Yuletide, cheer and the holiday spirit come alive in Lubbock each holiday season. The “Hub City” offers festive events and unforgettable moments sure to help your family celebrate the spirit of the season.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

**November:**
- Christmas Coffee and Bazaar
- Holiday Happening
- The Polar Express
- Ragtown Gospel Theater Holiday Production

**December:**
- Ballet Lubbock presents “The Nutcracker”
- Cactus Family Christmas
- Candlelight at the Ranch
- Carol of Lights
- Holiday Chamber - Brass Quintet
- Holiday Pops - Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and The Lubbock Chorale
- Matador Christmas - Traditional and contemporary seasonal music, delivered by an all-men’s choir.
- The Polar Express
- Ragtown Gospel Theater Holiday Production
- Santa Land
- SkyView Helicopter Christmas Tours
- Vintage Winter Wonderland
Cactus Theater
cactustheater.com
Once a popular downtown movie theater, the Cactus Theater now produces one-of-a-kind performances. Audiences will enjoy live music productions, theater plays and musicals every weekend.
- Ticketed event - group rates available for in-house shows only
- Motorcoach parking available

Candlelight at the Ranch
nrhc.ttu.edu
This annual event at the National Ranching Heritage Center captures the traditional spirit of a pioneer Christmas. Experience yuletide celebrations that took place on the open prairie more than 100 years ago. Peek into the houses as ranch hosts recreate holiday scenes of trimming trees, playing traditional music and gathering around the campfire.
- Free event - donation suggested
- Motorcoach parking available

Carol of Lights
ttu.edu
Gathered around Memorial Circle on the Texas Tech University campus, participants sing along as the Texas Tech University Combined Choirs perform a selection of classic holiday songs. When the lighting ceremony commences, spectators stand in awe as more than 25,000 lights illuminate the surrounding buildings.
- Free event
- Motorcoach parking available

Holiday Happening
jlubbock.com
Held annually at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Holiday Happening is the Junior League of Lubbock’s largest fundraiser of the year and includes shopping, silent auctions, a style show and a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. More than 140 vendors sell everything from jewelry to clothing to home decor, as well as a variety of artistic genres.
- Ticketed event - group rates available
- Motorcoach parking available

“The Nutcracker”
balletlubbock.org
Every December, Ballet Lubbock performs “The Nutcracker,” a beloved holiday tradition on the South Plains that will delight audiences of all ages.
- Ticketed event - group rates available
- Motorcoach parking available

The Polar Express
westtexaspolarexpressride.com
Experience the magical round-trip journey to the North Pole based on the popular children’s book “The Polar Express.” Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot cocoa, a treat and a special gift for each child. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas.
- Ticketed event - group rates available
- Motorcoach parking available

Ragtown Gospel Theater
ragtowngospeltheater.com
Nestled on a ranch under the rim of the Caprock, the Ragtown Gospel Theater presents thrilling live family entertainment year-round. Located in Post, Texas, visitors will not only enjoy unforgettable performances but will soak in the scenic views in every direction.
- Group rates available in advance
- Motorcoach parking available

SkyView Helicopter’s Christmas Light Air Tour
skyviewchristmastours.com
Take in the sights of the Christmas season, and enjoy the multitude of lights decorating the city - from the sky. This unique holiday tour offers visitors the chance to fly over Lubbock and the surrounding area to see spectacular lights.
- Ticketed event - group rates available
- Motorcoach parking available

**FUN FACTS**

- More than 30,000 people visit Santa Land each year to see the holiday village with its 60-foot lighted Christmas tree, animated displays; bonfires, traditional holiday scenes and Santa and Mrs. Claus.
- *Texas Highways* designated the National Ranching Heritage Center’s Candlelight at the Ranch as one of “12 Christmas Destinations in the State” in 2008.

**VISIT THE “HUB CITY”**

Five major highways intersect Lubbock, making it easily accessible. Plus, the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport is serviced by several major airlines with many daily non-stop flights.