

SLEIGH THE SEASON

Give 2020 the send-off it deserves

NOVEMBER

Now until Nov 30. **Lumiere.** A series of interactive art installations. lumiereyvr.com

Now until Dec 12. **Kids: Snail Mail Art Kits.** Online. Get together to make some snail mail and brighten someone's day. vancouvernorthshore.com

Now until Jan 1. **Heritage Christmas.** Burnaby Village Museum. Come for an entertaining and safe experience this Christmas season. burnabyvillagemuseum.ca

Now until Jan 3. **Festive Lights.** Granville Island. Unique local shopping, restaurants, lounges, hot drinks and takeout treats. Festive Lights Display is from Sunset to 10:00pm daily. tourismvancouver.com

Now until Jan 3. **Fly Like Santa.** Canada Place. After meeting Santa's elves, join them on a flight across Canada looking for other elves. \$30. flyovercanada.com

Now until Jan 3. **The Peak of Christmas.** North Vancouver. Skate with Santa, walk through magical lights and more. grousemountain.com

Now until Jan 4. **Glow Gardens.** Harbour Convention Centre. Experience a family-friendly indoor winter festival with interactive light gardens, illuminated structures, food and drinks. \$20-27. glowgardens.com

Now until Jan 5. **Festival of Trees.** Bay Centre Victoria. Experience the transformed lush forest of beautifully decorated trees to raise funds for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. bcchf.ca

Now until Jan 5. **Soak up the Season.** Vancouver Aquarium. Watch the jolly man in the red suit swim with the fish. familyfuncanada.com

Now until Feb 27. **Winterlust.** Vancouver H Tasting Lounge. A seriously magical snow globe patio setup. exploretock.com

Now until April 25. **Hasting Park Winter Farmers Market** -PNE Fairgrounds. Use the market to stock up on fresh and prepared food items from 35+ farms and producers. eatlocal.org

All year round. **Lonsdale Quay Market.** North Vancouver. Relax and enjoy the best view from the North Shore's waterfront Market. lonsdalequay.com



REDEFINING FUN AT HOME

Gingerbread House Competition. Bake and decorate holiday themed gingerbread houses with the family and pick a judge to choose their favourite. countryliving.com

Game Show and Trivia. Play virtual trivia and test your knowledge with questions ranging from entertainment, to food, to science, & more. randomtriviagenerator.com

Virtual Bingo. Make your own bingo cards with numbers or activities and play virtually with friends and family. myfreebingocards.com

Indoor picnics. Bring outdoor dining inside with a cozy picnic. houzz.com

Play a game of snow golf. Bury tin cans in the snow to be your holes.

Build a backyard obstacle course or maze with snow, twigs, and props.

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER

Due to COVID and the current government restrictions these events may change. Please confirm details online or with the event organizers.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Santa Slime - Kids will love getting messy making this fluffy, Christmas-theme slime thebestideasforkids.com

Paper Plate Christmas Masks - Ordinary white paper plates and a few simple craft supplies are all kids need to whip up this adorable holiday project. Don't forget to take tons of pictures of the little artists sporting their snowman, Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus masks. designimprovised.com

Chocolate Centerpiece - Use Hershey Kisses wrapped in holiday-color foils to make this ultra-easy project. Arrange them on a platter for a table centerpiece that's homemade, affordable... and delicious, too. itallstartedwithpaint.com

NOVEMBER (CONT.)

Nov 21-28. **Chutzpah Festival**. Online. The festival of international Jewish performing arts has returned with some streaming online and select performances in person. Ticket prices vary by performance. chutzpahfestival.com

Nov 23-Jan 12. **Lights by the Lake**. Harrison Hot Springs. Visit the enchanting holiday displays that transform the Harrison lakefront into a magical world of lights highlighting the wildlife. Bring skates and enjoy the cafe on site. lightsbythelake.ca

Nov 25-Dec 6. **Holiday Pop-up**. Virtual. Join online for the mega Holiday pop-up market featuring 50+ makers and small shops from across Canada to shop small and give handmade goods. <https://gotcraft.com/>

Nov 27-Jan 8. **GLOW Maple Ridge**. Maple Ridge. The annual event that celebrates the season by lighting up the downtown core and turning it into a winter wonderland. mapleridge.ca/2344/Glow-Maple-Ridge

Nov 27. **Vancouver Christmas Tree Lighting**. CTV. Join for the first-ever virtual Tree Lighting Event of the 104 ft Christmas Tree as well as a visit from Santa and his elves. amacon.com

Nov 27-Jan 3. **VanDusen Festival of Lights**. VanDusen Botanical Gardens. The decked out garden is full of lights with a one-way path to take you through the winter wonderland. vancouver.ca

Nov 27-29, Dec 4-6. **Chilliwack Christmas Gifts Expo**. Spend the day finding fun gifts from over 150 small businesses, artisans, and more. New safety measures have been implemented. vancouverbestplaces.com

altisrecruitment.com

Nov 28-29. **Homes for the Holidays**. Online. During this event, professional interior designers team up with home decor retailers. \$35. kidshelpphone.ca

Nov 28-29. **Holiday Art Market**. Cartwright St. The Federation of Canadian Artists is hosting a market featuring a range of artists and artworks. granvilleisland.com

Nov 28-Dec 1. **Bright Nights Christmas Train**. Stanley Park. Immerse yourself in the park with three million twinkling lights. \$6-12. vancouver.ca

Nov 30. **Pink For Christmas**. Kay Meek Centre. Listen to the professional youth choir concert and silent auction to raise money for paediatric cancer. vancouvernorthshore.com

WINTER MARKETS

Hastings Park Farmers Market. At Hastings Skatepark by the PNE on Sundays.

Port Moody Winter Farmers Market. An artisan market that includes local fresh produce at the rec centre in Port Moody.

Cloverdale Flea Market. A massive market at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds in Surrey.



SNOW DAY ACTIVITIES

Where to go skiing, snowboarding and tobogganing

Cypress Mountain. \$25 per person (tubing) cypressmountain.com

Mount Seymour. \$15 (toboggan park) \$25 (tubing) mtseymour.ca

Whistler Olympic Park. \$10 per person. whistlersportlegacies.com

Whistler Bubly Tube Park. \$15-36 whistler.com

Grouse Mountain. grousemountain.com

Whistler Blackcomb. whistlerblackcomb.com

Protocols in Place

- Reservation required to access
- Increased sanitization
- Temperature screening
- Face coverings requires in certain areas

DECEMBER

Dec 1-12. **The Big Elf Run - Online.** Holiday themed guided 5km or 10km run around scenic Stanley Park. \$25. raceroster.com

Dec 1-Jan 3. **Canyon Lights.** North Vancouver. Attend one of the most spectacular holiday light displays. capbridge.com

Dec 3-6. **Virtual Santa Canada.** Book your family's session with Santa Claus and take a virtual photo & more. \$34.99 - \$149.99 eventbrite.ca

Dec 5. **Surrey Santa Parade of Lights.** Surrey. Prepare yourself to drive thru the parade of lights with all proceeds being sent to the Food Bank, Christmas Bureau, Christmas Hamper Program and Cloverdale Youth Initiative Foundation. \$10/car. surreysantaparade.com

Dec 5-12. **Santa Shuffle.** Online. Participate in the run or walk for the salvation army. \$10-25. santashuffle.ca

Dec 10-18. **Happy Hanukkah.**

Dec 11-13, 17-23. **PNE Winter Lights.** A Magical journey to Santa. The two-kilometre drive-thru experience. \$39/car ticketleader.ca

Dec 21. **Winter Solstice Lantern Festival.** Triangle Square. Celebrate with the glowing constellation of lanterns. secretlantern.org

Dec 25. **Merry Christmas.**

Dec 26. **Happy Kwanzaa.**



SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE SNOW

Kids love playing in the great outdoors and exploring it with all their senses. Here's a fun winter scavenger hunt for the whole family.

1. Print out a winter scavenger hunt list
2. Find a basket to hold all your scavenger hunt finds
3. Bundle up and head out into your winter wonderland! cbc.ca

VIRTUAL WINE TASTING

If you miss having drinks with friends, meet virtually. Discuss your favourite wines with a wine expert.

1. Choose a theme. For example, Canadian wines. Choose the wines
2. Invite the wine tasters, set date & time
3. List the names of the wines. Be sure to list the varietal, the producer, and the year. inquirer.com

NEW YEARS EVE

Dec 31. **New Year's Eve Speakeasy Cruise.** Magic Spirit Yacht. Enjoy the roaring 20s themed party favours with DJs and stunning views of Vancouver. \$100-143. vancouvernightlife.com

THE NEW YEAR

Jan 1. **Polar Bear Swim.** English Bay Beach. Attend one of the longest running events of its kind in the world. vancouverbestplaces.com

Jan 1. **Resolution Run.** Online. Start the New Year off right by establishing or maintaining an active lifestyle. \$15-65. resolutionrun.ca

Jan 9-10. **Gluten Free Expo.** Vancouver Convention Center. The largest gluten free event in Canada. \$12-29. glutenfreeexpo.ca

Jan 15-Feb 12. **Dine Out Vancouver Festival.** Canada's largest food & drink festival. dineoutvancouver.com

Jan 22-24. **Vancouver Motorcycle Show.** Abbotsford. See all the new motorcycles, scooters, ATVs and side-by-sides all under one roof. vancouvermotorcycleshow.ca

Jan 28-30. **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 in Concert.** Orpheum Theatre. Witness the beginning of Harry's most important battle yet with a live symphony orchestra. \$38-90. vancouver_symphony.ca

Jan 30-31. **The Wellness Show.** Vancouver Convention Centre. Learn about nutrition, fitness, physical and emotional well-being. \$15-20. thewellnessshow.com

Feb 1-28. **Hypothermic Half Marathon.** Online. A virtual 10k or half marathon. \$40-50. hypothermichalf.com

Feb 7. **Super Bowl LV.** Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. PST. Canadian singer The Weeknd to headline halftime show. tampabaylv.com

Feb 12. **Lunar New Year.** Year of the Ox

Feb 14. **Lunar New Year Festival.** Chinatown Vancouver. Celebrate the year of the Ox with events & a parade. vancouverbestplaces.com

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