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## WRAP UP THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN THE CLE

*Destination Cleveland offers ideas for Clevelanders to enjoy the end of the winter holiday season*

**CLEVELAND** (Dec. 15, 2021) – Before Clevelanders say so long to 2021 and welcome a new year, there’s still some festive fun to enjoy. Whether it’s wrapping up that last-minute shopping, celebrating Kwanzaa with the Cleveland community or making new winter memories with the family, Destination Cleveland encourages residents to make the most of the fleeting holiday season.

**HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT:** *Safety protocols vary by venue and, in some cases, by event at venues. Residents are encouraged to review both venue and event-specific protocols before arriving at an event.*

### SHOPPING LOCAL AT THE LAST MINUTE

Christmas is creeping up, but there’s still time for residents looking to give the gift of local this holiday season. Whether it’s a gift from a local maker or a uniquely Cleveland experience, now is the time to finish that last-minute shopping while supporting local businesses.

#### Holiday Market at the Screw Factory

Nearly 100 artists and makers will fill The Lake Erie Building, better known as the “Screw Factory,” in Lakewood for a [Holiday Market](#) the weekend before Christmas. Shoppers can peruse pottery, photography, leatherwork, sweet treats and much more as they check all those tough-to-buy-for people off their list.

- *Friday, Dec. 17, 6-10 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.*
- *Screw Factory Artists’ Studios, 13000 Athens Ave., Lakewood*

#### CLE Holiday Market

Twenty-five vendors will be on hand for the last weekend of the [CLE Holiday Market](#) pop-up at The West Side Irish American Club in Olmsted Township. The event also features food, a cash bar and a “Sugar Plum Shop” where children can pick out their own gifts for their friends and family.

- *Friday, Dec. 17, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18, 12-8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 19, 12-5 p.m.*
- *West Side Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Township*

#### Home for the Holidays Pop-Up

Now in its sixth year, this shop pops up in a different brick and mortar space every holiday season and features a collection of goods from local artists, makers and small-batch food makers. From Cleveland sports-themed items and local artwork to hot cocoa bombs and cocktail mixers, it’s the perfect stop to check a few people off that holiday list. Clevelanders can also peruse [online](#) for in-store pick-up.

- *Open through Dec. 23: Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed Mondays.*
- *17010 Madison Ave., Lakewood*

### **La Cosecha Galeria Holiday Market**

The holiday market at [La Cosecha Galeria](#) features new vendors every Friday through Christmas Eve. The art gallery in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood aims to bring together a diversity of people and art and will offer handmade crafts, sculptures, painting, books and other unique items, as well as food and drinks.

- *Friday, Dec. 17 and Dec. 24, 4-8 p.m.*
- *4490 Pearl Rd., Cleveland*

### **Made Cleveland Pop-Up Shop**

With more than 60 vendors selling home goods, specialty foods, clothing and more, [Made Cleveland's holiday pop-up](#) in the Coventry Village district of Cleveland Heights is a great stop for last-minute shopping. Shoppers can also enjoy live glass blowing demonstrations from [Larchmere Fire Works](#). An [online shop](#) is available for those looking to finish their holiday shopping from the comfort of their couch.

- *Hours: 12-7 p.m. daily through Dec. 23*
- *1807 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Heights*

### **Show some CLE pride**

Clevelanders wear their pride on their sleeve – literally, and Cleveland has the t-shirt shops to prove it. Whether shopping in-store or browsing online selections, places like [CLE Clothing Co.](#), [GV Art and Design](#) or [We Bleed Ohio](#) are the perfect choice for locals looking to share their love of #TheLand with friends and family this holiday season.

### **Gift a Cleveland experience**

For a gift that shares the Cleveland love all year long, a membership to one of the city's world-class attractions is the perfect fit. [The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo](#), [Greater Cleveland Aquarium](#) or [Great Lakes Science Center](#) are great choices for families, while tickets for the [2022 Blossom Music Festival](#) or membership to the [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame](#) are sure to be a hit with music lovers.

## **KWANZAA IN CLEVELAND**

The day after Christmas marks the first day of [Kwanzaa](#), a seven-day celebration of African American culture, with each day representing a different principle. While many families choose to celebrate at home, there are a few options for Clevelanders looking to share the holiday with the community.

### **Museum of Contemporary Art**

[The Museum of Contemporary Art](#) (MOCA) and Greater Cleveland Kwanzaa Alliance will host a program to celebrate the beginning of Kwanzaa and the first principle of umoja, or unity. The event will include a candle lighting, entertainment, storytelling and a craft activity for families. Attendees will also have a chance to tour the museum's current exhibits.

- *Sunday, Dec. 26, 1-4 p.m.*
- *Museum of Contemporary Art, 11400 Euclid Ave., Cleveland*

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### **Karamu House**

The fourth principle of Kwanzaa, ujamaa, or cooperative economics, will be the focus of an event at [Karamu House](#) on Dec. 29. “Prosperity: Celebrating + Activating Black Wealth” invites youth and young adults to discuss the building blocks for entrepreneurship and financial education. The event will also include a performance from Karamu Arts Academy and youth vendors.

- *Wednesday, Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m.*
- *Karamu House, 2355 E 89<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland*

### **WINTER FAMILY FUN**

Families looking to keep the fun flowing after the holidays wrap up have plenty of options for winter break.

### **The RainForest at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**

Families can feel like they’ve taken a tropical getaway without leaving The Land by paying a visit to The RainForest at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The RainForest stays a cozy 80 degrees year-round, making it the perfect place to escape when the cold sets in and the flakes start flying.

- *Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day)*
- *3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland*
- *Advance tickets available [online](#)*

### **Great Lakes Science Center camps**

For budding scientists looking to keep their skills sharp, [Great Lakes Science Center](#) will offer a variety of student camps over the holiday break. Themes include animal science, robots and even a spy camp that will use technology and science to crack mini mysteries. Campers can join for just one day or sign up for a full week of science fun.

- *Dec. 20-23 and Dec. 27-31*
- *\$59 per day (\$50 for members); discounts for siblings*
- *Full camp descriptions and registration available [online](#)*

### **Sports in the CLE**

There’s no shortage of sporting events to keep Clevelanders busy over the holiday break. [The Cavaliers](#) will take the court at home on Dec. 26 and New Year’s Eve, while the G-League [Cleveland Charge](#) will be at Wolstein Center Dec. 17, 27 and 29. Hockey fans can catch the [Cleveland Monsters](#) at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse on Dec. 27. And, for those who don’t care about the score and just want to see some cool moves, [The Harlem Globetrotters](#) will be in town on Dec. 28.

### **Outdoor excitement**

There’s an abundance of options for Clevelanders ready to bundle up for an outdoor excursion. Families can hit the toboggan chutes at [The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation](#) or lace up their skates at the rinks at [Public Square](#) or [Wade Oval](#) and make the most of the winter weather in The Land.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Cleveland Visitors Center will operate under special hours the weeks of Christmas and New Year’s.

- *Week of Christmas: Dec. 21: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 22-23: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

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- The Cleveland Visitors Center will be closed from Dec. 24 - Jan. 3. Visitor services available via phone, live chat and email, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 27-30.

DON'T FORGET: Destination Cleveland's Concierge Team is available to help residents and their visiting family and friends explore the region. Contact the team via email ([cleconciierge@destinationcle.org](mailto:cleconciierge@destinationcle.org)), live chat at [thisiscleveland.com](https://thisiscleveland.com), or stop at the Cleveland Visitors Center (334 Euclid Ave., Cleveland) Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. when regular hours resume in January for planning assistance.

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