

Best Places to See Christmas Lights in Phoenix

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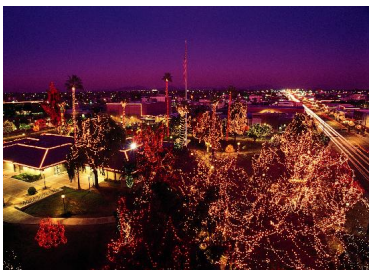
With Christmas spirit in full swing, the community is bustling with life. One of the better-known holiday icons are the Christmas lights. Here is a roundup of our favorite light displays in the Phoenix area.

Festival of Lights

Ahwatukee Desert Foothills Park, Nov. 30-Jan. 1

With more than one million lights illuminating Chandler Boulevard, Ahwatukee is one of the brightest areas for Christmas light sightings. This attraction is one you will not want to miss, drawing over 20,000 people to scope the scene. Admission is free for all ages.

<http://www.folaz.org>



Glendale Glitters

Downtown Glendale, Dec. 13-14

Imagine 1.5 million lights decorating more than 16 blocks of downtown Glendale. The glittering city of Glendale is just that this year and has grown to be the largest light display in Arizona with free admission. This spectacular light show was also named the Best Kid Event in the state last year.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/Glitters/index.cfm>

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

Scottsdale, Dec. 13-Jan. 4

The unique train ride offers a festive journey through the railroad park to admire a lighted Christmas tree and an array of lights throughout the park. Santa will also be attending this event for further entertainment. Tickets start at \$2 each for children under three.

<http://www.therailroadpark.com/events>

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Mesa Temple Garden Lights

Mesa Temple Garden, Nov.29th- December 1st

Mesa Temple Garden recreates the nativity scene in Christmas lights. Enjoy thousands of illuminated lights as they decorate palm trees and adorn Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. A recorded message will be playing as well for the full effect of what Christmas spirit is all about. This event is free of charge for all ages, religious practices, and families.

<http://www.mesachristmaslights.com/>

Santos Christmas House Display

Residence, Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 6-10:30 p.m.

Music, inflatables, multiple Christmas scenes, and of course, Santa Claus himself on site! Enjoy the annual holiday spirit at the Santos' house. The neighborhood is bustling with this incredible setup.

<http://www.azpaths.com/features/christmas-lights.php>



Phoenix ZooLights

Through Jan. 6

Fun for the whole family, this longtime beloved Phoenix event captures the holiday spirit once again with its newest attraction: Music in Motion featuring "Wizards in Winter" but Trans-Siberian Orchestra synchronized to 15,000 lights.

www.phoenixzoo.org