

EXPLORE THE FESTIVE ATTRACTIONS AND LIGHT OF WINTER TRAIL



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-  Taxi Ranks
-  Water Taxi Stop
-  Train Stations

EXPLORE THE LIGHT OF WINTER TRAIL

Free

14 Nov 2024 to 5 Jan 2025

Discover state-of-the-art, immersive light and sound installations across the city centre. Brought to you by FOR Cardiff.

CARDIFF AURORA (CENTRAL STATION) 1

Cardiff Central Station

Bringing the beautiful facade of Cardiff Central Station to life with light and sound, projection mapping artists Illuminos weave a story from the forests of Wales through to the bright lights of Cardiff. As trains from past and present move us through this space, the wonderful illustrations of local artists take centre stage, coming alive in animated moments, as greenery twirls and wintersweet glitters.

Commissioned by FOR Cardiff and Christmas at Bute Park.

RADIANT ARCADIA

Arcades - Multiple locations 2 3 4 5 6 8

Radiant Arcadia celebrates Cardiff, the City of Arcades, by illuminating the entrances to the city's Victorian and Edwardian shopping malls. Adorned with festive lights, lanterns, garlands and warm light curtains, this scheme is inspired by the history and heritage of the 19th century arcades.

Commissioned by FOR Cardiff with funding from the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund. Designed by Blachere Illuminations.

BLITZEN 7

Cardiff Castle Moat

Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen! Say hello to Santa's reindeer as they make a pit stop outside Cardiff Castle on their way to the North Pole.

Commissioned by Cardiff Council and delivered by Floodlighting and Electrical.



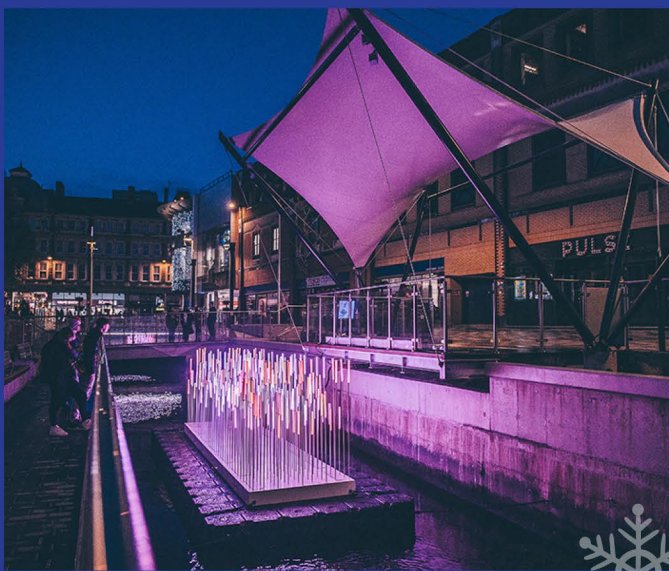
Cardiff Aurora - Cardiff Central Station. Image for illustration purposes only.

ILLUMINATED REEDS SYMPHONY 9

Churchill Way Dock Feeder

Created by Port Talbot-born artist Grant Radford of Accent London and Cardiff-based composer Ella Roberts, this mesmerizing light and sound experience imitates reeds floating on water, transporting you from the busy and bustling city centre to a serene and tranquil space. LED lights and sounds of the Welsh countryside come to life when you tap, jump or dance on accessible interactive ground pads.

Commissioned by FOR Cardiff and Christmas at Bute Park.



CARDIFF KIDS XMAS LIGHTS 10

Churchill Way Dock Feeder

See the magic of Christmas through children's eyes. Cardiff Kids Xmas Lights is an innovative project that engages with primary school pupils to co-design their own Christmas lights from conceptualization to materialization exploring themes of Light, Identity of Place, and Migration. The inaugural exhibition displays winning designs by children from St Cuthbert's Primary School on lampposts that line Cardiff's dock-feeder.

Co-created and co-produced by Antonio Capelao (Director of Architecture for Kids CIC & Founder of the Soho Kids Xmas Lights project) and Dr Melina Guimaldos Diaz (Lecturer at the Welsh School of Architecture). Sponsored by Floodlighting & Electrical and Child Friendly Cardiff. Supported by the Cardiff Commitment and the Cardiff Curriculum.

DO YOU BELIEVE? 11

St David's Dewi Sant

'Do you Believe?' follows the magical journey of Christmas letters to Santa from children across Wales as they weave around floating trees, shooting stars and golden 'Believe Gauges' - measuring the level of 'Believing' in the countdown to Christmas. The design culminates in the epic 'Believe-o-meter' portal, transporting the letters from Cardiff to the North Pole.

Commissioned by St David's Dewi Sant and delivered by James Glancey Design.

FESTIVE ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

Find out more about the festive season below, and remember, this is just a small insight into what the city offers at Christmas. Check out visitcardiff.com for more.

CARDIFF CASTLE VISITOR CENTRE & TOURS 1

The Visitor Centre is free to enter, where you can relax at the Castle Café, browse the Gift Shop, or use the city's Visitor Information Point. Want to explore more of the Castle? This time of year, ticket holders can see the Victorian Apartments in their beautiful, traditional decorations.

CHRISTMAS AT BUTE PARK 2

22 Nov - 1 Jan / Ticketed

Bute Park

The most popular light trail outside of London returns, with a host of enchanting illuminations, live music on selected evenings, plus a mouth-watering selection of artisan cuisine with the newly expanded Christmas Village, which this year can be accessed at the beginning & end of the trail.

CARDIFF'S WINTER WONDERLAND 5

14 Nov to 5 Jan / Free to enter

City Hall Lawn & Cardiff Castle

Split across two sites, discover the undercover ice-rink and ice trail, plus a new bar called The Tafarn. Or head to City Hall Lawn for the family funfair, festive food and drink stalls, not to mention the seriously cool Ice Bar, Winter Wonderland really is at the heart of Cardiff's seasonal celebrations. Skating tickets must be bought in advance.

CARDIFF CHRISTMAS MARKET 7

14 Nov to 23 Dec / Free to enter

St John St / Working St / Trinity St / Hills St

Curated by Craft*Folk, you will find original work from talented makers in every stall. Look out for bespoke jewellery, beautiful textiles, wooden turned gifts, and original artwork. Combined with a variety of seasonal food and drink, you can be sure to enjoy a vibrant festive atmosphere.



Cardiff's Winter Wonderland, Cardiff Castle

CARDIFF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 11

29 Nov - 31 Dec / Ticketed

Sophia Gardens

The Spiegel Christmas Theatre returns with an eclectic programme of shows and concerts. Catch Bryn the Polar Bear in The Snow Queen, Aled Jones and The Snowman, Welsh of the West End, and unbeatable live music and tribute band experiences in a unique and exclusive setting.

CINDERELLA 12

7 Dec - 5 Jan / Ticketed

New Theatre

You shall go to the ball! Cardiff's magical family panto stars presenter Gethin Jones as Prince Charming, broadcaster Owain Wyn Evans as Dandini, much-loved New Theatre Cardiff regular Mike Doyle as the Baroness, and returning favourites Denquar Chupak as Cinderella and Stephanie Webber as the Fairy Godmother.

HAMILTON 13

26 Nov - 25 Jan / Ticketed

Wales Millennium Centre

Lin-Manuel Miranda's multi award-winning cultural phenomenon Hamilton is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War.

THE CARDIFF BAY REINDEER TRAIL

30 Nov to 5 Jan / Free

Cardiff Bay

Visit Cardiff Bay for a festive adventure this season and help Father Christmas find his nine missing reindeer! This magical free trail invites the whole family to track down the sleigh-pulling crew at participating Bay attractions and collect each special letter along the way, for a chance to win a family day out.

SHOPPING

City Centre

With big name brands, boutique arcades and a Christmas market full of unique gifts, Cardiff is the perfect place to wrap up your Christmas shopping. Did you know that St David's Dewi Sant extend their shopping hours from the middle of December?

FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK

Whether you're heading out for the office Christmas do, drinks with friends, dinners with the family, or just grabbing a tasty treat to take the edge of that frosty winter air, Cardiff has plenty of choice to keep you satisfied! Check out our guides to the best Christmas parties and delicious dinners.

To find out more about all the attractions and events above check out visitcardiff.com/Christmas



Have you explored the Light of Winter Trail yet?



Keep track of all the locations that you visit by ticking the boxes below, and don't forget you have until the 5 Jan to find them all.

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Discover the Light of Winter Trail, festive attractions and more

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CHRISTMAS AT BUTE PARK

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