# 👨 Photo Opportunities with Santa

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1. Choose a Consistent Photo Spot	2. Create a Welcoming Space That's Visually Festive
<ul> <li>Example: A fixed photo area with a clear backdrop helps guests know where to stand and ensures every picture looks polished.</li> </ul>	• Example: A comfy chair, decorated backdrop, fairy lights, and a simple "North Pole" sign instantly create the right atmosphere.
<ul> <li>To Do:</li> <li>□ Pick one location for all photos</li> <li>□ Mark out where Santa and guests will sit or stand</li> <li>□ Keep walkways clear for easy movement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To Do:         <ul> <li>Choose a suitable location indoors/outdoors</li> <li>Set up decorations and seating for Santa</li> <li>Test lighting for photos</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

3. Use Soft,	Warm	Lighting
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 Example: A mix of fairy lights and soft diffused lighting gives a warm, magical glow and avoids harsh shadows.

### • To Do:

- ☐ Avoid bright overhead lights
- ☐ Use lamps or softboxes for balance
- ☐ Test lighting before guests arrive

 Example: Leave room for families, pushchairs, and group photos so everyone feels comfortable and included.

#### • To Do:

- ☐ Plan enough space around Santa's chair
- ☐ Keep background clutter to a minimum
- ☐ Mark safe standing zones for photos



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5. Keep the Flow Moving Smoothly	6. Add Small, Simple Props
• <b>Example:</b> Have a helper or 'Elf' guide guests into place and prepare the next group while photos are being taken.	• Example: A sack of gifts, a wrapped present, or a "Letter to Santa" adds festive charm without stealing the spotlight.
<ul> <li>To Do:</li> <li>□ Assign one person to manage the queue</li> <li>□ Brief helpers on how to position guests</li> <li>□ Keep things friendly and calm</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To Do:         <ul> <li>Choose a few props that suit your theme</li> <li>Keep them tidy and within reach</li> <li>Avoid oversized or branded items</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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• **Example:** A refreshed Santa means a warm smile and better photos every time.

### • To Do:

- ☐ Plan short rest breaks every hour
- ☐ Have water and a quiet area nearby
- ☐ Keep a helper ready to cover while Santa steps away

 Example: After the formal photo, encourage a wave, a laugh, or a big "ho ho ho!" natural smiles make the best pictures.

#### • To Do:

- ☐ Invite guests to take a relaxed final shot
- ☐ Keep the tone light and festive
- ☐ Remind photographers to capture candid smiles



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