

# Ventura County: Annual Winter Events



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## UNIQUE DAY TRIPS AROUND VENTURA COUNTY

Ventura County is home to a wide variety of annual winter events that warm the heart, ignite one's imagination and capture the call of the wild. [www.ventura-usa.com](http://www.ventura-usa.com)

### *Holiday Parades and Festivals*

- The holidays offer a vast array of ways to capture the spirit of the season in style. Both Ventura Harbor and Channel Islands Harbor host evening **boat parades** where festive holiday lights and decorations of passing vessels brilliantly twinkle upon the waters.
- Historical landmarks, such as the **Pierpont Inn**, **Camarillo Ranch House**, **Heritage Square** and **Candy Cane Lane** in the Henry T. Oxnard Historic District each deck the halls in rich tradition. Downtown Ventura is decorated in thousands of lights and carolers stroll the streets each evening starting in early December through Christmas Eve.
- Winter is also the time of year when the monarch butterflies and the California Gray Whales are in migration and can easily be seen in our warm winter wonderland. The **Celebration of Whales Festival** at Channel Islands Harbor commemorates this annual cetacean passage with a great selection of activities, entertainment and vendors providing an unforgettable learning experience. At nearby Ventura Harbor, tall ships dock for days and offer tours providing unique insight into maritime memory.
- The annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in downtown Ventura is the perfect way to say goodbye to a magical season and greet all that begins to bloom in spring!