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2017

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A-Z Festival Guide

A Welcome from Winterval

Welcome to Waterford, Ireland's Christmas capital.

From November 17th to December 23rd, Ireland's oldest city transforms into a magical winter wonderland. Throughout Winterval, the renowned Viking Triangle and the retail heart of the city come to life with Christmas markets, Santa's Kingdom, Winterval illuminates spectacular light show, a new bigger ice rink at Winterval on Ice and so much more for young and old alike.

We look forward this year to welcoming new and returning visitors to Winterval and Waterford City.

Nick Donnelly

Winterval Voluntary Committee Chair

Booking is now open for the Winterval Express Train, Santa's Kingdom, Winterval on Ice and the Horse-Drawn Sleigh. You can book online at Winterval.ie, in person at our Box Office in the Theatre Royal or by phone at 0761 102764. Early booking is advised as events sell out quickly.

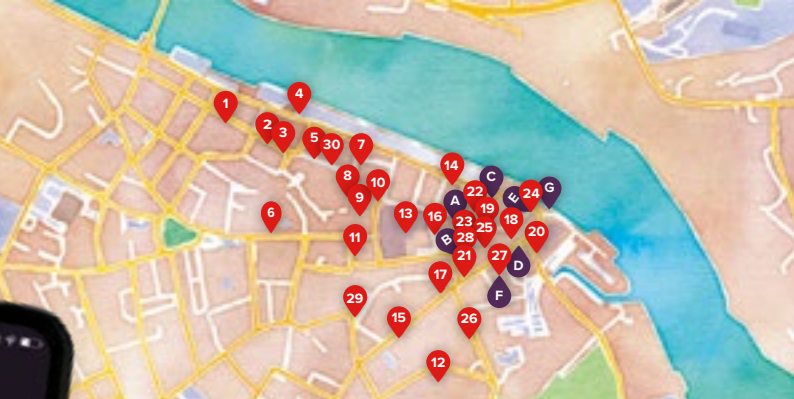
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for most up to date info check our app





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The Apple Market Winter Village

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**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: The Apple Market

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV- 31 DEC Mon - Wed 12:00 - 18:00
Thurs - Sat 12:00 - 22:00

The Apple Market is transformed into a Winter Village with festive lights, giant Christmas tree, interactive snowball fights, Santa's giant post box and live entertainment.

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All That Glistens

on The Mall with Spraoi

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: The Mall

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: 9 DEC - 10 DEC, 17:00 to 20:00 each evening

An exciting addition to this year's programme, Spraoi on The Mall will feature at Winterval. Audiences will be treated to two evenings of seasonal magic, experiences and attractions on The Mall, (December 9th and 10th). It's going to be a fantastic walk-about environment of light, sound, imagery and performance, a perfect family night-out at Winterval 2017.

Cartamundi Giving Tree



FREE

LOCATION: George's Court
Shopping Centre

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: George's Court Opening Hours 17 NOV - 24 DEC

Make your own Christmas decoration for The Cartamundi Giving Tree and bring it into George's Court to hang up! For every decoration, Cartamundi will donate a toy or game to the St Vincent de Paul.



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Children's Grouplink

LOCATION: Former Bank of Ireland,
Parnell Street. Access from Parnell
Street or The Apple Market

PRICE: €3pp or
€10 for a Family of 4

DATES & TIMES: Opening 24 NOV
Open FRI 17:00 - 19:00 | SAT and SUN 14:00 - 19:00

Children's Grouplink returns with the vortex and delivers their own twist on Christmas where you will meet Minions, have fun in the Lego room and with their robots.

Christmas Carousel

LOCATION: John Roberts
Square

PRICE: Mon to Thur €2.00
Fri to Sun €2.50

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 07 JAN 10:30 to 20:00

Golden Gallopers are a festival favourite for young and old alike!



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Christmas Crib



FREE

LOCATION: Barronstrand Street

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 07 JAN

Christmas Day in Central Library

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: Central Library,
Lady Lane

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 14 DEC at 11:00

Christmas carols by Bealtaine Library Choir. All welcome. Hosted by the Waterford Europe Direct Information helping communities celebrate Christmas traditions throughout Europe.



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Christmas Markets

**FREE**

LOCATION: Cathedral Square/
Palace Square/ Arundel Square

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates

Be tempted by the yummy treats and search for that unique Christmas present handcrafted in Waterford.

Dulcet Vocal Trio present WOW!

**NEW**

LOCATION: St Patrick's
Gateway Centre, Patrick Street

PRICE: €10 in aid of The Solas Centre. Price includes Festive mulled wine and mince pies

DATES & TIMES: 08 DEC at 20:00

Tickets available at City Square Jewellery Repairs.

Dulcet, vocal trio present "WOW!", an evening of music, song and the spoken word performed by Women of Waterford in support of Solas Centre.

Elves Workshop

LOCATION: Lombard Street
(Side of The Tower Hotel)

PRICE: Admission €5 per
child/person. Family of 4 €15.

DATES & TIMES: 24 NOV - 17 DEC (Weekends only)

Fri 17:00-20:00 | Sat 10:00-18:00 (Closed 13:00-14:00) | SUN 13:00-18:00

Become an elf and make cookies, art and crafts, help prepare the orders and visit Santa's bedroom. Come for a festive fun and an unforgettable, unique Christmas experience run by Irish Red Cross Waterford youth.

Giant Snow Globe

NEW

LOCATION: George's Court
Shopping Centre

PRICE: €12 includes a souvenir
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DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 24 DEC George's Court opening hours

Don't miss the chance to have a festive family portrait taken in our in our giant family size indoor snow globe!



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Greyfriars Municipal Art Gallery

FREE



LOCATION: Greyfriars Municipal
Art Gallery, Greyfriars

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 16 NOV - 23 DEC Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 – 17:00

Greyfriars will host two exhibitions during Winterval. Five Artists from the Waterford Collection and The Magnificent Seven featuring masterpieces from the Waterford Municipal Art Collection.



Handel's Messiah



NEW

LOCATION: St John's Church,
Parnell Street

PRICE: €15 tickets available from
the Theatre Royal

DATES & TIMES: 3 DEC at 19:30

Helter Skelter

LOCATION: Palace Square

PRICE: €2

DATES & TIMES: Winterval Dates

The Helter Skelter is an iconic Winterval attraction offering a bird's eye view of the festival before you whizz down the slide.

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Horse Drawn Sleigh

LOCATION: House of Waterford
Crystal, The Mall

PRICE: Adults €7, Children €6.
Group rates available on request 20+
Book on winterval.ie

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates. Departs every 30 minutes.

Enjoy a trip across the city and through the heart of Winterval on our festive horse drawn sleigh. On your journey take in the Christmas markets and carousel in John Roberts Square, the fabulous new Apple Market and onto Winterval on Ice on the Waterside.

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House of Waterford Crystal Christmas Music Series

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: House of Waterford Crystal

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: Commences 25-26 NOV. Final weekend 16-17 DEC. Sat and Sun 13:00 - 15:00

Experience the magic of Christmas with many of Waterford's local artists and choirs including piano recitals.

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Lion's Club Carol Concert

**FREE**

LOCATION: Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 16 DEC at 16:00

Doors open at 14:30 and patrons are encouraged to arrive early as seating is limited.

Mini Carousel

LOCATION: John Roberts Square

PRICE: €2

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 23 DEC

Polish Christmas

**FREE**

LOCATION: 17-18 O'Connell Street

PRICE: Entry is FREE

Arts & Crafts Workshops €6pp

Ginger Bread Cooking Classes €10pp

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates

Mon-Fri 15:00-18:00, Sat 13:00-18:00, Sun 12:00-18:00

The Polish community in Waterford invites you to this unique venue for their delightful arts, crafts and gingerbread workshops.

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Post Box at City Square

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: City Square Shopping Centre

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 23 DEC. City Square opening hours

Post scheduled to be picked up by WAMA @ 16:15 every Saturday and Sunday.



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Rotary Christmas Tree

**FREE**

LOCATION: John Roberts Square

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: DEC 8 - DEC 23

Waterford Rotary Club Memorial Christmas tree appeal in support of Waterford Hospice is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Visit the tree with a special memorial bow this Christmas.



Santa's Giant Post Box by WAMA

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: The Apple Market

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: Every Saturday and Sunday at 16:30

This year Winterval has Ireland's (and maybe even the world's) biggest post box and we need all the children to post their special letters to Santa.



Santa's Kingdom



NEW

LOCATION: Old Sorting Office, Custom House Quay

PRICE: €16.50 per child accompanied by up to two adults
€5.00 for each additional adult.

DATES & TIMES: Check winterval.ie. Booking essential.

While Mam and Dad relax and have a coffee the kids will be immersed in a huge range of activities that will keep those excited minds busy while they wait to see the man himself. There is lots to see and do and best of all there is never a boring queue!



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Secret Santa Workshop

NEW **FREE**

LOCATION: Garter Lane Studios, No. 5 O'Connell Street (up the staircase beside Delaney's Florist).

PRICE: Places are free but pre-booking is essential:
www.garterlane.ie / 051 855038

DATES & TIMES: 7 DEC 16:00-17:00

After-school Christmas craft workshop for children aged 7+ years with artist Nicola Chestnut.



Shopping in Waterford, Black Friday Weekend



NEW **FREE**

LOCATION: Waterford City Centre/John Roberts Square/Barronstrand St

DATES & TIMES: 24 NOV FRI 16:00 to 19:00 – 26 NOV SUN

Come and help us celebrate Christmas shopping in Waterford on Black Friday 24th November with Beat 102 103.

There will be lots of vouchers and giveaways to win and 100 goody bags worth over €100 each to be given out, as well as a Cadburys Selection box giveaway and one lucky person will win €1000 spending money!

The Trinity Gospel Choir will sing after the outside broadcast at 7pm to give a festive feel and it's Black Friday Weekend with huge promotions and discounts all over the City. On Sunday, City Square Shopping Centre will have a visit from Santa Claus to finish the weekend up, tune in to Beat 102 103 for more details! #Shoplocal

SS Coningbeg Formby Centenary

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: Various

PRICE: FREE. See winterval.ie events for more information.

DATES & TIMES: 15 - 16 DEC

This commemoration is to highlight Waterford's shipping history during WWI and more importantly the lives and stories of those involved in the tragedy.

Story Telling

FREE

LOCATION: Reginald's Tower

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates

12:00, 14:00 and 16:00

Come along to the iconic Reginald's Tower at the heart of the Viking Triangle to enjoy stories of Waterford's great history with a little bit of Christmas thrown into the mix!



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Swing Boats

LOCATION: Arundel Square

PRICE: €2

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates

Ted's Toddler Tinsel Tea Party

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: Central Library,
Lady Lane

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: 19 DEC 11:00-12:00

Come along to Central Library, Lady Lane and enjoy a festive tea party with Ted, the Central Library mascot.

Bring along your own teddy to join the fun and wear your sparkliest tinsel as we celebrate with tea and toddler friendly treats.

Three Wise Men



FREE

LOCATION: High Street

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 23 DEC

Toddlers' Chill Out Zone



NEW

FREE

LOCATION: House of Waterford
Crystal

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates.

If the little ones need a break from enjoying Winterval, stop off in our toddlers' chill out area. Suitable for under 5s.



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Vintage Ferris Wheel

LOCATION: House of Waterford
Crystal Plaza

PRICE: €2.50

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates.

Winterval's original Ferris Wheel returns to the House of Waterford Crystal Plaza and offers a great view of Winterval's Christmas markets in the Viking Triangle.



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Waterford Country Market

FREE

LOCATION: St Olaf's Hall

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: Every Fri 8:00-15:00, Fri 15 Dec 8:00-19:00
Fri 22 DEC 8:00-19:00, Sat 23 DEC 11:00-19:00

Waterford Crafts Christmas Fair



FREE

LOCATION: Garter Lane Arts Centre

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: 28 NOV to 23 DEC (Every Day)

Mon to Sat 10:00-17:30 Sun 12:00-17:30

Explore the finest range of exclusive gift ideas handmade by local craftspeople.

Waterford Crafts Workshops:

NEW

Festive Willow Workshop with Cathy Hayden

LOCATION: Garter Lane Studios,
No. 5 O' Connell Street (Up the
staircase beside Delaney's Florist)

PRICE: €15
Booking garterlane.ie
051 855038

DATES & TIMES: 6 DEC 19:00-20:30

Learn how to weave your own Christmas decorations and wreaths using willow and other festive materials with local craftsperson Cathy Hayden.

Festive Card Making Workshop with Sharon Fleming

LOCATION: Garter Lane Studios,
No.5 O' Connell Street (Up the
staircase beside Delaney's Florist)

PRICE: €12.50
Booking garterlane.ie
051 855038

DATES & TIMES: 13 DEC 19:00-20:30

Festive Card Making Workshop with Sharon Fleming

Festive Quilling with Karolina Laser

LOCATION: Garter Lane Studios,
No. 5 O' Connell Street (Up the
staircase beside Delaney's Florist)

PRICE: €12.50
Booking garterlane.ie
051 855038

DATES & TIMES: 29 NOV 19:00-20:30

Explore quilling techniques with Karolina Laser - use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together to create festive designs!



The Waterford Eye

**NEW**

LOCATION: Merchant's Quay
(Beside Flowers by Lucy)

PRICE: Adult. €5

Child (Under 14) €4

Student (with valid student ID) €4

Family deal. (2 Adults and 2

Children Under 14s) €15

VIP EXPERIENCE €50

For special occasion take the VIP experience and enjoy up to 30 minutes ride time with warm blankets, complimentary chocolates and a complimentary bottle of Prosecco or non alcoholic fizz for children groups. The VIP Experience caters for a maximum of four people.

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DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 24 DEC, 26 DEC - 7 JAN



Waterford Illuminates

**FREE**

LOCATION: The Deanery,
Cathedral Square

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: Winterval Dates

Starts at 17:00 and runs every 30 minutes

Last show at 20:00

Join us each evening in the Winterval Christmas Market in Cathedral Square for the unique and wonderful Winterval Illuminates Christmas light show.

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Waterford Panto Society

Presents *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*



LOCATION: Theatre Royal,
The Mall

PRICE: See website

DATES & TIMES: See winterval.ie

Featuring all the spectacular lighting, costumes and scenery you have come to expect as well as a full live band, up to date pop numbers and guaranteed family fun.

Winter Wonderbands



FREE

LOCATION: George's Street,
Broad Street, The Apple Market

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 9 DEC - 10 DEC Time 12:00-15:00

Bands will compete, across three stages, for the Waterford Business Group Wonderbands perpetual trophy. This event showcases regional bands, who will be judged on musical content, audience participation and entertainment value, for their 15 minute sets.



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Winter Wonderland

NEW

FREE

LOCATION: Bishop's Palace,
The Mall

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 23 DEC

Visit our magical Winter Wonderland in the Bishop's Palace Gardens.



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Winterval Express Train



LOCATION: Broad Street (outside Sam McCauleys)

PRICE: Book online. Adults €6.00

School/ Group bookings: Contact Lesley on 0868222113

Children €5.00 - Children must be accompanied by an adult

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates. Departs every 30 minutes

All aboard the Winterval Express Train as it departs from its station on Broad Street. Journey through the heart of the city centre, along The Mall and past Winterval on Ice before enjoying the special Apple Market Winter Village.



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Winterval on Ice



NEW

LOCATION: Waterside Car Park,
Waterside

PRICE: Bookings contact
0818 919 807 or visit winterval.ie

DATES & TIMES: 17 NOV - 14 JAN Times available on www.iceskating.ie

Winterval On Ice is coming to a new site at Waterside Car Park! This year the event will be run by Cool Running Events so you can expect the best experience yet! With a large main rink, a separate kid's rink and a variety of events throughout the season, they have something for everyone. All sessions last 50 minutes and there is a dedicated kids ice rink for children aged 3-10 years, which always has a member of their team present. Contact Winterval On Ice today for great group deals.

Winterval Selfie Station at George's Court

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: George's Court Shopping Centre

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: George's Court Opening Hours 17 NOV – 7 JAN

Your christmas photo album will be complete with a selfie taken in our Festive Gingerbread House setting with The Gingerbread Family! Enter a competition for the best Winterval selfie and be in with a chance to win a Fabulous Christmas Hamper worth over €100 from Carter's Chocolate Café filled with goodies. Post your picture on instagram to @CartersChococafe and use #Wintervalselfie

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Winterval Selfie Station at Theatre Royal

**NEW****FREE**

LOCATION: Theatre Royal Vestibule

PRICE: Free

DATES & TIMES: Winterval Dates. Theatre Royal's Opening Hours

As part of Winterval this year come visit the Theatre Royal Vestibule and take a pic with your family or friends at the Winterval Instagram selfie (Sponsored by Super Valu) Enter a competition for the best Winterval selfie and be in with a chance to win a festive hamper and a family of 4 ticket to a Theatre Royal event next spring. Post your picture to Instagram and tag @theatreroyalwaterford and remember to use #TRwaterford.

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Winterval Snowball Stage

**FREE**

LOCATION: Palace Square

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates. Keep an eye on social media and our app for updates on performances

Featuring the very best of Waterford musical and choral talent.

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Winterval Selfie Station at Palace Square

NEW

LOCATION: Palace Square

PRICE: FREE

DATES & TIMES: Winterval dates and market times

Stop by the Winterval market in Palace Square and take a family picture on Santa's sleigh.



A Welcome from Winterval

BY CAR



From Dublin, take the N7 and exit for the M9 all the way to Waterford. Travel time 1 hour 30 mins.

BY TRAIN



Our train station is only 5 minutes walk away from the festival.

BY BUS



JJ Kavanagh & Sons are Winterval's Official Bus Partners and have frequent bus services to and around Waterford City. Visit jjkavanagh.ie

BY TAXI



Rapid Cabs are Winterval's Official Taxi Partners. Call 051 85 85 85 or download their app now to book and track your taxi in real time - rapidcabs.com

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The Winterval team would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors, stakeholders, local business and volunteers who make Winterval possible every year. Winterval is the result of a community coming together and making things happen for themselves. It is all of these groups who make Winterval the leading Christmas festival in Ireland.

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