

Christmas by the Sea



Updated 11/26/2025

| BY THE SEA | Friday, December 12th | |
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| 9 am - 5 pm | GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION Pick up your gingerbread kit at the office between 12/1 - 12/11. Entries due by Friday 5pm and Saturday 2pm. Voting at 2:30-4pm on Saturday and on display during the parade! Prizes: \$50 to Village toy Funatic for kids, \$100 to Crew Ogunquit for adults. | Anne Erwin Sotheby's International Realty 19 Beach Street |
| 11:30 am - 2:30 pm | HOLIDAY TEA PARTY Celebrate the holidays with a special holiday afternoon tea which is inclusive of seasonal sandwiches, festive sweets and house made scones. Guests of the Tea Party are encouraged to arrive in festive holiday attire to help us celebrate the season. Call the Inn for reservations. | The Lady Mary Inn 2 Elm Street, North Berwick |
| 4 - 8 pm | HOT CHOCOLATE BAR W/ BROKEN SHED VODKA Warm up at Pepper's Seafood with drinks for kids and adult liquor menu at the Holiday Hot Chocolate Bar! Enjoy decadent hot chocolate, festive fixings, and optional Broken Shed Vodka add-ins during Christmas by the Sea. | Peppers Seafood Co. 243 Main Street |
| 4:30 pm | BRIDGE LIGHTING CELEBRATION AT FOOTBRIDGE BEACH Join us for music and holiday cheer as we light up the bridge. Cookies and cocoa available courtesy of Dunes on the Waterfront. | Footbridge Beach Parking Lot |
| 5 - 6:45 pm | ROTARY PARK TREE LIGHTING / CHRISTMAS IN THE COVE Join us for the most festive evening of the year in Perkins Cove. 2025 Christmas in the Cove promises to get you and the kiddos in the holiday spirit. Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus at 5pm and join in for some caroling with Beau Dalleo. Make a photo ornament and then gather for the tree lighting in Rotary Park. Nibble on s'mores and cookies and sip Hot Chocolate and maybe you'll spot The Grinch! This event is sponsored by Ogunquit Rotary and Ogunquit Parks and Recreation, with chowder donated from M.C. Perkins Cove and cookies from Bread & Roses Bakery. | Rotary Park in Perkins Cove |
| 5 - 8 pm | HOLIDAY TAROT READINGS Discover guidance, clarity, and insight this holiday season with a personal tarot card reading. Find what the cards have in store for you and start the new year with renewed perspective. | TaleSpinStudio 119 Perkins Cove Road (2nd floor) |
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| Friday, December 12th (Continued) | | | |
| 6 - 8 pm | SIP & STROLL During the break between the tree lightings, stroll through our charming town as local businesses open their doors to welcome you with festive fun, seasonal sips, and holiday cheer. Visit ogunquit.org/christmas-by-the-sea/ for an interactive stroll map and more details! | Rotary Park Downtown (At participating businesses) | |
| 7 - 8 pm | HOLIDAY CONCERT AT THE OGUNQUIT BAPTIST CHURCH featuring Atlantic Harmonies Youth Choir | Ogunquit Baptist Church 157 Shore Road | |
| 7 - 8 pm | (21+ Event) 4th ANNUAL A VERY DUELING DRAG DIVAS CHRISTMAS SHOW Their uncanny impersonations with all live vocals will have you rolling in the aisles as they battle it out on stage! You never know who will show up this Christmas/Holiday Season! Amy Winehouse? Eartha Kitt? Elvis? Janis? Judy? Audience Participation Contest! | MaineStreet 195 Main Street | |
| 7 pm | CHRIS COLLINS & BOULDER CANYON: A JOHN DENVER CHRISTMAS Chris Collins and Boulder Canyon welcome in the holiday season with a special Christmas concert. A John Denver Christmas is a delightful blend of traditional Christmas music with some of your favorite John Denver hits and songs of the season! | Jonathan's Ogunquit 92 Bourne Lane | |
| 7 pm | OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "WHITE CHRISTMAS" Based on the beloved, timeless film, Irving Berlin's holiday spectacular returns to The Music Hall. Packed full of dazzling dance numbers, show stopping songs, and actors straight from Broadway, you aren't going to want to miss this joyful experience. | The Music Hall 28 Chestnut Street, Portsmouth, NH | |
| 8 - 10 pm | (21+ Event) MAINESTREET'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY Join us for a night of holiday cheer, laughter, and celebration with friends old and new. Stick around after the party for Karaoke with Jo Anna — because nothing says "holiday spirit" like belting Mariah after a few cocktails. | MaineStreet 195 Main Street | |
| 8:15 pm | DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTING Join us in caroling as we light the town tree. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, courtesy of Village Food Market, and cookies, courtesy of Rick Barber Photography | Veterans Park (Beach Street) | |
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| 8:30 am - 3 pm | FILL THE FIRE TRUCK FOOD DRIVE Accepting food donations for St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry in Wells and pet donations to Emma's Angels Rescue in North Berwick. | Ogunquit Fire Station 13 School Street | |

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| | Saturday, December 13th (Continued) | |
| 10 - 11 am | CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY STORY & CRAFT This popular event includes a fun story followed by a take home craft and museum scavenger hunt! Admission is free! | Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit 938 Post Road, Wells |
| 10 am - 2 pm | STORY TREES BY THE SEA The Ogunquit Museum of American Art and the Wells Public Library invite you to the second annual Story Trees by the Sea, a festive family-friendly celebration transforming the Museum into a winter wonderland! Explore beautifully decorated trees crafted by local classrooms and community members, enjoy story readings, hands-on art activities, light refreshments, and student art exhibitions from Traip Academy and York High School. Keep an eye out for a performance by Atlantic Harmonies and a jolly hello from Santa! Admission is free and open to all ages. | Ogunquit Museum of American Art 543 Shore Road |
| 10 am - 3 pm | OGUNQUIT FIRE COMPANY HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Come and do some holiday shopping! Local artisan crafts will be available at the firehouse! Santa will be making an appearance from 11am - 12:30pm. | Ogunquit Fire Station 13 School Street |
| 11 am | PERKINS COVE BOOKSHOP HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY! Guess the exact number of books we've sold in 2025 by Friday, December 12, and you could win a \$1,000 gift card. If no one hits the exact number, the ten closest guesses without going over will each receive a \$100 gift card. Winners drawn Saturday at 11am (must be present to win). Bring your best book-lover's guess and help us wrap up a wonderful year of stories, community, and gratitude. | Perkins Cove Bookshop 12 Perkins Cove Road |
| 11 am - 12:30 pm | VISIT WITH SANTA AT THE FIRESTATION Come meet Santa and be sure to bring your camera to capture the memory! | Ogunquit Fire Station 13 School Street |
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| 12 - 2 pm | LETTERS TO SANTA VIA SAIL MAIL EXPRESS The Sail Mail Express will make sure your letters get delivered to the big guy before Christmas. Limited quantities of gift bags will be available for kids sending letters. | Ogunquit Welcome Center 20 Shore Road |
| 12 - 3:15 pm | PIZZA WITH SANTA Say CHEESE! Come visit Santa at La Pizzeria! Children can write and send their own letters to Santa and send them to the North Pole! | La Pizzeria 239 Main Street |
| 12 - 4 pm | COOKIES WITH CULLEN Join us for a sweet celebration. Decorate holiday shaped cookies. We will provide all the icing and decorations you need. This activity is perfect for families, kids or a fun afternoon with friends. | Peppers Seafood Co. 243 Main Street |
| 12 - 4 pm | BOBBLES, BUBBLES, AND BAUBLES Come sip and shop while getting that holiday shopping done! Christmas by the Sea in Ogunquit is magical! Enjoy sipping on Rose or on our signature holiday drink, Coquito! All while you shop new arrivals, get your TAROT CARDS read or design a piece of jewelry for you or a loved one! It's the most wonderful time of the year and we can't wait to share it with you! | Bobbles & Lace 31 Perkins Cove Road |
| 1 - 2:30 pm | HOLIDAY CONCERT AT THE OGUNQUIT BAPTIST CHURCH featuring Sal Hughes. Having his roots in jazz, Sal will be playing classic standards and compositions, and of course, including Holiday favorites, such as Vince Guiraldi's Charlie Brown "Peanuts". The Concert will be from 1:00-2:30pm, allowing time for a friendly social gathering prior to the Christmas Parade, offering Hot Chocolate and Cookies to its visitors. | Ogunquit Baptist Church 157 Shore Road |
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| 2 - 4 pm | CHRISTMAS PARADE WATCH PARTY Enjoy the view with hot cocoa and complimentary bites from the top of the hill as Ogunquit's parade passes through town. | Coastal Alchemist & The Trident Inn 14 Village Square Lane |



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| 2 - 7 pm | CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA HOT CHOCOLATE BAR We will be serving up our famous French hot chocolate, and YOU get to top it off just how you like it — with everything from candy canes to sprinkles, marshmallows to whipped cream, and so much more. We make our French hot chocolate right here at the café by melting real European chocolate and cocoa powder. Warm up inside the café or enjoy on your stroll around town. | Mornings in Paris - Ogunquit 246 Main Street | |
| 2:30 - 4 pm | GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION (VOTING!) Houses on display during Christmas Parade! Come by and vote for your favorite. Prizes: \$50 to Village toy Funatic for kids, \$100 to Crew Ogunquit for adults. | Anne Erwin Sotheby's International Realty 19 Beach Street | |
| 3 - 4 pm | OGUNQUIT CHRISTMAS PARADE The parade starts at the entrance of Perkins Cove and proceeds up Shore Road toward the center of town, then down to the Main Beach. Enjoy complimentary cookies and cocoa at Ogunquit Baptist Church | Perkins Cove Shore Road | |
| 3 4 pm | along the parade route! Parade presented by the Town of Ogunquit and is <u>WEATHER PERMITTING</u> . Keep in mind bathrooms at the beach are limited and there is an alternative bathroom stop at Jacobs Lot. | Main Beach | |
| 4 pm | BONFIRE ON THE BEACH Warm up on the beach while you wait for the fireworks display. Managed by the Town of Ogunquit and is <u>WEATHER PERMITTING</u> . | Main Beach | |
| 4 - 7:30 pm | SIP, DINE & CELEBRATE - CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA DINNER Finish off Christmas by the Sea at Coastal Alchemist. Cocktail hour at 4 pm with a view of the fireworks. Three course dinner at 5:30 pm (\$85/person; reservations required.) | Coastal Alchemist & The Trident Inn 14 Village Square Lane | |
| 4 - 7:30 pm | (21+ Event) UGLY SWEATER BEAR TEA DANCE Drag that ridiculous sweater out of the closet and bring it to the dance floor. We're throwing a holiday bear tea packed with feel-good dance tracks, festive favorites, and a room full of handsome troublemakers in knitwear. | MaineStreet 195 Main Street | |
| 4:45 pm | HOLIDAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY A magnificent fireworks display will be shot from the Main Beach parking lot. Fireworks are sponsored by The Front Porch Piano Bar & Restaurant and The Trident Inn. This event is <u>WEATHER PERMITTING</u> . | Main Beach | |
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| 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | SANTA MEET & GREET Bring the whole family to experience the magic of the holiday season at The Beachmere Inn's Santa Meet & Greet! Nestled on the picturesque coast, our cozy venue will be transformed into a festive wonderland where children and adults alike can enjoy! | The Beachmere Inn 62 Beachmere Place |
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| 1 pm | PATRIOTS VS. BILLS (JERSEY GIVEAWAY) Catch the game with us and enter our Drake Maye jersey giveaway—free entry with any food or drink purchase. Seating is limited and first come, first served, and we are not taking reservations, so arrive early to grab your spot! | Peppers Seafood Co. 243 Main Street |
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| 2 pm | WELLS CHRISTMAS PARADE Visit wellschristmasparade.com for more information and details! | Wells Plaza, and proceeds up Route 1 to Wells Junior High | |
| 4 - 11:30 pm | BIG FAT GREEK CLOSING PARTY Savor Greek specialties and live music as Nikanos celebrates its closing day until reopening in the spring. | Nikanos 173 Main Street | |
| 6 pm | IT'S CHRISTMAS! FEATURING THE DEEP BLUE "C" STUDIO ORCHESTRA They're back, Folks! The 17-piece Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra returns to Jonathan's with It's Christmas! And they will once again deliver good cheer and musical excellence with their special version of your favorite traditional (Do You Hear What I Hear and Carol of The Bells) and popular Christmas classics including The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year, My Grown Up Christmas List and My Favorite Things. | Jonathan's Ogunquit 92 Bourne Lane | |

Live Music & Entertainment throughout the Weekend!



The Front Porch - Live Music at the Piano Bar: Friday - Sunday.

Clay Hill Farm - Live Music: Friday - Sunday.

Jonathan's Ogunquit: Live Jazz: Friday & Saturday (6-8pm)

Peppers Seafood Co. - Live Music: Friday & Saturday (7-9pm)

Crew Ogunquit - Live Music: Friday & Saturday (7pm)

MaineStreet - Karaoke: Friday; DJ's & Dancing: Saturday (9pm)

Brickyard Hollow Brewing Co. - Live Music: Saturday (6-8pm)

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