

## HOLIDAY-THEMED

# Ideas + Attractions

**A Christmas Story House** is now restored to its movie glory. Also visit the official A Christmas Story House Museum, featuring original props, costumes and memorabilia from the 1983 film, as well as rare, behind-the-scenes photos and a gift shop! Open year round. **Contact:** Steve Siedlecki, 216.298.4919. [www.achristmasstoryhouse.com](http://www.achristmasstoryhouse.com)



**Cleveland Botanical Garden** is transformed into a gingerbread fantasyland with whimsical gingerbread houses, shimmering lights, decorated trees and other holiday accents. **Contact:** Patrick Evans, 216.707.2834. [www.cbgarden.org](http://www.cbgarden.org)

The **Cleveland Orchestra** is voted one of the top ten in the world! Take in their acclaimed sound at one of the many holiday concert performances. **Contact:** Deidre McPherson, 216.231.7493. [www.clevelandorchestra.com](http://www.clevelandorchestra.com)

**Cleveland POPS Orchestra** Take in *The Pops Annual Holiday Matinee* or the festive 16th annual New Year's Eve Concert + Dance. Enjoy celebrations from around the world with guest performances. **Contact:** Gordon Pettit, 216.765.7677. [www.clevelandpops.com](http://www.clevelandpops.com)



**Great Lakes Theater Festival's** annual holiday classic, is *A Christmas Carol*. Open your heart to Charles Dickens' tale of one man's ultimate redemption. Select dates at the Ohio Theatre at PlayhouseSquare in

downtown Cleveland. December 2012. **Contact:** Chris Fornadel, 216.241.5490 ext. 302. [www.greatlakestheater.org](http://www.greatlakestheater.org)

**Ghostly Manor Thrill Center** Take a trip to the North Pole in the Christmas Wonderland 3D Family Walk-Thru and view the 5th Annual Christmas Light Show. **Contact:** Jayme Criscione, 419.626.4467. [www.ghostlymanor.com](http://www.ghostlymanor.com)

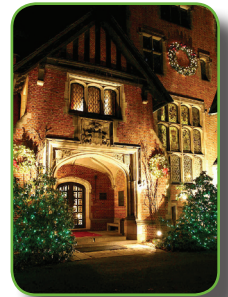
**Historic Kirtland Temple and Historic Kirtland's 10th Annual "Wise Men Still Seek Him Nativity Exhibit"** Voted one of ABA's Top 100 Events in North America! **Contact:** Ron Romig, 440.256.1830. [www.kirtlandtemple.org](http://www.kirtlandtemple.org)

**Karamu House Black Nativity** is a holiday favorite of the Nativity story told with foot tapping music, glorious singing and joyful dance. Select dates December 2012. **Contact:** Vivian Wilson, 216.795.7070 ext. 215. [www.karamu.com](http://www.karamu.com)

**Lake Metroparks Farmpark** celebrates the season with **Country Lights**. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride through a winter wonderland trimmed with thousands of holiday lights and farm-themed displays. Tickets must be purchased well in advance. **Contact:** Amy Kapostasy, 800.366.3276. [www.lakemetroparks.com](http://www.lakemetroparks.com)

**Progressive Field Snow Days** The first of its kind, Snow Days is a family-friendly wintertime-themed adventure park featuring snow tubing and ice skating right on the field! **Contact:** Jackie Plys, 216.420.4162. [www.indians.com](http://www.indians.com)

**Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens,** the 65-room historic mansion that was once home to the F.A. Seiberling family, co-founder of Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Akron, Ohio. **Deck the Hall** is an annual holiday celebration. Enjoy a unique approach to a Victorian Christmas experience. This features a spectacular holiday décor and more than 500,000 lights. Opens November 2012. **Contact:** Pamela Courier at 330.315.3284. [www.stanhywet.org](http://www.stanhywet.org)



**University Circle's The Rink at Wade Oval,** the only outdoor ice skating rink in Cleveland. Free admission, skate rental fee. Seasonal. **Contact:** Sheila Obrycki, 216.707.5035. [www.universitycircle.org](http://www.universitycircle.org)

**Winterfest** The Cleveland holiday season begins each year in Public Square with the Cleveland Winterfest, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The day-long event features live music, kid's activities and ends with fireworks and the lighting of the holiday decorations around the square. **Contact:** Lisa Krieger, 216.736.7799. [lkrieger@dcacleveland.net](mailto:lkrieger@dcacleveland.net)

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# 2012 Cleveland Holiday Day Trip Suggested Itinerary

- 10am** Arrive at **Stan Hywet Hall**, mansion of Akron rubber baron F. A. Seiberling. The manor house will be festively decorated for holidays. Tour the gaily bedecked greenhouse conservatory, the festive mansion and twinkling outdoor lights.
- Noon** Lunch at **Lockkeepers** restaurant in beautiful Valley View, en route to Cleveland.
- 1:30pm** Depart for Cleveland.
- 2pm** Arrive at **Cleveland Botanical Garden and Glasshouse**. Tour gingerbread house display.
- 3:30pm** Depart for **Christmas Story House & Museum**.
- 4pm** Tour house, museum and gift shop.
- 5pm** Depart for dinner.
- 5:15pm** Dinner at a group friendly restaurant: **Nighttown, Guarino's, John Q's, House of Blues** or **The Chocolate Bar**.
- 6:45pm** Depart for **The Cleveland Orchestra** at the historic and festive Severance Hall.
- 7:30pm** See one of the many concerts offered during the **Cleveland Orchestra's** Annual Holiday Festival in December.
- 9:30pm** Depart for home, dreaming of sugar plum fairies and Positively Cleveland!



**Free assistance with itinerary planning, restaurant and shopping ideas and hotel accommodations.**