2026

Christmas in Bandon



Come for the fun, stay for the magic —
Christmas starts in Bandon!

Together for a brighter Christmas

Welcome to Christmas in Bandon

A very warm welcome to Bandon this Christmas.

This festive programme brings neighbours, families and visitors together to enjoy the town at this special time of year. Come along as we switch on the Christmas lights, browse the markets for handmade gifts, or stop to listen to carols. There's time to meet Santa, try something seasonal in a local café and see how many of his reindeer you can spot in our shop windows.

Christmas in Bandon is made possible by the local businesses, volunteers and community groups who give their time and energy to make it happen. Thank you to everyone who helps bring the celebrations to life, and to everyone who comes into town to enjoy them.

We hope you have a lovely time in Bandon.

Happy Christmas!

The Christmas in Bandon Team

Bandon Lights Up!
Saturday 28th November

Start the Christmas season in Bandon with festive markets, a Snow Disco and a visit from Santa. Then count down with us as the town lights up for Christmas!

8.30am–1pm | Country Market
Weir Street

9am–1pm | Farmers Market
Ballymodan Place

10am-1pm | Bandon Daycare Centre
Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, all welcome

2pm | Snow Disco
Bridge Place
Festive Music & Family Fun

Riverview Shopping Centre
Enjoy festive fun with facepainting and a Christmas dance display by Razzle Dazzle

Light Switch On
Top of South Main Street
Join Santa and our special guest for the countdown as Bandon lights up!

5:30pm | Christmas Music
Get dancing to your Christmas favourites and get in the festive mood.
6.30pm | Christmas Lights Switch-On

St. Michael's Centre Christmas Party

Wednesday 2nd December 7:30pm

Munster Arms Hotel
€20 per ticket · Strictly over 18s
Buy tickets at St. Michael's Centre (Town Hall) or Scannell's Pharmacy Riverview Shopping Centre. No tickets available at the door.

A Taste of Bandon

Saturday 5th December

Spend a festive Saturday in Bandon. Browse the markets, meet Santa and discover seasonal treats as our Christmas Food Trail gets under way.

9am–1pm | Farmers Market
Ballymodan Place
Pick up fresh produce, local favourites and festive treats.

10:30am–3pm | Christmas Craft Market
Riverview Shopping Centre
Browse handmade gifts and crafts. Look out for the world's tallest elf!

11am–3pm | Meet Santa
Riverview Shopping Centre

3pm–4pm | Children's Story Time and Craft Hour
Bandon Library · No booking required.

Christmas Food Trail Launch
Explore Bandon's participating cafés and restaurants, try their seasonal specials and collect loyalty card stamps for a chance to win. **See page 6 for details.**

The Sound of Christmas

Thursday 10th - Saturday 12th December

Thursday 10 December
Carols with Bandon Primary School
Riverview Shopping Centre

Friday 11 December
Carols with Scoil Bhríde Crossmahon
Riverview Shopping Centre

Nathan Carter Christmas Concert
St Patrick's Church, Bandon
Doors open at 7pm · Concert 8pm–10.30pm
Tickets €36 plus booking fee,
available on Eventbrite or from Liz on 086 265 2872.

Saturday 12 December
9am–1pm | Farmers Market · Ballymodan Place

11am–3pm | Meet Santa · **Riverview Shopping Centre**

12pm-3pm: International Lunch ·
Bandon Family Resource Centre
Join us in the Bandon FRC for a multicultural lunch where we celebrate food and traditions from around the world.
Santa will be at hand to give out presents to all the children.

1pm–3pm | Christmas Music Trail
Enjoy live festive tunes from Comhaltas on the streets of Bandon as you do your Christmas shopping

Riverview Shopping Centre
11am–12 noon · Organ music with Jeffers
12 noon–1pm · Carols with Westside Baptist Church
1pm–2pm · Bandon Concert Band
· Bandon Family Centre Carollers

3pm | Join us for Christmas carols around the tree at the top of South Main Street.

The Sound of Christmas

Sunday 13th to Wednesday 23rd December

Sunday 13 December
12 noon–5pm | Christmas Market at
O'Donovan's at the Shambles
Browse local crafts and warm up with hot food and mulled wine.

Saturday 19 December
11am–3pm | Meet Santa
Riverview Shopping Centre
12 noon–2pm | Christmas Carols with the SVP Choir

Wednesday 23 December
10.30am | Christmas Stories
Bandon Library
Take a break from the Christmas rush and enjoy a morning of festive stories.

Christmas Promotions



Taste of Bandon Loyalty Card



Eat local. Collect stamps. Enter to win.
Discover Bandon's festive flavours at participating cafés and restaurants. Collect one stamp per transaction on your loyalty card. Once you have 10 stamps, you can enter the Christmas prize draw.
First prize €1,000 · Second prize €500



Find the Reindeer



A Christmas window hunt for children and families
Santa's nine reindeer are hiding in shop windows around Bandon. Can you find Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph?
Keep an eye on the shop windows as you explore the town and see if you can spot all nine.

Visit christmasinbandon.ie for competition dates, participating eateries and full details of both competitions.

Shop Local. Eat Local. Love Bandon

This Christmas, discover everything our town has to offer. From thoughtful gifts and independent shops to cosy cafés, delicious food and festive entertainment, there are so many reasons to spend time in Bandon.

Whether you're looking for great value, something special for yourself or the perfect gift for a loved one, shopping local has something for everyone.

Plan Your Visit

Explore the full Christmas programme, participating businesses, event updates and visitor information online.
christmasinbandon.ie

Stay Connected

Follow Christmas in Bandon on Facebook for festive news and event updates.

Together for a brighter Christmas

With thanks to our local businesses, volunteers and community.
Kindly supported by Cork County Council, Pure Cork and Failte Ireland through Local Festival Fund

Fáilte Ireland

Cork County Council
Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

PURE CORK

visit Bandon

Bandon Business Association

Bandon Family Centre

Riverview Shopping Centre

Bandon Tidy Towns Group

Bandon Soccer Club