

With the holiday season already upon us, it's easy to get caught in the stress of what to buy, what to cook, and where to go. Luckily, New York City has endless options for cheerful activities, events, and restaurants to help relieve some of these holiday headaches.

This week, we've put together a list of fun and exciting activities to help bring everyone together and buzzing for the holidays!

# **Holiday Yacht Cruise**

If jazz, hot cocoa, and champagne on a luxury boat sounds like a fun time, then check out this <u>Christmas Yacht Cruise</u>. For \$124 per person, guests can enjoy a waterfront tour of the Manhattan skyline, live music, hot cocoa and cookies, and an assortment of champagne, wine, and beer.

# Children's Holiday Painting Workshop

If the family is free on December 17th, check out Speakitaly NYC's one-hour workshop in NoMad next weekend. The workshop welcomes all ages to help paint a holiday-themed "winter night" landscape. Tickets start at \$39 for an artsy experience the whole family can enjoy!

### Lillie's Victorian Establishment

Lillie's Victorian Establishment is a great option for a festive holiday night out. Located on the edge of Times Square, the bar-restaurant is known for their extravagant, overthe-top decorations and friendly bar staff. There's also plenty of seating for large groups.

### **Prospect Park Menorah Lighting**

Prospect Park is home to the largest menorah in Brooklyn, and every night of Hanukkah is celebrated with live music, hot latkes, and gifts for the children. On December 18th, from 4pm-6pm, visit the park's menorah lighting and kickoff concert. The event is free to attend.



## Celebrate Kwanzaa

On Monday December 26th, enjoy the 15th Annual Celebrate Kwanzaa event at the Brooklyn Children's Museum. For \$13 per person, you and the little ones can enjoy live music, dancing, art, food, and more! After the kickoff event, the museum will host five days of continuous activities and performances.

#### Fine & Rare

If you're looking to dine out and avoid the holiday cleanup, Fine & Rare in Midtown Manhattan is offering a 3-course pre-fixe menu on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Prices range from \$65 per child, up to \$125 per adult. Reservations are for two-and-a-half hours.

# Happy Holidays!

## **Easy Apple Strudel Recipe**

Last minute dessert ideas can be hard to choose and sometimes take hours to make!
Luckily, this <u>55-minute Apple Strudel</u> recipe is a quick and delicious dessert for any gathering this season. The four-step recipe requires only six ingredients and can give you a bakery quality Apple Strudel in under an hour!

# Lilly's Grand Market

<u>Lilly's Grand Market</u> will host a holiday popup shop on Sunday, December 18th featuring 20+ shops and vendors. You can expect unique artisan gifts, have them professionally wrapped, then enjoy complimentary snacks, drinks, and music. Tickets can be bought onsite or online for \$23. Children 10 and under attend for free!

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