville Beach

This annual celebration kicks off Friday night with the Tree Lighting ceremony. The fun continues Saturday with the Festival in the Park with over 100 arts and craft vendors, an antique car show, a large play area for children with several inflatables, the always popular Choo Choo, festival food and more. The Flotilla (lighted boat parade) begins Saturday at 6:00 pm, followed by a fireworks show. Free Admission. (910)256-2120 <http://ncholidayflotilla.org>

November 30-December 29, Friday & Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Spirit of the Holidays Cruise

Wilmington Water Tours: 212 S Water St Wilmington, NC

Cruise the Cape Fear River while enjoying the sights & sounds of Christmas. There will be Christmas carols, holiday cocktails, and snacks. Admission charged. (910)338-3134 <http://wilmingtonwatertours.net/cruises-tours-excursions/>

November 30 - December 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Christmas by the Sea

Carolina Beach Boardwalk: Carolina Beach Ave. South

Family activities include Santa and hot chocolate, fire pit with storytelling, live nativity scene, caroling, holiday themed movies, puppet shows, arts & crafts. Free Admission. (910)458-8434. www.pleasureislandnc.org

November 30, 9:00 a.m.

Turkey Trot 4 Mile Trail Run/Walk

Carolina Beach State Park Marina: 1010 State Park Road

Join this festive 4-mile run/walk through the trails of Carolina Beach State Park. Registration fee. (910)762-7212.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/CarolinaBeach/WilmingtonRoadrunnersTurkeyTrot4MileTrailRunWalk>

December 4, 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration

UNCW Burney Center: 601 S College Road Wilmington, NC

In the spirit and history of African-Americans merging West African traditions, join the Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration and Fall Senior Sankofa ceremony. Learn about the 7 Principles of Kwanzaa. Free. (910)962-3685. www.uncw.edu/upperman/events-2019-fall.html

December 5, 7:30 p.m.

The Midtown Men Holiday Hits

The Wilson Center: 703 N Third Street Wilmington, NC

Reuniting the stars from the Broadway smash hit Jersey Boys, ring in the season with an evening of songs and stories featuring Yuletide classics and renditions of 1960s rock and roll hits. Admission charge. (910)362-7999. <https://cfcc.edu/capefearstage/show/?id=4601>

December 6, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. & December 7, 10:00 a.m.

The Nutcracker: NY Ballet for Young Audiences

Thalian Hall for Performing Arts: 321 Chestnut St. Wilmington, NC

A 1-hour narrated version of the classic tale. Admission charge. (910)632-2285. www.thalianhall.org/

December 6—December 8, hours vary

The Holiday Flea at the Brooklyn Arts Center

Brooklyn Arts Center: 214 N 4th St. Wilmington, NC

Fabulous vintage vendors, BAC cash bar, and amazing food trucks.

See website for daily hours. Admission charge. (910)616-9882.

www.brooklynartsnc.com

December 6-15

A Merry Little Christmas Festival: Arts, Crafts & Gift Show

Poplar Grove Plantation: 10200 US-17 Wilmington, NC

For families near and far seeking a local outdoor shopping experience, including a variety of local arts & crafts, stocking stuffers, refreshments, free parking, and a romp around the decorated grounds. Refer to website for daily hours. Admission charge.

(910)686-9518. <http://poplargrove.org/festivals/amerrylittlechristmas/>

December 7, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Santa's Magical Morning

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

Unwrap a magical holiday experience at Santa's Magical Morning. Spy Santa diving in the Cape Fear Shoals with his aquatic friends. Enjoy holiday story time (and cookies) with a special North Pole guest. Expect giggles of glee when the jolly old elf presents a specially selected gift to each child. Admission charge.

(910)772-0500. <http://www.ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher>

December 7—January 12

Art of Illumination

Cameron Art Museum: 3201 S 17th Street Wilmington, NC

Returning for its fifth year, the highly popular Illumination Show and Exhibit draws inspiration from traditional lantern festivals, marking the transition of season's change and year's end—reflecting on the past while garnering energy for the future. Admission Charged.

(910)395-5999. www.cameronartmuseum.org/index.php?c=current

December 7, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Holiday Elf Camp—Freshwater Animals

The North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher is offering three Holiday Elf Camps this year for ages 5-12 years old. Our elves will be making gifts, wrapping them, meeting other elves, and making some extra special memories here at the aquarium. Pre-Registration Required.

(910)772-0500. <http://www.ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher>

December 7, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Moravian Christmas Candle Tea

Covenant Moravian Church: 4126 S College Road Wilmington, NC

A Wilmington tradition for over 35 years. Experience beloved Moravian traditions including the Putz decoration, costumed hosts, the Moravian Star, Christmas music, craft demonstrations and a craft market, authentic Moravian sugar cookies and more. Free Admission.

(910)799-9256. www.covenantmoravianwilmington.org/ministries

December 7, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Fort Fisher's Holiday Open House

Fort Fisher State Historic Site: 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd South

Enjoy refreshments, decorations, and entertainment, including holiday musical performances for all ages. Try your hands (and feet!) at dance steps from the 1800s and learn about the history of Santa Claus. (910)458-5538. <https://historicsites.nc.gov/events/friends-fort-fisher-holiday-open-house-2019>

December 7, 6:00 p.m.

Island of Lights Christmas Flotilla

Carolina Beach Boat Basin

Fishing boats and pleasure craft electrically decorated with thousands of lights present a spectacular display on the Intracoastal Waterway. They cruise from Snows Cut to the Carolina Beach Boat Basin and back. The boats compete for prizes. Free to spectators. (910)386-8081. www.pleasureislandoflights.com/christmas-flotilla.html

December 7, 4:00-8:00 p.m. & December 8, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour

The Latimer House: 126 S 3rd St. Wilmington, NC

This historic 2-day event ushers in the holiday season with a tour of private homes, churches and historical sites in Historic Downtown all decorated in holiday finery. Admission charge. (910)762-0492 www.lcfhs.org/old-wilmington-by-candlelight-tour.html

December 7, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. & December 8, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.

A Carolina Nutcracker

The Wilson Center: 703 N Third Street Wilmington, NC

Set in Wilmington in December 1865 at the Bellamy Mansion, A Carolina Nutcracker tells the story of a family rebuilding their lives and a young woman with a special gift. This exciting blend of historical characters and the cherished holiday ballet features all the classic elements of the original characters, the Mouse King and the Sugar-Plum Fairy, merged with Wilmington history. (910)362-7999. <https://cfcc.edu/capefearstage/show/?id=11201>

December 7, 9:00 a.m.

Carolina Beach Holiday Market

Carolina Beach Lake Park

Just in time for the holiday season, Carolina Beach Farmer's Market helps you solve all your shopping dilemmas with many gifts that are sure to suit all ages on your list. They will have something for everyone from shark's teeth to soaps, yard art to fine art and everything in between. (910)458-2977.

<https://www.facebook.com/CarolinaBeachFarmersMarket/>

December 7-14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Polar Express Day

The Children's Museum of Wilmington: 116 Orange St Wilmington

Experience the magic of the season with refreshments, story time, train rides, ornament decorating, crafts. Admission charge; members free. (910)254-3534. www.playwilmington.org/special-events

866-266-9690

December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Sounds of the Season: Sing Fa La La La

Kenan Auditorium: 601 S College Rd, Wilmington, NC

The mission of the Cape Fear Chorale is to present, at no charge, professional quality choral music that provides artistic and educational experiences for its performers and an ever-broadening audience. As the Chorale does not charge admission to concerts, the group is totally dependent upon donations. Free Admission with Donations Accepted. <https://capefearchorale.org/upcoming-concerts/>

December 8, 9:00 a.m.

Santa Cares – Sensory Friendly Santa Event

Mayfaire Town Center: 6835 Conservation Way, Wilmington, NC

Santa Cares is a sensory-friendly opportunity for children with special needs to enjoy the time-honored tradition of taking their photo with Santa Photo in a calming environment. Accommodations are made to support the sensory, physical, and developmental needs of this special audience. Free Admission. (910)256-5131.

<http://www.mayfaire.com/>

December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Wilmington Holiday Parade

Downtown Wilmington

Marching bands, floats, entertainers and Santa Claus bring this holiday tradition to all ages. Parade will begin at N. Front and Walnut traveling south on Front to Church Street. Free Admission.

(910)772-4177 www.facebook.com/events/451949192194574/

December 8, 1:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

An 18th Century Christmas

Fort Anderson: 8884 St. Philips Road S.E. Winnabow, NC

Experience how American colonists celebrated Christmas. Costumed interpreters provide guided tours of St. Philips Anglican Church. Enjoy Colonial refreshments, traditional games, or try your hand at Moravian paper stars and other 18th century crafts. Parking Fee. (910)371-6613. www.facebook.com/events/2339519472753898/

December 8 & 9, 1:30—4:00 p.m.

Jingle Belles Holiday Tea at the Bellamy Mansion

Bellamy Mansion: 503 Market St. Wilmington, NC

A festive catered tea party with tea sandwiches, dessert selection, hot tea, plus all of the trimmings. Advance tickets required.

(910)251-3700. www.bellamymansion.org/

December 10 & 11, 7:30 p.m.

The Illusionists—Magic of the Holidays

The Wilson Center: 703 N Third Street Wilmington, NC

This mind-blowing Broadway spectacular showcases incredible illusionists in a dazzling production with some of the most outrageous and astonishing acts seen onstage. Admission charge; tix required.

(910)362-7999. <https://cfcc.edu/capefearstage/show/?id=2801>

December 12, 6:00 p.m.

12 Tastes (or more!) of Christmas

Brooklyn Arts Center: 516 N 4th St, Wilmington, NC

Set to the theme of "A Christmas Story" with over 30 local drinkeries and eateries will vie for the Old Man's "Major Awards" for Best Bite, Sip, and Decorated Booth on December 12 at Brooklyn Arts Center and its adjoining Annex. Attendees can dress up to the theme for a chance at prizes, too. Tickets Required. (910)538-2939. https://www.facebook.com/events/322655368688839/?active_tab=about

December 13-15, 7:00 p.m.

Kure Beach Fantasy Christmas Show

Ocean Front Park: 101 K Avenue Kure Beach, NC

A beloved holiday tradition with Frosty and his penguin friend, Harriet Hippo, The Grinch, Cookie Monster, and dancing bears. Free. (910)707-2015. www.townofkurebeach.org/fantasy-christmas-show.aspx

December 13-22, check website for dates and times

Elf: The Musical

Thalian Hall for Performing Arts: 321 Chestnut St. Wilmington, NC

Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. This modern day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. Tickets Required. (910)632-2285. www.thalianhall.org

December 13-22, 7:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

A Christmas Carol

Thalian Hall: 310 Chestnut St., Stein Studio Theatre Wilmington, NC

The timeless story of Christmas redemption moves from London to a Depression era "Hooverville" on the outskirts of St. Louis. Admission charge; Tickets Required. (910)632-2285. www.thalianhall.org

December 14, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Stroll through the Past

Burgwin-Wright House Museum: 224 Market St. Wilmington, NC

Join the Burgwin-Wright House, Bellamy Mansion Museum and St. James Episcopal Church for a festive holiday evening filled with music, dancing, costumes, refreshments and more! Go back in time for an old-fashioned Christmas. Admission charged. (910)251-3700. www.burgwinwrighthouse.com/christmas-stroll.

December 14, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

2019 Island of Lights Tour of Homes

Carolina & Kure Beach

Take a self-guided tour through some of Pleasure Island's most beautiful homes decorated for the holidays. Enjoy southern hospitality as the owners welcome you into their homes. Tickets required. Admission charged. (910)458-5507. www.pleasureislandoflights.com/tour-of-homes.html

December 14, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Holiday Elf Camp—Salt Marsh Animals

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

Looking for something fun this holiday season? The North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher is offering three Holiday Elf Camps this year for ages 5-12 years old. Our elves will be making gifts, wrapping them, meeting other elves, and making some extra special memories here at the aquarium. This fun and educational program gives adult elves guilt-free time for holiday shopping or relaxation. Pre-Registration Required. (910)772-0500.

<http://www.ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher>

December 14, 9:00 a.m.

Jingle Bell 5K Run

Wrightsville Beach Museum: 303 W Salisbury St. Wrightsville Beach

Race participants are encouraged to dress in holiday apparel (i.e. Santa costumes, antlers, snow men etc.). Registration required.

(910)256-2569. <http://wbmuseumofhistory.com/events/jingle-bell-run/>

December 14-15, 6:00 p.m.

Hark! The Herald Angels Swing XII: A Christmas Cabaret

Blockade Runner Beach Resort

Celebrate the sounds of the holiday season at the beautiful Blockade Runner Beach Resort as Opera House Theatre Company presents Hark! The Herald Angels Swing XII: A Christmas Cabaret. Enjoy cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and a prix fixe dinner at 7:00

p.m. (910)256-7109. <https://blockade-runner.com/event/hark-the-herald-angels-swing-xii-a-christmas-cabaret/>

December 14-December 22, Saturdays & Sundays

Polar Express Holiday Show

Wilmington Railroad Museum: 505 Nutt St Wilmington, NC

Immerse yourself in the telling of the wonderful holiday classic, Polar Express, followed by refreshments and a visit from Santa. Admission charge. (910)763-2634. www.wrrm.org/events.html

December 17, 7:30 p.m.

Statewide Holiday Pops with NC Symphony

Wilson Center: 703 N Third St. Wilmington, NC

This musical tradition celebrates with holiday favorites to start the season off on the right note! Admission charge. (877)627-6724

<https://cfcc.edu/capefearstage/show/?id=9602>

December 19, 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Merry Country Christmas

Thalian Hall Center for Performing Arts: 310 Chestnut Street

Experience the joy of Christmas with this production of toe-tapping, heartfelt holiday music. Admission charge. (910)632-2285.

www.thalianhall.org/event/1f8753c6377b086e60b0895c73c3653b#map

December 20-24, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Caroling by "Reindeer" Drawn Carriage or Trolley

Downtown Wilmington

Come and sing Christmas carols with Santa and his special "reindeer." Snuggle under warm lap blankets while enjoying the Christmas lights and sights. Admission charged. (910)251-8889.

www.horsedrawntours.com

December 21, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Holiday Elf Camp—Saltwater Animals

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

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<http://www.ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher>

December 23, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

It's a Wonderful Life: Film Screening

Thalian Hall: 310 Chestnut St. Wilmington, NC

Frank Capra's iconic holiday film is a Wilmington tradition, shown as it was meant to be seen: on the big screen. This timeless tale brings back old memories and creates new ones when viewed in majestic Thalian Hall. Admission charge. (910)632-2285; www.thalianhall.org

December 31, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

New Year's Noon

Children's Museum of Wilmington: 116 Orange St. Wilmington, NC

This kid-friendly celebration has crafts, singing, dancing and an epic confetti toss and juice toast at noon in the courtyard of the Children's Museum. Admission charge. (910)254-3534. www.playwilmington.org

December 31, 9:00 p.m.

Island of Lights New Year's Eve Celebration

Carolina Beach Boardwalk

The celebration begins at 9:00 p.m. with music. Don't miss the giant beach ball drop at midnight followed by a spectacular fireworks display. This free family-friendly event will feature a DJ and dancing, with refreshments and party favors available for purchase. Free admission. (910)458-5507; www.pleasureislandoflights.com/

December 31

New Year's Eve Celebration

Blockade Runner Beach Resort 275 Waynick Blvd Wrightsville Beach

Ring in 2020 with a coastal celebration at the Blockade Runner Resort. Enjoy one night of luxury accommodations, two tickets for a plated prix fixe special New Year's Eve dinner with ballroom dancing. Admission charge; ticket required. (910)256-2251. <https://blockade-runner.com/event/new-years-eve-2020/>

December 31, 7:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites New Year's Eve Roaring 20's on the River

Embassy Suites Wilmington Riverfront Hotel

Celebrate the New Year with a Roaring 20's celebration with unparalleled views of the Cape Fear River. Enjoy a four-course dinner for two, open bar, celebratory libations and accommodations so you can dance the night away with music by Dance Candy Band in the Riverfront Grand Ballroom. Tickets Required. (910)765-1131; www.facebook.com/events/650405645482559/

December 31, 5:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Gala

Thalian Hall Center for Performing Arts

Join the party at Thalian Hall's legendary New Year's Eve Gala featuring a delicious dinner, dessert, drinks and a sensational live performance by the Opera House Theatre Company. An enchanting evening of dinner, drinks, dessert and the Broadway classic "La Cage Aux Folles", Jerry Herman's musical, based on the French play of the same name. Admission charge; Tickets required. (910)632-2285 www.thalianhall.org/events

December 31, 9:30 p.m.

Celebrate New Years Cruise Aboard the Henrietta

Cape Fear Riverboats

Enjoy light appetizers, dance to your favorite tunes played by our DJ or enjoy a walk on our upper deck to view the cities beautiful lit skyline. Drinks will be available at our fully stocked bar and a champagne toast will be served at midnight to welcome in the NEW YEAR. Tickets Required. (910)343-1611. <https://cfrboats.com/>



New events are added during the season. For more events:

www.wilmingtonandbeaches.com/events

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