Take the Family on a Cruise for Christmas

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Plain or Fancy

Holiday Cakes

*plus*Our Editors'

favorite Southern Gifts

Stylish, Magnificent

Magnolia Decorations

Dinner & Cheer With Charleston's Famous Lee Brothers

Festive, Inviting Front Doorways

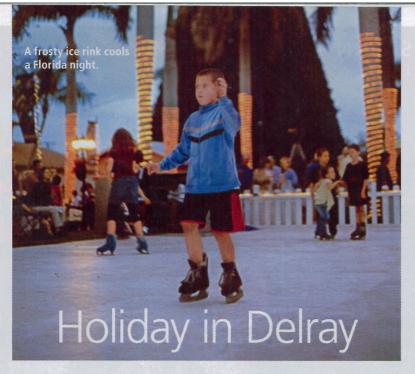


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SPECIAL SECTION

**CHRISTMAS** 

All Through The House



Feel the warmth of the season in a cozy beach community—and it isn't just the sunshine.

ake a spin on the ice rink. Taste a simmering cup of hot chocolate. Step inside the leafy branches of a towering Christmas tree so huge it makes grown-ups feel like children too. The spirit of the season wraps around you the minute you step onto Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

#### Stroll and Shop

Thousands of lights shine from palm trees and buildings. Some of the decorations fill the 100-foot tree that's the centerpiece of the celebration. Outside, choirs and other music groups entertain while ice skaters glide along.

Shoppers find every item on their gift lists at one-of-a-kind shops and art galleries. For home decor with coastal charm, visit The Beached Boat Co. Look for glass art jewelry at Avalon Gallery or photography and art at KEVRO Gallery, Media Studio, & Art Bar.

#### **Smell the Gingerbread**

It's worth a walk to the Delray Beach Marriott to see one of the largest gingerbread houses in Florida. The hotel's executive chef and kitchen staff use more than 3,500 pounds of gingerbread, candy, cookies, and icing to build the Castle by the Sea in the lobby.

Cap off a festive evening with succulent stone crab claws and Gulf Coast oysters at J & J Seafood Bar & Grill. It's Christmas Florida style, and it beats Santa's milk and cookies any day.

### Good Times To Go

Kids Day at the Tree, December 8, features entertainment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a downtown parade at 6 p.m. Delray Beach Marriott hosts Breakfast with Santa at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on December 22; \$10 per person by reservation; (561) 279-1380, ext. 17.

For more information, visit www.downtowndelraybeach.com, or call the Delray Beach Downtown Marketing Cooperative at (561) 279-1380.

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