

Things to Do

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Christmas Spectacular starring the Radio City Rockettes

Winter is coming!

All of your holiday faves are already open, so get there before the crowds do (Bah, humbug!). By *Dorkys Ramos*

“Holiday Express: Toys and Trains from the Jerni Collection”

Treat your inner child with a trip to see more than 300 model trains and antique handmade toys. Four large multimedia screens, theatrical lighting, and eight overhead choo choos make the immersive experience all the more magical.

→ New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West (212-873-3400, nyhistory.org). Opens Fri 28; \$6-\$20.

Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park

Enter NYC’s classic icy wonderland, with endless amenities to keep you in the spirit. After taking a splendid spin around the rink, stroll through the rows of holiday shops, strike through your Christmas shopping list, then hit up the Bryant Park Grill or food kiosks for some delicious bites by the ice.

→ 40th to 42nd St between Fifth and Sixth Aves (917-438-5166, bryantpark.org). Opens Sat 29; free.

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No matter how jaded of a New Yorker you are, there’s no way you won’t smile like a kid on Christmas morning when you see the high-kicking spectacle of the city’s iconic—and always joyful—holiday dancers. Just don’t try their moves at home.

→ Radio City Music Hall, 1260 Sixth Ave (rockettes.com). Opens Nov 11; \$49-\$250.

Union Square Holiday Market

This year’s pop-up features a warming station, a kids’ craft studio and live music along with a lineup of nearly 200 vendors selling jewelry, art and other gifts.

→ Union Square, 14th St to 17th St between Union Sq West and Park Ave South (212-529-9262, urbanspacenyc.com). Opens Nov 17; free.

“New York Botanical Garden Holiday Train Show”

The garden lights up with its collection of trains chugging along a nearly half-mile track through 150 miniature NYC landmarks made out of bark and other natural materials.

→ New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx (nybg.org). Opens Nov 19; \$8-\$25.

George Balanchine’s *The Nutcracker*

The beloved tale springs to life thanks to choreography by the New York City Ballet and larger-than-life stage effects and costuming.

→ David H. Koch Theater, 20 Lincoln Center Plaza (nycballet.com). Opens Nov 25; \$79-\$165.

Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting and Rink

Head to the rink now, and take your selfies while you can still get close to the beloved Swarovski-crystal-star-topped tree.

→ 45 Rockefeller Plaza (rockefellercenter.com). Nov 30 7-9pm; free.



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