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## Indianapolis Early Winter 2018 Must-Do's

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Given the recent sharp decline in temperature, the temptation to snuggle up inside for days at a time intensifies every day. Yet chilly as the air may be, it is also thick with holiday cheer. Indianapolis is taking advantage, and you should too!

Say goodbye to cabin fever and Netflix binges and enjoy your city in the wintertime instead! Here are a few ideas to get you started.

**Go to a concert.** A plethora of artists will be making a tour stop in Indy over the next few months, especially in December. Notable favorites include [Katy Perry](#) (Dec. 9, Bankers Life Fieldhouse), [Spoon](#) (Dec. 8, Egyptian Room), [Jon Pardi](#) (Dec. 9, 8 Seconds Saloon) and [Vance Joy](#) (Dec. 15, Murat Theatre in Old National Center). Looking for something with cross-generational appeal? Check out TCC's Jingle Jam, featuring the [Chainsmokers](#) and the [Backstreet Boys](#) (Dec. 12, Bankers Life Fieldhouse).



Katy Perry

**Try a newly-opened restaurant.** It's by no accident that Indy is swiftly turning into a foodie's paradise. With new restaurants opening all the time, competition for the affection of local taste buds is fierce. A few new locations worth checking out include [The Lemon Bar](#), [Broken English Taco Pub](#) and [Crispy Bird](#).

**Take a trip east at the Indiana Chinese Lantern Festival.** Celebrate China's culture and art from now through Jan. 7, 2018 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. With over 33 lantern displays, traditional Chinese crafts, and nightly performances including acrobats and folk dancers, it's likely you'll find yourself eager to add a China stamp to your passport afterwards.

**Get into the holiday spirit at Carmel Christkindlmarkt.** In its inaugural year, Carmel's Christkindlmarkt promises authentic German food, drink, crafts and gifts in a lively setting from nearly 40 vendors. But that's not all—the crown jewel is a newly constructed ice rink in the center of the market, with skate rentals available. Christkindlmarkt will be open every Wednesday – Sunday from now until Dec. 24.



Carmel Christkindlmarkt

**Time travel to experience Conner Prairie by Candlelight.** History buffs, rejoice! The year is 1836, and you have been taken back in time to the night before Christmas. Get a glimpse at what life was like for new settlers to Indiana's frontier and how they celebrated the holidays in this interactive, 90-minute walking tour. Tours will be taking place Dec. 8, 5, 16 and 22.

**See the IMS be turned into a winter wonderland during Lights at the Brickyard.**

Ever yearned for the chance to drive on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway track? Now is your chance! This drive-through holiday display takes you two miles through the IMS infield and front stretch of the oval. You'll also get the chance to cross the legendary Yard of Bricks start-finish line while admiring the 2.5 million bright lights illuminating an array of festive displays. Check it out now through Dec. 30.



Lights at the Brickyard

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