

92nd Annual Christmas Festival of Lights



The **92nd Annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival** Season is a captivating six week Night of Lights celebration with over 300,000 Christmas lights in downtown Natchitoches and on Cane River Lake. Christmas magic takes place throughout this six week celebration including photos with Santa, an 18th century style reenactment, arts and crafts shows, live entertainment, children's activities, Christmas Tour of Homes, and fireworks every Saturday. *All events take place in Downtown Natchitoches and on the Riverbank of Cane River Lake unless otherwise specified. (***Times and dates are subject to change**)

2018 Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 "Festival of the Year", 2018 "Top Festival in the State" by New Orleans Magazine and Winner of the La Travel Association "Holiday Trail of Lights/Festival of the Year" 2018.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, November 17 – Free admission to Front Street and Downtown Riverbank ***9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Le Amies Christmas Treasures Arts & Craft Show at Natchitoches Event Center, 750 Second Street. FREE, if you are interested in becoming a vendor visit and send a message to www.facebook.com/LesAmiesServiceOrganization

***11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.** "Turn on the Holidays!" A Louisiana Main to Main Event! Join us for the official start to the Natchitoches Christmas season as we turn on the Christmas lights for the first time. This all day event features live musical entertainment, children's activities, and Fireworks! ***3:00 -5:30 p.m.** – Entertainment – TBD- Downtown Riverbank ***5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** – Entertainment -TBD – Downtown Riverbank ***7:00 p.m.** Fireworks over Cane River Lake FREE

Friday November 23 ***3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Holiday Kids Fest on the Downtown Riverbank \$ ***5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.** DJ on the Downtown Riverbank Stage—

Saturday November 24 – Admission to Downtown Riverbank beginning at 1p.m. – \$6 Ages 12 & over. Advanced armbands will be available to purchase November 1st. ***9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Show at Natchitoches Events Center, 750 Second Street. FREE. For more information visit and send the organizers a message to www.facebook.com/FleurDeLisArtsAndCrafts/ ***10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Holiday Kids Fest on the Downtown Riverbank \$ ***3:20-6:00 p.m.** – Entertainment – TBD- Downtown Riverbank ***6:00 – 8:30 p.m.** – Entertainment – TBD – Downtown Riverbank ***7:00 p.m.** Fireworks over Cane River Lake

Wednesday, November 28 & Thursday, November 29, Friday November 30

***7:00 p.m.** Natchitoches/Northwestern Christmas Gala, AA Fredericks Auditorium NSU campus. For additional information, ticket prices and to order advance tickets contact Teresa at 357-4522 or Ladell at 357-5773.

Friday ***7:00 & 9:00 p.m.** Natchitoches/Northwestern Christmas Gala, A A Fredericks Auditorium NSU campus.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, December 1 – 92nd Annual Christmas Festival, Louisiana's premiere holiday event – 2018 Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 "Festival of the Year", 2018 "Top Festival in the State" by New Orleans Magazine and Winner of the La Travel Association "Holiday Trail of Lights/Festival of the Year". Enjoy our daylong festival filled with live music, arts, crafts and food vendors, a parade and a magnificent fireworks show choreographed to holiday music over the riverbank of Cane River Lake. Admission armbands are required for entry to Front Street & Downtown Riverbank. \$10 - Ages 12 & over - \$8 for Advanced armbands- available for purchase November 1st= ***7:45 a.m.** – Natchitoches "City of Lights" 5K – NSU Campus ***10:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m.** – Cane River Christmas at Fort St. Jean Baptiste SHS, Celebrate Christmas 18th century style with historians, re-enactors and period merchants - \$4 for persons over 12 & under 62. ***10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.** – LA Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum OPEN with FREE admission ***1:00p.m. – Festival of Lights Parade** ***3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.** – Entertainment – TBD – Downtown Riverbank ***4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** – Entertainment – TBD ***6:00 p.m.** – Fireworks over Cane River Lake

Sunday, December 2 ***7:00 p.m.** Community Carols and Chorus. First United Methodist Church Natchitoches - Join us for singing and celebration. FREE

Tuesday, December 4 * 7:30 p.m. "Lessons & Carols" Featuring Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 613 Second St
FREE –

Thursday, December 6 * 5:00-8:00 p.m. Holiday Tour of Homes, For Tickets Call: 800-259-1714 \$, List of homes for tour
– TBA

Friday, December 7 – Free admission to Front Street and Downtown Riverbank * 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Holiday Kids Fest
on the Downtown Riverbank \$ * 5:00-8:00 p.m. Holiday Tour of Homes, For Tickets Call: 800-259-1714 \$, List of homes –
TBA * 6:00 p.m. – First Baptist Natchitoches, 508 Second Street presenting their Christmas musical.

Saturday, December 8 – Admission to the Downtown Riverbank beginning at 1p.m. – \$6 Ages 12 & over. Advanced
armband sales will be available online from November 1st – December 3rd. * 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Holiday Kids Fest on
the Downtown Riverbank \$ * 1:00-4:00 p.m. Holiday Tour of Homes, For Tickets Call: 800-259-1714 \$, List of homes for
tour – TBA * 10a.m.-6p.m. – Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum (Complimentary
Admission for Saturday Holiday Tour of Homes Ticket Holders) * 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Entertainment – TBD- Downtown
Riverbank * 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Entertainment – TBD- Downtown Riverbank * 7:00 p.m. Fireworks over Cane River

Sunday, December 9 * 6:00 p.m. – First Baptist Natchitoches, 508 Second Street - Christmas musical

Wednesday, December 12 * 5:00 -8:00 p.m. Holiday Tour of Homes, -for Tickets Call: 800-259-1714 \$

Thursday, December 13 * 7:30 p.m. "Lessons & Carols", Trinity Episcopal Church, 533 Second Street. FREE
* 5:00-8:00 p.m. Holiday Tour of Homes, For Tickets Call: 800-259-1714 \$, List of homes for tour – TBA

Friday, December 14 – Free admission to Front Street and Downtown Riverbank * 3:00-9:00 p.m. Holiday Kids Fest on
the Downtown Riverbank \$ * 5:00-8:00 p.m. Holiday Tour of Homes - For Tickets Call: 800-259-1714 \$

Saturday, December 15 – Admission to Downtown Riverbank beginning at 1p.m. – \$6 Ages 12 & over. Advanced
armband sales will be available online from November 1st – December 9th. * 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Holiday Kids Fest on
the Downtown Riverbank \$ * Noon-4:00 p.m. Cane River Creole Christmas at Badin-Roque House. The St. Augustine
Historical Society hosts special tours and Creole holiday stories. FREE * 1:00 -2:30p.m. Christmas Downriver - Cane River
Creole National Historic Park presents Creole Christmas with special tours, educational programs and musical events FREE
*10a.m.-6p.m. – Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum (Complimentary Admission for
Ticket Holders) * 1:00-4:00 p.m. Holiday Tour of Homes, hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation For Tickets Call:
800-259-1714 \$ * 3:30 – 6:00p.m. – Entertainment – TBD – Downtown Riverbank * 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. – Entertainment –
TBD – Downtown Riverbank * 7:00 p.m. Fireworks Cane River Lake

Friday, December 21– Free admission to Front Street and Downtown Riverbank * 3:00-9:00 p.m. Holiday Kids Fest on
the Downtown Riverbank \$

Saturday, December 22- Free admission to Front Street and Downtown Riverbank * 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Holiday Kids
Fest on the Downtown Riverbank \$ *3:30-6:00 p.m. – Entertainment – TBD – Downtown Riverbank * 6:00p.m. –
8:00p.m. – Entertainment – TBD- Downtown Riverbank * 7:00 p.m. Fireworks over Cane River Lake

Saturday, December 29 *7:00 p.m. – Fireworks over Cane River Lake FREE

December 3 – 24 * 6:00-8:00 p.m. Photos with Santa and Visit with Santa on the south end of downtown riverbank.

*The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum will have extended hours on Saturday
November 17 and 24, December 8, and 15 until 7:00pm, last ticket sold at 6:30pm. The Museum will be closed December
23-26. Regular admission prices will apply. Natchitoches Historic District Business Association & the City of Natchitoches
hosts the annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival. **For additional information call 1-800-259-1714 or visit**
www.natchitoches.com