



GoSee: Iconic Gingerbread Cities of the World

The **Seattle Gingerbread Village** celebrates its 30th year with the theme “Iconic Destinations.” Visitors can marvel at intricate gingerbread creations inspired by global landmarks in cities such as London, Paris, Sydney, and Agra, India.

Each creation is crafted by local architects and chefs. Admission is free, but donations benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), supporting type 1 diabetes research.

Dates: November 21, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Location: Sheraton Grand Seattle, 1400 6th Ave

Hours: Daily 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM (extended to 11:00 PM on weekends)



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A Zoo Visit for the Holidays! Why Not?

Woodland Park Zoo offers a truly magical experience, especially during the winter season when it transforms into a dazzling winter wonderland. Lights, festive displays, and cheerful holiday music create an enchanting atmosphere that captures the holiday spirit. Additionally, special activities and seasonal treats make the event even more delightful.

The **Zoo Lights** event has been a beloved holiday tradition in Seattle for decades. Originally conceived as a way to bring a festive and family-friendly atmosphere to the zoo during the slower winter months, it has grown significantly over the years. Today, it features more elaborate light displays and interactive exhibits, drawing visitors from near and far. Not only does the event provide a unique way to experience the zoo, but it also supports conservation efforts through ticket sales.

Since its inception in the late 1980s, Zoo Lights has evolved into a much-anticipated annual tradition. The idea was developed collaboratively by the zoo’s staff and management as a creative solution to attract visitors during the colder months. Over the years, the event has expanded, showcasing the zoo’s dedication to providing memorable experiences while promoting its mission of wildlife conservation.

Fun Facts About Zoo Lights:

- **Millions of Lights:** The event features over 800,000 energy-efficient LED lights.
- **Animal-Themed Displays:** Many of the displays are designed around animal depictions.
- **Interactive Features:** Some displays include interactive elements, allowing visitors to control certain light effects or play light-up instruments.
- **Special Activities:** Guests enjoy carousel rides, hot cocoa stands, and visits from Santa Claus.
- **Conservation Message:** Zoo Lights helps raise awareness about wildlife conservation, with displays highlighting endangered species and the zoo’s efforts to protect them.
- **Community Partnerships:** The event often includes collaborations with local businesses and artists.

With its captivating displays and heartwarming atmosphere, Zoo Lights at Woodland Park Zoo continues to be a holiday highlight that brings joy to visitors of all ages.



Upcoming Events for December

December 1 - 23 & 26 - 30
Issaquah Reindeer Festival
Cougar Mountain Zoo
Issaquah, WA

December 11 - 24
European Christmas Market
Seattle Center
Seattle, WA

December 11 - 24
Snowflake Lane Street Show
Bellevue Way, 6pm
Bellevue, WA

December 13
Appalachian Christmas
Meany Center
Seattle, WA

December 14 & 15
Seattle Festival Orchestra
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Seattle, WA

December 17
Hockey: Kraken vs. Senators
Climate Pledge Arena
Seattle, WA

December 23
UW Basketball: Huskies vs. Redhawks
Alaska Airlines Arena
Seattle, WA

December 31
New Year’s at Seattle Center
Blue Wave Band, Drones, Fireworks
Seattle Center
Seattle, WA



Note: Check official websites and venues for details.



Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month -- Warm Up with this Soup Recipe

Root vegetables and exotic fruits month is celebrated in December, encouraging people to enjoy nutritious and flavorful seasonal foods. Root vegetables, staples in many cultures, are valued for their high fiber, vitamin, and antioxidant content. Exotic fruits, rich in vitamins and unique flavors, bring a tropical touch to winter meals, highlighting global produce diversity and inspiring culinary exploration.

Recipe: Curried Root Vegetable & Mango Soup

This warming soup blends earthy root vegetables with sweet, tropical mango and apple, enhanced by curry spices.

Ingredients:

Root Vegetables: 2 carrots, 1 sweet potato, 1 parsnip, 1 small turnip (all peeled and chopped)
 Exotic Fruits: 1 ripe mango, 1 apple (both peeled and diced)
 Other Ingredients:
 2 tbsp olive oil
 1 onion (chopped)
 2 cloves garlic (minced)
 1 tbsp ginger (minced)
 1 tbsp curry powder
 4 cups vegetable broth
 1 cup coconut milk
 Salt, pepper, and fresh cilantro

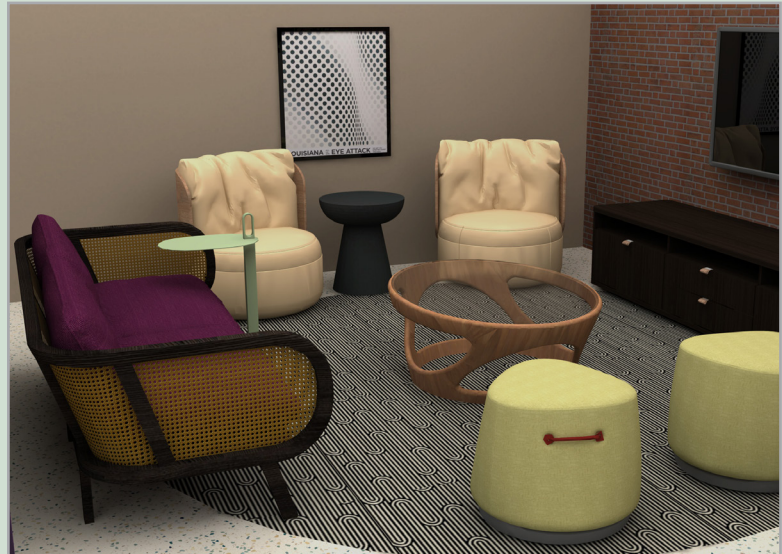
Instructions:

Heat olive oil in a pot over medium heat. Sauté onion, garlic, and ginger until fragrant. Add root vegetables, cook for 5 minutes, then stir in curry powder. Pour in broth, bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer until vegetables are tender (20-25 minutes). Add mango and apple, cook for 5 minutes. Puree soup with an immersion blender or in batches. Stir in coconut milk, season with salt and pepper, and gently heat through. Serve hot, garnished with cilantro. This cozy dish combines nutrition and vibrant flavors, perfect for a winter meal!

December Inspirations: Happy Holidays!



Foyer: Bernhardt - Lily Pad, OFS - Vide.



Lounge: Buzzispace - BuzziCrane sofa, KFI Studios - Alden laptop table, Dotty lounge chair, Kimball International - Cohen side table, Flo coffee table.



Stations: OFS : Staks, Memo Furniture - Orca Screen, Hon - Ignition 2 chair.



Kimball - Tarver rectangle table, Davis - Hue credenza, Davis - Sketch conference chair.