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This winter, Carcassonne shines brighter than ever! ❄️

From the charming Bastide Saint-Louis to the legendary Medieval City, the entire town transforms into a sparkling winter wonderland. Discover the magic of Christmas through dazzling attractions, live concerts, captivating street performances, and breathtaking decorations and lights. Glide across the ice rink, stroll through the festive Christmas market, and enjoy the Ferris wheel, carousel, and a host of enchanting shows.

*Carcassonne invites you to experience a
Christmas like no other magical, festive, &
unforgettable!*



The Magic of Christmas in Carcassonne

FROM 3 DECEMBER 2025, TO 3 JANUARY 2026

Created in 2005 by Gérard Larrat, Mayor of Carcassonne, the Magic of Christmas has continued to evolve and grow year after year, becoming one of the most iconic winter events in the South of France. Its reputation now extends well beyond French borders, attracting thousands of visitors every year including many from Spain. Since its creation, this winter celebration has delighted generations of Carcassonne's children, who have all shared in its wonder and joy.

Blending beloved attractions with exciting new features, the City of Carcassonne has prepared a truly magical program to make both young and old dream. For one month, the city transforms into a sparkling winter wonderland, where locals and visitors alike - hundreds of thousands each year — stroll through the illuminated streets of the city center and the Medieval City, discovering moments of joy, celebration, and enchantment.

"I created the Magic of Christmas as a family celebration, placing children at the heart of the program. I envisioned it as a one-month enchanted interlude — a time for children, their parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents to come together and share moments of joy, wonder, and magic. In a world where the news can often feel overwhelming, it has become essential - even vital to offer Carcassonne's residents moments of festivity and connection. The Magic of Christmas fulfills this role and goes even further by offering free activities for young audiences, ensuring that everyone can take part in the celebration."

Gérard Larrat, Mayor of Carcassonne



The Torchlight Walk

Exact date to be confirmed

The Medieval City of Carcassonne will open its winter celebrations with the Feast of Saint Nicholas, taking place over the weekend of December 6th and 7th.

The highlight of the weekend will be the traditional Torchlight Walk, held in support of the Téléthon charity. Residents and visitors alike are invited to join this magical procession, illuminated by torches and brought to life with music and medieval performers in costume. A warm and festive moment of togetherness, filled with light, history, and generosity.



Square Gambetta, France

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Square Gambetta – The Enchanted Garden

Step into the magic of Square Gambetta, transformed into a dazzling “Enchanted Garden” filled with illuminated Christmas décor, a creators’ market, and a spectacular sound and light show.

Wander through a fantastical, glowing forest, where whimsical creatures and sparkling lights create a dreamlike atmosphere that will delight visitors of all ages.

This free open-air exhibition turns Square Gambetta into a luminous wonderland, sure to amaze both children and adults alike. This year, the Christmas Creators’ Market makes its debut on the square, featuring passionate artisans showcasing their unique, handcrafted treasures - a true paradise for lovers of authenticity and originality.

Throughout the month, enjoy musical performances and live entertainment that bring extra warmth and cheer to the festivities. Children will also find the traditional flying chairs carousel, and everyone can marvel at the breathtaking sound and light show “The Incredible Story of Carcassonne”, projected onto the façades of the Museum of Fine Arts.



Place Carnot – Ice Rink, Christmas Market & Festive Activities

Ready, set, skate! The iconic ice rink returns to Place Carnot. Glide around the Neptune Fountain on real ice, then wander through the Christmas market chalets, offering a wide array of gift ideas and delicious treats.

The festivities don't stop there! Enjoy live musical performances, an Advent calendar with chances to win prizes, and magical parades that will fill the streets of the city center with enchantment throughout the season.



Place Général de Gaulle – Ice Rink, Christmas Market & Festive Fun

At Place Général de Gaulle, the magic of Christmas comes alive with a lively ice rink, a charming Christmas market, and a variety of family-friendly activities.

Back by popular demand, the rooftop terrace and its gondola cabins offer a cozy and intimate setting the perfect spot to enjoy a meal or a drink with friends or family at the mountain chalet, featuring a relaxing atmosphere and a stunning panoramic view of the Medieval City.

Down on the square, don't miss the return of the curling rink, the Virtual Reality zone, and the Christmas Laser Game, guaranteeing fun and excitement for all ages!



Square André Chénier – Santa's Park Rides

The traditional Christmas rides are back to bring joy and excitement to Square André Chénier, with nearly fifteen attractions offering everything from thrills and laughter to dreams and enchantment - there's something for everyone!

And because great adventures always work up an appetite, a selection of festive food chalets awaits you between rides, perfect for a delicious gourmet break in the heart of the Christmas magic.



Electric Mini-Cars

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Halles Prosper Montagné – Karting & Electric Mini-Cars

Looking for thrills? **Take the wheel of a kart** and race around the **Eggenfelden Square circuit**, feeling the excitement of speed as you overtake your opponents.

For the little ones, the fun continues under the **Halles Prosper Montagné**, where they can drive their own **electric mini-cars** on a **dedicated children's track**, choosing to steer themselves and enjoy their very own racing adventure.



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