

Chapter 1 : Holidays in Houston | Find Christmas Events, Concerts & Festivals

Now that Halloween is behind us, the holiday season is coming in hot and creeping in sooner than ever. Naturally, Freeform, best known for its incredible 25 Days of Christmas schedule, is leading.

Located in the heart of Miami in Tropical Park, you will no doubt see the lights from the highway as you drive past. It is a huge sprawling lively event, just coming to see the lights is worth the trip. Tons of entertainment for kids and families round it all up. There are the many live shows, games, magic acts, mazes, all sorts of rides, from carousels to roller coasters and drop towers and of course, the carnival food! November 1, to January 6, - 5: The countdown to the tree lighting is accompanied by cheery holiday music, so come and take a break from the shopping and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. Friday, November 24, , tree lighting at 7: Bayfront Park N. There is limited, paid parking at Bayfront Park. More info, Directions and Parking: ANYTHING that floats, all decked up with thousands of lights and a merry spirit, traversing the waters of the intracoastal, what could be more fun this holiday season?! On its 47th year, the Winterfest Boat Parade has become one of the most awaited events, this year the Ft. Lauderdale shoreline will be coming alive once again. Some fantastic entries and surprises in the past have included a floating bus, the Galleria Mall reindeer barge, a fire truck, Mickey and Minnie Saturday December 15, Where?: Intracoastal Waterway from Ft. Lauderdale to Pompano Beach How Much?: Free along parade route, Grandstand viewing areas available. To help bring on the magical flurry, Dolphin Mall will be giving away enchanted wands to children under the age of 12 while supplies last. At the start of each nightly snowfall, young magicians are encouraged to wave their wands around to unleash the blizzard and create the glistening winter wonderland. Wands will be distributed to participating families 30 minutes prior to start of each nightly snowfall, first come first served. Miami Lantern Light Festival A spectacular evening of dazzling lights, colors, shapes, and themes. The Lantern Light festival is a six week celebration of Chinese culture featuring massive lanterns, inspiring performances, and incredible cuisine. Each Chinese lantern is custom-built by Chinese artisans and typically takes four weeks and a team of seven to complete. The lanterns are handmade from hundreds of pieces of silky cloth. Some are over 30 feet high and others are up to feet long. November 30, to January 20, - Thursdays through Sundays 5: Sounds of the Season What?: The New World Symphony presents a festive program celebrating the holiday season, offering audience members an opportunity to gather and share music with friends and family. Enjoy selections from a variety of cultural heritages, certain to delight audiences of all ages. This Saturday performance is presented by the City of Miami Beach for its residents. Bring a picnic, blankets, beach chairs, cocktails Saturday December 15, - 7: Over 50 boats all decked up in holiday gear and parading in the waters of Biscayne Bay Official viewing site is Bayfront Park Parade Route: The Club will be collecting new unwrapped toys to be donated to the children of the City Of Miami, donations can be made at The Miami Outboard Club and various sponsor retail locations. Parent and child pairs work together to design and decorate their very own Gingerbread House. Enjoy the endless decorating options, from frosted candy roofs to pretzel picket fences, and cheerful holiday tunes while sipping hot chocolate and experiencing quality family time. Saturday December 15, - 9: This is the only opportunity throughout the entire year that guests can get out of their vehicles at the chimp islands to watch the chimps receive presents! Thursday December 20, starting at

Chapter 2 : Christmas Tampa - Guide to Holiday Events & Shopping

Despite its desert setting, the Christmas spirit permeates the Phoenix area with festivals, holiday bazaars, crafts for kids, ice skating, tree lighting ceremonies, and of course, Santa sightings. Many events are free, but there may be parking fees, or fees for certain activities at an event.

We have plenty of vacation ideas for a getaway. Find plenty of festive events. Remember, weekends are always busiest, so make reservations well in advance. For better deals and fewer crowds, stay Sunday-Thursday nights. Christmas at Biltmore November 03, to January 06, The biggest event of the holiday season. Candlelight Evenings are especially magical. See our extensive guide with tips, photos and details. Add to My Favorites Downtown Asheville Top 25 Spend a day exploring downtown, with hundreds of locally-owned shops and galleries, museums, restaurants, breweries and pubs. Dance at the Drum Circle, go to a festival or enjoy street performers. Departs from Bryson City. See our guide for all the details. Winter Lights at the NC Arboretum November 16, to December 31, Stroll through impressive light displays in the Arboretum gardens, especially designed to compliment the plants and trees in this beautiful setting. We are delighted to be a sponsor of this festive event. Be a little adventurous and try something new. Or, enjoy time-honored classics. Forage for food, visit a farm or tour a vineyard. Add to My Favorites Asheville Outlets Shop 75 national and local outlets in this beautiful, new outdoor shopping village. Add to My Favorites Top 20 Art Galleries Visit a gallery to be amazed at a big variety of local art and craft, including glass, paintings, pottery and every other medium you can imagine. Asheville and the North Carolina mountains are home to hundreds of world-class artists. Here are our favorite galleries to see the their creations. Kick off the holiday season in style! Special events on Jan 1st too. Haunted and beer tours, too! After you find your tree, they cut it, bale it and tie it on your vehicle. See our favorite farms. Drive a little, walk a little to visit studios and galleries. Find an amazing variety of art and see how the artists create it. See the best areas to hit. National Gingerbread House Competition November 25, to January 03, See the winning gingerbread houses and creations on display at The Omni Grove Park Inn, elaborately decorated for the season. Public viewing Sunday-Thursday except Christmas week. Forest City Hometown Holiday Lights November 22, to January 01, See the million lights that create a magical Main Street in downtown Forest City with many events throughout, including carriage rides. Lighting ceremony on Thanksgiving Day.

Chapter 3 : Details On The Holiday Entertainment At Walt Disney World Resort

See our favorite events, festivals and art shows during the holiday season in Asheville and western North Carolina mountains, including many small towns and Biltmore Estate. The biggest event of the holiday season. See America's largest home decked out in festive finery. Candlelight Evenings are.

Of course, not all holiday activities are created equal. From splurge-worthy, once-in-a-lifetime experiences to annual favorites worth revisiting to a few fabulous FREE options, here are some events where you can give your kids the best gift of all: We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. However, you should always verify dates, times, location and other information, especially with the possibility of weather impacts. Please submit corrections and additions to this guide to nicole dsm4kids.

Christmas and Holiday Events in Des Moines: Stopping in for a visit after hearing about free snacks offered at the church, the Herdman kids, the most inventively awful kids in history, get cast in the show. Others involved in the show try to find a way to kick them out but when the show begins, will the Herdmans ruin the annual pageant or learn to share the true meaning of Christmas? November , ; 7: Friday, November 9, at 5: Shop and peruse the festive windows, enjoy a trolley ride, grab a bite to eat, listen to carolers, go ice skating and visit Santa at the Brenton Skating Plaza. An ensemble of five actors, with the help live sound effects, brings a few dozen characters to the life on the stage, sharing the story of idealistic George Bailey as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. November 16 - 25, ; Friday and Saturday at 7: November , ; Multiple times offered. November , ; Starts at Also on board, you will be served hot chocolate and a cookie, and you will get to meet and receive a special gift from Santa himself. Be sure to arrive in your pajamas, and experience what has become a tradition for families from across Iowa, and beyond. Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 23 to December 16, Drive-through this holiday light spectacular and see more than magical light displays. November 23 - December 29, ; 5: The businesses in Historic Valley Junction and the streets will be lined with over , twinkling lights. Thursday, November 29, December 6 and 13 from 5: Not to miss, Ms. Thursday, November 29, at 7: Experience this grand estate along with two privately-owned unique and historic homes within the surrounding neighborhood at their holiday best. Each room of Salisbury House will be decorated by the finest local interior designers, florists, and home furnishing stores. Enjoy live holiday music in the Common Room at Salisbury House throughout the event. This is a self-guided home tour that is sure to inspire holiday cheer! Friday November 30 - Saturday, December 1, Multiple tour times offered. Lighting of the Trees on the Square at approximately 6: The Lighted Parade will begin at approximately 7: Friday, November 30, at 5: Kick off the holidays at this event that is fun for the whole family. Hot chocolate will be provided. Friday, November 30 at 6: November 30 -December 23, ; 7: Saturday, December 1 at Then stop into the Uptown businesses with a Santa Stop Sign for your treasure bag. Treats, specials, shopping, gift wrapping and horse drawn wagon rides. Submit your guess for how many candy canes are on the trail and get entered to win a wintery surprise. There will be refreshments, hot cocoa, and exhibits to explore inside. This is a self-guided hike. Check in at the front desk for instructions and a trail map. Please register by November Saturday, December 1 at 1: Kids will enjoy printing their own holiday greeting cards, decorating cookies, making crafts, and visiting Santa Claus! Adults can shop for unique gifts in the MarketPlace Museum Store. Holidays in Johnston will feature crafts, cookie decorating, a gingerbread house contest, an appearance by Santa, entertainment, food and fun. Saturday, December 1 from 2: Sunday, December 2, at 2: Sunday, December 2 at 3: Bring the kiddos to see Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy activities including face painting, balloon artistry, crafts, cookies and hot chocolate. This annual event is fun for the whole family. Sunday, December 2 at 4: Registration is open and will end on December 3. Please call to sign up. Thursday, December 6 and 13 at 6: Kids can visit Santa, watch an artist create holiday ice sculptures, enjoy cookies, and warm up with hot cocoa and delicious soup. Friday, December 7, at 6: The whole gang is here: December , ; 7: All five of their performance ensembles will sing, with all choir members on stage for the finale. The concert is open to the public; tickets will be available for purchase at the door. All seats are general admission. Sunday, December 9 at 4: Kids will be able to complete a variety of holiday-themed crafts at their own pace to celebrate the

holiday. Tuesday, December 11 at 5: Join Indianola Parks and Recreation for dancing, singing and holiday cheer at this annual event for the special needs population. All individuals with special needs and their families, chaperones, respite providers or SCL workers are invited to attend! Friday, December 14 at 6: Bring the entire family for this timeless adventure and follow Scrooge on a night he will never forget when four ghosts take him on a whirlwind journey to teach him about the true meaning of Christmas and change his life forever. December , ; Friday and Saturday at 7: This Christmas, the Emmy-award winning a cappella quartet brings a brand-new stage show to you. Enjoy the humor and soulful vocals that make this a holiday tradition for so many! Friday, December 14 at 7: Hear holiday music and experience the spectacular acoustics in this historic building, and explore our world through photos. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience this beautiful building during this special time of year. Saturday December 15, at 9: Saturday, December 15 3: Northern Iowa Panthers Cost: Proceeds benefit Camp Courageous of Iowa, a year-round recreational and respite care facility for individuals with disabilities. Sunday, December 16 at 2: Monday, December 17, Cost: Guests will enjoy tea, scones, tea sandwiches, and cakes in the historic rooms of Terrace Hill adorned for the holidays. Proceeds benefit Terrace Hill with the mission to provide for, protect, and preserve the property and programs of Terrace Hill. The evening includes holiday songs from the period, a nutty commercial or two, and a singalong at the end. Loosen your belt and get set for belly laughs with the Final Act Ensemble this holiday season! December 18, at 7: Experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller. December , at 7: Now is the time to pound on those drums, sing carols and anthems, ring in the glorious season together! We truly hope you can make it. December 20, at 7: This year, ring in the New Year with the soaring sounds of Broadway. Monday, December 31, at 8: Shout about it in the Comments!

Chapter 4 : Asheville Holiday Events: Nov & Dec

Holly Jolly Christmas and Holiday Events in Orlando. Every holiday season, Orlando's world-famous theme parks and resort hotels dazzle with jubilant cheer along with miles of garland and twinkling lights.

I love spending time during the holidays at Walt Disney World Resort! Make plans now to visit! Read all about the holiday entertainment at Walt Disney World Resort below: Here is a preview of the festivities that await guests. Magic Kingdom Park Charming decorations, holiday treats, a sparkling icy castle and more will await guests at Magic Kingdom Park, transforming it into an enchanting holiday wonderland. Guests will also experience the beauty of a scintillating Cinderella Castle, meet characters in their festive finery and even enjoy complimentary cookies and cocoa. Epcot Guests will discover joyous holiday traditions from 11 World Showcase nations during Epcot International Festival of the Holidays. Chip and Dale will be collecting ornaments for their Christmas tree. Guests will then return their completed maps for a festive surprise, courtesy of Chip and Dale. Reflections of Earth, will feature an additional holiday finale. This retelling of the Christmas story will feature a celebrity narrator accompanied by a piece orchestra and a choir. Performances will run three times each night from Nov. A Great Bird Adventure. Disney Springs Disney Springs will be the perfect destination for holiday shopping, dining and entertainment, with the chance to experience holiday magic along the way. Life-size edible creations will take shape at select resorts. No holiday is complete without a special dining experience. Holiday menus that celebrate the season will be found at restaurants throughout Walt Disney World. More details from Disney on 18 new experiences during the holiday season at Walt Disney World Resort: For families around the globe, a trip to Walt Disney World Resort is a holiday tradition. Whether guests are returning during their favorite time of year or spending their first holiday season with Mickey Mouse and all his friends, there is plenty of excitement and enchantment around every corner of the square-mile resort. At this special time of year, Walt Disney World transforms into a wonderland of holiday sights, sounds and tastes. Whether meeting a favorite character or gazing at the twinkling lights of a Christmas tree, indulging in a scrumptious morsel or discovering the perfect gift for family and friends, this is the place where holiday dreams come true. Guests will hear sleigh bells ringing on Slinky Dog Dash, while Alien Swirling Saucers will offer two holiday tunes with themed lighting. Disney Junior Dance Party! Stroll along Sunset Boulevard as snow twinkles in the twilight and Disney characters share their favorite seasonal stories. New narrators this year include Helen Hunt Nov. And for the first time, this holiday tradition will be presented on Thanksgiving evening, Nov. New items this year include black forest roulade with cherry whipped cream at the Bavaria Holiday Kitchen in the Germany pavilion and sofrito-marinated beef with sweet plantains and olives at the Feast of the Three Kings Holiday Kitchen. Bid a Fond Farewell to IllumiNations: This will be the final holiday season for IllumiNations, as the show is scheduled to conclude at the end of summer , with new thrills on World Showcase Lagoon set to debut immediately afterward. Gift ideas will include new short- and long-sleeve shirts, pins, a merry Magic Band and more. This fun new app debuted earlier this year and brings to life unique interactive experiences at Walt Disney World Resort and Disneyland Resort, including themed games, digital achievements, Disney trivia, music and more. More details about holiday offerings on the Play Disney Parks app will be announced soon. During the holidays, guests will be able to look their best for the season with wintry and festive makeovers. Services are available at salons at select resort hotels; appointments are strongly recommended.

Chapter 5 : Asheville Holiday and Christmas Things to Do

Disney Springs will be the perfect destination for holiday shopping, dining and entertainment, with the chance to experience holiday magic along the way. Festivities run Nov. 8-Jan. 5: Guests will stroll through the Christmas Tree Trail and view custom-decorated holiday trees, each dedicated to a popular Disney theme featuring characters like.

Celebrate this holiday season with our list of events, parades and lights, including several options at low or no cost, or included with theme park admission. Because the holidays are a joyous time and no destination is more joyous than Orlando! On select nights from Nov. Marvel at Cinderella Castle sparkling in white lights, magical snowfall on Main Street, a Frozen show, and the Holiday Wishes dessert packages. You can also look forward to the nightly Candlelight Processional, the IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth fireworks show, and live musical performances. Paid entry is required in addition to regular park admission. This park is including a flurry of fun with regular admission from Nov. Holiday Dessert Party, with exclusive sweets and an unbeatable view of the fireworks. A Great Bird Adventure, running from Nov. Included with regular admission, the festivities feature live performances, the option to buy seasonal food and drinks hot Butterbeer! Also included are live performances by Mannheim Steamroller, who will perform their best-selling holiday hits on select days. It includes the joyous Sea of Trees, special performances, and seasonal food, drinks and merchandise at the lakeside Christmas Market. And for an additional cost, the whole family can dine with Santa at Shamu Stadium and get reserved seating for the Winter Wonderland on Ice live show. Other festivities include carillon concerts, garden tours and poinsettia displays. Eola Wonderland Christmas Tree Show: The event will kick off with an official tree-lighting ceremony on Dec. Featuring A Christmas Story: Holiday on the Drive: Featuring a visit from Santa Claus, this family-friendly event will take place from p. Light Up the Holidays: Starting at 5 p. Enjoy train rides, holiday performances and an evening fireworks display. Hosted by the town of Celebration, just minutes from Walt Disney World and based on a concept from Walt Disney himself, this event features nightly faux snow, train and carriage rides, seasonal entertainment, and photo opportunities with Mr. Starting at 6 p. Admission is free and guests are invited to take their own photos, but professional photography sessions are also available.

Chapter 6 : To 10 Christmas Events in Chicagoland and Northern Illinois

EVENTS. Holidays in Delano, p.m. Nov. 17, Historic Delano blog.quintoapp.commas shopping at Delano businesses, Santa appearances, live reindeer, carolers, Santa and kids' activities. Bring.

Below are our favorites. Candlelight Evenings are especially magical. See our extensive guide with tips, photos and details. Departs from Bryson City. See our guide for all the details. Aluminum Christmas Tree Museum Saturday, November 10, to Saturday, December 22, This quirky exhibit in downtown Brevard features dozens of vintage aluminum Christmas trees and ornaments inside the Transylvania Heritage Museum. A fun trip back in time. Located just a few miles from Biltmore and downtown. Winter Lights at the NC Arboretum Friday, November 16, to Monday, December 31, Stroll through impressive light displays in the Arboretum gardens, especially designed to compliment the plants and trees in this beautiful setting. We are delighted to be a sponsor of this festive event. Classrooms-turned-studios open their doors for 60 artists to share process and art. Kick off the holiday season in style! Lighting ceremony on Thanksgiving Day. Hendersonville Home for the Holidays Friday, November 23, to Monday, December 31, Main Street twinkles with thousands of lights with many festive events including carriage rides, parade, Broadway shows, tours, ice skating and fantastic shopping. Gather at 6 PM for the tree lighting. Donations of coats and non-perishable food welcomed. Public viewing Sunday-Thursday except Christmas week. The second show The Twelve Dates of Christmas brings laughter and light heartedness with a one-woman show. Perfect for date night in downtown Asheville, Wed-Sun. Old Fashioned Dickens of a Christmas Festival Friday, November 30, to Saturday, December 1, Enjoy many festivities including horse-drawn carriages, carolers, tree lighting, storytellers and instrumentalists in historic Biltmore Village. And chestnuts roasting on an open fire! Starts Fri at 6 PM with tree lighting. Strangers become friends, friends become family, and the warmth of human connection is deepened through stories and songs. Fridays and Saturdays 7: A blend of contemporary and traditional art - Burnsville and Spruce Pine area. Workshops throughout the day. Single concert tickets and weekend packages.

Chapter 7 : Christmas and holiday season - Wikipedia

One of the most popular events in the Historic East Village, the Holiday Promenade is the kickoff to the holiday season in Downtown Des Moines! Shop and peruse the festive windows, enjoy a trolley ride, grab a bite to eat, listen to carolers, go ice skating and visit Santa at the Brenton Skating Plaza.

Includes getting guests up to dance after the performance and photo ops with guests. Our aerialists can also serve champagne known as Aerial Bartending. Ask us what we recommend for your event. Keep warm with our hot fire dancers dressed in holiday costumes. Personalize your show with male and female dancers in a variety of holiday costume themes! Great for Corporate and Christmas Office Parties! Customize your show with fire breathing, fire fans, fire eating, fire knife, fire hula hoops, and more. Indoor friendly fire shows! Fire performance can be done indoors or outdoors. Great for Corporate Holiday Events! We have both male and female cirque dancers and recommend having at least 2 at your event to create the best visual. Transform your event into a Winter Wonderland! Dazzle your audience with an up close and real snow globe. High energy Samba Dancing will take your party to the next level. Holiday colored feathers from red, golds, greens, whites, and ice! Have our dancers perform a show or as ambience to walk around your party and take photos with guests. Bring hawaii to your holiday party or work holiday party this year! Our hawaiian hula show has a holiday flair and includes mini hula lesson and guest interactive activities. Hawaiian Show also available with Fire! Our belly dancers are fun, engaging, and always love to involve the audience in our show.

Chapter 8 : Holidays | Entertainment Unlimited of Pittsburgh

During the late fall and festive holiday season, including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, Asheville and the surrounding mountain small towns have many great events, festivals and celebrations.

This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. August Learn how and when to remove this template message The earliest source stating December 25 as the date of birth of Jesus was Hippolytus of Rome , written very early in the 3rd century, based on the assumption that the conception of Jesus took place at the Spring equinox which he placed on March 25, and then added nine months. In some churches e. In other churches e. This short Christmas season is preceded by Advent , which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day: Other European cultures have their own carnival festivities between new year and Lent. Secularisation and commercialisation[edit] According to Yanovski et al. According to Chen et al. Some stores and shopping malls advertise their Christmas merchandise beginning after Halloween or even in late October, alongside Halloween items. In the UK and Ireland, Christmas food generally appears on supermarket shelves as early as September or even August, while the Christmas shopping season itself starts from mid November when the high street Christmas lights are switched on. While in other countries the only holidays included in the "season" are Christmas Eve , Christmas Day, St. Economics of Christmas The examples and perspective in this article deal primarily with the Northern Hemisphere and do not represent a worldwide view of the subject. You may improve this article , discuss the issue on the talk page , or create a new article , as appropriate. August Learn how and when to remove this template message Holiday shopping in Helsinki, Finland The exchange of gifts is central to the Christmas and holiday season, and the season thus also incorporates a "holiday shopping season". This comprises a peak time for the retail sector at the start of the holiday season the "Christmas shopping season" and a period of sales at the end of the season, the "January sales". Although once dedicated mostly to white sales and clearance sales , the January sales now comprise both winter close-out sales and sales comprising the redemption of gift cards given as presents. January is a key part of the holiday season. More than half of it was spent on family shopping. This is widely reputed to be the busiest shopping day of the entire calendar year. However, in the VISA credit card organization reported that over the previous several years VISA credit card spending had in fact been 8 to 19 percent higher on the last Saturday before Christmas Day i. Although it was a peak, that was not the busiest on-line shopping day of that year. The busiest on-line shopping days were December 12 and 13, almost two weeks later; the second Monday in December has since become known as Green Monday. Another notable day is Free Shipping Day, a promotional day that serves as the last day in which a person can order a good online and have it arrive via standard shipping the price of which the sender pays prior to Christmas Eve; this day is usually on or near December They attribute this to people "shopping in stores and malls on the weekends, and [So they recommended that retailers manage their inventories for the entire holiday shopping season, with a leaner inventory at the start and new winter merchandise for the January sales. On the basis of the growing popularity of gift certificates, he states that "To get a true picture of holiday sales, one may consider measuring October, November, December and January sales combined as opposed to just November and December sales. In addition, holiday shoppers are planning to buy even more cards this year: One in six consumers 16 percent plan to buy 10 or more cards, compared with 11 percent last year. Consumers are also spending more in total on gift cards and more per card: Gift cards continue to grow in acceptance: Also, resistance to giving gift cards continues to decline: Consumers said that the cards are popular gifts for adults, teens and children alike, and almost half 46 percent intend to buy them for immediate family; however, they are hesitant to buy them for spouses or significant others, with only 14 percent saying they plan to buy them for those recipients. Some stores in Canada hold Boxing Week sales before the end of the year for income tax purposes. Christmas creep What has become known as "Christmas creep" refers to a merchandising phenomenon in which merchants and retailers exploit the commercialized status of Christmas by moving up the start of the holiday shopping season. The term is not used in the UK and Ireland, where retailers call Christmas the "golden quarter", that is,

the three months of October through December is the quarter of the year in which the retail industry hopes to make the most profit. Europe[edit] In the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, the Christmas shopping season starts from mid-November, around the time when high street Christmas lights are turned on. The Netherlands and Belgium have a double holiday. The first one, the arrival of the Bishop Saint Nicholas and Black Peter, starts about mid November, with presents being given on December 5 or 6. Netherlands and Belgium often do not start the Christmas season until December 6 or 7, i. In France, the January sales are restricted by legislation to no more than four weeks in Paris , and no more than six weeks for the rest of the country, usually beginning on the first Wednesday in January, and are one of only two periods of the year when retailers are permitted to hold sales. The January sales period starts on December 27 and can last up to 60 days. It begins on the last Monday in January and lasts for 12 days, selling left-over goods from the holiday shopping season, as well as the winter collections. However, unofficially, goods are sold at reduced prices by many stores throughout the whole of January. By the time the sales officially begin the only goods left on sale are low-quality ones, often specially manufactured for the sales. However, voluntary sales still called "Winterschlussverkauf" take place further on in most stores at the same time every year. It is similar to Black Friday , but lasts longer. They last 34â€”35 days. Black Friday itself has also gained publicity in Sweden since the earlys. The Swedish Christmas and holiday season continues over Epiphany , and finally ends on St. Asia[edit] Hong Kong, China has a lot of seasonal activities and traditions to offer around Christmas time. December 25 and 26 are Public Holidays that makes most shops open for shopping. Locals and tourists love to watch the meter Swarovski Christmas tree in the Central as well as the Christmas light displays on buildings on Victoria Harbour. The Philippines has the longest Christmas season , reportedly. All over the entire country, parols star shaped lanterns are hung everywhere and lights are lit. Simbang Gabi or dawn masses start December 16 and run for nine days up until Christmas Eve. According to the Washington Post , "Koreans prefer cash Christmas gifts over more creative presents. For six weeks, mid-November to early January, the 2. For other uses, see Happy New Year disambiguation. For the Bing Crosby album, see Christmas Greetings album. A selection of goodwill greetings are often used around the world to address strangers, family, colleagues or friends during the season. Some greetings are more prevalent than others, depending on culture and location. For other uses, see Merry Christmas disambiguation and Happy Christmas disambiguation. The greetings and farewells "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Christmas" are traditionally used in English-speaking countries, starting a few weeks before Christmas December 25 each year. A Christmas cake with a "Merry Christmas" greeting These greetings and their equivalents in other languages are popular not only in countries with large Christian populations but also in the largely non-Christian nations of China and Japan, where Christmas is celebrated primarily due to cultural influences of predominantly Christian countries. They have somewhat decreased in popularity in the United States and Canada in recent decades, but polls in indicated that they remained more popular than "Happy Holidays" or other alternatives. The same phrase is contained in the title of the English carol " We Wish You a Merry Christmas ," and also appears in the first commercial Christmas card , produced by Henry Cole in England in The word Merry was then beginning to take on its current meaning of "jovial, cheerful, jolly and outgoing". The cynical Ebenezer Scrooge rudely deflects the friendly greeting: A merry Christmas to everybody! One reason may be the Victorian middle class influence in attempting to separate wholesome celebration of the Christmas season from public insobriety and associated asocial behaviour, at a time when merry also meant "intoxicated" â€” Queen Elizabeth II is said to prefer "Happy Christmas" for this reason. Nicholas " , the final line, originally written as "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night", has been changed in many later editions to "Merry Christmas to all", perhaps indicating the relative popularity of the phrases in the US. Happy Holidays[edit] "Happy Holidays" redirects here. For other meanings of "Happy Holidays", see Happy Holidays disambiguation. Advocates claim that "Happy Holidays" is an inclusive greeting that is not intended as an attack on Christianity or other religions, but is rather a response to what they say is the reality of a growing non-Christian population. Critics of "Happy Holidays" generally claim it is a secular neologism. Critics of the phrase have associated it with a larger cultural clash termed the " War on Christmas ". In addition to "Merry Christmas", Victorian Christmas cards bore a variety of salutations, including "Compliments of the Season" and "Christmas Greetings. Several White

House Christmas cards, including U. Nutrition[edit] Yanovski et al. They found that average weight gain over the Christmas and holiday season is around 0. They also found that this weight gain is not reversed over the rest of the year, and concluded that this "probably contributes to the increase in body weight that frequently occurs during adulthood" of Lent. They concluded that the winter holidays did influence the glycemic control of the patients, with the largest increases being during that period, increases that "might not be reversed during the summer and autumn months". The Christmas and holiday season, according to a survey by the ADA, is the second most popular reason, after birthdays, for sharing food in the workplace. The British Columbia Safety Council states that if proper food safety procedures are not followed, food set out for sharing in the workplace can serve as a breeding ground for bacteria, and recommends that perishable foods for which it gives pizza, cold cuts, dips, salads, and sandwiches as examples should not sit out for more than 2 hours. They concluded that the Christmas and holiday season is "a risk factor for cardiac and noncardiac mortality", stating that there are "multiple explanations for this association, including the possibility that holiday-induced delays in seeking treatment play a role in producing the twin holiday spikes". It recommends that asthmatics avoid scented candles, for example, recommending either that candles not be lit or that soy or beeswax candles be employed. Because of the cold weather in the Northern Hemisphere, the Christmas and holiday season as well as the second half of winter is a time of increased use of fuel for domestic heating. This has prompted concerns in the United Kingdom about the possibility of a shortage in the domestic gas supply. However, in the event of an exceptionally long cold season, it is industrial users, signed on to interruptible supply contracts, who would find themselves without gas supply. Fire Administration [23] states that the Christmas and holiday season is "a time of elevated risk for winter heating fires" and that the fact that many people celebrate the different holidays during the Christmas and holiday season by decorating their homes with seasonal garlands, electric lights, candles, and banners, has the potential to change the profile of fire incidence and cause. Because of increased alcohol consumption at festivities and poorer road conditions during the winter months, alcohol-related road traffic accidents increase over the Christmas and holiday season.

Chapter 9 : Christmas Events in Miami

Busch Gardens Christmas Town, Tampa (Nearby Hotels) Transforming the entire park into a magical winter wonderland, Busch Gardens Christmas Town in Tampa is an impressive display of celebration with an array of live entertainment options, holiday shopping, and plenty of festive treats.