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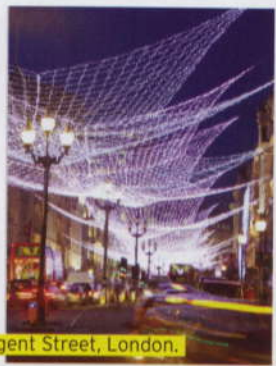
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TREND

LET THERE BE LIGHT

We'll be the first to admit that the holidays arrive with a heavy dose of the clichéd and commercial. But aside from a few grinchers out there, who can resist a good light show? Here, a few of our top picks across the globe, from the classic to the quirky.



Regent Street, London.

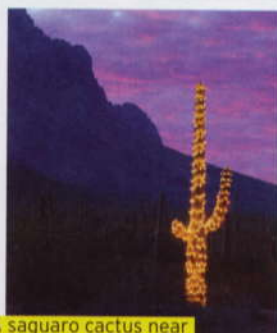
- Each year, **Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens** transforms into a winter wonderland with twinkling lights, children's shows, and plenty of glogg. tivoli.dk; November 20–December 30.
- For more than 60 years, the 700 block of **West 34th Street in Baltimore** (dubbed

Christmas Street) has been brightening up its houses with illuminated Santas, reindeers, angels, and wreaths. christmasstreet.com; December 1–January 2.

● **Warsaw's central Zamkowy Square** is filled with stalls that sell cakes, trinkets, and honey—all surrounding a colorfully lit, 85-foot-tall Christmas tree. poland.travel; December 1–31.

● **Regent Street, in London**, is classic Christmas at its best: on November 3, crowds gather for the official switching-on ceremony, when a mile-long stretch of buildings lights up the sky. visitolondon.com; November 3–January 5.

● **Winterhaven, a corner of Tucson, Arizona**, is known for its elaborate light show, and there are horse-drawn buggy rides through the area. There's also a tree-lighting ceremony in mid-December in downtown Tucson. For a true desert feel, however, head to the city's outskirts,



A saguaro cactus near Tucson, Arizona.

where residents decorate the indigenous cacti, which can grow as tall as 50 feet. visittucson.org; mid-December–early January.

● **Want over-the-top?** Check out the Italian-American neighborhood of **Dyker Heights, Brooklyn**: oversize Santa Claus displays, 30-foot toy soldiers, and, should you get hungry, cannoli from local bakery *Mona Lisa*. *Fourth Ave. between 13th and 14th Sts.*; asliceofbrooklyn.com; December 4–28.

Tell us about your favorite holiday light displays at TravelandLeisure.com/articles/worlds-best-holiday-light-displays.

TOURS

A ROMAN HOLIDAY

What could be more romantic than a candlelit dinner on a 1940's tram with Rome's Colosseum and live jazz music as your backdrop? On the recently launched **Tramjazz** (tramjazz.com; tickets for two \$160) tour, you'll drive by historic sites lit up at night while enjoying plates of eggplant lasagna and ricotta tart. The best part? Your traveling companions include a troupe of local musicians. —VALERIE WATERHOUSE



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- iPhone (download "Lists for Life" packing Application)
- iPod + Headphones
- iFlip Mino HD
- camera
- Kindle
- Chargers for ALL
- Business Cards
- Cash Credit Card
- Passport
- Plane ticket
- Socks + Scarf
- Jewelry
- Snacks
- Hand Sanitizer

BOOKS

TRAVEL READY

Rory Tahari, creative director and vice chairwoman of the Elie Tahari fashion house, can add a new title to her résumé: list-maker extraordinaire. Her just-released book, **Lists for Life** (Simon & Schuster, \$19.99), includes a section with quick tips to help you get organized for your next trip. "I love being prepared—it eases the stress of travel," she says. "Creating lists gives you boundaries, so you don't have to worry, *What am I forgetting?*" Her top three pointers: Check the weather, plan your outfit combinations ahead of time, and consider downloading her Lists for Life iPhone app to make sure you don't forget anything. —MIMI LOMBARDO

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THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO GETTING ORGANIZED AND TACKLING TRIP TO-DO'S
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Clockwise from top: Creative director Rory Tahari; Rory's own travel to-do list; her new book, *Lists for Life*.