SOUTHEND CITY BID

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

JOIN US IN SOUTHEND THIS FESTIVE SEASON

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COSTA COFFEE in Southend-on-Sea

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LET'S CATCH UP AT
181 High Street, Southend-on-Sea



TERRY'S CHOCOLATE ORANGE

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MARKETS THIS CHRISTMAS

This festive season, Southend will sparkle with a delightful mix of Christmas markets, bringing extra charm and cheer to the city centre.

SWITCH ON MARKET

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER / 9AM – 6.30PM

SOUTHEND HIGH STREET AND THE VICTORIA CENTRE

Enjoy the artisan market with a dazzling array of festive goodies including clothing, decorations, Christmas gifts, and more.

BIG UP SOUTHEND

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AND 12TH DECEMBER / 11AM – 4PM

THE VICTORIA CENTRE

Head up to the first floor to browse amazing small businesses and grab something locally sourced or handmade for your gifts this year.

DECK THE MALLS

SATURDAY 5TH AND SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER / 11AM - 5PM

THE VICTORIA CENTRE

Pop up festive market alongside live performances and entertainment.

MISTLETOE MAGIC AND MARTINIS

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

THE ALEX BAR

Soak up the Christmas magic with market stalls, Santa's grotto, festive music, kids' activities, hot chocolate and winter cocktails!

Alongside these seasonal stalls, Southend city centre is brimming with shops, cafés, restaurants, and bars offering perfect gift ideas and delicious treats. Whether you're shopping for loved ones or simply soaking up the festive atmosphere, there's something for everyone in Southend.

MEET SANTA

Santa is setting aside time in his busy diary to visit Southend this Christmas. Don't miss the chance of seeing him for a cosy grotto visit, a festive photo opportunity, or a chance to share what's on your Christmas list. Be sure to check with each venue for full details to avoid disappointment.

CHRISTMAS GROTTO AT THE ROYALS SHOPPING CENTRE



WEEKENDS FROM 14TH NOVEMBER, THEN DAILY FROM 10TH - 24TH DECEMBER

Step into the magic of the season with a visit to Santa's charming grotto. Children (and grown-ups too!) can soak up the festive atmosphere and enjoy a truly memorable Christmas experience. Tickets include a Wishing Coin and gift! BOOK NOW!

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AT CADDIES



5TH & 6TH, 12TH & 13TH, 19TH - 24TH DECEMBER

Totally unique and filled with surprises that are guaranteed to entertain the entire family, here's what's included: Santa's Grotto, interactive family show, and Christmas crazy golf. BOOK NOW!

SANTA EXPERIENCE AT THE VICTORIA CENTRE



5TH AND 6TH DECEMBER

Head along to the 'Deck the Malls' weekend for your chance for a free meet and greet with Father Christmas. No booking required.

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE, THE ADVENTURE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

WIND SONG THEATRE AND THE PALACE THEATRE PRESENT



THE NUTCRACKER

MAGIC AND MISCHIEF

FROM THE TEAM THAT BROUGHT YOU THE SNOW QUEEN

WED 16 – SUN 27 DEC 2026

THE BIG SWITCH ON

On Saturday 14th November 2026, Southend High Street will sparkle with festive magic as Christmas in the City returns! Join us for a full day of fun to kick start Christmas, brought to you by Southend City BID and proudly sponsored by Southend Theatres.

ARTISAN MARKET

From 9am, explore our market that will stretch through the High Street and The Victoria Centre. Have a go on some of the rides or pop into the shops too.

STORYTELLING BUS

Back by popular demand, visit our enchanting storytellers and enter into a world of wonder with magical tales from 12pm-4pm.

BUSKING SPOTS

Enjoy live performances from a variety of talented local artists on the High Street from 12pm-4pm.

CRAFTING FUN

Visit our stations from 12pm-4pm to make Christmas cards, magical wands, star crowns, and festive bracelets. Complete all four to meet Santa!

STAGE PERFORMANCES

Hosted by BBC Essex, the stage will come alive with performances from 1pm. Enjoy a fantastic line up of choirs, schools, community groups, and amazing local musicians.

MAGIC MOMENTS

A host of colourful characters will roam the High Street throughout the day, ready to surprise, delight and pose for festive snaps.

SWITCH ON!

Gather in Victoria Circus at 6pm for the magical moment when Southend's Christmas lights and two sparkling trees are officially switched on!

FIREWORKS FINALE

End the day with a bang! Head to the seafront for a dazzling fireworks display to close the celebration in style at 7.30pm.

DON'T MISS THE SWITCH ON AT 6PM!

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COSTA COFFEE in Southend-on-Sea

Kids for £2*

Family days out for less this autumn

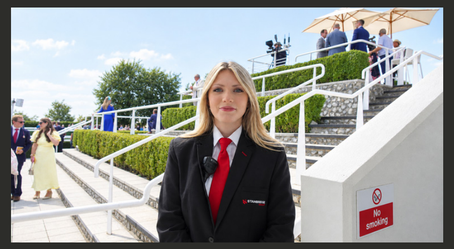


*Kids aged 5-15 travel for £2 at weekends and during school holidays when accompanied by a fare-paying adult. **c2c-online.co.uk/kids**

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NUTCRACKER TRAIL

FIND THE NUTCRACKER IN SOUTHEND CITY CENTRE

COLLECT THE LETTERS & MAKE A WORD FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!



PLACES TO VISIT

- CORNER HOUSE CAFÉ
- NEXT
- TOYS 'N' TUCK
- THE FORUM
- RYMAN
- THE PERFUME SHOP
- UTOPIA
- BARNARDO'S

MORE INFO VISIT: SOUTHENDBID.COM/FREE-TRAIL

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE BEFORE 2ND JANUARY 2027

SOMETHING JUST FOR THE GROWN UPS!

GET THE PARTY STARTED

PARTY NIGHTS
PALACE HOTEL
4TH AND 18TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPER PARTY
POPWORLD
10TH, 11TH, AND 12TH DECEMBER

SILENT DISCO
TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT
11TH DECEMBER

SPANGLED CHRISTMAS RAVE
SKYLAH'S BAR
12TH DECEMBER

LIVE MUSIC AND DISCO
SALSA TAPAS AND GRILL
18TH DECEMBER



EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

DINNER AND A SHOW
CLIFFS PAVILION
2ND – 22ND DECEMBER

CHEEK AND CHERRIES CABARET
THE ROYAL HOTEL
4TH DECEMBER

FAWLTY TOWERS DINNER EXPERIENCE
THE ROYAL HOTEL
10TH DECEMBER

THE DARK ROOM COMEDY
CADDIES
13TH DECEMBER



EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

DAY DISCO AND BOTTOMLESS PROSECCO
THE PIPE OF PORT
28TH NOVEMBER

OPERA AND DINNER
IL PESCATORE
18TH DECEMBER

RNB BRUNCH
TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT
12TH DECEMBER

BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH
THE ROYAL HOTEL
19TH DECEMBER



FESTIVE CREATIONS

PAINT PARTY
MOLO LOUNGE
19TH NOVEMBER

TREE DECORATIONS
TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT
3RD DECEMBER

PAINT YOUR OWN ORNAMENT
SAN FAIRIE ANN
9TH DECEMBER

LIFE DRAWING
THE ROYAL HOTEL
16TH DECEMBER

COCKTAIL MAKING
TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT
22ND DECEMBER



CONTACT THE VENUES TO BOOK AN EVENT OR FIND OUT MORE DETAILS.

MORE TO ENJOY

Southend is packed with festive fun this season with plenty of family friendly entertainment and exciting activities to enjoy. Whether you're looking for magical shows or free festive trails, there's something to delight visitors of all ages. Be sure to check with the venues for full details and any booking requirements.

NUTCRACKER TRAIL
SOUTHEND CITY CENTRE
14TH NOVEMBER – 24TH DECEMBER

THE NUTCRACKER
PALACE THEATRE
16TH - 27TH DECEMBER

MAJOR GRINCH MISCHIEF
CADDIES
14TH & 21ST NOVEMBER

SNOW WHITE PANTOMIME
CLIFFS PAVILION
12TH DECEMBER – 3RD JANUARY



