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### Traveling By Plane, Train, Coach or Car- The Holidays Are Happening at America's Premier Shopping Places

**2011, Chicago, Ill....** Visitors traveling across the state or across the nation this holiday season will want to plan time in their itinerary to visit **America's Premier Shopping Places** for the season's best holiday shopping, dining and entertainment! America's Premier Shopping Places is a collection of 30 shopping and dining attractions located throughout the USA in favorite destinations including **Chicago, Baltimore, Honolulu, Miami, San Antonio, Portland, Tucson, Las Vegas** and more. Each of America's Premier Shopping Places has a wide range of holiday events planned to ensure your visit is a memorable one.

Travelers of all ages will enjoy traditional holiday events with **live music, sparkling trees, lighted decor, horse drawn carriage rides and of course....Santa**. In addition, several of America's Premier Shopping Places offer a variety of unique signature events such as the **Mele Trees of Light at Ala Moana Center, Believe in the Magic production at Fashion Show Las Vegas, Merry Tuba Christmas at Harborplace and The Gallery**, or the new production of **Winter in Venice, happening at The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian**. Also be sure to catch the spectacular **fireworks display at Bayside Marketplace** on New Year's Eve!

In addition, traveling holiday shoppers receive a **Premier Passport** packet filled with special discounts and services from participating shops and restaurants reserved just for travelers making holiday shopping even merrier! Listed below are details on many of the events happening at America's Premier Shopping Places this season. For further information on each center including location, hours and store/restaurant listings or to print a voucher for Premier Passport discounts, visit [www.AmericasShoppingPlaces.com](http://www.AmericasShoppingPlaces.com).

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**Ala Moana Center (Honolulu, Hawaii)** - Jumpstart your holiday shopping on **November 25** in tropical Hawaii during **"Thanksgetting Day"** at Ala Moana Center. All visitors will be greeted at 6am with a special "cheat sheet" flyer highlighting door-buster specials and happenings throughout the day, including entertainment, prize giveaways, and Free valet parking at three convenient locations. Download valet coupon and "cheat sheet" at [www.AlaMoanaCenter.com](http://www.AlaMoanaCenter.com). Ala Moana Center brings the North Pole to you with the **Mele Trees of Light** in Center Court. Listen to the sounds of Christmas cheer **daily at 6pm, 6:30pm, 8pm & 8:30pm** as the trees light up Center Court and conclude with a **snowfall finale**. Kids will love visiting with Santa and riding the **Candy Cane Train**. Inspired by *The Christmas Gift of Aloha* storybook, this sing-along journey is a perfect way to celebrate the holidays with the little ones. Everyone has a soft side for Santa. Bring him home for the holidays with Ala Moana Center's FREE limited-edition Santa Plush with \$500 in receipts. Terms and conditions apply. Visit [www.AlaMoanaCenter.com](http://www.AlaMoanaCenter.com) for more details.

**Bayside Marketplace (Miami, Florida)** - Bayside Marketplace will be open extended hours this holiday season with great shopping, dining and entertainment in a beautiful waterfront setting! We will be open **both Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day** with shops, restaurants, tour boats and live music here for you to enjoy. On **New Year's Eve**, join us for a day filled with entertainment and fun for the whole family including a **spectacular fireworks display to ring in 2012!** Celebrate with live music from local bands at the Marina Stage throughout the day and, at midnight, enjoy one of Miami's largest New Year's Eve fireworks displays. Visit [www.BaysideMarketplace.com](http://www.BaysideMarketplace.com) for more details.

**Christiana Mall (Newark, Delaware)** - Santa arrived at Christiana Mall on Saturday, **November 12**. On Tuesdays, **November 29, December 6 & 13**, children six years old and under can become **"Certified Elves"** by completing holiday tasks at various craft stations. Free giveaways, snacks, coupons and more! Visit [www.shopchristiana.com](http://www.shopchristiana.com) for more information on these holiday events and many others at Christiana Mall.

**Fashion Show (Las Vegas, Nevada)** - **"Believe in the Magic"** features Santa, Dancers and Celebrities on The Las Vegas Strip beginning **November 25**. Fashion Show's annual holiday production features a 35-foot Christmas tree, Fashion Show elves (dancers), artificial snow that falls from the mall ceiling, and, of course, Santa. The show is free and unfolds on the Fashion Show runway in The Great Hall (near Nordstrom). Santa remains at Fashion Show through **December 24** and is available daily during center hours for photos. Visit [www.thefashionshowmall.com](http://www.thefashionshowmall.com) for more information. The **"Jump on the Jingle" Black Friday** event treats early-bird guests to a \$10 GGP Shop Etc. Gift Card, when they spend \$100 or more in center purchases throughout the morning. Terms and conditions apply. Visit website for more details. **December 5-8** and **December 12-15**, Fashion Show will make holiday shopping a lot more enjoyable. Guests shopping Monday-Thursday who spend \$500 or more at any combination of Fashion Show retailers can receive **two FREE show tickets to Blue Man Group**. Visit Fashion Show Concierge to redeem receipts or for more information. The fun doesn't end on December 24. The **"January Jingle"** promotion at Fashion Show allows savvy shoppers extra post-holiday life out of their spent gift cards. From **December 26 through January 31** customers can drop off their spent

gift cards from any mall or retailer at special redemption areas and be entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Shop Etc. Gift Card. Terms and conditions apply. Visit [www.thefashionshowmall.com](http://www.thefashionshowmall.com) for more details on these and other events.

**The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian (Las Vegas, Nevada)** - This winter, The Venetian will magically transform into the most majestic winter wonderland Las Vegas has ever seen with the **Winter in Venice** holiday celebration. Grammy-nominated and platinum recording artist, **Jordin Sparks**, will perform live during the kick-off ceremony that will take place on **Monday, November 21** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the front exterior of The Venetian. The Grand Canal Shoppes will feature colorful characters wandering the property, spreading good cheer. Skate on the largest ice skating rink on the Strip, surrounded by charming string lights, brilliantly lit trees and warm music. Enjoy seasonal treats, like eggnog cupcakes, warm apple cider and delicious hot chocolate. And as the sun sets on another crisp winter day, be dazzled by a spectacular light show performance beyond your wildest imagination. For more information on Winter in Venice, please visit [www.venetian.com/WinterInVenice](http://www.venetian.com/WinterInVenice).

**Harborplace & The Gallery (Baltimore, Maryland)** - Located in the heart of the Inner Harbor, Harborplace & The Gallery, Baltimore's historic retail and dining destination has a multitude of festive activities planned for visitors from around the world. **Santa Claus** is coming to town on Saturday, **November 19**. Join the merriment and take part in Baltimore's first-ever **Holiday Lantern Parade** along the Inner Harbor's promenade. Festive lanterns, cascading ribbon trees, towering umbrellas, bands, illuminated stilt walkers, and costume characters will come together as Santa makes his way to his home at Harborplace! Every evening, **Holiday Light Shows** choreographed to holiday music will take place on the half hour from 6pm-8pm. Of course, the holidays aren't complete without one of Baltimore's most highly anticipated annual events - **Merry Tuba Christmas** on **Saturday, December 3**. Over 200 festively dressed tuba and euphonium players will capture the spirit of the holiday as they blend their unique styles, rhythms, and progressions for all to enjoy. Harborplace and The Gallery offers holiday shoppers national names, local shops and artisans, along with regional cuisines. For further holiday event information and schedules, log on to [www.harborplace.com](http://www.harborplace.com).

**North Star Mall (San Antonio, Texas) - November 18, Santa** arrives at North Star Mall to kick off a season of fun and festivities. Then, on Friday, **November 25** at 10am, North Star will officially welcome Santa and kick-off the holiday season with the **Annual Holiday Parade**. Santa will be joined by a marching band, retail mascots and special guests as he winds his way through the center extending holiday greetings to our shoppers. We've reserved a special time with Santa for our furry friends. Bring your **favorite tail wagger for a portrait with Santa** on the following three Monday nights: **November 28, December 5, December 12**. Capture that special moment and take home the memory that will last a lifetime. And, don't forget to get your picture next to the world's largest cowboy boots sparkling for the holidays. For further details on Santa's schedule and other holiday events, visit [www.northstarmall.com](http://www.northstarmall.com) or visit us on facebook.

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**Oakbrook Center (Oak Brook, Illinois)** - Looking for a holiday retreat? Located just minutes from downtown Chicago, Oakbrook Center is offering visitors **Holiday Shop & Stay Packages**. Travelers can select from 11 Oakbrook area hotels to receive overnight accommodations along with a delightful assortment of gift cards, spa certificates, gift items, special offers and services! Visit [www.oakbrookcenter.com](http://www.oakbrookcenter.com) for details. A perfect package for serious holiday shoppers! In partnership with **Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic**, Oakbrook Center will feature **Polar Bear Magic** from **November 18-January 9**. The center will be adorned by fiberglass, life-size polar bears, beautifully decked out, along with a vintage sleigh that was built in the 1930's. Shoppers are invited to take their own keepsake holiday photos with their families and friends in this unique holiday setting. On **Friday, November 25** (7am - Noon) and **Saturday, November 26** (8am – Noon), Oakbrook Center will feature **Shop Early. Be Rewarded** with all kinds of surprises and gifts when you spend \$200 or more at the center, or **Relax. Dine. Be Rewarded** at participating Oakbrook Center restaurants and receive a FREE \$20.00 Mall Gift Card with your receipts of \$50.00 or more. Mention this offer and bring your receipts dated **Monday—Thursday from November 28 through December 29, 2011** to the Oakbrook Center Management Office to redeem your reward and receive additional restaurant discounts and incentives. Terms and conditions apply to all promotions and special offers. Visit [www.oakbrookcenter.com](http://www.oakbrookcenter.com) for details.

**Park Meadows (Lone Tree (Denver), Colorado)** – Santa has arrived at Park Meadows. Experience the magic and visit Santa in his rustic alpine village near Guest Services on the lower level. On **November 26, 30, December 1-2, 7, 8-9** from **5pm-8pm**, guests can snuggle up and enjoy an **old-fashioned horse drawn carriage ride** through the delightful streets of the Vistas at Park Meadows. Save time with **Santa's Express Pass December 10 - 24** and receive special offers from Santa while capturing those memorable moments with him this holiday season. Visit [www.parkmeadows.com](http://www.parkmeadows.com) for more details.

**The Parks at Arlington (Arlington, Texas )** - Santa's in the house daily at The Parks at Arlington. Fresh from the North Pole, he's settled in and ready to hear holiday wishes. Also, he has a crew of elves who are ready to take a commemorative photo. Mondays are for furry friends. Santa loves to visit with his furry friends, so on Mondays, **November 28, December 5 and December 12**, we're hosting **St. Nick's Pet Pics** where you can bring in your cats and dogs to pose with Santa and the family. **Mrs. Claus is telling tales four Tuesdays** during the holidays for little ones. Mrs. Claus, is bringing her puppets and her stage presence and will be telling holiday stories, singing songs and making Story Time with Mrs. Claus a very memorable holiday occasion for children. Please visit [www.theparksatarlington.com](http://www.theparksatarlington.com) for more information on this and other holiday events at the center.

**Pioneer Place (Portland, Oregon)** - On the morning of Saturday, **November 19**, **Santa** will arrive in Portland by horse drawn carriage! Santa and guests will sing holiday carols alongside a lively marching band. From there, he will lead the marching band in a **family-friendly parade** down SW Morrison and into Pioneer Place for hot cocoa, the first snow of the season and surprises. On Monday nights from **November 28-December 12**, Santa will even **greet furry, four-legged friends for holiday-hugging photographs**. Proud pet owners are invited to treat their favorite fuzzy companion to

a special visit with Santa to celebrate the season. See website for details. Throughout the holiday season, Pioneer Place guests will walk through a winter wonderland during the **daily snowfalls**. Entertainment will also be provided from local school groups, **Dickens Carolers, local bands** and more. Visit [www.pioneerplace.com](http://www.pioneerplace.com) or [www.facebook.com/ShopAtPioneer](https://www.facebook.com/ShopAtPioneer) for dates and show times. Best of all – Pioneer Place offers **tax-free shopping** to out of town visitors.

**Saint Louis Galleria (Saint Louis, Missouri)** - Celebrate this enchanted season beneath a **magical snowfall** as flakes of white snow float down from above **November 19 – December 24** at Saint Louis Galleria! The **magical snowfall** falls above Santa's Winter Wonderland several times each day of the holiday season. Join **Mrs. Claus for storytelling on Fridays in December** where each child receives a special gift. And on **Monday nights from November 28-December 12, Santa will greet furry, four-legged friends for photographs**. Proud pet owners are invited to treat their favorite fuzzy companion to a special visit with Santa to celebrate the season. Visit [www.saintlouisgalleria.com](http://www.saintlouisgalleria.com) for Santa hours and event information and schedules.

**The Shops at La Cantera (San Antonio, Texas)** - **Santa** arrives at The Shops at La Cantera on **November 25** with Free Hugs, Free Smiles, Free Wishes and of course Free HO HO HO's for children of all ages. Holiday photo packages are also available. The Shops at La Cantera will host **Holiday Mingle & Jingle** on **December 1** featuring an evening of merriment and exclusive holiday offers. The event will benefit local charities and offers cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, socializing and shopping! Guests will receive a program of exclusive holiday shopping incentives from participating retailers and a **chance to win a Luxury Holiday Present** valued at more than \$5,000. Guests with receipts totaling more than \$200 that evening will also receive a complementary \$20 gift card from The Shops at La Cantera while supplies last. Tickets are sold by local charities. For ticket information and further holiday event information and schedules, visit [www.theshopsatlacantera.com](http://www.theshopsatlacantera.com).

**The Shoppes at The Palazzo (Las Vegas, Nevada)** - The Shoppes at The Palazzo continues the tradition of beautiful European decorative work of Panache Designs. The unique décor features a whimsical and luxurious approach to holiday with artistically dressed topiaries adorned with hand-painted urns creating a piece of art in itself. The topiaries will line the hallways with warmth and compliment the beautiful craftsmanship of The Shoppes at The Palazzo.

**Stonebriar Center (Frisco, Texas)** - At Stonebriar Centre Santa is ready to show off his home at the new North Pole. Everyone is invited to come and see this winter wonderland that's filled with merriment and surprises. We've reserved a special time with Santa for our furry friends (cats and dogs only). **Bring your favorite tail wagger for a portrait with Santa** on the following three **Monday nights: November 28, December 5, December 12**. Capture that special moment and take home the memory that will last a lifetime. For more information on these events, please visit [www.shopstonebriar.com](http://www.shopstonebriar.com).

**Tucson Mall (Tucson, Arizona)** - Tucson Mall presents the **Santa Welcome Parade** on **Saturday, November 19, 8:00 am – 10:00 am**. **Every Saturday from 11am– 6pm**, Tucson Mall hosts its **Holiday Concert Series** from local artists and school groups. This season get a **Jump on the Jingle** when you shop early at Tucson Mall. Shoppers who spend \$150 on the morning of **Friday, November 25** will receive a \$20 Shop Etc. Gift Card when they present their valid receipts at the Merrier Shopping Redemption Zone located at Customer Service. Offer valid while supplies last. Terms and conditions apply. For more information on these and other holiday events at Tucson Mall, visit [www.tucsonmall.com](http://www.tucsonmall.com).

**Village of Merrick Park (Coral Gables, Florida)** - Located just minutes from downtown Miami, the Village of Merrick Park “Goes Green” for the fourth time as its **50-foot holiday tree is lit with 55,000 LED lights**. The holiday season kicks off on **November 17** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with an evening of festivities including a musical performance by the Coral Gables High School Choir and holiday character greetings from **Santa Clause and Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer**. Throughout The Garden, live entertainment including stilt walking toy soldiers and jugglers will entertain visitors. Children will delight in the **sugar cookie decoration station** provided by Williams-Sonoma along with other children’s activities, including an arts & crafts station provided by Gymboree Play & Music and Pottery Barn Kids. Village of Merrick Park, South Florida’s luxury shopping paradise, will offer a **variety of events and live music throughout the season**. The shopping center’s stores and restaurants offer an array of specialty holiday items and gift selections that can satisfy even the most indulgent of wish lists. For detailed performance and event information, visit the center’s website, [www.villageofmerrickpark.com](http://www.villageofmerrickpark.com).

**Westlake Center (Seattle, Washington)** - This season get a **Jump on the Jingle** when you shop early at Westlake Center! Shoppers who spend \$100 on the morning of **Friday, November 25** will receive a \$10 Shop Etc. Gift Card when they present their valid receipts at the Merrier Shopping Redemption Zone located on the Street Level. Terms and conditions apply. The community comes together on **Friday, November 25** to celebrate the city’s **23rd Annual Tree Lighting** at Westlake Center Plaza. The festive ceremony begins at 3:45pm and will feature live music and more, along with a special guest appearance by Santa Claus. For more information on Westlake Center events, visit [www.westlakecenter.com](http://www.westlakecenter.com).

**The Woodlands Mall (The Woodlands, Texas)** - Santa arrives at The Woodlands Mall on Friday, **November 18** and will settle into his golden Holiday Castle in Center Court. Then on Saturday, **November 19**, the center will host the longtime holiday tradition of **The Lighting of the Doves**. The event, from 3 to 9 p.m. includes music, ice carvers, snow, and more – including a visit from Santa Claus, of course. Beginning **November 18 through December 23**, every Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., **The Mistletones Victorian Carolers**, an a capella group, will be performing favorite holiday songs in The Courtyard Shops. Everyone will be invited to sing along (lyrics provided) or just stop to enjoy the moment. Along with the musical festivities, guests will enjoy sampling of holiday treats. For Santa’s furry friends, special **Pet Nights** are set for three Monday evenings, **November 28, December 5 and December 12** from 6-9pm. Visit [www.thewoodlandsmall.com](http://www.thewoodlandsmall.com) for more details.

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