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Tours & Travel

Capital Christmas from the Gaylord Resort at National Harbor

December 7-10, 2026

Sample Itinerary

Day 1 – Monday, December 7, 2026

Check into the luxurious Gaylord Resort, where the atrium comes alive with indoor snowfall, dazzling lights, and festive music. The remainder of your day is free to explore the resort's numerous amenities, indulge in cocktails at Belvedere, dine at one of the many restaurants within (or near) the resort, or stroll the electric National Harbor & shop in the quaint boutiques.

Day 2 – Tuesday, December 8, 2026

Start with breakfast at the resort, before exploring the National Botanic Garden, then shop & snack your way through the lively DC Christmas Marketplace. Admire the Presidential Portraits at the National Portrait Gallery, tour Embassy Row and the holiday-trimmed National Cathedral, and experience the elaborate and ornate Christmas at Hillwood Estate. A waterfront dinner caps off the evening; after which the group will return to the Gaylord Resort for a free evening on own or, an optional performance of *A Christmas Carol* at historic Ford's Theatre can be added.

Day 3 – Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Step back in time at Mount Vernon, where colonial-era holiday traditions come to life. Stroll charming Old Town Alexandria for shopping and lunch before an afternoon of leisure at the iconic Gaylord – whether dining, relaxing at the spa, or enjoying the atrium shows. This evening, a memorable Guided Tour includes the National Christmas Tree, Pathway of Peace, & Washington's glorious Monuments glowing in the night.

Day 4 – Thursday, December 10, 2026

Savor a final breakfast and enjoy free time at National Harbor before experiencing ICE! featuring a breathtaking wonderland of massive, hand-carved ice sculptures from over 2 million pounds of ice. With your heart full of holiday cheer and unforgettable memories, your luxurious Christmas escape comes to a perfect close.

Holiday Luxury at the Gaylord

Celebrate the season in style with a luxurious holiday getaway to Washington, DC, and the spectacular Gaylord Resort.

From dazzling lights and festive shows to historic sites, holiday markets, and unforgettable evenings, this Christmas escape is the perfect blend of elegance, tradition, and cheer.

Highlights

- National Botanical Garden
- DC Christmas Marketplace
- National Portrait Gallery
- Hillwood Estates
- George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Old Town Alexandria
- Christmas Illuminated Monument Tour
- Pathway to Peace
- National Christmas Tree
- ICE! Exhibit Tickets
- Optional: *A Christmas Carol*, live, annual performance at historic Ford's Theatre

Inclusions

- 3 nights' accommodations at the Gaylord Resort at National Harbor
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Resort Fees

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