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- **Santa's Grotto Castle Court Belfast - Quiet Hour** Daily **from 14 November to 24 December 2026**, A 'quieter hour' with the music turned down during the first hour of every morning. Hours vary, 11am - 5.30pm, later to 7.30pm on many December weekdays, Christmas Eve 10.30am - 3pm **>** Santa's Grotto at Castle Court at CastleCourt..., Belfast

- **Santa's Magical Grotto - Autism Friendly Magical Christmas Experience, 20 November to 20 December 2026 -** (Coalisland Enterprise Centre Co. Tyrone) **>** Magical Experience Tickets – Santa's Magical Grotto

- **Christmas Experience at the Ark Farm After Dark/Quiet SEN Experience 2026 November 21 – December 24, 2026, 3:30pm – 9:30pm**; lights on, select areas closed **Ark Open Farm,** 296 Bangor Road, Newtownards, BT23 7PH **>** Christmas Experience 2026 -

- **Orchardville Winter Ball-25 November 2026 (from 6:30 PM), Belfast City Hall >** Belfast Christmas Show : Orchardville : Supporting People with Learning Disability & Autism in Northern Ireland

- **The Mission Santa Relaxed Sessions at** Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Relaxed Session) **November 29, 2026 at 9:45 am and December 17, 2026 at 3:15 PM**. Additional **BSL & Subtitled Session (28 November at 4pm) >** Mission Santa at Armagh Planetarium - Discover Northern Ireland

- **The Lapland Express: Quiet Train, November 28, 2026, at 16:30, Downpatrick and County Down Railway, Downpatrick, County Down >** The Lapland Express: Quiet Train at..., Downpatrick

- **Elf Escape Sensory Space at the** Marble Arch Caves **in County Fermanagh, 1 to 20 December 2026, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm daily** (selected time slots) **>** https://discovernorthernireland.com/whats-on/elf-escape-sensory-space-p868891

- **An evening of Christmas Enchantment** Antrim Castle & Gardens (entry through the Barbican Gate at Market Square) **Inclusive Enchantment Evenings: December 3 and December 9, 2026** (features reduced capacity, static lighting, lower sound, and sensory/quiet rooms). **>** https://www.facebook.com/100083259126509/videos/-enchanted-winter-garden-2026-antrim-castle-gardens-enter-through-the-barbican

- **Santa's Quiet Garden** – (Dobbies Garden Centres) - Selected dates in December 2026 (primarily **Friday, 4 December 2026** and **Tuesday, 8 December 2026**, varying by location) **>** Santa's Quiet Grotto at Dobbies Ponteland | Morpeth.net

- **Christmas at Glenarm Castle, Quiet Sessions, 6, 13 and 20 December 2026 at 14:30 – 15:10 >** Christmas at Glenarm Castle: Quiet Sessions at..., Glenarm

- **A Magical Christmas Experience** – Titanic Belfast **Quiet Sessions:** Available on select dates (e.g., 6, 12, and 14 December 2026) by phone booking at +44 (0)28 9076 6386. **>** A Magical Christmas Experience at Titanic Belfast 2026 — Santa experience dates & tickets

- **Sensory Santa Visits Location, 8 December 2026, at 17.00-20.00, >** Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum Sensory Santa Visits at Irish Linen Centre &..., Lisburn

- **Sensory Night at Lisburn Light Trail, 8 December 2026 (4:00 PM – 8:00 PM) Lisburn City Centre / Castle Gardens >** Sensory Night at Lisburn Light Trail, 2026 - Lisburn - Lisburn and Castlereagh



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- **Sensory Friendly Silent Disco at Lagan Valley Leisure Plex – Friday, 11 December 2026. Choose between 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm or 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm. Lagan Valley LeisurePlex, 18 Lisburn Leisure Park, Lisburn, BT28 1LP. > CHRISTMAS - LeisurePlex**

- **Sensory Friendly Indiana Land Christmas Experience, 11 December 2026 (17:45 – 19:00), Belfast - booking opens 7 days prior on Dec 4 via > Visit Belfast**

- **The Mean Ones: Christmas Game Show (ASD-Friendly), 13 December 2026 (1:00 PM – 5:00 PM / Show 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM), Balmoral Hotel, Blacks Rd, Dunmurry, Belfast, tickets available from > (ASD Friendly) The Mean Ones: Christmas Game Show - Universe**

- **Relaxed Christmas with Santa (Millennium Courts Arts Centre), 13–15 December 2026, Millennium Courts Arts Centre, Armagh for more information > Urban ABC - Relaxed Christmas returns this December ... | Facebook**

- **Jingle All the Way - Inclusive/Quiet Session, South Lake Leisure Centre, 15 – 17 December 2026 17:30 – 18:30 > Jingle All The Way – Inclusive/Quiet Session at..., Craigavon**

- **Santa's Christmas Grotto at Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House, Dungannon, - ASD Friendly Session on 17 December 2026 > Santa's Christmas Grotto 2026 (ASD-Friendly) at..., Tyrone**

- **Relaxed Winter Circus, 22 December 2026 at 17:00, Tumble Circus, Writer's Square, Donegall St, Belfast, advertised as providing adjusted sound and lighting to create a comfortable, low-stress circus environment. For further information > Home - Tumble Circus**

- **Sensory-Friendly Christmas at Newbridge House & Farm, Christmas 2026 season: Newbridge House and Farm, Ireland, Details at > Sensory-Friendly Christmas 2026 - Newbridge House & Farm**

- **Quiet Night at Santa's Post Office, December 2, 2026, at 17:00 – 19:00,** 2 Royal Avenue, Belfast **> https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiet-night-at-belfast-one-santas-post-office-tickets**

- **Santa's Christmas Grotto 2026 (ASD-Friendly), December 17, 2026, Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House, Dungannon, County Tyrone > Upcoming Events - Hill of the O'Neill**

- **A Magical Christmas Experience Quiet Sessions, December 6 – 14, 2026, Titanic Belfast, 1 Olympic Way, Belfast > A Magical Christmas Experience Quiet Sessions at..., Belfast**

- **Quiet Santa Experience** (Belfast Zoo) **dates have not been published yet, please check Belfast Zoo** for updates.

- **Opera House Belfast - Check out a range of Accessible performances > Accessible Performances | Grand Opera House**

- **Garvagh Christmas – Quiet Time Visit with Santa & Mrs Claus,** By **Hare's Corner Cooperative Garvagh High School Garvagh, 7 December , 5 pm - 6:30 pm > https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/garvagh-christmas-quiet-time-visit-with-santa-mrs-claus-tickets**



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- **Elf Town Sensory Experience (Galway),** Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit, Galway, H91 V654, Ireland, **November 21 (morning timeslots, including 10:30am & 10:40am) and Friday, December 4 (early afternoon timeslots),** > Elf Town Galway — The Journey to Christmas

- **Santa's Magical Cabin** at Ilac Shopping Centre (wheelchair accessible) Autism Friendly day – Where to Find Santa in Dublin, Henry St, North City, Dublin 1 and at another location in **Kilnamanagh,** Tallaght, **21st November to 23 December 2026**, For further details check out this link > https://santaexperience.ie/visit-santa-in-dublin

- **Sensory Santa at the Courtyard Hotel, Leixlip** By **Leixlip Disability Access Group, The Courtyard Hotel Leixlip, Kildare, 29 November 2026, 1:30pm - 5:30pm**, > https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-santa-at-the-courtyard-hotel-leixlip-tickets

- **The Victorian Christmas Sensory & Accessibility Experience 2026**, **November 29, 2026,** Strokestown Park House, Bawn Street / Cloonradoon, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, F42 H282, Ireland, > Victorian Christmas 'Sensory & Accessibility Experience' 2026 - Strokestown Park

- **The Santa Train Experience** (Amber Springs, Gorey in Co. Wexford) - **Sensory-Friendly 21 November 2026:** Sessions run at 1:45 pm and 2:00 pm, **2 December 2026:** Sessions run at 4:30 pm and 4:45 pm, **12 December 2026:** Sessions run at 12:45 PM and 1:00 PM. **Direct Booking Required.** Sensory train tickets cannot be booked through the standard online portal. **Contact the Train Team.** You must reserve sensory slots directly by phoning the > Amber Springs Hotel team at +353 53 948 4000.

- **Sensory Santa - Christmas Experience** By **All Abilities Ireland** at **Derryounce Lakes and Walkways Portalington, Offaly,** December 5 2026, 12pm - 5 pm, > https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-santa-christmas-experience-tickets

- **Santa at Dundrum Airfield Estate** (Dublin) - Sensory Friendly - **Airfield Estate, Overend Ave, Dundrum, Dublin 14, November 28 to December 22, 2026**, > Best Santa Experiences in Dublin 2026 - Dublin City Mum

- **Christmas in Kilkenny Festival** (Autism Friendly viewing) **Parade Viewing: Yulefest Kilkenny** provides a dedicated autism-friendly viewing area for festive parades (such as Santa's arrival and public events) located at **Áras**. > Yulefest Kilkenny - Christmas Festival in Kilkenny City **General Festival Dates:** Runs from **November 28 to December 23, 2026**,

- **Santa's Magical Village (Castlecomer Discovery Park) Sensory Day:** A dedicated Sensory Day takes place on **Thursday, 10 December 2026 (4:00 PM – 7:00 PM)**. > Home - Castlecomer Discovery Park

- **The Helix Panto 2026 (Sensory-Friendly Show)- Neverland**, Dublin, **2 December 2026** > NEVERLAND - The Helix Panto 2026 | The Helix

- **Sensory Santa (Westport House, Mayo), Westport Estate Farmyard** (Winter Wonderland Reimagined; note that Westport House itself is excluded from the tour), **December 2, 2026, from 4:00pm to 9:30pm,** Sensory Santa Westport 2026 | Westport Estate



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- **Sensory Santa – Christmas Experience, December 6, 2026, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Enfield Community Hall, Enfield, County Meath, Ireland** > https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sensory-santa-christmas-experience-tickets

- **NeuroFestive Christmas Party, December 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM,** Newgrange Hotel, Navan, County Meath, Ireland > NeuroFestive Christmas Party Tickets, Monday 7 December • 6 PM - 8:30 PM | Eventbrite

- **Cork Opera House (Relaxed Performances) - Beauty and the Beast Panto, December 9, 2026, at 4:00 pm,** Cork Opera House, Cork City Centre, > Relaxed Performances – Cork Opera House

- **TAFT Sensory Friendly Santa,** Castle Arch Hotel, Trim, County Meath, Ireland, **December 14, 2026, at 5:30 PM,** > https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taft-sensory-friendly-santa-tickets

- **Christmas All Inclusive Day for families with additional needs, Magheracloone Community Centre A81HC99 Drumgossatt, Monaghan, 20 December, 12 pm - 2 pm,** > https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/christmas-all-inclusive-day-for-families-with-additional-needs-tickets

- **The Renmore Pantomime Society's 2026/2027 - Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Town Hall Theatre,** 1 Courthouse Square (H91 H3C2), Woodquay, Galway. **Sensory Friendly Schedule listed for 12:00pm 3 January and 10 January 2027. Please confirm directly with the box office.** > Renmore Pantomime Society presents #Goldilocks & The 3 Bears at Town Hall Theatre - This is Galway

- **Snow White The Panto-Sensory Friendly,** Draíocht Blanchardstown (Main Auditorium), The Blanchardstown Centre, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin, D15 RYX6, Ireland **9 January 2027 at 2pm,** > Snow White The Panto - Sensory Friendly | Draíocht Blanchardstown

- **Barretstown 2026 Winter Wonderland Sensory-Friendly Santa Experience,** Castle Ballymore Eustace, Kildare, **multiple dates available,** > https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/barretstown-2026-winter-wonderland-sensory-friendly-santa-experience-tickets

- **Sensory Santa** (Galway Autism Partnership) 2026- **DATES NOT YET RELEASED PLEASE CHECK** Community Events and Family Days - Galway Autism Partnership

- **Ennis Voices for Autism Sensory Friendly Santa - DATES NOT YET RELEASED PLEASE CHECK** EVA - Ennis Voices for Autism | Facebook

