

Top 10 Christmas Lights Shows in Phoenix 2012

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The dancing lights synced with music, the extravagant scenic garage displays and the neighborhood streets blocked off for foot traffic—it's Christmas time in the Valley again.

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Phoenix Zoo Lights

Get into the holiday spirit this season by visiting the variety of homes, businesses and parks across the Valley that offer thousands of twinkling light displays to the public. So grab your coat, some hot chocolate and bring the whole family to check out our recommendations for the top 10 Christmas light displays in the Valley.

1) Our first stop on the Christmas light tour is the **Arizona Celebration of Lights** display. With more than seven million lights and 300 animated and still displays, this site is sure to give anyone the Christmas light bug. Visitors also enjoy the lights in a drive-through experience.

Information: The site is located at: 5001 N. 99th Avenue. Now through Jan. 3. www.azcelebrationoflights.com.

2) Next on the list for the light-goers are the ever-so-popular lights that dance to music. The dancing light displays are an interactive and creative way for visitor's to view the lights. Check out this **Scottsdale family's home** with 40,000 lights and 96 displays that dance the night away to your favorite Christmas music.

Information: The site is located at: 5327 E. Grandview Rd, Scottsdale. www.rubinochristmas.com

3) For those who like to hit multiple light displays in one place, **Loop of Lights** display is the place to go. With 85 homes decorated everywhere from the traditional light displays to entire houses covered in glittering lights and Christmas garb, the loop has the perfect variety. Loop of Lights also offers hayrides, a light parade on Dec. 15, and an appearance from Santa.

Information: Waverly Subdivision at Pecan Creek, South San Tan Valley. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 1 to Dec. 25. www.loopoflights.com.

4) With its 1.5 million lights displayed throughout 16 blocks, **Glendale Glitters** is the perfect light display for the entire family. The site offers a different theme every weekend over six weeks. Glendale Glitters is fun for the whole family with live music, arts and crafts and horse drawn carriage rides

Information: The site is located at: 58th and Glendale avenues. Now through Jan. 12. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. every night. www.glendaleaz.com/events



Glendale Glitters

5) **The Phoenix Zoo** transforms into a winter wonderland with its annual holiday light display. Its new show, Music in Motion show, features 15,000 dancing lights. The zoo is also featuring other new light displays that one should not miss.

Information: The site is located at: 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix. Now through Jan. 6. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. www.phoenixzoo.org.

6) Who said all lights have to be on land? At the **Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade** in Tempe, visitors can view the light display as they sail on by. The event will have more 61 twinkling boats, a firework show and an appearance from Santa.

Information: The site is located at: 80 West Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe. Dec. 8. www.millavenue.com/entertainment-and-events/fantasyoflights

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7) **Forever Living Products International Inc.** in Scottsdale offers a light display with nearly a million lights. The lights decorate the building, which overlooks Camelback Lake.

Information: 7501 E. McCormick, Scottsdale.

8) **Mesa Arizona Temple Gardens Christmas Light Celebration** is back for its 33rd season. This traditional display features thousands of lights, with glittering palm trees, and nativity scenes. Light-goers will not want to miss out on this spectacular display.

Information: The site is located at: 525 East Main Street, Mesa. Now through Dec. 31. 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. www.mesachristmaslights.com.

9) Take a ride on the Christmas train at **McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park** Holiday lights display. Visitors can ride on the train at the park and view thousands of twinkling colorful lights and holiday displays.

Information: The site is located at: Dec. 14 through Jan. 15. 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information visit: 7301 East Indian Bend, Scottsdale. www.therailroadpark.com/events

10) Our last stop on the Christmas light tour is the **Desert Botanical Garden's Las Noches de las Luminarias**. Watch as the garden comes to life with more than 8,000 luminaria bags and thousands of other lights.

Information: The site is located at: 1201 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix. Now through Dec. 30. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. www.dbg.org.



Las Noches de las Luminarias