

Top 10 Fun Destinations to Visit in December 2024

For a festive season getaway, TRAVELADVANCES.COM has a list of the top 10 fun destinations to visit as voted by those who have been there and done that.



Fort Worth, Texas Dec 8, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - December brings a unique charm to destinations across the United States, whether you're seeking a Northern winter wonderland or a sunny escape to warm weather in the South. From festive holiday markets to cozy mountain retreats, here are the top 10 fun destinations to visit as voted by our users at TRAVELADVANCES.COM.

1. New York City, New York

Not surprisingly, at the top of the list of fun destinations in December is New York City. At this time of year, New York City is nothing short of magical. Famous for its Christmas decorations, including the iconic Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree and the elaborate holiday window displays along Fifth Avenue, the city offers festive charm like no other. You can ice skate in Central Park, visit the bustling Christmas markets at Bryant Park, or enjoy a Broadway show. For a truly unforgettable experience, take a holiday cruise around Manhattan to see the skyline decked out in seasonal lights.

"New York City is always a popular choice with our voters online," says William Cafferata, Chief Executive Officer at TRAVELADVANCES.COM. "Our Top 100 is a great way for people to share their experiences with like-minded travellers."

2. Aspen, Colorado

For winter sports enthusiasts, Aspen is a top-tier destination for fun in December. Known for its world-

class ski slopes and luxury resorts, this Colorado mountain town also offers excellent après-ski dining and shopping. Stroll through the charming downtown, enjoy the festive lights, or take part in Aspen's Winter X Games (if your visit aligns). Whether you're skiing, snowboarding, or just enjoying the snowy landscape, Aspen is the perfect place to embrace the winter season.

3. Chicago, Illinois

Chicago is a vibrant winter destination with plenty of seasonal cheer. The city's famous [Christkindlmarket](#), a German-style Christmas market, is perfect for browsing unique gifts and indulging in holiday treats like hot chocolate and bratwurst. Take a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago for a winter exhibit, or skate at Millennium Park's ice rink under the city's skyline. Chicago also boasts cozy jazz clubs and warm indoor spaces for those looking to escape the cold.

4. St. Augustine, Florida

As the oldest city in the U.S., St. Augustine is a charming destination full of history, culture, and holiday magic in December. The city is known for its "Nights of Lights" festival, where millions of white lights adorn the historic buildings, creating a stunning atmosphere. Explore the cobblestone streets, visit the Castillo de San Marcos, or enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the festive town. St. Augustine's mild winter weather makes it an ideal place for a mix of history, shopping, and holiday cheer.

5. Burlington, Vermont

Burlington offers a quintessential small-town New England experience in December. Known for its vibrant arts scene, local breweries, and proximity to beautiful Lake Champlain, the town is full of festive cheer during the holiday season. Explore the Church Street Marketplace, which is transformed into a holiday wonderland with lights and decorations. For a snow-filled adventure, head to nearby Stowe or Sugarbush for skiing and snowboarding.

6. Santa Fe, New Mexico

Santa Fe is a cultural hub that shines brightly in December, especially with its unique blend of holiday traditions. The annual Canyon Road Farolito Walk features thousands of glowing paper lanterns along the historic road, creating a picturesque winter scene. The city's renowned art galleries, festive markets, and Southwestern-inspired architecture provide a distinctive December experience. Santa Fe's mild winters are also perfect for exploring the local cuisine and unique holiday offerings.

7. Miami, Florida

For those looking to escape the cold, Miami offers a warm December retreat and every type of fun water spot you can think of. While there's no snow, the city embraces the festive spirit with spectacular light displays, especially around South Beach. The annual Art Basel Miami Beach event in early December attracts art lovers from all over the world. Whether you're lounging on the beach or enjoying the vibrant nightlife, Miami is perfect for both relaxation and high-energy fun during the holiday season.

8. Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. is a must-visit destination in December, especially for history buffs and holiday enthusiasts. The National Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on the White House lawn is a hallmark of the season, and the city's historic landmarks, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the National Mall, look

brehtaking with winter snowfall. D.C. is also home to various holiday events, including ice skating at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden and holiday performances at the Kennedy Center.

9. Nashville, Tennessee

Known for its music scene, Nashville has a unique way of celebrating the holidays. December in Music City is filled with festive tunes and lights. The Gaylord Opryland Resort hosts an annual “A Country Christmas” event, complete with a stunning indoor light display and holiday-themed performances. You can also visit the Country Music Hall of Fame or attend a live country music performance at one of the city’s famous honky-tonks.

10. The Florida Keys, Florida

If you’re seeking sun and adventure, the Florida Keys offer a laid-back and tropical December getaway. The islands remain warm, perfect for outdoor activities like snorkeling, fishing, and boating. December is also a great time to explore the colorful underwater world of Key West, or simply enjoy a relaxing time by the beach with a festive cocktail. Key West is also famous for its holiday celebrations, including parades and a Christmas-light boat parade.

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December is an exciting time to explore the United States, whether you're seeking a cozy winter retreat or a warm-weather escape. From snowy mountains to vibrant cities and tropical islands, these top 10 destinations offer something for every type of traveler. So, pack your bags and get ready to make unforgettable memories this holiday season!

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