

The Holly Jolly HANDBOOK

to Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana



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MUST-DO
Holiday
Experiences

Make Christmas Bright

Want to put a twinkle in your family's eyes? Attend the **Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, and watch as a 30-foot-tall Christmas tree is lit for the holidays! Also, load up the family and visit **Christmas in Roseland**, a 60-acre park filled with sparkling lights, Fridays through Sundays, Nov. 27-Dec. 20, and encore nights, Dec. 21-23. Or, explore downtown Shreveport and see the Christmas fleur de lis decorations on **Market Street, Spring Street and Texas Street**.

Shop 'til You Drop

Got a lengthy shopping list? **Les Boutiques de Noel** is an annual holiday marketplace featuring more than 100 vendors, Nov. 19-21, at the Bossier Civic Center. Shop Louisiana specialty gifts at the **Enchanted Garden**, located among other unique shops in the **Line Avenue Shopping District**. the **Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets**, featuring more than 60 retail and outlet shops, and the **Shops at Bellemead** on Youree Drive in Shreveport, where great local eateries are nestled among the shops and storefronts, are also great places to continue scratching names off of your list.

Visit Santa

Santa appears in some unusual places in Shreveport-Bossier, including **Santa's Wonderland at Bass Pro Shops**, beginning Nov. 14 and running through Christmas. Santa is also on-hand at the **Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival**, a Christmas festival with fireworks and live music held annually in Oil City's Earl G. Williamson Park, Dec. 5. Or, have **Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus** at Sci-Port: Louisiana Science Center, Dec. 5, with an IMAX showing of *Santa vs. Snowman*.

Uncover the Perfect Gift: Antiques and Collectibles

If you are seeking antiques and collectibles, the best way to begin your search is by stopping in at the **Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau Downtown Visitor Center**, located at 629 Spring Street, Shreveport, and picking up the "Antique Treasures" brochure, which lists nearly 20 unique shops for antiques. Find local art at **the Agora Borealis**, located on Lake Street in downtown Shreveport. Pick out the perfect present for your vintage clothing lover at **Vessel Vintage**, located in the **Historic Highland neighborhood**. Other hot spots for antiques include **Line Avenue** and **King's Highway** in Shreveport and the northern end of **Barksdale Boulevard** in Bossier City.

Play Your Cards Right...

The holidays are always huge at Shreveport-Bossier's **six riverboat casinos**, as well as **Harrah's Louisiana Downs** "racino" in Bossier City. See the holiday map in the back of this brochure for casino locations. Guests can count on great promotions, giveaways and live music through the New Year. For more information on the gaming action, great dining and live entertainment options found in Shreveport-Bossier's casinos, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/casinos.

Discover What's New for 2015

The 2015 holiday season will feature several all-new ways to celebrate. Experience a spectacular fireworks display, food vendors and arts and crafts at the **Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets' Rockets Over the Red Fireworks**, Saturday, Nov. 28. **Cirque du Soleil: TORUK - The First Flight**, is coming to the CenturyLink Center Nov. 12-14. And, ring in 2016 in style at **Sci-Port's New Year's Eve Party Toast: A Night of Dynamic Duos**, Thursday, Dec. 31.

Shop 'til You Drop



For a complete list of shops, visit the “Things to Do” page at www.Shreveport-Bossier.org

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets

540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

(318) 752-1455 • www.louisianaboardwalk.com

What you'll find: The Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets has added a variety of new shopping options in 2015, including Charming Charlie's, Express Factory Outlet, J. Crew Factory, Under Armour and more. These new additions make a great reason to visit the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, home to more than 60 retail and outlet stores, a variety of restaurants, Regal Cinema, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Margaritaville Resort Casino and more.

Line Avenue Shopping District

Line Ave., Shreveport

What you'll find: Shreveport's Line Avenue Shopping District is a five-mile treasure trove of unique gifts and some of the best boutique and antique shopping in the region. Be sure to visit The Enchanted Garden, 2429 Line Avenue, to see the store's \$10,000 Christmas makeover by acclaimed designer Harold Hand.

Mall St. Vincent & Pierre Bossier Mall

Mall St. Vincent 1133 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport

(318) 227-9880 • www.mallstvincent.com

Pierre Bossier Mall 2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City

(318) 747-5700 • www.pierrebossiermall.com

What you'll find: Shop the newly renovated Mall St. Vincent and Pierre Bossier Mall. At Mall St. Vincent, you'll find 50 retail stores, including H&M, New York & Company, GAP and American Eagle. Shoppers may also relax at the turtle pond. Pierre Bossier Mall is home to 70 retail and department stores, such as Dillard's, JCPenny with Sephora and Forever 21. The mall also includes a full-service Japanese restaurant and food court.

Shoppes at Bellemead

6535 Youree Dr., Shreveport

www.shoppesatbellemead.com

What you'll find: This upscale shopping destination includes such popular stores as Talbots, Chico's, Loft and more. Shoppes at Bellemead is also home to some of Shreveport's most popular local eateries, including Fairfield Grocery & Market Café and Buttercups Cupcakes.

Shop Art

the Agora Borealis 421 Lake St., Shreveport

(318) 268-3011 • www.theagoraborealis.com

Artspace 710 Texas St., Shreveport

(318) 673-6535 • www.wartspaceshreveport.com

Meadows Museum of Art 2911 Centenary Blvd., Shreveport

(318) 869-5169 • www.centenary.edu/meadows

Bossier Arts Council 630 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

(318) 741-8310 • www.bossierarts.org

What you'll find: Shreveport-Bossier is proud to be home to these zany and unique art venues. Shop local art, artisan jewelry and more at the Agora Borealis. At the Bossier Arts Council, Meadows Museum of Art and Artspace, you'll find a variety of gifts, t-shirts, books, posters, artisan soap, jewelry and more.



Tasty Gifts

Biscotti's at Lewis Gifts

Artspace

710 Texas St., Shreveport

(318) 673-6535 • www.artspaceshreveport.com

Eat: The Café at Artspace, located on the mezzanine level, features fresh salads, homemade soups and gourmet sandwiches.

Shop: Browse the works of dozens of local artists at Giftspace, featuring items ranging from handmade jewelry and clothing to books and prints by celebrated local author William Joyce.

Biscotti's at Lewis Gifts

5807 Youree Dr., Sheveport

(318) 865-4606 • www.lewsgifts.com

Eat: Southern favorites like fried green tomatoes and shrimp and grits are on the menu, as well as creative sandwiches and salads. It's a local favorite.

Shop: Browse the candles, keepsakes, fine art prints, cooking accessories, clothing and more.

Herby K's

1833 Pierre Ave., Shreveport

(318) 424-2724 • www.herbyks.net

Eat: Enjoy seafood, po-boys and Cajun/creole mainstays such as gumbo and etouffee. The famous Shrimp Buster sandwich is a local favorite.

Shop: Herby-K's Shrimp Buster Sauce is available for purchase in bottles, as well as Herby K's t-shirts, shot glasses and more.



Head to these local spots for great food and unique gifts in one convenient location. For a full list of dining and shopping destinations in Shreveport-Bossier, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/dining.

Herby K's

Ralph & Kacoo's

1700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City
(318) 747-6660 • www.ralphandkacoos.com

Eat: Load up on seafood platters and Cajun cuisine, as well as salads, steaks and pasta.

Shop: Louisiana, Cajun and Mardi Gras gifts and souvenirs of every shape and size are available inside the restaurant at the False River Gift Shop.

Soumas Heritage Creole Creations

www.soumasheritagecreole.com

Eat: Chef Panderina Soumas celebrates the best in Creole cuisine with her array of pre-packaged food mixes based on her family's Creole history and recipes.

Shop: Visitors can purchase pre-packaged red beans and rice, jambalaya and more online.

Wine Country Bistro & Bottle Shop

4801 Line Ave., Shreveport
(318) 629-9463 • www.winecountry.net

Eat: Alongside escargots and filet mignon, Louisiana classics like shrimp and grits and soft shell crab are right at home on the menu.

Shop: The Wine Country Bottle Shop features a walk-in wine cellar and wine-themed gifts, as well as a European cheese counter and more. It is a great place to find gifts for wine enthusiasts.

Boomtown Casino & Hotel

300 Riverside Dr., Bossier City

(318) 746-0711 or (866) 462-8696 • www.boomtownbossier.com

Why: If more than 1,100 slot machines and more than 30 table games spread across more than 30,000 square feet aren't enough to entice you, consider dropping in at one of the four restaurants: Cattlemen's Buffet, Sundance Cantina, Boomer's Café and 1800 Prime Steakhouse.

DiamondJacks Casino & Resort

711 DiamondJacks Blvd., Bossier City

(318) 678-7777 or (866) 552-9629 • www.diamondjacks.com

Why: Try your luck among more than 30,000 square feet of slots, video poker and table games. Amenities include restaurants, jewelry store, full service spa and deluxe whirlpool tubs in room.

Eldorado Resort Casino

451 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

(318) 220-0711 or (877) 602-0711 • www.eldoradoshreveport.com

Why: Guests love the 1,500 slot machines and 60 table games, as well as four restaurants, live music, karaoke and more at the Celebrity Lounge and Allure Ultra Lounge nightclubs.

Harrah's Louisiana Downs

8000 E. Texas St., Bossier City

(318) 742-5555 or (800) 847-5505 • www.harrahslouisianadowns.com

Why: At Shreveport-Bossier's only horseracing track, count on wire-to-wire action during live and simulcast thoroughbred racing, as well as more than 1,400 slot machines, great restaurants and more.

Horseshoe Casino & Hotel

711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City

(318) 742-0711 or (800) 895-0711 • www.horseshoebossiercity.com

Why: From big name stars on the Riverdome stage to a Vegas-style gaming area, fun is always right around the corner. The 25-story luxury hotel includes restaurants, a spa and more.

Margaritaville Resort Casino

777 Margaritaville Way, Bossier City

(855) FIN-City • www.margaritavillebossiercity.com

Why: The newest addition to Shreveport-Bossier's gaming scene features big-name entertainment at the Paradise Theater, dining options like the Margaritaville Restaurant and Jimmy's Seafood and Steak and a gaming floor "flush" with poker and table game options.


Sam's Town Hotel & Casino

315 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

(318) 424-7777 or (877) 429-0711 • www.samstowshreveport.com

Why: Enjoy three floors of slot machines and table games from blackjack and craps to roulette, a signature spa, a novelty store and award-winning restaurants, which include William B's Steakhouse and their International Buffet.

Holly Jolly *Jackpots*



Shreveport-Bossier's casino scene doesn't take a break during the holidays. In fact, it heats up even more with 24-hour, nonstop gaming and a variety of promotions and live entertainment. Visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/casinos to find our more information.

The Season on *Stage*



Experience these classic holiday shows that your whole family will enjoy. For a complete list of shows and concerts, visit the events calendar at www.SBFunGuide.com.



Cirque du Soleil: TORUK – The First Flight

Nov. 12-14 • CenturyLink Center
2000 CenturyLink Center Dr., Bossier City
(318) 747-2501 • www.centurylinkcenter.com

About: Experience the new Cirque du Soleil live experience inspired by James Cameron's *AVATAR TORUK - The First Flight*, written and directed by Michel Lemieux and Victor Pilon. Tickets are \$50-\$125. 7:30 p.m.

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

Nov. 21 • Strand Theatre
619 Louisiana Ave., Shreveport
(318) 226-8555 • www.thestrandtheatre.com

About: See this one time showing of the Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*. Bring the whole family and experience this timeless Christmas tradition. Tickets are \$28-\$190. 2 p.m.

Songs of the Season

Dec. 11-19 • Shreveport Community Church
5720 Buncombe Rd., Shreveport
318-683-1562 • www.songsOfTheSeason.org

About: This is a Christmas music extravaganza for the whole family. Tickets are \$5-\$30. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Nutcracker – Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet

Dec. 12 & 13 • Shreveport RiverView Theater
600 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
(318) 221-8500 • www.shreveportmetroballet.org

About: Enjoy this timeless Christmas tradition with the accompaniment of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kermit Poling. Tickets are \$15-\$40. 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Holiday Pop Stars on Stage

Dec. 19 • Shreveport RiverView Theatre
600 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
(318) 222-7496 • www.shreveportsymphony.com

About: Listen to your favorite holiday songs performed by soloists Doug LaBrecque and LaKisha Jones, as well as the Holiday Pops Children's Chorus with conductor Michael Butterman. Tickets are \$20-\$65. 7:30 p.m.



Songs of the Season
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Holiday Events

Christmas in Roseland

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Nov. 12 • Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets

540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

(318) 752-1455 • www.louisianaboardwalk.com

About: Live holiday music and family fun set the stage for lighting the 30-foot-tall Christmas tree in front of Cheesecake Bistro by Copeland's. Admission is free. 6 p.m.

Bass Pro Shops Christmas Parade

Nov. 14 • Bass Pro Shops at Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets

100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City

(318) 549-8800 • www.basspro.com/bossiercity

About: Welcome Santa to his winter wonderland at the Bass Pro Shops! The parade will start moving towards the store at 4:30 p.m., and Santa will make his grand entrance at 5 p.m. Admission is free.


Santa's Wonderland at Bass Pro Shops

Nov. 14-Dec. 24 • Bass Pro Shops at Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets

100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City

(318) 549-8800 • www.basspro.com/bossiercity

About: Children of all ages are invited to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's Wonderland, featuring crafts and photographs with Santa. Admission and activities are free. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a red and white striped sweater and a white scarf, is smiling and looking to her left. She is sitting outdoors at night, surrounded by warm, glowing Christmas lights. In the background, there are large, illuminated star-shaped light displays. The overall atmosphere is festive and cozy.

From shopping extravaganzas to parades and festivals, these “don’t miss” events are sure to awaken the holiday spirit in your family. For more holiday events, visit www.SBFunGuide.com.

Les Boutiques de Noel

Nov. 19-21 • Bossier Civic Center

620 Benton Rd., Bossier City

(318) 797-5758 • www.lesboutiquesdenoel.com

About: Shop arts, crafts, selected imports and limited commercial products. Tickets are \$5-\$10. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas in Roseland

Nov. 27-Dec. 20 • American Rose Center

8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport

(318) 938-5402 • www.rose.org

About: This winter wonderland features thousands of twinkling lights among the gardens of roses, the Roseland Express train rides, lighted displays, life-size Christmas cards, nightly entertainment and photos with Santa. Tickets are \$5-\$20. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Special encore nights Dec. 21-23. 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Rockets Over the Red Fireworks

Nov. 28 • Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets

540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

(318) 752-1455 • www.louisianaboardwalk.com

About: Rockets Over the Red Fireworks Festival will feature a spectacular fireworks display, food vendors and arts and crafts. Admission is free. Festival opens 2 p.m. and fireworks begin at 6:30 p.m.



Rockets Over the Red Fireworks



See It. Bet It. Taste It.

*Benton Christmas on the Square
Festival & Parade*

28th Annual Christmas Tree Greening

Dec. 2-31 • Louisiana State Exhibit Museum

3015 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport

(318) 632-2020 • www.friendsoflsem.org

About: Caddo Parish elementary school students turn the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum into a Christmas tree bonanza. Visitors to the museum get to explore all of the Native American tribes of Louisiana themed trees amid the museum historical exhibits. Admission is free. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Dec. 5 • Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center

820 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

(318) 424-3466 • www.sciport.org

About: Kids of all ages will enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa, arts and crafts and an IMAX showing of *Santa vs. Snowman*. Tickets are \$5-\$15. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Country Christmas Festival

Dec. 5 • Vivian Town Square

100 Front St., Vivian

(318) 375-5300 • www.vivianchamberofcommerce.com

About: Celebrate Christmas in the country with entertainment, lights, food, arts and crafts and a parade. Admission is free. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival

Dec. 5 • Earl G. Williamson Park

11425 Hwy. 1, Oil City

(318) 631-0182 • christmasoncaddofireworks.com

About: Get into the Christmas spirit with this holiday fireworks show, live entertainment, concessions, Santa Claus, family fun and more. Admission is free. 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fireworks start at 6:30 p.m.

Benton Christmas on the Square Festival & Parade

Dec. 12 • Heritage Village Square

417 Sibley St., Benton

(318) 584-5977 • www.bentonchristmasonthesquare.com

About: This festival celebrates the holidays in the charming town of Benton in an open-air venue that provides traditional, family-oriented activities such as food, entertainment, arts and crafts, parades and more. Admission is free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas Around the World Celebration

Dec. 17 • Multicultural Center of the South

520 Spring St., Shreveport

(318) 424-1380 • www.mccsouth.org

About: Experience how different cultures celebrate Christmas. Visitors will be able to enjoy Christmas trees decorated for 17 different cultures, including Chinese, African and Cajun. Admission is free. 6 p.m.



Cowboy Christmas

Dec. 19 • Faith Farm & Arena

1145 Hwy. 527, Elm Grove

(318) 349-1327

About: The Annual Cowboy Christmas will feature a live nativity scene, Cowboy Santa, food, entertainment, dancing, contests and more. Tickets are \$5. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Logan Mansion Christmas Tour

Dec. 20 • Logan Mansion

725 Austin Pl., Shreveport

(318) 459-2285 • www.theloganmansion.com

About: Visitors will get a guided tour of the 1897 Queen Ann Victorian home, which has been decorated for Christmas. Tickets are \$10. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.





*Logan Mansion
Christmas Tour*

Camping World Independence Bowl

Dec. 26 • Independence Stadium

3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport

(318) 221-0712 • www.campingworldindependencebowl.com

About: Fans will enjoy a traditional college football experience with lots of tailgating at this post-season Division I college football bowl game, which features teams from the SEC and ACC.

New Years at Noon

Dec. 31. • Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center

820 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

(318) 424-3466 • www.sciport.org

About: Can't stay up until midnight? Celebrate the New Year at Sci-Port with a balloon drop at noon, arts and crafts and learn how fireworks are made. Tickets are \$10-\$13. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Toast: A Night of Dynamic Duos

Dec. 31 • Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center

820 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

(318) 424-3466 • www.sciport.org

About: Ring in the New Year at Sci-Port! This New Year's Eve party will feature Cutting Edge Dueling Pianos, Southern Fork Catering and a balloon drop at midnight. Tickets are \$100. 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Lift your *Spirits*

Grab a Holiday Drink at Rhino Coffee

721 Southfield Rd., Shreveport
(318) 828-2671 • www.rhinocoffee.com

About: Warm up in Shreveport's favorite local coffee shop and café. Try the S'more Mocha, Pumpkin Latte, Apple Spice Cider and more. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.

Warm up at 4j's Java & More

605 Texas St., Shreveport
(318) 221-7221 • www.4jscoffee.com

Pop into this local coffee shop in Downtown Shreveport for a holiday latte (frozen or hot!), breakfast and lunch. For breakfast, try their sausage and cheese breakfast sandwich or one of their many muffins, scones and pastries. For lunch, get the smoked catfish platter or the Tilapia and spinach plate. Oh, did we mention they also sell cocktails? 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Great Raft Brewery

1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport
(318) 734-9881 • www.greatraftbrewing.com

About: Drink like a local at Great Raft's Annual Husk, Hull and Rind beer, wine and cheese pairing 5:30 p.m. Nov. 11. Tickets are \$50.

Flying Heart Brewing

700 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City
(318) 344-8775 • www.flyingheartbrewing.com

About: Be sure to check out Shreveport-Bossier's newest local brewery and try their Six of Hearts ale.

Tony's Holiday Daiquiris

6241 Line Ave., Shreveport
(318) 868-4600

About: Christmas and Louisiana traditions join forces to create Tony's famous Egg Nog Daiquiri at Tony's Discount Beverage.

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