



NYC Lifestyle

December 6, 2024

Celebrate the Season

Don't let Jack Frost keep you from enjoying winter in the city! From igloo dining and ice skating to festive train rides and charity events, we've assembled some of the best ways to celebrate the season.

Ice Skating Rink

Have you heard of [Roebling Rink](#)? Located at the waterfront edge of Brooklyn Bridge Park, it's one of the city's newest ice skating rinks and offers dramatic skyline views. Don't forget about local mainstays like [The LeFrak Center](#) at Prospect Park and [Riverbank State Park's](#) ice skating rink in Harlem along the Hudson River.

Hanukkah Latkes

Celebrate Hanukkah with crispy latkes from culinary institutions like [Russ & Daughters](#), with locations in Manhattan and Brooklyn. [Edith's](#) in Williamsburg cuts their latkes down into bite-sized "totkes" for a fun twist, while [Shelsky's](#) in Cobble Hill also serves up latkes made of sweet potato and celery root.

Nostalgia Rides

Travel back to the 1930s on a [Holiday Nostalgia Ride](#), an annual event that brings vintage subway trains back to the tracks. Led by the New York Transit Museum, vintage trains will run along the F and Q lines in Manhattan at scheduled times on Sundays in December. Hop aboard for the cost of a MetroCard swipe.

Kwanzaa at The Apollo

Tickets are now on sale for [Kwanzaa: A Regeneration Celebration](#), an annual holiday event curated by The Apollo and the Abdel R. Salaam's Forces of Nature Dance Theatre. The event returns to The Apollo in Harlem on December 21 and will include live music, percussion, and dance that celebrates the African continent.



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Decadent Hot Chocolates

Warm up with a Blossoming Hot Chocolate from [Dominique Ansel Bakery](#) in SoHo, where each cup is topped with a blooming marshmallow flower. Try a red velvet hot chocolate at [Martha's Country Bakery's](#) locations in Brooklyn and Queens, or a dark hot chocolate from [The Chocolate Room](#) in Brooklyn.

Igloo Dining

Private, heated domes are a cozy alternative to outdoor dining. Bryant Park's [Winter Village](#) offers igloo dining with views of the park and ice rink. For something trendy, check out rooftop igloos at [PUBLIC Hotel](#) in Lower East Side and [230 Fifth Rooftop](#) in Flatiron.

Holiday Train Nights

Head to The Bronx for New York Botanical Garden's [Holiday Train Nights](#), featuring 25 model trains and nearly 200 handcrafted replicas of NYC landmarks. Enjoy live music, festive treats, and plenty of twinkling lights on through January 18, 2025. Don't miss 21+ evenings with spiked cider and cocktails. Tickets cost \$42 per person.

Holiday Volunteering

Make a difference this holiday season by [volunteering with New York Cares](#), the city's largest volunteer network. Open opportunities include wrapping toys, packing and delivering groceries, distributing winter clothes, supporting a holiday brunch for kids, and more.