Welcome to Worcestershire Christmas Guide 2024



Worcestershire's seasonal delights

Your guide to enchanting Christmas markets, festive family days out and cosy escapes.



www.visitworcestershire.org



Celebrate the season! Enjoy the magical spirit of Christmas at St Peters, your one-stop destination for all things merry and bright!



Welcome to Worcestershire

Christmas in Worcestershire is a magical time of year. Charming villages nestled among rolling hills, crisp winter walks, festive market stalls brimming with handcrafted gifts and seasonal treats and families celebrating the season with visits to attractions.

Worcestershire provides a quintessentially British Christmas experience that captures the heart and ignites the festive spirit.

We invite you to visit one of England's best kept secrets this Christmas and make Worcestershire part of your story.







Local Visitor Economy Partnership



Pear Tree Farm, Norton, Worcester, WR5 2NY



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Elf guided experience includes:

- Personalised audience with Santa Claus
- ***** Free gift for every paying child
- * Mrs Claus' interactive live show
- * Candy Cane Lane & other festive fun
- * Family photo opportunities to treasure

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Family Days Out

Discover family fun in Worcestershire with a mix of attractions and outdoor activities.

Santa Trains at Severn Valley Railway The hugely popular Santa Trains will be departing Kidderminster for an exciting panto show at Arley on selected dates.

30th November to 24th December svr.co.uk/event/santa-trains-2024/

The Enchanted Gardens at Webbs

A magical experience brought to life through a mixture of stunning lighting, giant lanterns, projections and enchanting sounds.

15th November to 2nd January webbsdirect.co.uk/whats-on/

Christmas at Little Owl Farm Park

Visit Father Christmas in his cosy grotto this Christmas at Little Owl Farm Park.

Selected dates in November & December littleowlfarmpark.co.uk/christmas-2024/

Christmas at Churchfields Farm

Watch your little ones light up at Churchfields' enchanting Christmas event, guided through the experience by one of their cheeky elves.

7th to 24th December churchfields.farm/events christmasexperience/

Winter Glow

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In Malvern this winter, immerse yourself in all things seasonal, with an impressive light trail and many other festive activities.

Three Counties Showground

22nd November to 31st December winterglow.co.uk

Christmas at Whitlenge Gardens

Fun for all the family at Whitlenge Gardens with beautiful themed festive displays.

Various dates throughout December whitlenge.co.uk

Santa Safari at West Midlands Safari Park A magical festive day out for the whole family, combining a four-mile winter Safari and a visit to Santa.

Departing from 22nd November to 24th December wmsp.co.uk

Christmas at Attwell Farm Park

Discover their brand-new festival light trail new for 2024, plus visits to Father Christmas and workshop experiences.

Selected dates in November & December attwellfarmpark.co.uk/events/christmas/

Nutcracker Trail at Hartlebury Castle

Can you find all the Nutcracker soldiers standing on guard around Hartlebury Castle? A great budgetfriendly Christmas activity for all the family.

23rd November to 22nd December hartleburycastle.com/event/ nutcrackertrail/

Christmas Tree Festival at Worcester Cathedral For another great budget-friendly activity why not

visit the stunning Christmas tree display in the cloisters of Worcester Cathedral?

5th December to 6th January worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/ christmas-tree-festival-2024

Christmas at St Peter's Garden Centre

A popular Christmas attraction, St Peter's have a wide range of festive activities including Breakfast with Santa, Wreath Decorating Workshop and a FREE light trail.

Various dates throughout November and December stpetersgardencentre.co.uk

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Christmas Markets 🏼

Christmas Markets where the air is filled with the aroma of spiced mulled wine and freshly baked treats and every stall offers a treasure trove of handcrafted gifts. A must-visit when planning a festive short break.

Evesham Christmas Artisan Fayre

23rd to 24th November 2024

70 high-quality traders will be taking pride of place in Evesham's Market Square for the annual Artisan Fayre. The event will also involve the switch-on of the town's Christmas lights, including a lantern parade. Celebrate the start of the festive season and get your Christmas gifts sorted!

Bromsgrove Christmas Markets

22nd to 23rd November 2024

Back for a tenth year! Christmas gets going on Bromsgrove High Street. The Bromsgrove Christmas Markets return with a host of home-made crafts, produce and charity stalls selling unique gifts and decorations.

Pershore Georgian Christmas Fayre

29th to 30th November 2024

Discover local crafts, unique gifts, and festive delicacies as you stroll through charming stalls in the market town of Pershore. The Fayre offers a heart-warming experience for all visitors offering the perfect blend of tradition and celebration in the picturesque setting of Pershore.

Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre

28th November to 1st December 2024

The Worcester Victorian Fayre is one of Worcestershire's most popular Christmas events attracting visitors from across the country. The friendly atmosphere of the event is unrivalled and the smells, sights and sounds will definitely get you in the Christmas spirit.

The traditional event combines a variety of street entertainment and 200 stalls across the whole city.



Malvern Christmas Festival 30th November 2024

Nestled in the picturesque Malvern Hills, this market offers handcrafted gifts, delicious local treats, and live entertainment to spark your Christmas spirit.

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SO MUCH TO SEE & DO AT WEBBBS THIS CHRISTMAS

To find out more and book onto our Christmas Events, visit webbs.co.uk/whats-on





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Join the festive community celebrations in Worcestershire this Christmas, where local events come alive with lively markets, twinkling light displays and heartwarming gatherings that showcase the joy of the season.

Kidderminster Lights Switch On 16th November 2024

Winter Fayre at Churchfields 16th to 17th November 2024

Great Malvern Christmas Lights Switch On 23rd November 2024

Three Kings Parade and Christmas Lights Switch On, Stourport 22nd November 2024

Lantern Festival & Christmas Lights Switch On, Droitwich 23rd November 2024

Christmas Gift Fair at Bodenham Arboretum 30th November to 1st December 2024 Broadway Late Night Christmas Shopping 29th November & 6th December 2024

The Fold Festive Artisan Christmas Market 1st December 2024

Aladdin the Pantomime, Worcester Theatres 2nd December 2024 to 5th January 2025

Tenbury Mistletoe Festival and Santa Parade 7th December 2024

CinderELLA, Regal Tenbury Wells 11th to 31st December 2024

Sleeping Beauty at Malvern Theatres 12th December 2024 to 5th January 2025

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Hartlebury Castle Trust

Historical Houses at Christmas

Step into a world where centuries-old architecture meets timeless Christmas traditions in Worcestershire. Historic houses come alive with traditional decorations and glowing fires over the festive season, providing a memorable day out.

Harvington Hall

Harvington Hall is a Tudor house like no other, with the largest collection of Elizabethan wall paintings and 7 remaining priest holes, which is more than any other house in England. Step back in time and allow yourself to be immersed with the sights, sounds and smells of an Elizabethan Christmas. With engaging characters to meet you as explore the beautiful Harvington Hall.

Greyfriars (National Trust)

Greyfriars is a late 15th-century timberframed house in the heart of Worcester, saved from demolition and brought back to life by siblings Elsie and Matley Moore. Wander through the beautiful timber-framed house and explore a traditional Tudor Christmas and festive pastimes with your family and friends.

The Firs, Elgar's Birthplace (National Trust)

The birthplace of Sir Edward Elgar is most definitely home to a "Land of Hope and Glory". The Firs opens in December with Christmas trees, twinkling lights and natural decorations. For two weekends it will be open to all to enjoy the festive environment, then the last two weekends there will be a special visitor from the North Pole.

Hanbury Hall (National Trust)

Hanbury Hall is a William and Mary-style country house, set in beautiful formal gardens and rolling parkland in the heart of Worcestershire. Get a blast from the past as you explore the house dressed for the Christmas inspired by 1970s & 1980s.

Croome Court (National Trust)

Croome Court, the once home of the Earl of Coventry and the centrepiece of Croome's 'Capability' Brown designed parkland. Enjoy immersive projection experience seeing Croome at Twilight, as well as tailored wreath making workshops.

Witley Court & Gardens (English Heritage)

Step back in time to a bygone age of great wealth when the house played host to royal parties. Enjoy the beautiful gardens, lake and woodland walks. A perfect place to enjoy Worcestershire's green countryside over the festive period.

Plan your visit at www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk

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Places to Stay

Experience Worcestershire's charming countryside and historic towns with a cosy short break. We've put together a few of our recommend places to stay...



The Elms Hotel & Spa

Nestled in the heart of the picturesque Teme Valley, The Elms offers a quintessential countryside escape.

theelmshotel.co.uk

Rowley Farm Holidays

Providing a welcome escape from the hustle and bustle. Relax in luxury self-catering cottages within a farmland setting and enjoy a slice of country living.

rowleyfarmholidays.co.uk

Hop Merchant's House Hotel

A luxury place to stay in the heart of historic Worcester. Once the merchant's office and house for the busiest hop market in England. A great base for the Worcester Christmas Victorian Fayre.

thehopmerchantshouse.com



Malvern Spa

Embrace tranquillity and relaxation by unwinding with a spa break at The Malvern. Set in the picturesque setting of the Malvern Hills.

themalvernspa.com

The Bank House Hotel & Spa

A unique vision of a classic hotel where traditional meets modern for a unique and memorable experience.

bankhouseworcester.com



Safari Lodges

Experience a magical holiday stay at the Safari Lodges in West Midlands Safari Park, where luxury meets the wild. This unforgettable adventure is perfect for families looking to make their Christmas truly extraordinary amidst the wonders of nature

safari-lodges.co.uk

Abbots Grange

AA five-star romantic guest house in Broadway, offering bed and breakfast. Abbots Grange is a magical 14th-century medieval monastic manor house.

abbotsgrange.com



Hogarths Stone Manor Hotel

Hogarths Stone Manor is a Tudor Manor House set in 27 acres of grounds and gardens. Winner of Visit Worcestershire's Large Hotel of the Year 23/24.

hogarths.co.uk/stone-manor/





Wagtail Retreat

Three expertly crafted shepherd's huts set in the beautiful Worcestershire countryside with stunning views of the Malvern Hills and the surrounding vineyard and lake.

wagtailretreat.co.uk

The Lygon Arms Hotel

Located in the quintessentially English village that is Broadway in the heart of The Cotswolds, The Lygon Arms is the perfect spot to switch off and relax (with or without your pampered pooch!).

lygonarmshotel.co.uk

STANBROOK ABBEY

CELEBRATE WITH US This Christmas

Experience the magic of the season at Stanbrook Abbey. Our historic setting provides the perfect backdrop for all your festive celebrations, from intimate gatherings to grand soirées.

handpickedhotels.co.uk/stanbrookabbey





Our hotel is bustling with happy festivities ...

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA	FESTIVE SUNDAY LUNCH	BOXING DAY
WREATH-MAKING	CHRISTMAS EVE	NEW YEAR'S FVF
PRIVATE DINING	CHRISTMAS DAY	EVE

... be a part of all the joy!

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Dining Out

Enjoy a taste of Worcestershire culinary excellence with a growing list of excellent restaurants and eateries to enjoy whilst visiting.

Fine Dining

> Native at the Netherwood Estate
A farm to table restaurant with rooms. Offering

A farm to table restaurant with rooms. Offering hyper seasonal, modern British fine dining.

> Cottage in the Wood Situated high on the eastern slopes of the Malvern Hills with breathtaking views with

Malvern Hills with breathtaking views, with fabulous food & wines.

> Black & Green

A modern 16-seater neighbourhood restaurant in the heart of Barnt Green.

> Eckington Manor

Combining British and European to create diverse and imaginative menus that incorporate locally grown produce.

Brunch Spots

> Rise + Grind

Brunch and lunch menus that are a testament to local sourcing, with ingredients sourced from nearby farms to create dishes that burst with flavour and freshness.

> TOAST

A family run breakfast and brunch restaurant located near Worcester, one of the most popular brunch spots in the county.

> Broomfield's of Holt

Serving top quality, seasonal food using the produce that has been grown on nearby farms and the fantastic ingredients which are sold in the Farm Shop.

Countryside Pubs

> The Hadley Bowling Green

A charming Elizabethan pub in the heart of the Worcestershire countryside, near historic Droitwich Spa.

> The Queen Elizabeth

A community-run, 16th Century Inn located in the charming village of Elmey Castle.

> The Fleece Inn

A historic pub with roaring log fires, real ales and delicious pub classics.

> The Dewdrop Inn

An emphasis on quality, great service and beautifully designed interiors. Hands down, one of the best gastropub experiences in Worcestershire.

> The Kings Arms

A 15th-century timber-framed country pub nestled in the charming village of Ombersley.

Urban Eats

> Burger Shop

Located in the heart of Worcester, under the railway arches just around the corner from Foregate St. Station. Fresh burgers made from scratch.

> Maneki Ramen

A Tokyo inspired ramen shop, serving modern interpretations of Japanese noodle bowls and snacks.

> Stirrups

Juicy burgers paired with a great selection of sides located in Evesham.

> Bromsgrove Pizza Co.

A slice of American street food right here in Worcestershire. New York-style pizzas, served with delicious sides.







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