

Festive Shopping & Activities Surrounding Sherborne

Christmas Markets

Sherborne Festive Shopping Day

Sherborne, Dorset

Sunday 3rd December 2023

10am-4pm

There will be over 80 artisan stalls at Sherborne Christmas market for all your Christmas shopping needs. With children's entertainment, Father Christmas and face painting, as well as food and drink stalls.

Yeovil Christmas Festival

Yeovil, Somerset

Friday 15th – Friday 22nd December 2023

There will be Christmas chalets filled with stalls, ice rink, family entertainment, mini golf & live music

Shire Hall Christmas Market

Dorchester, Dorset

Saturday 25th – Sunday 26th November 2023

10am-4pm

The market will host over 30 businesses, selling everything from food and drink to jewellery and photography.

Dorchester Christmas Cracker

Dorchester, Dorset

Sunday 10th December 2023

11am-4pm

The day will be filled with stalls and entertainment for the whole family.

Shaftesbury Christmas Fair

Sunday 10th December

9am-4pm

The hall will be filled with wonderful handmade products from artisans, crafters and bakers from the local area.

Bath Christmas market

Thursday 23rd November - Sunday 10th December 2023

Clarks Village

Ice rink is open from 15th November 2023 – 2nd January 2024

Bristol Christmas Market

Main Bristol City Centre is open from 3rd November – 23rd December 2023

10am – 7pm

Bournemouth Christmas Market
18th November 2023 – 2nd January 2024
Christmas tree light show, Christmas Market, entertainment, ice rink and much more

**For more information on Dorset Christmas Markets, please
click on the link below;**

<https://dorsettravelguide.com/christmas-markets-dorset/>

Christmas Light Displays

Longleat

Festival of lights display
5th November 2023 – 8th January 2024
A ticketed event lighting up a trail of well known fairytales

Bournemouth Christmas tree wonderland

17th November 2023 – 1st January 2024
One of the biggest and best-known Christmas events in Dorset is Bournemouth's annual Christmas Tree Wonderland. It's a free trail of festive-themed illuminations throughout the Lower Gardens in the town centre.

Christmas Maritime Light Festival in Poole

25th November 2023 – 2nd January 2024
The Poole Christmas Maritime Light Festival will feature dazzling illuminations that weave through Poole Town Centre down to Poole Quay. There'll also be a Christmas market, festive food and attractions, a spectacular flotilla of lights and much more.

Illuminate at Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens

24th November– 31st December 2023
Head to Abbotsbury, a picturesque village near Weymouth, for the return of ILLUMINATE. In the run-up to Christmas, Abbotsbury's stunning Sub-Tropical Gardens will be illuminated after dark for a truly spectacular experience.

Nutley Farm Christmas lights and reindeer experience in Dorchester

4th November – 31st December 2023
Meet the farm's friendly reindeer and wander along the magical illuminated 600m walkway, with glittering archways, twinkling trees and light installations. Enjoy seasonal food and mulled wine & cider in the festive barn plus find all of the elves along the illuminated walk. Santa will be visiting the farm on certain dates!

Family fun festive activities

The Polar Express on Swanage Railway

17th November – 30th December

The Polar Express is coming to Swanage Railway!

This is a very special, hour-long train journey from Swanage Railway Station with characters from the book and film of THE POLAR EXPRESS™ onboard. There will be singing, dancing, and interaction! Guests will receive a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie on the journey, as well as a special present on the return journey from the North Pole.

Avon Valley Adventure Park in Bristol

Selected dates in December

This December visit Avon Valley for a full day of festive, family fun in a Christmas experience like no other in the South West. There is so much to enjoy this year at Avon Valley in a specially curated day complete with a theatrical show and many themed activities and entertainment areas to enjoy. Book your timed specific 'Santa Show' but enjoy the rest of the festive fun from 9.30am.

Avon Valley Railway in Bristol

Selected dates in November and December

Once onboard the festive trains the whistle will sound and you'll depart on your fifty minute train ride. Whilst you're travelling, you'll enjoy a mince pie or festive biscuit and Santa will pass through the train saying hello to everyone. Then, when you return to Bitton Station each family group will meet Santa again and all good boys and girls will receive a present from him too! There will also be the chance for your family group to take photographs and create those special festive memories.

Christmas Wonderland at Wookey Hole

This December, you're invited to get into the spirit of Christmas with Santa and his elves at Wookey Hole's Winter Wonderland. Your ticket for Winter Wonderland includes a visit to the caves and all the other experiences at Wookey Hole. Thousands of fairy lights magically illuminate the caves, so you'll see them in a totally new way.

More details to follow when they have been published