2026 PROGRAMME

CHRISTMAS IN PERPIGNAN

LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN!



Full programme* available at mairie-perpignan.fr and on the Perpignan la Rayonnante app

** Programme subject to change.*

PERPIGNAN LA RAYONNANTE

CHRISTMAS FEST IVITIES BEGIN

CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

AT THE FOOT OF THE CASTILLET

6 PM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
7 PM CHRISTMAS GOSPEL CONCERT
9 PM FIREWORKS DISPLAY

At 6 pm, Perpignan Mayor Louis Aliot will officially launch the festivities by switching on the city's Christmas lights, marking the start of a new season of celebrations.
The evening continues with an uplifting gospel concert featuring the extraordinary energy of Gospel pour 100 voix and special guest Dominique Magloire. A powerful, radiant show celebrating the Christmas spirit. At 9 pm, a spectacular fireworks display will light up the Perpignan sky and bring the opening night to a dazzling close. A wonderful evening to share the magic of Christmas.





THE GRAND CHRISTMAS PARADE

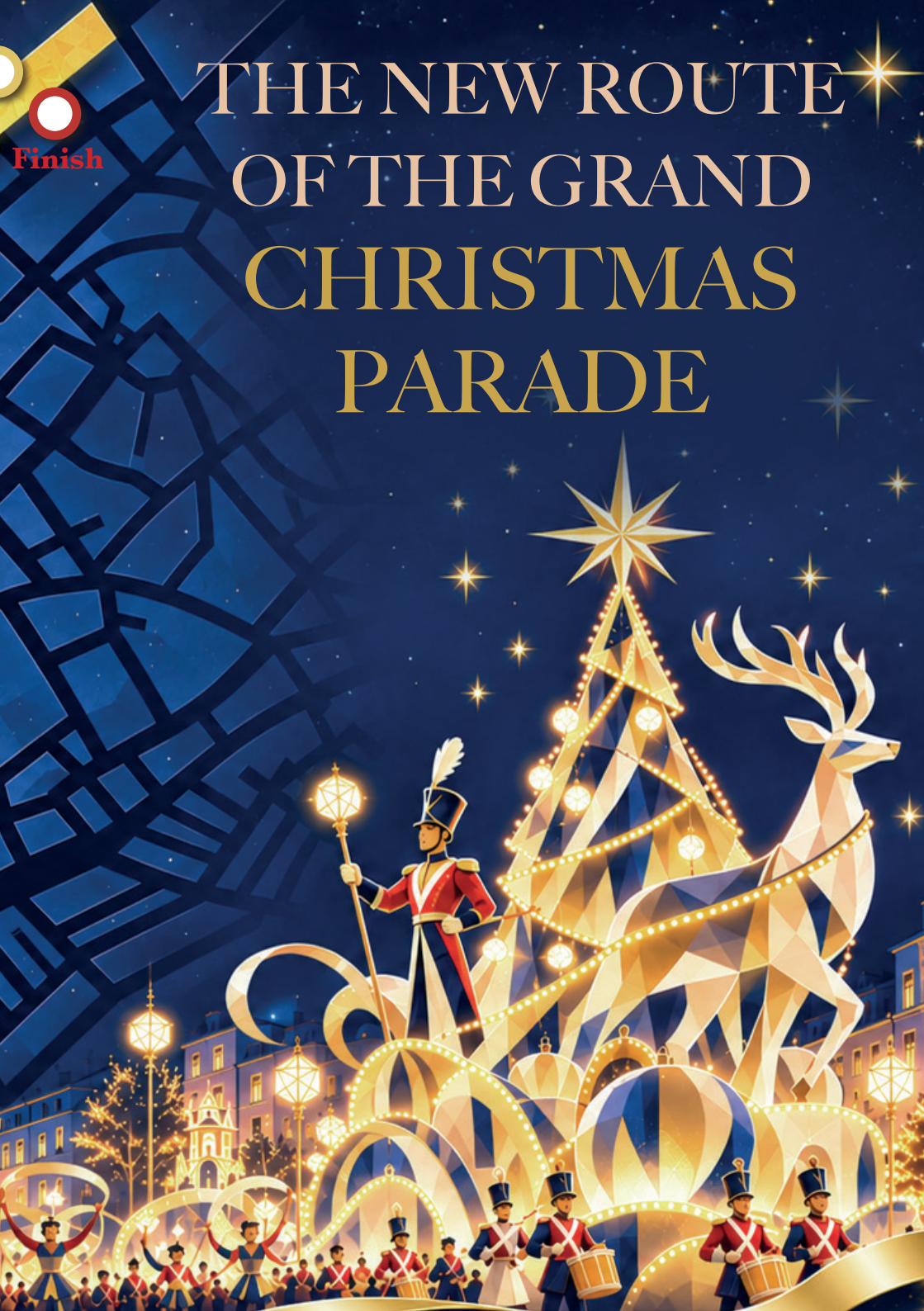
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

STARTS ON BOULEVARD WILSON

6.30 PM

Perpignan's Grand Christmas Parade returns, turning the city into a vast open-air theatre. As night falls, lights will glow, music and bells will ring, and magnificent floats and a host of fairy-tale performers will appear around every corner. For one evening, the whole city will move to the rhythm of Christmas magic. Expect a spectacular celebration full of light and surprises.
Come and experience Christmas on a grand scale in the streets of Perpignan.


Start
Convention Centre
Boulevard Wilson
Place
de la Victoire
Boulevard Clemenceau
Quai Sadi Carnot
Place
François Arago
Rue
Paul Courty
Rue Maximilien
de Sully
Quai Jean
de Lattre
de Tassigny
Pont de Guerre


Finish
THE NEW ROUTE
OF THE GRAND
CHRISTMAS
PARADE

SANTA'S CHALET



FROM SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER TO THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER
PLACE CAYROL

OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 4 TO 7 PM
SPECIAL OPENING HOURS
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 4 AND SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER FROM 4 TO 9 PM
TUESDAY 22 AND WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER FROM 4 TO 7 PM
THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER, 2 5 PM

Santa's cabin is coming to Place Cayrol this year.
Come along to post your Christmas wish list in Santa's letterbox—and perhaps even meet him in person!
Don't miss the magic mirror: take home a souvenir photo, courtesy of the City Council.

LA FABRICA OF CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 12 AND SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER,
HÔTEL PAMS, 18 RUE ÉMILE ZOLA

6 PERFORMANCES A DAY
FROM 2 TO 7 PM
FREE
BOOKING REQUIRED AT
mairie-perpignan.fr

Once again, Christmas magic comes alive at Hôtel Pams with La Fabrica de Noël. During a theatrical journey filled with dance, visitors enter a wondrous world as the hotel's corridors and rooms become an enchanted kingdom. Through songs, dances, stories and magical encounters, follow the Christmas animals, guardians of a world where magic, poetry and imagination awaken for a moment...





CHRISTMAS MARKET

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026 TO SUNDAY 3 JANUARY 2027

QUAI VAUBAN

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY
10.30 AM-7.30 PM

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
10.30 AM-8.30 PM

For over five weeks, 23 wooden chalets will welcome visitors with gifts, handmade creations and festive treats. Food stalls offer delicious specialities, from sweet delights to Savoyard and Canadian favourites-something for every taste!



PERLIMPINPIN'S CHRISTMAS

SHOWS FOR CHILDREN - FREE

WEDNESDAY 9 TO WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER 2026

LOGE DE MER — 4 PM

WED 9 DEC.

LONG LIVE CHRISTMAS

Pilule et André

Join the ever-popular Pilule and André for a joyful, educational show full of songs and Christmas magic. A lovely family event to kick off the festive season.

SAT 12 DEC.

SNOW GLOBE

A.J.T Circus Company (dance, circus)

A snow clown juggles balls inside his bubble... Or perhaps bubbles dance like balls inside a snow globe? From tiny to enormous bubbles, coloured to transparent, balls to snowballs and ice balls—everything becomes an excuse to play, juggle and dream.

SUN 13 DEC.

ALBERTO & SPECK

Company
Les Filkisstouch
(theatre, juggling)

Alberto Conchiglioni and his cousin Speck, the last descendants of the illustrious Conchiglioni circus family, take you on a hilarious journey back to the circus of days gone by. Caravans, tricksters, showmen and colourful characters collide in a delightfully absurd, offbeat whirlwind. A funny, charmingly retro show.

WED 16 DEC.

THE NIGHT THE MOUNTAIN SPEAKS

La Fabrica
(musical theatre)

In the heart of the Pyrenees, Christmas magic tells its stories… Searching for a Yule log, a young shepherd meets Milharis, a mysterious 909-year-old herdsman. Through forgotten legends, traditions and Pyrenean songs, he discovers the mountain's memories and receives a mission: to keep these stories alive for future generations.

SAT 19 DEC.

SINGING ELF, MISCHIEVOUS ELF

La Fabrica
(singing, comedy and Christmas music)

Through songs and stories, rediscover the Christmas music that fills our memories. Sing along on this joyful journey— and let Santa see how good you have been!

SUN 20 DEC.

FLOCON AND THE WINTER PRINCESSES

Voices of Christmas

Meet Flocon, a sweet polar bear with a heart of gold and dancing feet! Always ready to move to the sound of sleigh bells, he joins his friends the Frost Princess, a singer from the winter kingdom, and the Candy Cane Princess, who loves giving out treats. Together they bring favourite Christmas songs to life in a magical world of music, laughter and sparkling snowflakes.

TUE 22 DEC.

1, 2, 3… EMOTIONS

Duo 2
La Fenêtre
(clowns)

From laughter and little tantrums to sadness, worry and reconciliation, this trio takes us on an emotional journey that is both funny and poetic. Through clowning, the show explores relationships in which we can love one another dearly… and sometimes argue just as fiercely.

WED 23 DEC.

HO, HO

La Fabrica
(musical comedy)

Two mischievous elves cause chaos in Santa's workshop with their "mischief powder"! Caught red-handed, they join the two head elves on a Christmas tour of songs and dances. With mishaps, music and laughter, the four elves sweep the audience into joyful mayhem. Can they save Christmas magic in time?

THE GAMES CORNER

GIANT WOODEN GAMES IN THE CITY CENTRE:
4, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 22 AND 23 DECEMBER, 2-6 PM

CHILDREN'S RIDES

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026 TO SUNDAY 3 JANUARY 2027

A much-loved annual tradition: the rides are back! The Ferris wheel and giant bauble-covered Christmas tree will stand beside the Castillet, while children's rides, dodgems and carousels bring fun to the city centre.

THE GIANT CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026 TO SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2027

PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE

Discover the extraordinary Giant Nativity Scene by artist José Manuel García Esquiva, known as "Pachi", featuring figures up to 14 metres tall.

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026

6 PM OPENING CEREMONY

6.30 PM CONCERT - CAROL OF THE BELLES: THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Celebrate the opening of the Giant Nativity Scene with Carol of the Belles and step into the magical atmosphere of Christmases past.

Four talented classical singers invite you to rediscover beautiful traditional Christmas songs in the spirit of English Christmas carols. A timeless musical interlude filled with grace and elegance to celebrate the magic of Christmas together.

The Giant Nativity Scene exhibition at Place de la République ends on Sunday 10 January 2027.



THE TRADITIONS OF NADAL*

** Christmas.*

28 NOVEMBER 2026 TO 10 JANUARY 2027

NATIVITY SCENE EXHIBITION AT LA FUNERÀRIA

TUESDAY TO SUNDAY, 11 AM-5.30 PM

Ballet Joventut, Fidelíssima Vila de Perpinyà, presents a delightful collection of Christmas nativity scenes made by talented and passionate ceramic artists.

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER AT 4 PM

LA FEDERACIÓ DE CORS DE CLAVÉ AT NOTRE-DAME LA RÉAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring Cor Josep Anselm Clavé from Toulouges, À tous chœur! and Chœur à cœur.

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

5-6.45 PM AT SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CATHEDRAL

LIVING NATIVITY WITH ESTUDIANTINA ILLOISE

The Pastorale of Mossèn Bonafont is a living nativity play depicting the birth of Christ through songs illustrating biblical scenes and traditional trades.

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER AT 4 PM

FEDERACIÓ DE CORS DE CLAVÉ AT SAINT-JACQUES CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring Tutti Canti, Chœur de l'Aspre and Els Cantaires de la Fossella.

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER

- "TIÓ DE NADAL" CELEBRATION WITH RAMON CUAL

2.30-4 PM, PLACE DE LA LOGE

A fun and tasty afternoon introducing children to this much-loved traditional Catalan Christmas celebration, in which they take centre stage.

- CATALAN DANCE PERFORMANCE

5-6 PM, PLACE GAMBETTA

A performance combining tradition and modernity with Ballet Joventut de la Fidelíssima Vila de Perpinyà.

- CHRISTMAS CONCERT

6-7.30 PM, SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CATHEDRAL

Christmas concert with the cobla Mil-lenària, the official cobla of the Fidelíssima Vila de Perpinyà.

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS 22 AND 29 DECEMBER

CASA XANXO, 8 RUE DE LA MAIN DE FER
CHRISTMAS WITH "CAGA TIÓ"

3 PM

A magical Christmas workshop! Did you know there is a very special log that brings sweets at Christmas? It is called the Caga Tió (the "pooping log" in Catalan), and it is as funny as it is generous! Come and discover it—and even make your own! Learn the traditional Caga Tió song so it will give you even more treats!

Recommended for ages 6+. Free, limited places. Booking: boutique.perpignantourisme.com

27 NOVEMBER 2026 TO 3 JANUARY 2027

ALLÉES MAILLOL
10TH CHRISTMAS ANTIQUES FAIR

EVERY DAY, 10 AM-7 PM

The 12 antiques dealers offer a wonderful selection of treasures to browse this festive season!

Information: 06 11 41 70 52

SATURDAY 28 AND SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

CITY CENTRE
SAINT ÉLOI FESTIVAL

A celebration of a traditional craft: jewellery-making featuring the famous Perpignan garnet. Discover the authentic skills of local jewellers, with talks, costumed processions and dances throughout the weekend.

Information: institutdugrenat.com

SATURDAYS 5 AND 12 DECEMBER

CITY CENTRE, QUAI VAUBAN AND PONT MAGENTA
TÉLÉTHON CHARITY EVENT

8 AM-6.30 PM

Perpignan associations are joining forces for the Téléthon! Find all the activities on the Facebook page Téléthon Pyrénées-Orientales - 66.

Information: AFM Téléthon: 04 68 35 55 83

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER, 10 AM-3 PM

PLACE DE LA LOGE AND PLACE JEAN JAURÈS
WINE AND OLIVE OIL MARKET

- **10 am: blessing of the Muscat wine at Saint-Jean-Baptiste Cathedral.**
- **10.30 am: blessing of the boat at Pont de Pierre, with a parade of the Giants.**
- **From 11 am to 3 pm: tasting and sale of wines, olive oil, fruit juices and saffron.**

11.15 am–12 pm: tasting workshops led by Roussillon experts, introducing visitors to the art of wine tasting.
Enjoy complimentary roasted chestnuts from the Castillet, with music from DJ Mademoiselle Gwen.
For the second time in Perpignan, the Kiwanis Club and Toques Blanches du Roussillon will hold their Chefs' Soup charity event. Each chef will prepare an original soup recipe; Kiwanis will package and sell the soups to raise money for charitable causes.

JEAN VIGO INSTITUTE

SATURDAY 12 AND SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER
CINEMA FOR LITTLE ONES

2 PM - 3.30 PM - 5 PM

"THE ANIMALS' GREAT CHRISTMAS" DURATION: 1 HR 12 MIN - FREE ADMISSION

Christmas is coming and excitement is growing in the forest: everyone is preparing for a magical winter celebration. But disaster strikes—Santa's sleigh needs rescuing! Our animal friends are on the case. Across the world, Christmas has wonderful surprises in store…

SATURDAY 2 JANUARY 2027
THE THREE KINGS' CARAVAN

3 PM

"THE STAR" DURATION: 1 HR 26 MIN - FREE ADMISSION

TIMOTHY RECKART | USA, 2017 | DCP | French-language version

Voices: Steven Yeun, Tyler Perry, Gina Rodriguez, Oprah Winfrey

Bo is a brave little donkey who dreams of a better life beyond the daily grind of the village mill. One day, he finds the courage to break free and embark on an adventure! Along the way, he joins forces with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock, and Dave, a dove with lofty ambitions.

THE THREE KINGS' CARAVAN

SATURDAY 2 JANUARY 2027

2 PARADES THROUGH THE CITY CENTRE, STARTING AT PLACE GAMBETTA

4 PM & 6 PM

As the festive season draws to a close, an age-old story comes alive once more in Perpignan's streets: the Three Kings' Caravan arrives in town. Share with children that magical moment when stories seem to come to life. This year, the caravan brings a new surprise: the Three Kings will be joined by an extraordinary procession of animals. Surprising, poetic and majestic creatures will parade through the streets alongside performers and colourful characters.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT THE HYACINTHE RIGAUD ART MUSEUM

RIGAUD COLLAB +

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

11 AM

MEET THE POET ALAIN POTTIER AND BOOK SIGNING - PRESENTATION OF HIS WORK POÈME ALLÉGORIQUE DU MUSÉE D'ART HYACINTHE RIGAUD

Launched in 2025, Rigaud Collab + returns to the museum for another edition dedicated to sharing and inspiring encounters.
A sensitive and fascinating figure, Alain Pottier presents his new book, *Poème allégorique du musée d'art Hyacinthe Rigaud.*
Poésie de mémoires / Poésie de la nuit is an innovative publishing project. The idea? To spend a night alone in a historic or memorial site, completely deserted, then recount the experience through poetry.
For Rigaud Collab +, the museum shop is also dressing up for Christmas, with new creations by Perpignan artists – JP. Henric • Pola Céramique • Bougies Lola.
Stationery and candles inspired by the museum: original, distinctive gifts to place under the Christmas tree!
Free admission, subject to availability

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

10 AM

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION - WELL-BEING AT THE MUSEUM

Join Sabrina Médita for an intuitive meditation session, open to everyone, among the works in the permanent collection. An invitation to awaken your inner sunshine and brighten the festive season.
Ages 12+. Duration: approx. 1 hour. Price: admission + €6

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

11 AM

A TASTE OF ART - CHRISTMAS EDITION

As Christmas approaches, enjoy an original experience that will awaken your senses!
What if you could discover artworks through taste as well? Look, feel, taste... Nutrition adviser EETHOS takes you on an unusual sensory journey through almost scientifically designed culinary creations. Textures echo the works on display, while the colours of seasonal local produce resonate with the artists' palettes.
Ages 12+. Duration: approx. 1 hour. Price: €25

TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER

3 PM

MIRÓÓ: HEAD IN THE STARS STORYTELLING TOUR

Children meet Miró and discover his boundless imagination, a world shaped by dreams, the sea and the stars.

Ages 2+. Duration: approx. 1 hour. Price: admission + €4

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER

2.30 PM

DREAM, CREATE AND IMAGINE WITH MIRÓÓ: "WHEN CHANCE DRAWS" WORKSHOP

Inspired by Joan Miró's shapes, poetry and visual language, children and adults explore a playful, welcoming world through two different activity formats.

Ages 7+, as a parent-child pair or an individual adult. Duration: approx. 2 hours.
Price: admission + €6

TUESDAY 29 DECEMBER

11.15 AM

MIRÓÓ'S SECRET ALPHABET: LEARN TO READ THE SIGNS OF IMAGINATION INTERACTIVE DISCOVERY GAME

Discover Joan Miró's alphabet of signs and learn to recognise the shapes, symbols and imaginary creatures that inhabit his poetic world.

Ages 7+. Duration: approx. 1 hour.
Price: child €5 / accompanying adult: admission ticket

HÔTEL PAMS

SATURDAYS 5 AND 19 DECEMBER

5.30-7 PM

Discover the Christmas decorations in the Hôtel Pams garden during two special evening openings.

Hôtel Pams, 18 rue Émile Zola

TOURIST OFFICE

PLACE FRANÇOIS ARAGO

Explore the Tourist Office's programme of guided and dramatised tours and see Perpignan dressed up for the festive season.

Scan the QR code

The caravan of the Three Wise

Saturday January 2. 2027

Departures at 4 p.m and 6 p.m
place Gambetta



Perpignan

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LA RAYONNANTE