

A young girl and a young boy are seen from behind, looking at a festive Christmas window display. The girl is wearing a white knit sweater and a white hat with a pom-pom. The boy is wearing a grey and white patterned sweater. The window display is decorated with warm white lights, a Christmas tree on the right, and various holiday-themed items like a snowman, a cardinal, and a reindeer. A large red circle with a white border is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the text "2018 HOLIDAY GUIDE".

2018 HOLIDAY GUIDE



Lancaster's Penn Square

DISCOVER HEARTWARMING TRADITIONS

The Holiday Season in Lancaster County is a joyous time of fond memories and festive traditions. It's the perfect time to take in a Broadway-caliber show at one of our many theaters, seek the thrill of snow tubing down runs designed for kids of all ages, or enjoy one of our many unique holiday events.

Winter in Lancaster is also ideal for exploring the many ways we celebrate the holidays—take in the aromas of freshly baked seasonal treats, wander through our beautiful, historic towns & villages, and pick up a few Christmas gifts along the way. See why the holidays in Lancaster County are truly something special.



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ON THE COVER: Our cover image, courtesy of Venture Lititz, was taken on Lititz's charming Main Street—dressed in holiday style.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

the quintessential Lancaster holiday activities



NOV. 23

Mayor's Tree Lighting & Tuba Christmas
Penn Square

NOV. 23, 24, 30

Kitchen Kettle Christmas
Kitchen Kettle Village

NOV. 23-25

Santa's Paradise Express
Strasburg Rail Road™

NOV. 24

Small Business Saturday
Throughout Lancaster County

NOV. 30

The Night Before Christmas Train
Strasburg Rail Road™

NOV. + DEC.
SELECT DATES

Dutch Winter Wonderland
Dutch Wonderland®



DEC. 1

Christmas Tree Train
Strasburg Rail Road™

DEC. 1, 2

Belsnickle Christmas Tour | Authentic Bed & Breakfasts

DEC. 1, 2

Country Christmas Village | Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum

DEC. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23

Scootin' with Santa Tour
Strasburg Scooters

DEC. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22

Santa's Paradise Express
Strasburg Rail Road™

DEC. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22

Kitchen Kettle Christmas
Kitchen Kettle Village



DEC. 1, 8

Home for the Holidays
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

DEC. 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

The Night Before Christmas Train
Strasburg Rail Road™

DEC. 8, 15

Ice Cream with Santa
Turkey Hill Experience

DEC. 10, 11, 26-29

Christmas at the Cloister and Lantern Tours | Ephrata Cloister

DEC. 18

Lancaster Shops Late
Downtown Lancaster

DEC. 26-28

Candlelight Yuletide Tours | Rock Ford Plantation



AUTHENTIC B&BS “Find your Belsnickle” Tour

The Belsnickle, Santa’s naughty cousin, is hiding. Come tour a selection of B&Bs decked for the holidays and find our Belsnickles. Tickets to the tour include entry into the Choo Choo Barn. At each inn you visit, enter to win our drawing for a free stay (up to \$325 value), and sample our signature cookies. Proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish®. Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2.

Visit authenticbandb.com/belsnickle for tickets and more info.

CHOO CHOO BARN- TRRAINTOWN U.S.A.®

The Choo Choo Barn brings the magic of Christmas to its gigantic model train layout. Watch as Santa’s sleigh flies above the snow-covered landscape, which includes 150 hand-built animations and 22 moving trains. Enjoy Christmas lights and music throughout the display while searching for 57 hidden Santas. Begins November 15!

226 Gap Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579
717-687-7911 | choochoobarn.com



ECHO DELL HOME OF INDIAN ECHO CAVERNS

Breathtaking tours and a fantastic gift shop are sure to fill your holiday with a little extra wonder. Come see our beautiful decorations and polar bear greeters. Little ones’ eyes will light up with wonder at both the Caverns and the display. If real animals are more your thing, you can also visit our petting barnyard.

368 Middletown Rd., Hummelstown, PA 17036
717-566-8131 | IndianEchoCaverns.com



KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE

Discover tradition with a twist—find award winning wines, hand-made quilts, premium olive oils, hand-thrown pottery, Brighton jewelry, plus delicious jams and relishes. On Friday nights & Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Village is filled with live music, marshmallow toasting, hot cider and more.

3529 Old Philadelphia Pk., Intercourse, PA 17534
800-732-3538 | kitchenkettle.com



LANCASTER CITY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Activities include visits with Santa, horse drawn wagon rides, holiday window display contest, special events and promotions and holiday shopping. **Mayor’s Tree Lighting**- November 23. **Lancaster Shops Late**- December 13 until 9 PM.

Lancaster City, Lancaster, PA 17603
717-291-4758 | visitlancastercity.com



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT TURKEY HILL EXPERIENCE

Come admire our beautiful holiday decorations while you learn how ice cream is made. Sit in our milk truck, star in your own Turkey Hill commercial, and enjoy free samples. Plus, visit our Taste Lab, to make your own ice cream flavor! Be sure to join us for ice cream with Santa on December 8 and 15. More details can be found on our website.

301 Linden St., Columbia, PA 17512
717-684-0134 | turkeyhillexperience.com



YULETIDE AT WHEATLAND

Celebrate the tradition of holidays past! Be surrounded by the holiday spirit as you tour President James Buchanan’s 1828 mansion, exquisitely decorated in the best Victorian style. Experience the magic of Yuletide past at the home of Pennsylvania’s only United States President. November 24 - December 29, 2018.

230 N. President Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603
717-392-4633 | lancasterhistory.org



OTHER HOLIDAY FAVORITES

Lancaster is full of holiday activities for all ages from *The Night Before Christmas Train* ride at Strasburg Rail Road™, to *Scootin’ with Santa* at Strasburg Scooters, to *Dutch Winter Wonderland*— there are plenty of things to keep little ones entertained. History buffs will love the *Lantern Tours at the Ephrata Cloister*, and the *Home for the Holidays* event at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Fashionistas can shop till their heart’s content around the County at our many boutiques and independent shops, while foodies can find sweets and treats that tickle just about every tastebud.



Rock Ford Plantation

DISCOVER UNEXPECTED MAGIC

Twinkling lights, crackling fireplaces, swirling snowflakes in the air— the holidays are full of wonder. Whether you bring your whole crew, or are visiting for a weekend away as just the two of you, Lancaster County is brimming with cheer and charm. From family time strolling through the Sweet Lights of Hershey or Dutch Winter Wonderland, to spending quality time with your sweetheart over a romantic candlelight dinner you are sure to find some magical moments that transform into marvelous memories.



Log Cabin Restaurant



Hershey Sweet Lights

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WHERE TO SHOP

great gifts for all the people on your list



From Secret Santa gifts to a special something for your special someone, it can be tough to find the item that will make the recipient smile. Never fear! We've collected a few idea from across the county for you to consider:

FOR THE HOSTESS

Jam Lovers Basket from Kitchen Kettle Village
3529 Old Philadelphia Pk., Intercourse

Infused olive oils & balsamic from Olivo Olive Oil & Balsamics
41 S. Broad St., Lititz

Green TEase Green Tea Set from Spice & Tea Exchange | 120 W. Orange St., Lancaster

Lancaster Central Market Cookbook
23 N. Market St., Lancaster

Coffee Beans from Lancaster County Coffee Roasters
23 N. Market St., Lancaster

Garden Party Soap from Building Character
342 N. Queen St., Rear Warehouses, Lancaster

FOR THE KIDS

Dutch Wonderland Tickets or Season Passes
2249 Lincoln Hwy., Lancaster

Tickets to Turkey Hill Experience
301 Linden St., Columbia

Alpaca wool gloves or socks from Eastland Alpacas
2089 Rissler Mill Rd., Mount Joy

Wilbur Buds from Wilbur Chocolate Store
45 N. Broad St., Lititz

Handmade Marble Track from Lapps Toys
2220 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster

Toy Trains from Strasburg Train Shop
226 Gap Rd., Strasburg

FOR THE HIPSTER

A Fair Trade Frame from Ten Thousand Villages
240 N. Reading Rd., Ephrata

Handmade jewelry from Mio Studio | 154 N. Prince St., Lancaster

Hand-crafted leather bag from Forest Hill Leather Craft
225 Forest Hill Rd., Bird-in-Hand

Vintage paperback or music on vinyl from Dogstar Books
401 W. Lemon St., Lancaster

A Flight Kit from The Case for Beer
1701 Columbia Ave., Lancaster

Local fare from Lemon Street Market
241 W. Lemon St., Lancaster



The Fulton Theatre



American Music Theatre

DISCOVER SPECTACULAR SHOWS

Whether you are in the mood for a cherished classic tale or an original production—music, dance, comedy and drama that celebrate the season can be found on stages large and small around the county. You may even find a new family tradition! See the full schedule below, and book your tickets today.

NOV. 1 – DEC. 30

The 2018 Christmas Show: The First Noel
American Music Theatre

NOV. 6 – DEC. 29

A Christmas to Remember
Bird-in-Hand Stage

NOV. 3 – DEC. 29

A Christmas in Paradise
Rainbow's Comedy Playhouse

NOV. 7 – JAN. 1

The Magic & Wonder of Christmas
Bird-in-Hand Stage

NOV. 13 – DEC. 30

42nd Street
Fulton Theatre

NOV. 15 – DEC. 31

A Christmas Carol
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

FULTON THEATRE

Central Pennsylvania's premier regional theatre, presenting Broadway caliber productions within a beautifully restored 166 year-old national historic landmark. This year, experience the Broadway classic **42nd Street**, November 13 - December 30, or enjoy our family series production of the holiday favorite, **A Christmas Carol**, December 1 - 29.

12 N. Prince St., Lancaster, PA 17603
717-397-7425 | thefulton.org



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AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE

The 2018 Christmas Show: The First Noel.

This live, musical experience will feature favorite holiday songs, outstanding singing and dancing, and the incredible AMT Orchestra. Come celebrate the magic of the season with the region's biggest Christmas Show! November 1 - December 30, 2018.

2425 Lincoln Hwy E., Lancaster, PA 17602
800-648-4102 | amtshows.com

BIRD-IN-HAND STAGE

A Christmas to Remember. In this holiday musical, Matthew and Mary face challenges as owners of a thrift store and caregivers for an elderly parent. Intriguing characters and unique situations reveal unexpected treasures in the most unlikely places. November 6 - December 29.

2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505 | 800-790-4069 | Bird-in-Hand.com



DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE

A Christmas Carol. A season favorite! Even for a grumpy old miser like Ebenezer Scrooge, it's never too late to change. But when he's visited by three ghosts - Past, Present, and Future - he discovers his selfish ways and greets Christmas morning with a new found happiness, and through the enduring love of Tiny Tim, learns to spread goodwill and be happy.

510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601
717-898-1900 | DutchApple.com

MAGIC & WONDER AT THE BIRD-IN-HAND STAGE

The Magic & Wonder of Christmas. Experience a show specifically for the Christmas season. Brett and his cast combine amazing illusions and heartwarming comedy with the best of the holiday spirit. Create lifelong memories as you rediscover the wonder and the true magic of Christmas. November 7 - January 1.

2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505 | 800-790-4069 | LancasterMagicShow.com





DISCOVER **OUTDOOR** ADVENTURES

Close your eyes and picture it —a dusting of snow on the ground, cold air in your lungs, and a hot cup of coffee in your hands. As the days get shorter, Lancaster allows you to make the most of winter wonders. Whether you are taking a winter walk in one of our natural parks, or create memories with family and friends at AvalancheXpress Snow Tubing in nearby York, PA, you are sure to find family fun out in the fresh air. Or, venture out for a daytrip of downhill skiing at nearby mountains such as Roundtop, Bear Creek or Camelback.



AvalancheXpress Tubing



Lancaster County Park

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Image courtesy @msliadiedi

HOLIDAY DEALS

spend more time together, and less money

\$5.00 OFF THE 2018 CHRISTMAS SHOW: THE FIRST NOEL



11/1/18 - 12/30/18
Valid for up to four regularly-priced adult tickets. New orders only. Cannot be combined with other offers. Must mention code DLHG18.

20% OFF PRETZEL BAKERY TOUR



219 E. Main St., Lititz, PA 17543

Adult tours, \$3.00
Children ages 4-12, \$2.00

15% OFF AT KAUFFMAN'S FRUIT FARM



Valid for 15% off any one non-discounted item.

20% OFF ONE ITEM IN THE MUSEUM STORE



LancasterHistory.org and President James Buchanan's Wheatland: 20% off one item in the Museum Store.



DID YOU KNOW...

The Moravian Star originated in Saxony, Germany in the 1830s. It was adopted by the Moravian Church as a symbol of the birth of Jesus, and represented the star of Bethlehem. Traditionally, it is hung on the first Sunday of Advent and remains up until Epiphany, January 6, or the time of the coming of the Magi.

HOLIDAY DEALS

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Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery

20% off Pretzel Bakery tours.
Adults regularly priced \$3.75 cost \$3.00, children ages 4-12 regularly priced \$2.75 cost \$2.00.

219 E. Main St.
Lititz, PA 17543
717-626-4354
juliussturgis.com

American Music Theatre

\$5.00 off The 2018 Christmas Show:
The First Noel. 11/1/18 - 12/30/18
Valid for up to four regularly-priced adult tickets. New orders only. Cannot be combined with other offers. Must mention code DLHG18.

2425 Lincoln Hwy E.
Lancaster, PA 17602
800-648-4102
amtshows.com

LancasterHistory.org and President James Buchanan's Wheatland

20% off one item
in the Museum Store
Expires 12/31/18.

230 N. President Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603
717-392-4633
lancasterhistory.org

Kauffman Fruit Farm

15 % off any one non-discounted item.
Valid 11/1/18 to 12/31/18 at 3097
Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-In-Hand,
PA, 17505 Location Only.

3097 Old Philadelphia Pk.
Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505
717-768-7112
kauffmanfruitfarm.com



DID YOU KNOW...

The Belsnickel is a traditional German character known for visiting children a few weeks before Christmas to help determine who was naughty and who was nice.

Images courtesy/ Strasburg Rail Road™

HOLIDAY DEALS

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\$3 OFF EACH ADULT TRADITIONAL SMORGASBORD



See other side for details.

Get the whole Miller's story at
www.Millers1929.com

15% OFF SCOOTIN' WITH SANTA TOUR



Join Santa as you travel over the bridges and through the woods in a 50cc Scoot Coupe. Code DLH218. strasburgscooters.com
Expires 12/23/18.

FREE QUARTER POUND BAG OF CHOCOLATE WILBUR BUDS



Spend \$30 at Wilbur Chocolate Store and receive a free quarter pound bag of Chocolate Wilbur Buds.

10% OFF YOUR PURCHASE



Stop in and do some holiday shopping. Enjoy a variety of gift items from various shops around Lancaster County and artwork created by local artists.



DID YOU KNOW...

Instead of leaving a treat for Santa on Christmas Eve, Pennsylvania German youngsters would leave an empty plate under their Christmas tree for the Grishkindel (Christ child) to fill with sweets for them to eat.

Images courtesy Beiler's Doughnuts

HOLIDAY DEALS

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Miller's Smorgasbord

\$3 OFF Miller's Traditional Smorgasbord. Valid for up to 6 ADULTS. Not valid Saturdays after 4 PM, or with other offers, specials, group rates, on Menu Dining, Soup & Salad Buffet or holidays. Expires 12/31/18. PLU 536.

2811 Lincoln Hwy E.
Ronks, PA 17572
800-669-3568
Millers1929.com

Strasburg Scooters

15% off Scootin' with Santa Tour. Join Santa as you travel over the bridges and through the woods in a 50cc Scoot Coupe. Code DLH218. strasburgscooters.com Expires 12/23/18.

242 Gap Rd.
Strasburg, PA 17579
717-344-2488
strasburgscooters.com

Discover Lancaster Visitors Center

*10% off a **regularly-priced** item in the retail store and art gallery with the exclusion of quilts and quillows. Expires 12/31/18*

501 Greenfield Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601
717-299-8901
DiscoverLancaster.com

Wilbur Chocolate Store

Spend \$30 at Wilbur Chocolate Store and receive a free quarter-pound bag of Mixed Wilbur Buds. Expires 12/31/18.

45 N. Broad St.
Lititz, PA 17543
888-294-5287
wilburbuds.com



DID YOU KNOW...

One of the first known written mentions of a Christmas tree in America is found in the 1821 diary of Matthew Zahn, who lived right here in Lancaster.

Image courtesy @britnebyers



Passenger Coffee

DISCOVER PEACEFUL MOMENTS

Ever feel like you are always racing around during the holidays, trying to complete every task on your list, attend every party, bake all the cookies, and be sure you are still as jolly as the Big Man himself? Here in Lancaster we like to take a quieter approach to the season. Yes, we still have the lights, the cookies, and the trees, but there is also a peaceful sense of appreciation around the county. Leave the stressing to Santa, and come explore at a slower pace. After all, aren't the little things really the big things in life? We sure think so!



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