



Top 10 Holiday Experiences

Natchitoches

Natchitoches 91st Annual Christmas Festival, Nov. 18 – Jan. 6th - Ranked as one of the top three holiday light displays by Yahoo! Travel.com, fun and festivities include over 300,000 lights, a spectacular fireworks show; live music; a parade; craft and food vendors and fun for the entire family. **Admission Varies**

Holiday Tour of Homes – Experience the charm of Historic Natchitoches during this annual tour through uniquely decorated homes showcasing centuries of Natchitoches history. **Admission**

National Historic Landmark District- Overlooking the scenic Cane River Lake, this historic hub is home to annual festivals, music and cultural events. It overflows with restaurants, shops, arts & crafts, book stores, art galleries, historic homes and you must take a walking or horse and carriage tour.

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest History Museum – Named a top architectural project in the world by Azure Magazine, this modern style building houses the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and a regional history museum. **Admission**

30th Annual NSU Christmas Gala -Northwestern State University's Christmas production, inspired by New York's Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular delights with songs, skits and dance numbers such as the wildly popular Nutcracker dance. **Admission**

Turn on the Holidays, Nov. 18th - The Christmas season kicks off featuring live music entertainment, children's activities, food vendors, a Holiday Open House at downtown merchants, the official lighting celebration of over 300,000 lights and the first fireworks show of the season. **FREE Admission**

Christmas on the Cane – Experience a bona fide 18th century colonial Christmas at Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site, a full sized replica of the original French fort settlement of Natchitoches. **Admission**

Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Show – The largest local indoor craft show more than 100 vendors with unique and original items for sale. **FREE Admission**

Les Amies Christmas Treasures Arts & Crafts Show – Craft show featuring holiday gifts, craft vendors and pictures with Santa Claus. **FREE Admission**

Romantic Front Street – Named *One of the Top 5 Most Romantic Main Streets in America*, by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, brick-paved Front Street is perfect for romantic dinners overlooking Cane River Lake, carriage rides for two under twinkling lights, enchanting strolls through the gardens of Beau Jardin and photos under a canopy of thousands of twinkling lights.

