

## Holiday Activities for the Whole Family!

Looking for some winter fun and excitement in the Valley? Here are some holiday-themed events and activities taking place throughout the holiday season.

### The Ice Rink at The Cosmopolitan

The Cosmopolitan's Boulevard Pool is getting a visit from Jack Frost again, transforming into the popular Vegas experience, the Ice Rink. This year, Frost expands his handiwork, covering 4,200 square feet in real ice and providing light snow flurries every 30 minutes beginning at 6 p.m. The Ice Rink also brings back fan favorites such as special winter cocktail and food offerings, fire pits and themed nights including Date Skate Mondays, Industry Skate on the Strip Wednesdays and Throwback Thursdays.

**Cost:** \$10 all-day skating passes for Nevada residents, \$15 for non-residents. Skaters can bring their own blades or rent a pair for \$5. If you want to enjoy the atmosphere but not the ice, admission is free.

**When:** Monday – Friday 3 p.m. – midnight; Saturday & Sunday noon – midnight; Holiday hours: Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 noon – midnight.

**Where:** The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas, 3708 Las Vegas Blvd. South

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### The Conservatory and Botanical Gardens at Bellagio

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Bellagio's atrium. Come December 5, the Conservatory will transform itself into a winter wonderland with 28,000 poinsettias, 2,000 azaleas, 2,000 cyclamen, two 12-foot-tall snow globes, oversized ornaments and four chocolate houses. In the center of the display will stand a 42-foot-tall holiday tree decorated with 7,000 LED lights and 2,500 ornaments. You may feel better about having to decorate your own tree after taking in this massive production.

**Cost:** Free

**When:** Open 24 hours

**Where:** Bellagio, 3600 S. Las Vegas Blvd.

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### Las Vegas Motor Speedway's Glittering Lights

Oh, what fun it is to drive down a one-car light display. Or, you know, however the song goes... Join

the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in its 14th year of bringing 2.5 miles of cheer to the Vegas valley. Glittering Lights is the largest drive-through light show in the western USA. This year's experience includes a 60-foot Reindeer Hotel, Santa's Safari, Hanukkah celebrations and Santa's monster truck.

**Cost:** \$20 per vehicle, \$55 season passes, buses are \$1/person with a \$20 minimum. Purchase tickets online, at any Vegas Walgreens or at the entrance.

**When:** Sunday - Thursday 5:30 – 9 p.m.; Friday, Saturday & holidays 5:30 – 10 p.m.

**Where:** Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 7000 N. Las Vegas Blvd.

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### Santa in the Shipwreck at Shark Reef Aquarium

Santa's headed back under the sea to bring a little Christmas to his 2,000 aquatic friends at the Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay. See Jolly Ol' St. Nicholas in the Shipwreck on the designated dates and get your picture taken.

**Cost:** \$18 for adults, \$12 for children (ages 5-12), children age 4 and under are free, Nevada resident discounts and annual passes are also available, [sharkreef.com](http://sharkreef.com).

**When:** Sunday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**Where:** Mandalay Bay, 3950 S. Las Vegas Blvd.

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### Winter in Venice Holiday Spectacular

Winter in Venice is an event that recreates a delightful Italian festival in the heart of Las Vegas. Every evening, the Venetians' Doge's Palace will host the Strips' most stunning holiday and light show. Guests will awe as a spectacle unlike anything they've seen unveils before them. As the music comes alive, a stunning angel gracefully appears from the Rialto Bridge and lights the 65 foot holiday tree across the way.

**When:** 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. nightly, thru Jan. 5.

**Where:** The Venetian, 3355 S. Las Vegas Blvd.