## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Nights of Lights Contact:

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## **31st Annual Nights of Lights Illuminates Nation's Oldest City Beginning** November 23

## Known as one of the best holiday lights displays in the world, St. Augustine's Nights of Lights kicks off with Light Up! Night

St. Augustine, Fla. (August 27, 2024) – St. Augustine's internationally acclaimed <u>Nights of Lights</u> festival returns on November 23, 2024, and continues nightly through January 26, 2025. Since 1994, the Nation's oldest city has featured this festive atmosphere inspired by the Spanish tradition of displaying a white candle in windows during the Christmas holidays.

The festival kicks off with Light Up! Night on Saturday, Nov. 23, beginning at 4 p.m. and featuring music and live performances. The official lighting ceremony starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Plaza de la Constitución when a switch is flipped and more than three million white lights illuminate and outline public and private buildings, bridges, trees, and more throughout St. Augustine's Historic District.

Whether it is a stroll, ride, or sail, there are many options for Nights of Lights experiences. For those comfortable on foot, the Christmas tree in the Plaza de la Constitución, Lightner Museum, and the Bridge of Lions are can't-miss selfie spots. <u>Ancient City Tours</u> offers guided walking tours that include St. Augustine's history. For a unique vantage point from above, climb 219 steps to the top of the <u>St.</u> <u>Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum</u> or hop on a sightseeing flight with First City Helicopters.

For a festive tour, climb aboard <u>Old Town Trolley's Famous Nights of Lights Tour</u> or <u>Santa's Red Express</u> <u>Tours</u>. Each has a convivial atmosphere with music and fun facts. <u>St. Augustine Land & Sea Tours</u> offers luxury golf cart tours (in Spanish and English), while <u>The Tasting Tours</u> offers a variety of tours on horsedrawn carriages and open-air electric shuttles. Choose from an adults-only wine tour or the familyoriented <u>Un-Merry Grinchmas Rides</u>, <u>Bah-Humbug Scrooge Ride</u>, and <u>Magical Ride with Santa</u>.

The cityscape sparkles from the water, too. Sail away with the traditional <u>Schooner Freedom Charters</u> or modern <u>St. Augustine Sailing</u>. Enjoy a peaceful harbor cruise with <u>Florida Water Tours</u>, <u>St. Augustine</u> <u>Scenic Cruise</u>, <u>St. Augustine Boat Tours</u>, <u>Adventure Boat Tours</u>, <u>Red Boat Tours</u>, or <u>St. Augustine Eco</u> <u>Tours</u>.

There are dozens more ways to experience St. Augustine's <u>Nights of Lights</u>. Use the <u>trip planner</u> or brandnew AI Assistant to create an illuminating experience.

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