

tropical DELRAY beach

Transforms Into
Holiday Wonderland
for Christmas. . .

Located along a beautiful stretch of Atlantic Ocean beachfront, Delray Beach in Southeast Florida's Palm Beach County offers year-round enjoyment of a tropical lifestyle.

Yet once a year - just in time for that festive season that begins with Thanksgiving and extends through New Year's Eve - this Village by the Sea becomes a winter holiday wonderland that attracts more than 500,000 visitors.

Centering this magical setting is Delray Beach's World-Famous 100-Foot Christmas Tree, a 10-story-tall walk-through holiday showcase with replicas of historic city scenes, elves at work and more. Topped by an impressive 18-foot lighted star, the Christmas tree will blaze with 15,500 LED lights from December 3 through January 3.

The tree holds the place of honor in the yard fronting Delray Beach's landmark Old School Square. Nearby are the outdoor ice skating rink and the holiday carousel, two popular events for children and adults alike. Santa Claus will hold court at the Christmas Tree and will be the guest of honor at a December 19 breakfast at the Delray Beach Marriott Hotel.

Special events fill December in Downtown Delray Beach, beginning with the December 3 Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony that includes special music and Santa's arrival for the season. That same night is Art & Jazz on the Avenue, a popular series featuring open house specials, a





gallery stroll and live music.

Downtown merchants and restaurants plan to celebrate an Old-Fashioned Christmas - with special events and promotions on December 3, 10 and 17. Carolers strolling through Downtown those evenings will share seasonal music.

December 12 will be the popular Kids Day at the Tree, providing the opportunity to visit Santa and play in the snow. Later that day the City's annual Holiday Parade will travel through the festively decorated Downtown.

Delray Beach Holiday Highlights

<DECEMBER 3> **Tree lighting ceremony** with entertainment at 5:30 p.m., Santa's arrival and lights on at 6:15 p.m.

<DECEMBER 12> **Kids Day at the Tree with Santa**, snow and special surprises from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

<December 12> **Holiday Parade**: downtown Atlantic Avenue beginning at 4 p.m.

<December 19> **Breakfast With Santa** - 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. seatings at the Delray Beach Marriott Hotel.




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www.gumbolimbo.org

Discover [Old School Square Cultural Arts Center](http://www.oldschool.org), downtown Delray Beach, where beautifully restored, early 20th century school buildings offer world-class visual and performing arts. The charming Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture presents Pinball Palooza: The Art, The History, The Game (Dec. 1-March 28). The intimate Crest Theatre presents World of Jewtopia (Nov. 11-15), Irving Berlin's I Love a Piano (Dec. 4-6), and Winter Wonderland on Ice (Dec. 18-20). Visit www.oldschool.org for a complete schedule. ☪

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