

21 Best Christmas Getaways to Enjoy This Winter

Some are festive. Others are just plain warm.

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Palos Verdes, California

Overlooking LA sits its best-kept secret, the Palos Verdes Peninsula—only half an hour from downtown, but with the worlds-away feeling of the Italian or the French Riviera. Nearby Christmas events in this cliffside escape include the Sleepy Hollow Christmas Lights in Torrance, the Holiday Parade of Lights, Santa at Promenade on the Peninsula, and a Candlelight Christmas Concert at Wayfarer's Chapel, the so-called "Glass Church" designed by Frank Lloyd Wright's son.

WHERE TO STAY: Celebrating their 10th anniversary, destination resort [Terranea](#) overlooks the Pacific Ocean with more than 360 rooms, suites, bungalows, casitas, and villas—many with ocean views—and 9 dining options spread over 102 acres. During the holidays, guests can decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus, celebrate Hanukkah dinner at catalina kitchen, enjoy a five-course Christmas feast at marsel, decorate a gingerbread house, have breakfast with Santa, and enjoy crafting and music during the annual tree lighting ceremony.