

## **CHRISTMAS 2016 ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

### Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree:

**Rockefeller Center, 45 Rockefeller Plaza (between 47th and 50th Sts) Manhattan. All day. Free**

Arguably the most important symbol of the holiday season in New York since 1933! you have also the famous ice-skating rink, radio-city music hall, and more! [rockefellercenter.com](http://rockefellercenter.com)

### Radio City Christmas Spectacular:

**Radio City Music Hall, 1260 Sixth Ave, Manhattan. Through January 3rd. Tickets start at \$45**

This time-honored song-and-dance extravaganza, featuring the legendary Rockettes, is one of the holiday season's must-see attractions, which transforms Radio City Music Hall's interior into a giant canvas. [radiocitychristmas.com](http://radiocitychristmas.com)

### NYC Holiday Window Displays:

**Different locations along Manhattan. Free**

Among the many reasons to visit NY during the holiday season are the City's famed department-store window displays. Macy's is credited with starting the tradition back in 1874, since then they have grown in both size and wow factor.

### Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden:

**New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd. Bronx. 10am-6pm. \$20-\$30**

Model trains navigate painstakingly crafted miniatures of NYC's built environment, the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, Yankee Stadium and more than 150 other landmarks, all made entirely out of plant parts. [nybg.org](http://nybg.org)

### George Balanchine's The Nutcracker:

**New York City Ballet, David H. Koch Theater, 20 Lincoln Center, Manhattan. Tickets start at \$75**

The glittering classic, performed annually by the NYC Ballet since 1954, has become one of the City's signature traditions. Expect to warm your spirit with visions of the Sugarplum Fairy dancing in your head. [nycballet.com](http://nycballet.com)

### Make Music Winter:

**December 21st. Different locations. Please check the website below to check the schedule and locations.**

Make Music Winter, now in its fifth year, is a free, outdoor musical event that turns audiences into music makers and transforms NY's cityscape with a dozen participatory musical parades on the winter solstice. [makemusicny.org](http://makemusicny.org)

### Christmas Eve Caroling:

**Washington Square Park is the heart of Greenwich Village. Manhattan. December 24th at 5pm. Free**

Bundle up and head to Washington Square Park to take part in a tradition 90 years strong. Members of the Rob Susman Brass Quartet will lead an hour-long caroling session under the park's famous arch. [washingtonsquareparkconservancy.org](http://washingtonsquareparkconservancy.org)

### Ice-Skating Rinks:

**Different locations. Please check the different websites to have more details about schedules and prices.**

Ice-skating is synonymous with winter in New York City. Take a scenic spin at an outdoor venue like [Winter Village at Bryant Park](#), [The Rink at Rockefeller Center](#), [Wollman Rink in Central Park](#) or [Lefrak Center at Lakeside in Prospect Park](#).

### Holiday Markets:

**Different locations. Please check the different websites to have more details about the schedules.**

Grab a hot drink and take a trip to one of NYC's many outdoor holiday markets. The biggest and best selections can be found at the [Union Square Holiday Market](#), the [Holiday Shops at Bryant Park](#), the indoor [Grand Central Holiday Fair](#) or the [Columbus Circle Holiday Market](#).

### Dyker Heights Christmas Lights:

**Dyker Heights Neighborhood (12<sup>th</sup> Ave and 84<sup>th</sup>), Brooklyn, NY. Various Locations/Houses. Free**

Local residents in this predominantly, and historically, Italian neighborhood outdo one another in mounting over-the-top Christmas light decorations.