



Christmas in Limerick

Event Guide 2023

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Mayor's Welcome



Experience the enchantment of Christmas in Limerick! Delight in our festive guide, featuring exciting events and activities that promise to make this season truly special. Explore traditional markets, captivating entertainment, a dazzling display of lights, and unparalleled hospitality. Join us in creating lasting memories and supporting local businesses. As we embrace the festive spirit, may this holiday season be filled with joy, laughter, and the magic of community.

Nollaig Shona!

Cllr. Gerald Mitchell,
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick



Getting Around



Getting to and around Limerick this festive season has never been easier! Christmas shoppers and visitors to Limerick can avail of more than 9,000 on and off street car parking spaces, 46 km of dedicated cycle lanes and over 30 bus routes serving the city, county and region.



★ PARK & STRIDE

- **FREE** parking in Limerick City and County Council Car Park behind Merchant's Quay - Access is via Nicholas Street
- **9am - 10pm Saturdays & Sundays 25 Nov - 23 Dec**
- **9am - 4pm Christmas Eve**

★ CITY CENTRE ON-STREET PARKING

- **Over 4,000** on-street parking spaces in Limerick City
- Parking is from **50c per half hour** (Monday to Saturday)
- **FREE** after 5.30pm daily, as always
- **FREE** on Sundays, as always

★ ABBEYFEALE, KILMALLOCK & NEWCASTLE WEST

- **First hour FREE**
- **Additional 2 hours FREE** on-street parking from 2.30pm daily 03 Dec - 31 Dec
- **FREE** on Sundays, as always



Christmas in Limerick Crackers



WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER FROM SAT 02 – SAT 23

CHRISTMAS IN LIMERICK SEASONAL STREET SHOWS



From jugglers to stilt walkers, mischievous elves to bearded ballerinas, come see our wacky walkabout performers as they run amok raising smiles and bringing festive cheer to Christmas shoppers. Music Generation will also perform live music each day, so take a break and soak up the festive atmosphere.

DON'T MISS OUR DAILY SHOWS:

SAT 02 & SUN 03 – BEDFORD ROW / THOMAS STREET

- ★ SAT: 2PM Music Generation
- ★ SUN: 2PM Kids Disco

SAT 09 & SUN 10 – CRUISES STREET

- ★ SAT: 2.30PM Kids Disco
- ★ SUN: 2PM Kids Disco
- ★ SUN: 3PM & 4.30PM Steve Stumbles
Comedy Magic Show

SAT 16 & SUN 17 – BEDFORD ROW/THOMAS STREET

- ★ SAT: 2.30PM Kids Disco
- ★ SUN: 3PM & 4.30PM Monsieur Gusto,
International Escapologist, Random Object
Juggler & Balancer of Strange Things

FRI 22 & SAT 23 – BEDFORD ROW/THOMAS STREET

- ★ FRI: 1PM & 3PM Aaron the Balloon Man
- ★ SAT: 3PM & 4.30PM Steve Stumbles Comedy
Magic Show

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**FREE
FAMILY
FUN**



SUN 03 DEC | 5.30PM

FIRESTORM BY ROGU

Where: Merchant's Quay

Ireland's premier fire performance company ROGU present a unique Christmas themed show with a fantastic mix of music, fire, sparks and an epic finale not to be missed!

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FREE
FAMILY
FUN



SAT 16 DEC | 5PM & 7.30PM

CHRISTMAS IN LIMERICK AERIAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Where: King John's Castle Courtyard

High above the water against the backdrop of the 13th Century King John's Castle, world class dancers Fidget Fidget will perform works of beauty, mystery and spectacular aerial charm with a sprinkling of Christmas cheer!

Pre-booking essential

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Festive Favourites

FRI 24 NOV – SUN 07 JAN

LIMERICK ON ICE



Where: Arthur's Quay Park

Experience the magic of real ice at one of Limerick's most celebrated attractions. Whether you're a seasoned skater or complete beginner, this is the ultimate winter fun activity for all to enjoy.

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SAT 25 NOV – SUN 17 DEC

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS AND WINTER IN LIMERICK - A CELEBRATION

Where: Check out [Limerick.ie/Christmas](https://limerick.ie/Christmas) for more info

Come celebrate Christmas customs and winter traditions with our international communities in Limerick! Experience international theatre, food, music, dance and stories from around the globe.

This project is funded by Creative Ireland and Limerick City and County Council.

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FRI 01 DEC – SUN 24 DEC



CHRISTMAS AT LIMERICK MILK MARKET

Christmas cheer is in the air with a range of themed markets, handmade crafts and gifts, seasonal foods, local fashion and festive fun!

Highlights include:

- Christmas Art Fair
- CD and Vinyl Records Fair
- Christmas Antique, Craft & Vintage Fair
- Santa Paws
- Boherbouy Band Concert

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SAT 02 DEC | 2PM & 3PM

HULA HOOP WORKSHOPS

Where: UL City Centre Campus,
Sarsfield Street

Join circus artist Gill for a festive fun hula-hoop workshop filled with tricks and twirls!

At 4PM you will get to see Gill in action with a light-filled multi-hoop performance!

2PM suitable for ages 5-10

3PM suitable for ages 10-16

Pre-booking essential

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SAT 02, 09 & 16 DEC | 8 PM



LIMERICK OPERA FESTIVAL SEASONAL AL FRESCO OPERA

Where: Mother Macs, High Street

Wrap up in your winter woollies and join Limerick Opera Festival for a series of Al Fresco Festive Operatic Evenings, and enjoy splendid performances in the heart of the city centre!

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SAT 02 DEC | 10AM, 11.30AM, 2PM & 3.30PM



FESTIVE WORKSHOPS AT FAB LAB



Where: FAB LAB, Sarsfield Street



Join us for an afternoon of festive creativity and learning in this hands-on workshop for 8-12 year olds. Build your very own Christmas decorations from laser cut templates!

Pre-booking is essential

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FRI 08 DEC – SUN 31 DEC | 11AM-7PM

TOOTS CHRISTMAS TRAIN

Drop off and Collection point:
Junction of Thomas Street and
O'Connell Street

Hop on board "Toots the Train" and
soak up Limerick city's most festive
sights and lights along the way!

Brought to you by Limerick City Centre
Traders' Association.

Wheelchair and buggy accessible

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SAT 09 DEC | 12 PM

CHRISTMAS FASHION SHOW

Where: Thomas Street

This festive fashion show comes to the
streets of Limerick showcasing the latest
fashion trends, brought to you by the
Holman Lee Agency and presented by
Celia Holman Lee.

Supported by Limerick City and County Council,
Mickey Martin's Pub and Specsavers.

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FRI 15 DEC – SUN 07 JAN

FOSSETT'S CHRISTMAS CIRCUS

Where: Cleeves, O' Callaghan Strand

Step into the heated festive Big Top and be swept away with amazing acrobatic presentations, daredevil stunts and a sprinkle of Fossett magic. Join Otto the Clown and the Queen of Irish Circus, Marion Fossett in a unique circus show - a must see in Limerick this Christmas!

Presented by Limerick Twenty Thirty.

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LIMERICK
TWENTY
THIRTY™

SAT DEC 16 | 2PM-10PM

TREATY CITY BREWERY FESTIVE FAIR

Where: Nicholas Street

Celebrate good ol' Saint Nick on Nicholas Street for a festive evening of music, markets, and celebration! Browse for gifts from local vendors, feast on fantastic food and enjoy live music with a warm mulled stout in hand!

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Panto Time

FAMILY FUN AT CHRISTMAS PANTOS

FRI 8 DEC – SUN 7 JAN

ALADDIN AND HIS MAGIC LAMP

Lime Tree Theatre

Aladdin and his long-suffering mum, Widow Twanky, have fallen on hard times. At their laundry, the spin drier has stopped working. So has Aladdin. He's super lazy – which is like normal lazy but wearing a cape!



THU 21 DEC – SUN 14 JAN

SLEEPING BEAUTY

University Concert Hall

Sleeping Beauty will see Panto favourites, along with some fun new faces, come together for a show packed with comedy, music, glitz, glamour and a heroine that thinks nothing of nodding off mid show (we might need to have a word with her!)



WED 27 DEC – SUN 7 JAN

SNOW WHITE

TUS Millennium Theatre

Pantomime season has finally returned to Limerick - oh yes it has! Limerick Panto Society presents Snow White, the fairest panto in the land.



Ha Ha Ha!



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

SAT 25 NOV – SUN 17 DEC
SENSORY MORNING SAT 3 DEC

LOUGH GUR SANTA EXPERIENCE



THU 30 NOV – SAT 23 DEC

**SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP
- INTERNATIONAL RUGBY
EXPERIENCE**



SAT 18 NOV – FRI 23 DEC

**SANTA'S MAGICAL CABIN
- JETLAND SHOPPING CENTRE**



SUN NOV 19 – SAT 23 DEC

**SANTA AT PARKWAY SHOPPING
CENTRE**



SAT 2 - FRI 22 DEC

SANTA'S GROTTO AT STONEHALL WILDLIFE PARK

SAT 2 - TUE 19 DEC

SANTA'S GROTTO AT CASTLEOAKS HOUSE HOTEL



SUN 3 DEC, 1-4 PM

SANTA AT CASTLE STREET CASTLECONNELL ACM COMMUNITY CENTRE



SAT 16 (SENSORY DAY) & SUN 17 DEC

LISKENNETT'S SANTA EXPERIENCE LISKENNETT EQUINE ASSISTED ACTIVITY CENTRE

SAT 2 - SAT 23 DEC

SANTA'S GROTTO AT ARTHUR'S QUAY SHOPPING CENTRE



Winter Wanders



CHORAL CONCERTS, CHRISTMAS CLASSICS & FESTIVE FAMILY FAVOURITES

WED 22 – SUN 26 NOV

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Lime Tree Theatre

Leave your troubles Far Far Away and join the adventure as Shrek and Donkey complete their quest of defeating the dragon and saving Princess Fiona.

FRI 24 NOV, 10AM & 7PM

SCIENCE MAGIC: MESSY MAYHEM

Belltable

Science magic with a cool bunch of 'outdoor tricks' from vomiting unicorns to exploding potions.

FRI 24 NOV – SUNDAY 26 NOV

WEEKEND ART & CRAFT POP UP

19 Nicholas Street

Weekly weekend local Arts and Crafts. Friday from 10.30am to 4.30pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

TUE 28 NOV, 8PM

CASTLECONNELL CONCERT SERIES

All Saints Church, Castleconnell

The Vanbrugh and their guests present two of the great works from the extended chamber music repertoire.



FRI 1, 8PM | SAT 2 DEC, 10AM-8PM

DIALECTS

Spacecraft Studios

An audio/visual diary of Limerick City, exploring how our environment inspires musical composition with music by Paddy Mulcahy and visuals by Shane Vaughan.

SAT 2 DEC, 12PM & 2PM

THE LAND OF A HUNDRED LITTLE HILLS

Belltable

This authentic gig theatre experience for children ages 6+ vividly and intimately celebrates the wonder of childhood!

SAT 2 DEC, 7.30PM

BALLET IRELAND PRESENTS CARMEN

Lime Tree Theatre

Passion, drama and riveting performances unfold in Ballet Ireland's Carmen.

SAT 2 & SUN 3 DEC

WOODLANDS CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Woodlands Hotel, Adare

Experience the joy of the season in a winter wonderland filled with locally crafted treasures, unique gifts and stunning floral displays.

SUN 3 DEC, 8PM

CHRISTMAS WITH JUDY

Dolans

This festive favourite will include Christmas-themed songs, some classics and a few special surprises!

MON 4 DEC, 7.30PM

CASABLANCA (FILM)

University Concert Hall

The story of Rick Blaine, a cynical world-weary ex-patriate who runs a nightclub in Casablanca, Morocco during the early stages of WWII.



MON 4 DEC & MON 11 DEC, 3PM

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS

No.1 Pery Square Hotel

Craft your own luxurious door wreath with beautifully scented seasonal foliage hosted by Limerick florist Tara Maloney.

THU 7 DEC – THU 25 JAN

LET'S GO SHOPPING

Limerick Museum

The “Let’s go Shopping” exhibition is a trip down memory lane- ‘getting the messages’, ‘only having a look’ and ‘meeting at Todds’!

FRI 8, 6PM & 8.30PM | SAT 9 DEC, 5PM

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT: HANS ZIMMER'S BEST WORKS

St. Mary's Cathedral

Discover the music of Hans Zimmer's Best Works at St. Mary's Cathedral, under the gentle glow of candlelight.

SUN 10 DEC, 4.45PM

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

St. Mary's Cathedral

This beautiful carol service is open to all who wish to come and sing at the Cathedral, located in the heart of Limerick city, to mark the season of Advent.

FRI 15 DEC, 1PM & 7.30PM

CHRISTMAS WITH AILISH TYNAN

St. Mary's Cathedral

Soprano Ailish Tynan returns to the fold featuring Christmas crackers in St. Mary's Cathedral.



Seasonal Sporting Limerick



TUE 21 NOV

NATIONAL HUNT RACING

Limerick Racecourse

Come racing for a great action packed day out with 7 national hunt races on the card.



SUN 03 DEC, 7PM

LIMERICK SANTA CYCLE 2023

Hurler's Pub Limerick

In support of Milford Care Centre



TUE 26 DEC

MUNSTER RUGBY V LEINSTER RUGBY

Thomond Park



TUE 26 – FRI 29 DEC

LIMERICK CHRISTMAS RACING FESTIVAL

Limerick Racecourse

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Lively Limerick

THU 23 NOV

CHASING ABBEY

Live at CASK

FRI 24 NOV

MICHAEL STARRING BEN

University Concert Hall

SAT 25 NOV

SODA BLONDE

Dolans

SUN 26 NOV

SONGS OF THE
DRIFTERS

Friars Gate Theatre

FRI 1 DEC

THE AMY WINEHOUSE
BAND

Live at CASK

FRI 1 DEC

RACHAEL LAVELLE

The Record Room

SAT 2 DEC

THE AMAZING GEORGE
MICHAEL TRIBUTE

Dolans

THU 7 DEC

SONAS BY BEO

University Concert Hall





FRI 15 DEC

MONCRIEFF

Live At The Big Top

FRI 22 DEC

**GEIMHREADH GALORE:
DAVID KEENAN**

Belltable

THU 28 DEC

HERMITAGE GREEN

Live at the Big Top

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on Limerick.ie/Christmas



Music on the Streets

SAT 2, 9, & 16 DEC

Thomas Street & Bedford Row

Join in the musical merriment as carol singers, bands, musicians, choirs and drama groups take to the stage to entertain Christmas shoppers and passers-by!

City Centre Shopping

★ **OPEN LATE NIGHT FRIDAY**

★ **OPEN EVERY SUNDAY**
(Free on-street parking)

★ **SALES START 26 DEC!**



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