

# Colonial Night Watch Guide

**Free Event**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
(Beginning at 9 a.m.)

## Ring in the Holidays in America's Oldest City

Experience a celebration 454 years in the making, with remarkable reenactments, authentic period costumes, replica weapons, traditional crafts and more - All under thousands of twinkling holiday lights.

### FLAG RAISING

The day begins at Castillo de San Marcos with a 9 a.m. flag raising and a musket and weapons check at 9:30 on the Castillo lawn. The event continues into the historic Colonial Quarter for all-day fun, before culminating in a torchlight parade down one of the oldest streets in the United States.

### HISTORICAL REENACTMENTS

For one day only, Spanish, French, British and Native American reenactors bring Colonial St. Augustine to life. Watch as soldiers perform military drills, cannon and musket firings at the Castillo and the Colonial Quarter. Explore the Colonial Quarter Museum and find blacksmithing, leatherwork, loom weaving, cooking demonstrations and more. Plus, take part in making traditional Native American cornhusk dolls, trade bead bracelets and necklaces. Doors open at 10 a.m.

### TORCHLIGHT PARADE

At 7 p.m., more than 175 reenactors will take to St. George Street, parading in celebration of an 18th century military routine - Night Watch. Watch from the sidelines or join in the fun as our reenactors march through the Historic District by torchlight, protecting St. Augustine's citizens and guests. After the parade, experience a "Volley of Joy" by soldiers and militia and the singing of Christmas carols to help ring in the holiday season.

**A schedule and map of event locations will be posted at each entrance to the Colonial Quarter. Handouts of the map and schedule will be available at the registration tent in the Colonial Quarter.**



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