

Festival Guidemap

Storyteller show times are available in the *Times and Information Guide*.

A Mickey's Tree Lighting Treat

Join Mickey as he gathers some friends to celebrate an array of traditions during this special time of year. You'll hear international holiday music that will get your toes tappin'! You're bound to feel the peace and goodwill. **Nightly, 6:00 p.m.**

A Lights of Winter

The center walkway that links Future World and World Showcase is spanned by the Lights of Winter. As evening descends, these lights transform into a dazzling musical display that will twinkle and "dance" to inspirational holiday music. For an added treat, watch as the fountain performs in step with this listenings interlude. **Nightly**

B IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth

The World Showcase Promenade comes alive nightly with the brilliance and splendor of music, lights, lasers, water fountains, and custom pyrotechnics in our signature nighttime spectacular. During our **Holidays Around the World** celebration, we are proud to include a unique holiday finale. **Nightly, 9:30 p.m.**

C Candlelight Processional

Nightly, 5:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.

Storytellers

World Showcase is alive with the diverse traditions of food and entertainment from around the globe.

1 Mexico

Enjoy the festive Christmas season in the true traditions of Mexico. You'll meet 3 charming young men from Mexico as they represent the 3 Kings during the classic Mexican celebration of Posada. They'll share with you customs and celebrations that begin nine days before Christmas and continue until the beginning of February!

2 Norway

If you've ever wondered how they celebrate Christmas in Norway, you must go and visit our storyteller Sigrid, a beautiful farm girl, who will give you all the details, and tell you of the mischievous Julenissen, or Christmas Gnome. Be forewarned though, Julenissen has been known to play a little trick or two on the storyteller herself. Julenissen's antics will delight and confound you. A true Norwegian Christmas experience.

3 China

The most celebrated holiday in all of China is Chinese New Year! Watch our agile Monkey King weave his tall tale with twists and turns. Or, watch the Dragon Legend Acrobats bring their New Year's Lion to life.

4 Germany

Did you know that many of our modern day holiday customs originated in Germany? Come hear about the very first Christmas tree and the tale of the first Nutcracker. You can help decorate our tree and sing along to one of our favorite Christmas carols.

5 Italy

La Befana is Italy's good Christmas witch! She comes down the chimney of the little *bambinos*, or children, and leaves them treats. Come hear her sweet story of how the Epiphany is the day we love to celebrate in *Italia*.

6 The American Adventure

Whisper your Christmas wishes in Santa's ear and take your picture sitting on his knee. Even Mrs. Claus will be on hand to help with your wishes!

Santa's Village

7 Kwanzaa

Come hear about the wonderful celebration of Kwanzaa. This truly unique African-American holiday commemorates not only the harvest, but also traditional African values and unity of the family. Our Storyteller brings to light the rich heritage this cultural and spiritual celebration represents and highlights the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

8 Hanukkah

Let the Hanukkah storyteller take you back, as you hear the story behind the rich Jewish traditions of Hanukkah. You'll hear about the miracle of the lamp that burned for eight days, and the story of the brave Maccabees, who defeated a mighty empire and won the right to worship in their own way.

9 Japan

Happy New Year! It's a time to sweep away the old, a time for fresh starts and a time to thank our family and friends for sharing the year with us! Meet our engaging *Daruma* vendor and hear the story of the *Daruma* doll.

10 Morocco

Do you hear the rhythm of the drum? In Morocco you will meet the Taarji, or drummer, who plays for many of the celebrations and festivals in Morocco. He will tell you of the Festival of Ashura, the celebration of the New Year, where the children who have behaved well get presents. And of course he will play the drum, sharing some of the traditional rhythms of the festival season.

11 France

Père Noël awaits your visit as he unfolds the story of little Babette and her wishes at Christmastime. You can share your wishes with *Père Noël*, too! Celebrate and enjoy the foods that make up *le réveillon*, our Christmas Eve feast.

12 United Kingdom

Did you know that the custom of decorating with boughs of holly began in the United Kingdom? So did Christmas cards! Meet our jolly Father Christmas and hear his tales of Christmas past as you prepare for Christmas present.

13 Canada

Meet the friendly lumberjack Nowell, the Canadian storyteller, who tells of all the various and wonderful Christmas traditions across Canada. From the French influences of Quebec, to the mischievous Nalyuks known to the Inuit of Northern Canada, you'll be amazed at the many customs and traditions from around the world that have converged on Canada. And who knows, you just might run into the elusive Canadian Santa Claus himself. While you're listening, sip on hot cocoa, or a cold Canadian beer.

