

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ Holder LUMINA Brings the Philippines' First- ever Eco-Friendly Water & Sky Lantern Festival to Subic Bay

December 19, 2026 • Subic Bay Boardwalk • A Christmas celebration of light above and below, family, wishes, and togetherness

SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES — Following its historic GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ achievement earlier this year, LUMINA returns on Saturday, December 19, 2026, at Subic Bay Boardwalk as the LUMINA Water & Sky Lantern Festival — a special Christmas edition bringing together glowing water lanterns and a safe, tethered LED sky lantern experience for families, couples, friends, and visitors from across the country.

Organized by Vibe Events Management Corporation, LUMINA invites guests to write personal hopes, prayers, memories, and Christmas wishes on their lanterns, release biodegradable water lanterns across the bay, and raise tethered LED sky lanterns overhead. With no open fire and no uncontrolled sky-lantern release, the experience is designed to transform Subic Bay into a glowing landscape of light above and below, culminating in a grand fireworks finale.

11,063 lanterns • 1 world record • Now: water + sky

From a Historic Milestone to a Christmas Tradition

On May 10, 2026, LUMINA made history by achieving the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the Largest Display of Water Lanterns, with 11,063 lanterns illuminating the water. The milestone established LUMINA as a large-scale Filipino-produced experience capable of bringing thousands of people together around a shared moment of light and meaning.

For its December edition, LUMINA expands its signature water-lantern experience into the sky while keeping Christmas at the heart of the celebration. Family, gratitude, hope, love, remembrance, and togetherness remain central to the night — whether guests come for a family tradition, a Christmas date, a reunion with friends, or a quiet moment to write a wish before welcoming a new year.

A Christmas Destination by the Bay

At Subic Bay Boardwalk, gates open at 3:00 PM for golden-hour views, the festival village, food and retail booths, games, photo areas, and live entertainment. After dark, the night builds toward the water lantern ceremony, tethered LED sky lantern display, and a grand fireworks finale.

Designed for all ages, LUMINA also features a magical kids’ show, guest artists, live saxophone performances, interactive activities, giveaways, photo booths, food, and retail experiences. The event is currently hosted by DJ Raqi Terra of Love Radio and DJ Benjamon of GV 99.1.

The LUMINA Experience

- Design Your Lantern — write a hope, prayer, memory, or message on your lantern.
- Launch It Onto the Water — release your biodegradable water lantern alongside thousands of others.
- Light Up the Sky — raise a tethered LED sky lantern with no open flame and no uncontrolled release.
- Witness the Magical Moment — see Subic Bay glow above and below with lanterns, reflections, and fireworks.

An Eco-Conscious Celebration

LUMINA’s water lanterns use biodegradable materials and flameless LED lighting. Sky lanterns are tethered and LED-lit, with no open fire and no uncontrolled release. A Retrieval Team collects water lanterns after the ceremony, while guests are encouraged to follow anti-littering, waste-reduction, and Clean-As-You-Go (CLAYGO) practices.

Tickets and Admission

Current ticket options for December 19 include:

Ticket Option	Price	Description
Platinum Pass	₱1,999	Water + Sky Lantern Kits, full festival access, and an Exclusive Boat Photo Op.
Group Pass	₱1,199 / pax	Water Lantern Kit per ticket holder; group and family rate.
Sky Standard	₱999	Tethered LED Sky Lantern Kit; no open flame or uncontrolled release.
Eco Regular	₱499	Biodegradable water lantern with new rice paper and a recycled wooden frame.

All passes include access to the LUMINA festival experience, including the fireworks display, magical kids’ show, guest artist and saxophone performances, art and retail booths, activity and game booths, cocktail and beer booths for adult guests, photo booths, food booths, and festival activities. The lantern kit included depends on the selected pass.

Tickets: www.ticketmelon.com/vibeevents/luminalanternfestival

Festival information: www.luminalanternfestival.com

A Holiday Experience for Families and Visitors

LUMINA is being presented as a destination experience for the Christmas season — a reason for families and friends to travel to Subic Bay, spend time together, and create a meaningful memory beyond the usual holiday routine. Its combination of water and sky illumination, personal participation, family entertainment, and the symbolic act of sharing a light gives guests a collective moment they can carry into the new year.

SUGGESTED ORGANIZER QUOTE

“After making history in May, we wanted LUMINA’s next chapter to keep the meaning of the water lantern experience while bringing that sense of wonder into the sky. Christmas is about being with the people we love, remembering what matters, and carrying hope into a new year. On December 19, we hope families and friends will look across the bay — and above it — and make a Christmas memory they will treasure for years.”

MEDIA QUICK FACTS & COVERAGE GUIDE

LUMINA Water & Sky Lantern Festival – Christmas Edition

Event	LUMINA Water & Sky Lantern Festival – Christmas Edition
Date	Saturday, December 19, 2026
Venue	Subic Bay Boardwalk
Gates Open	3:00 PM
Organizer	Vibe Events Management Corporation
Festival Positioning	The Philippines’ First-ever Eco-Friendly Water & Sky Lantern Festival
Sky Lantern Format	Tethered LED sky lanterns; no open fire or uncontrolled release
World Record	GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title holder — Largest Display of Water Lanterns
Record Achievement	11,063 lanterns — May 10, 2026
Hosts	DJ Raqi Terra (Love Radio) and DJ Benjamon (GV 99.1)
Official Website	www.luminalanternfestival.com

Recommended Media Angles

- From world record to water-and-sky spectacle: LUMINA’s next chapter.

- The Philippines' first-ever eco-friendly Water & Sky Lantern Festival: Christmas through light, wishes, and togetherness.
- 11,063 lanterns: revisiting LUMINA's May 10 GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ milestone.
- A safer sky-lantern format: tethered LEDs with no open fire or uncontrolled release.
- Eco-conscious design: biodegradable materials, retrieval, recycled components, and CLAYGO.
- Christmas tourism in Subic Bay: a destination for families, couples, friends, and visitors.

Suggested Headline Options

- Guinness World Records™ Holder LUMINA Brings Water & Sky Lantern Festival to Subic Bay
- LUMINA Introduces the Philippines' First-ever Eco-Friendly Water & Sky Lantern Festival
- From World Record to Water & Sky: LUMINA Returns December 19
- Light Above and Below: Water Lanterns, Tethered LED Sky Lanterns, and Fireworks at LUMINA

Media Notes

- Use "GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the Largest Display of Water Lanterns" for the May 10, 2026 achievement.
- Do not describe December 19 as a new record attempt unless separately confirmed.
- Describe sky lanterns as tethered and LED-lit, with no open fire or uncontrolled release.
- Confirm current tickets, policies, artist or host updates, and program details on the official website before publication.

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