Christmas Lights Switch-Ons 2026 Outside London

Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle and Manchester dates in UK time and Eastern Time

DATE (ET)	ET	CT	MT	PT	LONDON TIME	EVENT	GOING?
Thu., Nov. 12	Time not yet announced					**Cardiff lights switch-on** reported by Nation.Cymru; time and venue not announced	
Thu., Nov. 12	Time not yet announced					**Newcastle lights switch-on** time and venue not listed	
Sat., Nov. 14	**7 a.m.**	6 a.m.	5 a.m.	4 a.m.	Nov. 14, noon	**Belfast Christmas Market opens** at the City Hall	
Sat., Nov. 14	Time not yet announced					**Belfast City Hall switch-on** 6.30pm UK time (1:30 p.m. ET); tickets all allocated	
Thu., Nov. 19	Time not yet announced					**Newcastle Christmas Markets open** to Wed. 23 Dec.	
Thu., Nov. 19	Time not yet announced					**Cardiff Christmas at Bute Park opens** ticketed	
Tue., Dec. 22	Time not yet announced					**Manchester Christmas Markets end** Albert Square and Cathedral Gardens run to Sun. 3 Jan.	

Eastern Time (ET), Central Time (CT), Mountain Time (MT, Denver; most of Arizona keeps standard time), Pacific Time (PT). London time: the time where the event takes place, as the source gives it. Times are converted from the start time the source gives.

Not yet confirmed

Manchester lights switch-on: no 2026 event listed by Visit Manchester

Liverpool city centre switch-on: not announced

Belfast Christmas Market closing date: not yet announced by the council

My notes

Source: Belfast City Council, Visit Cardiff, Nation.Cymru, Newcastle's Christmas and Visit Manchester.