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Holiday Bucket Checklist

- ☐ **Take a Romantic Stroll Through Washington DC.** During your stroll, stop by the White House [to see the National Christmas Tree](#). The National Christmas Tree will be lit every day from approximately 4:30 p.m. to midnight. This display is free to visit and will be open to the public until January 1.
- ☐ **Enjoy a DMV Version of the Nutcracker.** Get transported back in time with the [Washington Ballet](#) at the historic Warner Theatre in downtown Washington DC. Set to Tchaikovsky's magical score, [this production of the Nutcracker](#) is set in a historic Georgetown mansion where party guests include Frederick Douglass, John Paul Jones, Harriet Tubman, Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.
- ☐ **Volunteer at the [Bread for the City](#).** Volunteers serve in *every* [Bread for the City](#) department (food, clothing, medical, legal, social services, and advocacy), so they can definitely use some extra hands during the holiday season.
- ☐ **Make Boozy Holiday Drinks.** Spend an evening at home and enjoy a couple of [Hot Buttered Rums](#), [Mulled Wine](#), [Spiked Hot Chocolates](#), or [Hard Hot Apple Cider](#).
- ☐ **Cut Down a Christmas Tree Together.** Located in Mt. Airy, Maryland, the [Gaver Tree Farm](#) allows you the opportunity to cut down your own tree, enjoy a hot beverage, and even steal a kiss amongst the trees. Their 2025 Christmas Season begins on November 22 and ends on December 23. (They are closed Thanksgiving Day).
- ☐ **Catch a Production of "A Christmas Carol" at Ford's Theater.** Head to the Ford's Theater and [watch a showing of "A Christmas Carol."](#) Join the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they lead the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation and redemption. This production is available at Ford's Theater from November 20 to December 31.
- ☐ **Get a little exercise on the [Ice Rink at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden](#).** Flanked by Smithsonian museums, this intimate outdoor [ice rink](#) provides you with a classic Washington DC winter experience. It's open from November 23 to March 2.
- ☐ **Tour the historical [Mount Vernon by Candlelight](#).** Tour [George Washington's estate at night](#) with costumed interpreters and characters. Enjoy a little caroling together around a warm fire and enjoy an opportunity to visit with Aladdin the Christmas camel.
- ☐ **Bake some Holiday Cookies Together.** [Here's an easy-peasy rolled sugar cookie recipe](#).
- ☐ **Take In the Winter City Lights.** Go on a romantic stroll through the magical and immersive [Winter City Lights experience](#). This display includes 1 million twinkling lights and 200,000 square feet of displays spanning 10 beautiful acres in a festive outdoor setting. Winter City Lights is the largest and most sophisticated Christmas lights and canopy show in the country.