TRAVEL MAGIC NETWORK - SEASONAL GUIDE

EPCOT Festival of the Holidays

Holidays around the world, in one park day - From Tiffany at Travel Magic Network.
Personalized planning from first call to final itinerary.

Good to know first

- [ ] **No separate ticket:** the festival is **included with regular EPCOT admission** during normal park hours - unlike the separately ticketed holiday parties at the other parks
- [ ] **When it runs:** typically **late November through late December** - check the My Disney Experience app for this season's exact dates before you plan around it
- [ ] **Pick up a free Festival Passport** at the entrance: menus, storyteller times and Cookie Stroll stamps all live in it
- [ ] You only pay extra for what you **eat and drink**, plus any dining package you choose. Give it a **full day** if you can - rides in the morning, festival from lunch on

Holiday Kitchens - come hungry

- [ ] **Holiday Kitchens** are the festival food booths, mostly around World Showcase, each serving small plates and drinks inspired by that country's holiday table
- [ ] **Share everything:** portions are tasting size, so order a few per kitchen and pass them around - and set a snack budget first, small plates add up fast
- [ ] Go **early or mid-afternoon** - kitchen lines are longest at peak lunch and dinner hours, especially on weekends
- [ ] Menus change every year - check the **app and Passport** for this season's list, not last year's

Holiday Cookie Stroll

- [ ] Buy **five stroll cookies** from the Holiday Kitchens marked in your Festival Passport and **collect a stamp** for each one
- [ ] Hand in the completed Passport for a **special treat**. Stamps carry across festival days, so you do not have to finish in one visit

More not to miss

- [ ] **JOYFUL! A Celebration of the Season** - joyful live holiday music, and **meet Santa** in the park during the festival (check the app for the spot and times)
- [ ] **Living with the Land - Glimmering Greenhouses:** ride after dark, when the greenhouses glow with holiday lights
- [ ] **Olaf's Holiday Tradition Expedition** - a paid scavenger hunt map that sends kids hunting traditions around World Showcase, with a prize at the end

Candlelight Processional

- [ ] The centerpiece, nightly at the **America Gardens Theatre**: a celebrity narrator retells the Christmas story, with a mass choir, the Voices of Liberty and a full orchestra
- [ ] **Standby seating is included** with admission - but it is first come, first served and popular nights fill early, so line up well ahead of showtime
- [ ] **Want a guaranteed seat?** Book a **Candlelight Processional Dining Package**: a meal at a participating EPCOT restaurant plus reserved seating that same day. They sell out fast, so book this first
- [ ] Narrators and showtimes are **announced closer to the season** - confirm yours in the app before planning around a name

Storytellers around World Showcase

- [ ] In each pavilion, a **Holiday Storyteller** shares how that country celebrates - in costume, with music and a little mischief. Shows are short and included
- [ ] Look for **Las Posadas in Mexico**, the mischievous **Barn Santa in Norway**, **La Befana in Italy**, **Pere Noel in France** and **Father Christmas in the United Kingdom**
- [ ] Also find the **Chinese Lion Dancer**, the **Daruma storyteller in Japan**, the **Hanukkah storyteller** and the **Canadian Holiday Voyageurs**
- [ ] Performers appear **throughout the day** - check times in the app and loop the lagoon in show order

Planning tips - make the day flow

The festival rewards a loose plan: anchor the day on Candlelight and a couple of storytellers, then graze and wander in between.

BEFORE YOU GO

- [ ] **Book Candlelight dining packages** and any table-service meals as soon as your window opens
- [ ] Pack **layers and rain gear** - December evenings turn chilly by the water

ON THE DAY

- [ ] **Start at the back of World Showcase** and work forward - most guests graze front to back
- [ ] Save the **evening for the lights**: storytellers by day, Candlelight and Glimmering Greenhouses after dark

Want the holiday trip planned around the festival? That's my job.

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