**Festival of Lights at the Mission Inn**

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Starting November 28, 2014 until January 6, 2015, the Mission Inn will be having its annual Festival of Lights. Riverside is transformed from a quiet, peaceful setting to a winter wonderland. The night is lit up with over 4 million dazzling holiday lights just for the season. (Yes, 4 million lights! No lies here!) There are many activities at the event for people of all ages. You can take pictures with Santa Claus, skate at the outdoor skating rink, experience freshly fallen snow, and gaze at the extremely fancy yet elegant decorations within the Mission Inn. As well as the various festivities, there are definitely tons of restaurants and bakeries! A personal favorite of mine to definitely check out is Casey’s Cupcakes ® (*Cupcake Wars* winner) which is located on Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501. If you are interested in going to the over 5 week-long event, you can find more information at <http://www.missioninn.com/festival-of-lights-en.html>.

Here are some tips for the Festival of Lights:

* There is an extremely long line to see the decorations inside the Mission Inn. (You’ve been warned…)
* If you plan on going, take your friends with you on a Friday or Saturday night for an unforgettable night of fun!
* YOU NEED TO BRING A CAMERA. (There are plenty of great places to take photos.)
* There are a whole lot of holiday vendors located all around the Mission Inn.
* Most importantly, have a fabulous time! ☺