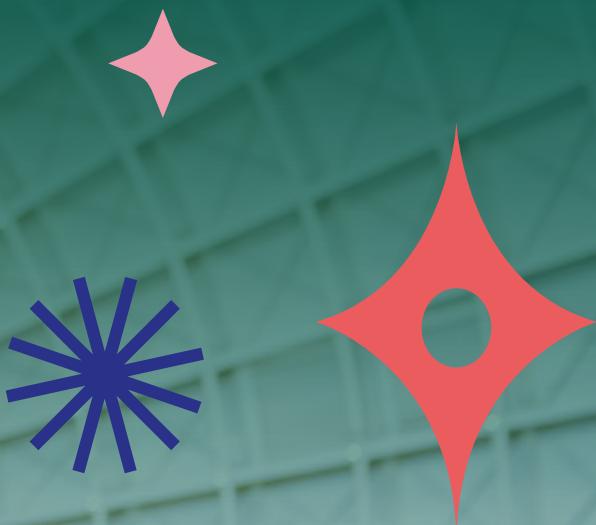


# WHAT'S ON

*Leeds  
Christmas Edition  
2025*



**A Magical  
Christmas**



# SHOWS

*Plenty to choose from*



City Varieties Music Hall c Ant Robling

Nov

**06-09**

## THE GINGERBREAD MAN, CARRIAGWORKS THEATRE

This fun-filled, feel-good show is the perfect start to the festive season for all the family. Produced by Leeds Children's Theatre for their 90th anniversary.

[Find out more](#)

Nov

**11-29**

## THE BOOK OF MORMON, LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

Nine-time Tony Award and four-time Olivier-winning Best Musical comes to Leeds. [Find out more](#)

Nov Jan  
**20-17**

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL, LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

Packed with festive fun, lively music, and a sprinkle of magic, this timeless classic is brought to life by the award-winning team at Leeds Playhouse.

[leedsplayhouse.org](#)

Nov Jan  
**21-04**

## SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME, CARRIAGWORKS THEATRE

This Christmas, the spellbinding story of Sleeping Beauty is brought to life by the Carriageworks Theatre pantomime. A Christmas tradition and family-favourite, expect a show packed with magic, music, and mayhem! [Find out more](#)

Nov Jan  
**28-11**

## ALADDIN: ROCK 'N' ROLL PANTO, CITY VARIETIES MUSIC HALL

This isn't your average Christmas pantomime – this is a Rock 'n' Roll Pantomime! A perfect blend of jokes, audience participation and a high-energy dukebox bursting with iconic rock and pop anthems. [leedsheritagetheatres.com](#)

Dec  
**02-13**

## MISS SAIGON, LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

Michael Harrison in association with Cameron Mackintosh presents the spectacular new production of Miss Saigon as Boublil and Schönberg's legendary musical is reborn.

[Find out more](#)

Dec  
**04-20** (Thurs to Sat only)

## LEEDS CHRISTMAS COMEDY SPECIALS, GLEE CLUB

Leeds Christmas Comedy Specials at The Glee Club offer you a superb atmosphere with four top stand-up comedians and an after party to keep celebrations going into the night. Prices, dates and times vary, so please check the website for more details. [glee.co.uk](#)



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*Leeds boasts four state-of-the-art theatres – Leeds Grand Theatre, City Varieties Music Hall, Leeds Playhouse and Carriageworks Theatre, offering a delightful choice of festive shows.*



Dec  
05



## MAMBO NAVIDAD, BRUDENELL SOCIAL CLUB

Leeds Latin music promoter DJ Lubi throws his final Brudenell show of 2025 and it's a big Christmas mambo/salsa/Cuban music party with the UK's premier mambo/salsa band – Orchestra Mambo International – playing live accompanied onstage by dancers. Plus DJs playing strictly vinyl salsa and Cuban sounds. [brudenellsocialclub.co.uk](http://brudenellsocialclub.co.uk)

Dec  
10–13

## THE BOOK OF DARKNESS & LIGHT PRESENT A CHRISTMAS CAROL, CARRIAGWORKS THEATRE

A ghostly adaptation of this most beloved festive classic, this production of the well-loved tale teases out the gothic aspects, presenting Dickens' remarkable story as you've never seen it before. [carriageworkstheatre.co.uk](http://carriageworkstheatre.co.uk)

Dec  
14–31



## CHRISTOPHER'S CHRISTMAS, CARRIAGWORKS THEATRE

A festive puppet show developed by Topsy Turvey Theatre for children aged two to seven, featuring a gang of guinea pigs out to save Christmas.

[Find out more](#)

Dec  
18



## JOOLS HOLLAND AND GUESTS, FIRST DIRECT BANK ARENA

Musical maestro Jools Holland and his revered Rhythm & Blues Orchestra along with special guests, will perform classics guaranteed to get you up and dancing. [firstdirectbankarena.com](http://firstdirectbankarena.com)

Dec  
06



## LEEDS PHILHARMONIC CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT, TEMPLE NEWSAM

Performing timeless Christmas carols and festive classics, this is a rare opportunity to enjoy live choral music in one of Leeds' most iconic heritage venues, the historic and beautifully decorated Temple Newsam House. [museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk](http://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk)

Dec  
13–14



## THE SNOWMAN AND THE SNOWDOG IN CONCERT, LEEDS CITY MUSEUM

Experience one of the world's best-loved and iconic animated films brought to life in spectacular fashion by the Leeds Conservatoire orchestra. [museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk](http://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk)

Dec  
17–18

## EMPORIO CURIOSO 2, LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

All the items in the mysterious Emporio Curio shop have a story to tell. Some stories are sad, some are happy. Some stories are scary; some will make you laugh. Presented by Bright Sparks Theatre Company, a Leeds based theatre company with a majority Learning Disabled cast. [leedsplayhouse.org.uk](http://leedsplayhouse.org.uk)

Dec Jan  
18–04



## NORTHERN BALLET'S THE NUTCRACKER, LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

Performed to Tchaikovsky's enduring score played live, David Nixon CBE's *The Nutcracker* awakens childlike imagination in us all. [leedsheritagetheatres.com](http://leedsheritagetheatres.com)

Dec  
29–30



## A WICKED WIZARD OF OZ CIRQUE SPECTACULAR, FIRST DIRECT BANK ARENA

From the producers of *Elf the Musical*, this festive panto features all the characters from *Wizard of Oz* along with high-flying acrobatics and all the thrills of the circus. [firstdirectbankarena.com](http://firstdirectbankarena.com)



Northern Ballet dancers in *The Nutcracker* c Kyle Baines



# MARKETS

*Bigger & brighter for 2025*



City Square Market c Chris Heaney

Nov Dec

**01–20** (Saturdays only)

## ARTSMIX CRAFT MARKETS, ALBION PLACE

This pop-up Makers market takes place every Saturday from 1 November to 20 December.

**1&2 Nov, 22 Nov\*, 20&21 Dec**

## LITTLE FOX CHARITY CRAFT FAIR, LEEDS CORN EXCHANGE

Little Fox Charity Craft Fair features a wide selection of arts and crafts along with a featured charity. \*(22 Nov at Kirkgate Market)



*For official and up to date information please go to [visitleeds.co.uk](http://visitleeds.co.uk)*

Nov

**08–11**

## CHRISTMAS MARKET, HAREWOOD HOUSE

This event, in partnership with Little Bird, will feature over 160 makers, crafters and producers set along the stunning North Park Walk in the grounds of Harewood House.

Nov Dec

**21–21**

## LEEDS OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS, CITY SQUARE & MILLENNIUM SQUARE

Leeds Christmas Markets return, with over 60 Christmas stalls taking over City Square, along with two themed bars serving festive cheer, with more stalls and a ski-bar at Millennium Square. Open Daily.



Nov Dec

**20–21**



## LITTLE BIRD ARTISAN MARKETS, BOND COURT

As part of the Leeds Christmas Markets, Little Bird Artisan Markets return to Bond Court every Thursday to Sunday from 20 November to 21 December.

Nov

**30**

## LEEDS WINTER MARKET, WEETWOOD HALL

This popular indoor winter market returns for its eighth year at the beautiful Weetwood Hall.



City Square Market c Chris Heaney

Dec

**07**

## KRAMPUS MARKET, THE KEY CLUB

Leeds indie markets present this alternative festive arts and crafts market, expect the dark, weird and wonderful.

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# EXPERIENCES

*Not to be missed*



Nov Jan  
**08-04**

## A GLITTERING INVITATION: HAREWOOD'S GRAND CHRISTMAS BALL, HAREWOOD HOUSE

A cherished tradition for visitors and staff alike, Christmas at Harewood is the perfect time to create festive memories that last a lifetime. The house and grounds will once again shimmer with Christmas splendour for this year's theme: A Glittering Invitation. [harewood.org](http://harewood.org)

Nov Dec  
**21-31**

## ICE CUBE AT CHRISTMAS, MILLENNIUM SQUARE

Featuring an outdoor ice-skating rink, family funfair, the Big Wheel, traditional Carousel as well as a Ski Bar and festive food and drink stalls. [icecubeleeds.co.uk](http://icecubeleeds.co.uk)



Nov Dec  
**17-24**

## NORTHERN LIGHTS LEEDS, TEMPLE NEWSAM

An adventure through fourteen themed illumination zones, on a one mile walk with tasty pit stops along the way. Plus a Christmas Village full of cracking local food, delicious drinks and plenty of festive cheer.

[northernlightsleeds.com](http://northernlightsleeds.com)



Nov Dec  
**21–31**



## THE CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE, STOCKELD PARK

Step into the magic of Christmas with a dazzling Christmas light show, Santa's Grotto, live theatre and festive ice-skating.

[stockeldpark.co.uk](http://stockeldpark.co.uk)

Nov Jan  
**22–04**



## THE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE, LOTHERTON

Explore the festive wonder of Lotherton's beautifully decorated hall and grounds, with enchanted trails, crafts, toasted marshmallows, weekend magic shows at the Elf Village and of course the chance to meet Santa and Mrs Claus. [thechristmasexperience.co.uk](http://thechristmasexperience.co.uk)

Dec  
**06–20** (Sat & Sun only)



## CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL, TEMPLE NEWSAM



Discover over 25 uniquely decorated Christmas trees around Temple Newsam House, including one of the largest indoor trees in Leeds. Available on Saturdays and Sundays through December.

[museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk](http://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk)

Dec  
**12–24**



## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, HYDE PARK PICTURE HOUSE

Hyde Park Picture House presents Frank Capra's perennial festive favourite starring James Stewart as a desperate man offered salvation by his guardian angel. Selected dates and times.

[hpph.co.uk](http://hpph.co.uk)

Dec  
**15–19**

## BOAR LANE CAROLS, HOLY TRINITY

Five festive nights of carol sing-alongs and live performances of Christmas faves along with food and drink from top local independents including Kirkstall Brewery, Friends of Ham and Doh'hut. [boarlane.church](http://boarlane.church)



## SANTA

Santa and his elves are visiting several locations in Leeds this Christmas, bringing gifts and festive cheer.

### 22 Nov – 24 Dec:

Santa's North Pole, Lotherton  
[thechristmensexperience.co.uk](http://thechristmensexperience.co.uk)

### 22 Nov – 24 Dec:

Santa's Cabin, Merrion Centre  
Selected dates and times only.  
[merrioncentre.co.uk](http://merrioncentre.co.uk)

### 29 Nov – 24 Dec\*:

Father Christmas Experience,  
Harewood House  
\*29 Nov to 21 Dec weekends only,  
then 22 to 24 every day  
[harewood.org](http://harewood.org)

### 29 Nov – 23 Dec\*:

Father Christmas Express,  
Middleton Railway  
\*Selected dates only  
[middletonrailway.org.uk](http://middletonrailway.org.uk)

### 6 Dec – 14 Dec\*:

Festive Tea with Santa, The Mansion  
\*Sat & Sun only  
[leedsinspired.co.uk](http://leedsinspired.co.uk)

### 12 Dec – 14 Dec:

Santa's Tea Party, John Lewis  
[johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com)



Father Christmas Experience, Harewood House Trust c Tom Arber

## ACCESSIBLE CHRISTMAS IN LEEDS

From relaxed visits with Father Christmas to accessible ice-skating at Millennium Square, Leeds is full of magical, accessible, festive experiences for everyone.

[Find out more](#)

## CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS, LEEDS CITY MUSEUM, LEEDS CATHEDRAL AND LEEDS MINSTER

Enjoy a multi-sensory experience with orchestral performances by the glow of candlelight in some of Leeds landmark heritage buildings. [feverup.com](http://feverup.com)

**02 December:** A Bublé Christmas, Leeds Minster

**15 December:** Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas, Leeds Cathedral

**17 December:** ABBA Christmas, Leeds Minster

**19 December:** Christmas Classics, Leeds City Museum

**19 December:** Christmas Hits, Leeds Minster

## LEEDS

We're a city that loves to entertain, with a jam-packed event programme all year round. Please note that the information contained in this document isn't an exhaustive list of the events in the annual Leeds calendar. To find out more about all the events taking place in Leeds this year, please visit: [visitleeds.co.uk/whats-on](http://visitleeds.co.uk/whats-on)

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