



A Brighter Way to Begin the New Year: ILLUMINATE Brings Resolution-Inspired Fun to Aquatica Orlando



Light up the night with New Year savings as tickets start at \$20 with an Any Night four-pack through Jan. 30.

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ORLANDO, Fla. (Jan. 16, 2026) – The new year is all about fresh starts and ILLUMINATE – A Lantern Festival at Aquatica is giving families a brighter way to begin 2026 through January 30. Reimagined for the new year, the limited-time nighttime experience invites guests to kick off their resolutions through immersive lantern displays, interactive wish-casting moments, festive bites, and playful post-holiday fun.

ILLUMINATE invites guests to explore five glowing realms, each telling a unique story through larger-than-life lanterns, immersive scenery and interactive moments. From luminous animal guardians and candy-colored dreamscapes to mystical lagoons, enchanted forests and lantern-lit safaris, every pathway sparks wonder, discovery and imagination for all ages.

Dance Into 2026 with Kiwi Santa

Santa is surfing into the new year and he's not coming alone. Kiwi Santa hosts a festive "wrap party" celebrating the elves' hard work, inviting guests to kick off 2026 with music, movement and playful fun. Families can join in on the dance floor, take part in Elf Games, and stop by the 2026 Resolution Area before capturing a reimagined New Year photo with Kiwi Santa, all set against a tropical, lantern-lit backdrop.

Write Your 2026 Resolution

Guests can pause, reflect, and put pen to paper at Aquatica's interactive craft stations, creating personalized resolution cards! Whether the goal is more adventure, new experiences, or simply more time together, Aquatica invites guests to turn their wishes into meaningful moments.

Cast a Wish for 2026

Along the softly lit waters of Enchanted Lagoon, guests are invited to stop by the Wish Masters station and take part in a symbolic wish-casting ritual, guided by a mystical guardian. Each wish becomes a keepsake, a glowing reminder of hopes and goals for the year ahead.

Indulge in Festive Flavors

Guests can dig into crave-worthy offerings like the "Glow'd-Up" Chicken Parmesan Sandwich and Midnight Street Beef Empanadas, both paired perfectly with specialty sips such as the Candy Cane Kiss Martini. Together, these bold flavors add a festive bite and a celebratory toast to the ILLUMINATE experience.

The scenery of ILLUMINATE's lantern lights offers guests an immersive interaction experience perfect to start the new year. Cozy s'more stations add a sweet treat to the night, while the Kiddie Alley Express invites young and young-at-heart guests on a whimsical lantern safari featuring lions, zebras and giraffes. ILLUMINATE not only creates a peaceful ambiance but creates the opportunity to capture the memory and hope of the year ahead.

Shine Brighter with Special Savings

For a limited time, guests can experience ILLUMINATE for as low as \$20 per ticket with an Any Night Ticket four-Pack. Food-and-beverage lanyards are also available in five- or 10-punch options as ILLUMINATE offers more than 25 festive menu items. Pass Members can also take advantage of exclusive discounts on admission and food lanyards. Standard Pass Member parking rules apply.

About Aquatica

A vibrant aquatic landscape, splashed with South Seas spirit and dotted with towering, colorful slides, Aquatica Orlando delights all ages and interests. This one-of-a-kind water park, voted the #1 outdoor water park in the country by USA Today's 10Best Reader's Poll, is home to some of the world's most thrilling water rides, featuring 50 slides, rivers and lagoons and 84,000 square feet of sparkling white, sandy beaches. Aquatica isn't all about dashing and splashing though. This lush, laid-back playground is perfect for going with the flow. Wade into lazy rivers and wave pools without waiting in line and watch cares float away. Or grab a cozy lounge chair on one of Orlando's loveliest beaches and sip a refreshing cocktail. Two large play areas just for kids make Aquatica the perfect spot for family fun. Aquatica offers exclusive attractions that promise unlimited fun, sending guests on amazing undersea adventures.

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