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Desert Botanical Garden's enduring Christmas tradition, Las Noches de las Luminarias, is back for another year of embodying the spirit of the Southwest and gratitude for the plants.

The event started with 700 Luminarias, made with brown paper bags, sand and candles, and has since evolved to feature music and artists.

Over the years, it has introduced innovative elements like faux Luminaria bags, butane lighters and reusable bags, expanding to multiple nights and adding new traditions. Today, staff and volunteers continue to handcraft and light thousands of Luminarias, enhancing this cherished tradition while twinkle lights adorn the garden's trees.

Experience this Valley holiday tradition from November 24 to December 30, with member tickets available from October 2 and general public tickets from October 16.

Here is everything you need to know about Las Noches de las Luminarias 2023 in Phoenix.

What to expect at Desert Botanical Garden's Luminarias 2023

Enjoy Luminaria-lit trails and festive lights, along with musical performances, food and drinks. Don't miss the art exhibition "Fernando Botero: El Maestro" featuring colorful paintings and sculptures. You can also honor a loved one by purchasing a personalized Luminaria tribute bag. The last day to buy one is Dec. 13.

Here are some of the 2023 performers:

- The King's Carolers.
- Mariachi Pasion.
- Sahnas Brothers.
- Traveler.
- Liberty Wildlife.
- Harp Synergy.
- Red Rock Brass.

See the complete entertainment



People walk at Desert Botanical Garden's Las Noches de las Luminarias event on Dec. 18, 2022, in Phoenix. MINGSON LAU/THE REPUBLIC

schedule at dbg.org.

When is Las Noches de las Luminarias 2023?

Stroll the garden paths from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Nov. 24 and 25 and Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 19-23 and 26-30.

Desert Botanical Garden Luminarias tickets

Garden admission for Las Noches de las Luminarias is \$39.95 (\$34.95 for members), and \$16.95 for ages 3-17 (\$14.95 for members). Reservations are required.

Ticket buyers can donate to The Arizona Republic-sponsored Season for Sharing campaign upon checkout. Season for Sharing grants support youth environmental education initiatives at the garden, one of 158 nonprofit grantees last year.

Details: Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix. 480-941-1225, dbg.org.

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