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Hotels warming up to ice extravaganzas

Here's a trend that's really cool: Holiday ice extravaganzas at hotels.

All four Gaylord resorts — in the Orlando and Dallas areas, at National Harbor near Washington and in Nashville — are offering ICE! shows. They're winter wonderlands with new twists, featuring 2 million pounds of hand-carved creations at each location. Biggest headline is that Nashville's huge Gaylord Opryland, closed since the spring flooding for a big overhaul, opened again Monday. Its ICE! with real snow starts today. For more information on dates and prices and new "Grandparent Get-away" with kids packages, visit gaylordhotels.com.

More hotels have added winter skating rinks, including The St. Regis Atlanta and W Los Angeles-Westwood.

— *Kitty Bean Yancey*