

Best Places To Find Santa in the Valley

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The Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort



Santa is coming to a winter resort in the desert! The Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort is transforming its Falls Water Village, which features expansive pools with cabanas and waterfalls, into a poolside winter wonderland filled with holiday cheer. Guests are invited to indulge in holiday sweets and warm hot chocolate while strolling through a festive village with holiday-themed activities and treats. For the little ones, kids cookie decorating, putt-putt golf, and arts & crafts will be offered. Children will get a chance to meet Santa Claus and pose for a photo with him. The Festival benefits St. Mary's Food Bank, so for admission, guests are asked to bring two cans of food or \$5. Visit their website [here](#) for more information.

Zoolights at The Phoenix Zoo



Santa is on his way to the Phoenix Zoo this year! Take a photo with Santa during Zoolights near the carousel. He will be all dressed up and ready to visit with kids from either 6 - 10 p.m. or 6 - 11 p.m. on various dates. You can find the listing of days Santa will be there on the Phoenix Zoo's website, phoenixzoo.org. There are also a variety of fun events and rides the Zoolights offers, so after a visit with Santa there are many other options for the entire family to do!

Santa Spirit Event



Dec. 7, 1 - 3 p.m.

Look forward to seeing Santa at Scottsdale Fashion Square this holiday season. Children of all ages are welcome to join for this indoor holiday festival. Not only will Santa be there, but there will be sing-a-longs led by Mrs. Claus and fun activities for the entire family. This event will also offer refreshments, giveaways, and special offers that can't be missed! In addition, you can enter to win a Surface tablet from Microsoft. Santa Spirit Event is free to the public and there will be charitable giving opportunities to benefit Ryan House.

Winter Wonderland in Glendale

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Santa will be taking photos from 7 - 9 p.m. through December 24 at the Winter Wonderland at Westgate Entertainment District. The District will have snowfall and a snow show near Fountain Park. There will also be ice skating available, and horse-drawn carriages during the weekend. For a small fee, kids can pose with Santa and have their picture taken with a beautiful winter-themed backdrop. Pricing for photo packages vary. You can see the schedule of Santa appearances and find more information on pricing online [here](#).

Miracle on Main Street



Kierland Commons is buzzing with activity as they get into the holiday spirit. On Saturdays throughout December, you can visit Santa and take pictures with him while enjoying live festive music. Mrs. Claus is also joining the celebrations with her storytelling, every hour on the half from 3:30-5:30 p.m. When the sun begins to set, The Boys and Girls Club of Scottsdale will set up Gourmet S'mores Stations, which can be enjoyed while admiring the snowfall in the plaza. There will also be nighttime horse-drawn carriage rides. For photo pricing and event details, click [here](#).