



The Best Places to Spend Christmas in the U.S.

19 PHOTOS

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Fa la la la no passport required.



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Europe might get most of the hype during the holiday season (those **Christmas markets** are pretty great), but there are plenty of festive cities right here in the U.S. While we'd recommend visiting any time of the year, these cities seem to shine just a little bit brighter—in many cases, quite literally—during the Christmas season. Whether they're New England towns with major storybook vibes or some of the country's **biggest and brightest metropolises**, celebrating in these cities is worth the price of a domestic plane ticket. And let's face it: You haven't really experienced Christmas cheer until you see it through the shiny lens of **Las Vegas**. From **Austin** to **Washington, D.C.**, here are 19 of the best places to spend Christmas in the U.S.



Courtesy Park City Mountain

Park City, Utah

Why we go: As if the world-class skiing and Sundance Film Festival weren't reason enough to visit **Park City** this winter, the town also happens to be a wonderful place to spend Christmas. The former Olympic city has ample opportunities for skiing, fly fishing, snowmobiling, and **dog sledding**—with no shortage of resorts to warm up in between runs, too.

The one thing to get you in the spirit: **Snowfest** (December 22 through January 6), a festival at Park City Mountain, includes live music, ugly sweater parties, fireworks, and Santa skiing down the slopes.

Stay here: The 12-room **Washington School House** is just a hop away from Park City's lit-up Main Street, and we must say its Christmas decorations put a lot of other hotels' to shame.