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Christmas at Moher Hill Farm, Clare: Sunday 6th – Wednesday 23rd December

In the run up to Christmas, Moher Hill Farm is a hive of activity, as some of Santa's favourite elves move into the barn to use it as a workshop. The younger elves attend school while the older elves busy themselves making toys, with the North Pole post office to post your letter, the live crib and animated snow scene. Moher Hill Farm is the place to spend Christmas. To make sure everything is going to plan, Santa regularly visits Moher Hill Farm. He is made feel right at home in a wonderful Christmas Grotto, where children are invited to visit him, to receive a gift and have an individual chat with the jolly man himself. Adults aren't left out at Santa's Grotto; they will be greeted with a warming glass of mulled wine, tea or coffee and a homemade seasonal mince pie! For more information go to www.moherfarm.com

Christmas at Wells House and Gardens

Wells House and Gardens are delighted to welcome back Santa, Mrs Claus & their group of mischievous elves as they prepare for Christmas in the Winter Wonderland setting of Wells House & Gardens. Visit the elf workshop, help Mrs Claus with her preparations for Santa then visit the man himself in the Great Hall of Wells House & Gardens. Santa returns to Wells House & Gardens for visits on Sat 5th December! Tickets available here. Santa visits run from 5th December to 23rd and as there is no charge for accompanying adults this gives people the ideal opportunity to invite grandparents and friends to share in this memorable experience! Please note from 5th to 23rd December there will be no gate charge to visit Wells House & Gardens – our way of thanking you for your support throughout the year.

Santa's Island, Donegal's Lapland, Donegal

The longest running and most popular Christmas show in Donegal is back again for 2015 and you do really have to pass the North Pole to get here, we kid you not! The new visitors centre, where the main show will take place, is right next to the car park – you can't miss it. This new centre will be ready and open for this year's festive shows offering a whole new experience and great facilities not just for Santa but for everyone visiting Santa's Island this year. The new visitors centre also houses ample toilet facilities and a baby changing area. The Elves' Disco in Santa's Village is open to everyone of all ages to bust some moves with Santa's elves and enjoy some refreshments and treats as well. The whole show takes place in the dark of night with thousands of lights for special effects to add to the whole experience. In Santa's Village you can visit Santa's home, see what he eats for breakfast and visit the elves' bedroom. You can explore Santa's office and the children can write and post their list for Christmas. Tour Santa's shops, visit the toy factory and sit on Santa's sleigh. In Santa's home, the children can meet Santa again and have their photographs taken with him. You also can continue through a tunnel into Elves Kingdom. This is completely different world with Elves houses and many more surprises. Each child will receive a small gift from Santa. Santa will call out each child by name to give them their gift personally. For more information go to www.donegalsslalpland.ie

Cork North Pole Outpost Experience, Cobh, Cork: Sunday 29th November – Wednesday 23rd December

The Cork North Pole Outpost Experience is a fun and imaginative theatrical production bringing to life the real values of a Cork good ol' fashioned Christmas. Every year the elves bring a truly unique experience for families. Set deep in the woods, in a private and family friendly setting, we bring you into a magical world of busy Elves. Interactive and intriguing characters, bring a curious difference to the life at Cork's only North Pole outpost. Parents are encouraged to involve themselves and play alongside their children, which makes for a fabulous and brilliantly entertaining experience for the whole family! For more information go to www.northpolecork.com

Waterford Winterval Festival, The Quay, Waterford: Friday 20th November – Wednesday 23rd December

Ireland's Christmas Festival packed with seasonal events and unique activities, set in beautiful heritage sites around Waterford City. With Santa's Grotto, horse drawn sleighs, an Express Train, ice-skating, movies, a lightshow, storytelling and a Christmas Carousel, you and yours are guaranteed a fantastically fun and festive day at the Waterford Winterval Festival. Get in the festive mood! For more information go to www.winterval.ie

Santa's Magical Trail, Athy, Kildare: Friday 27th November – Tuesday 22nd December

Join Santa's elves on a wonderful journey through Santa's Magical Trail – a fun filled experience for children young and old! Drop in to visit Mrs. Claus in her living room and check out what Mrs. Claus and Santa are having for their dinner, if you're lucky enough you might even get to taste what's in the pot! Step inside the Elves Den to see how Santa's Magical Reindeer Food is created and hop onto Santa's Magical Carriage where the elves will whisk you off to Santa's Farm to meet all the other animals and find out what jobs Santa has given them. On your return, challenge Mam and Dad to a snowball fight in The North Pole Snow Room, before visiting Santa himself in his magical Grotto – he will have a present ready for all the good boys and girls. Unwrap your gift from Santa Claus in Snow White's cottage, while you enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows! For more information go to www.santasmagicaltrail.ie

Galway City On Ice, Galway: Friday 27th November – Wednesday 6th January

Galway City On Ice is back Friday the 27th November. Enjoy a fun day of ice skating and festive cheer on a 450 square-metre ice rink in Galway City and a festive atmosphere to enjoy. For more information go to www.galwaycityonice.ie

Winter Wonderland at Westport House, Mayo: Saturday 28th November – Thursday 24th December

Winter Wonderland at Westport House is a magical family experience brimming with Christmas cheer. Escape the wintry weather outside for the warmth of our cosy open fires. Parents can enjoy a delicious glass of mulled wine and kids a tasty juice while soaking up the twinkling lights, lush green garlands and tinsel trimmings spilling festively from every corner of Westport House. Kids will adore a special visit to Santa in his grotto, story-time by the fireside with Mrs Claus, sing-a-longs with the Elves and festive face-painting to really get them in the Christmas spirit. For more information go to www.westporthouse.ie

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