

# CHRISTMAS AT GAYLORD NATIONAL



## EXPERIENCE GUIDE

In order to help all guests enjoy Christmas at Gaylord National, we have provided some information on the experience at our most popular holiday activities. The actual experience on the day of your visit may vary based on the number of participants, but this guide can give you an idea of any possible stimuli for guests with sensory sensitivity.

### ICE!

This is a timed ticketed walk-thru attraction with larger-than-life ice sculptures. Prior to entry into the attraction there is a queue line where you can see some information about how ICE! is created. Some additional notes about the experience:

- There is a carpeted walkway and strollers are allowed.
- The attraction is kept at 9 degrees.
- There is music and theatrical lights.
- The hotel provides warm blue parkas for guests to wear at ICE!. Guests are not required to wear the parka. It is required only to go down the ice slides in the attraction.
- There are several ice slides in the attraction of different sizes, including one for smaller kids. There are height requirements to go on the slide and everyone must wear a blue parka. People can go down the slides one by one, and no child can be held on your lap. During busy times, people may have to wait in line before going down the ice slide.

## THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

This is the name of the area that contains many of the different attractions. Here, there is music, theatrical lights, fog and it snows several times a day. On weekends, this area can be very crowded.

## SNOW FLOW MOUNTAIN

This attraction is a ticketed experience located in the Christmas Village. Participants receive a large tube which they can ride down a showy tract.

Some specific notes about this attraction:

- The hill is over 15 ft tall.
- The tubes go very quickly and can bounce and turn in the lane while traveling down the hill.
- Only one person is allowed to go in one tube at a time.
- There is direct interaction with the attendant at the top of the hill before they go down the hill.
- Once done, the person must queue in line before he/she can go down the hill again.

## SNOWBALL BUILD AND BLAST

Participants are given a box filled with real snow. They use the snow to make snowballs and throw them at targets. Certain particulars about this experience:

- There is flashing light when you score.
- The snow is real and cold and wet to the touch.
- There are 'factory' noises and theatrical fog that sporadically goes into the air.
- Participants stand next to other people when they throw the snowballs.

## **PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

Santa Claus is located in a separate room and sits on a throne. Children can sit on the throne next to Santa and speak with him. There is professional photography and flashes are used.

## **GINGERBREAD DECORATING CORNER**

People can select for a variety of pre-packaged kits to create their own gingerbread masterpiece. Participants are provided decorating tools and their own table and may decorate at their own pace. The kit includes icing and candy which can be placed on the gingerbread. Some additional information about this experience:

- There are costumed characters who visit the people who are decorating.
- There is low ambient music.
- There are no hand-washing facilities in the attraction, but there is a bathroom a short distance away.
- There is a photographer who will take pictures of the participants with the costumed character.

## **MRS. CLAUS' CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS**

This attraction is a theatrical show that lasts for approximately 25 minutes. Mrs. Claus and her helpers sing, dance and tell a story on a stage. Guests sit on a selection of hard and soft seating and are encouraged to participate in the show by clapping and singing. Participants are also given a small container of milk and an individually wrapped cookie.

## **CIRQUE: SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

This Broadway-style show features dazzling acrobatics, feats of flexibility, and high-flying stunts. There is music, lights and noises. Ticket holders in seats within close proximity to other guests.

## **HERE WE GLOW A-CAROLING LIGHT SHOW**

This atrium light show is high energy. It entails loud music, strobe lights, haze, flashing lights, and indoor snow, haze effects, and strobe lights. This event may create a sensory overload experience.

## **MERRY SNOOPY CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT**

This is an interactive experience where guests can meet and engage with Snoopy and other costume characters. Each ticket holder also receives a cookie which he/she can decorate. It is held in a small room and you are close to other guests.