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## EDITOR'S LETTER

We hope you are ready for a European Christmas, because it is one of those experiences that some can only have sugarplum dreams about. Seeing fairytale towns all decked out in wintry glitz and glam sometimes feels unreal or from a time long ago. Check out the story on Enchanting Castle Christmas Markets to escape to a scene of Christmases past. It sure is charming to peruse twinkling chalets beneath massive castle spires. Before you head out, read our tips for visiting the markets this year, which covers good-to-know information like preparation, parking and what to wear to stay cozy. Stress less, have more baumstriezel! If you have yet to try that, stop by our collection of Christmas Market Sweet and Savory Treats to get an idea of what you've been missing. We paid special attention to highlighting different dietary options, so all revelers can look out for a treat that they can enjoy.

Our holiday wish for you is to be able to relax at the end of this busy year. We have our staff's favorite holiday tunes ready with love on a playlist when you do get a chance to put your feet up.

Most importantly, we have broken down some top markets near you, so you feel ready to visit as many as you can, with the help of the included market directory. Frauenchiemsee

is a whole island of festivities in the Bavarian Alps, located on Lake Chiemsee. This would be a great time to see why King Ludwig II picked this idyllic location for one of his extravagant palaces that is just waiting for a tour.

If you want urban Christmas Markets packed with plenty to do, the Munich Christmas Market is a sprawling complex of city squares and opulent streets, all themed with different delights. The long-running Stuttgart Christmas Market is also abuzz with the backdrop of the immense Alten Schloss echoing a choir's song. And if you have not been to Luxembourg's Winterlights Festival, there is no time like this joyful season to visit this unique country that also exudes the influences of its neighbors, France, Germany and Belgium. At any of these events and more, you'll be able to feel the Christmas magic in the air. Tell us your favorites if you happen to stop by our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

*Psst!* If you're looking to leave a great impression with Santa and switch up the cookies and milk routine, we have several alternatives to pick from (that are also fun and easy to make) for your Christmas Eve activities.

Blessings to you and yours and a most happy new year!



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**T**wo things stand out when I think of Europe and Christmas: Castles and Christmas markets. Combine the two, and you get an epic mashup of seasonal magic. From burning torches illuminating dramatic turrets and walls to the spiced scents of mulled wine and cider wafting through the air and the feeling of stepping into a fairy tale, visiting a castle Christmas market is one for the books. After a stunted holiday season the past two years, why not go all out and hit up one of these fantastic German castle markets?

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### ROYAL WINTER MAGIC 2022, BURG HOHENZOLLERN, BISINGEN

Just under an hour south of Stuttgart is the stunning Hohenzollern Castle. Don't worry if you have to do a double take; the dazzling behemoth looks like it jumped out from the pages of a Brothers Grimm story. Forgoing the traditional Christkindlmarkt setup, the ancestral home to Prussian royalty offers an enchanting experience of sparkling light illuminations and festive decorations inside and outside the castle. Court jesters and jolly old Saint Nick are known to make appearances in the courtyard.

The Royal Winter Magic runs Nov. 25–Jan. 8, 2023. The hours are Sunday through Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. It will be closed Nov. 28–29, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 24, and 31. Visitors must purchase tickets online before arrival. Visit [www.burg-hohenzollern.com](http://www.burg-hohenzollern.com) for more information.

### BURG SATZVEY WEIHNACHTSMARKT, MECHERNICH

Approximately 40 minutes southwest of Cologne and two hours north of the Kaiserslautern Military Community and Wiesbaden, the Burg Satzvey Weihnachtsmarkt in Mechernich has an authentic medieval market feel. The impressive, moated fortress dates back to the 1100s and is worth a visit outside of the holidays. During the Christmas season, it transforms into a market full of regional handmade wares, delicious local food, performers and tradespeople dressed in medieval garb. For a touch of authenticity, be sure to watch the live nativity. Spoken in Latin and middle-high German, it is translated into modern German by proclamation.



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The market runs Nov. 26–27, Dec. 3, 4, 10, 17 and 18 and is open on Saturdays from 1–7 p.m. and Sundays, noon–6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.burgsatzvey.de](http://www.burgsatzvey.de).

*Court jesters and jolly old Saint Nick are known to make appearances in the courtyard of **Burg Hohenzollern**.*

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By Stacy Roman





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## ROMANTIC CASTLE CHRISTMAS, BURG KATZENSTEIN, KATZENSTEIN

Katzenstein Castle is perched on a hilltop in the heart of Bavaria, almost equidistant between Nuremberg, Munich and Stuttgart. Hosted by one of the oldest castles in Germany, the Romantic Castle Christmas is a fantastic spot to visit during the season. Actors dress as the former residents and help guide visitors through a well-planned seasonal experience, including poetry, songs and a nativity. After the tour, plenty of handcrafted items and sumptuous delicacies await in the inner courtyard.



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The Romantic Castle Christmas is open on Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Check out [www.burgkatzenstein.de](http://www.burgkatzenstein.de) for hours and admission.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CASTLE ON THE REICHSBURG COCHEM, COCHEM

A fantastic day trip all year long from Kaiserslautern, Wiesbaden and Cologne, Cochem Castle is even more magical during the holidays. Visitors begin their experience by boarding the Christmas panoramic train from the Eiertplatz. Once you arrive, you'll be guided through a tour of the courtyards and be mesmerized by the 25-minute live nativity play. You'll be free to wander through the ample market and food stalls when you hear the lively trumpet fanfare signaling the end.

This experience is only open for two days, Dec. 10 and 11, from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [www.reichsburg-cochem.ticketfritz.de](http://www.reichsburg-cochem.ticketfritz.de).

*For two days in December, you can be mesmerized by a live nativity play at Reichsburg Castle in Cochem. Make sure you purchase your tickets in advance!*

## EINZIGARTIGE WEIHNACHTZEIT, SCHLOSS DRACHENBURG, KÖNIGSWINTER

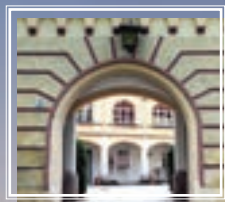
Located in the North Rhine-Westphalia (approximately 20 minutes south of Bonn and 2.5 hours north of Kaiserslautern) is an incredibly dramatic and impressive castle that sits atop the Drachenburg valley overlooking the Rhine River. The jaw-dropping neogothic architecture is somewhat deceiving, as it was constructed in 1902. During the festive holiday season, the castle transforms into a charming Victorian-era market, with brightly colored lights illuminating the vast gardens. You may bump into well-known characters from "A Christmas Carol," as well as some that might raise a few eyebrows (Jack the Ripper, anyone?).



The market is only open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. beginning Nov. 27 through Dec. 18. For more information, visit [www.schloss-drachenburg.de](http://www.schloss-drachenburg.de).

## SCHLOSS GUTENECK WEIHNACHTSMARKT, GUTENECK

Dating back to the 13th century, Guteneck Castle is a hidden gem a little over an hour east of Nuremberg. Set back in the lush eastern Bavarian Forest, this castle Christmas market is truly a medieval spectacle. Torches and rustic iron fire pits greet visitors as they approach the castle. Blacksmiths, glassblowers and wood carvers dressed in full regalia give live demonstrations and sell their wares. Stroll through the softly lit trees and peruse locally made gifts, or head to the petting zoo to check out the camels and the falconer with various live birds.



The market runs from Nov. 18 to Dec. 18, and is open Thursday and Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.schloss-guteneck.de](http://www.schloss-guteneck.de). ■





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**T**his is the season for joy and wonder and our staff is filled with the holiday spirit. This year, we asked our staff to share their favorite Christmas Market memory and favorite holiday songs. We couldn't list all of the songs here, so make sure to scan the QR code to listen to everyone's favorite tune. Did your favorite make the list?



### Evergreen Erica

**FAVORITE SONG:** "Stille Nacht" (Deutsch version)

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MARKET MEMORY:**

"Buying oversized Santa hats my kids wanted after they refused to wear their winter beanies and then got cold. This was their first visit to Kaiserslautern's Christmas Market, and despite the rain, we had loads of fun with kinderpunsch in hand!"

### Caroling Carrie

**FAVORITE SONG:** (There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays by Perry Como

### Drummer Boy David

**FAVORITE SONG:** "Mary, Did You Know?" by Jordan Smith

### Stocking Stuffer Stacy

**FAVORITE SONG:** "Last Christmas" by Wham!

*"After living in the U.K. for so long, 'Last Christmas' by Wham! grew on me. My kids and I would join the Whamageddon competition to see who could last the longest without hearing it on the radio or in a store. I made it 45 minutes the first year."*

### Dasher David

**FAVORITE SONG:** "Silent Night" by the Temptations

### Noël Noël

**FAVORITE SONG:** "Christmastime in Hollis" by Run DMC

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### Tinsel Tamala

**FAVORITE SONG:** "All I Want for Christmas is You" by My Chemical Romance

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MARKET MEMORY:**

"Last year I went to my first Christmas market and I got to taste glühwein for the first time, which came in quite handy because as a Florida-girl, three layers was not enough for German Christmas weather."

### All Is Calm Ann

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MARKET MEMORY:**

"In central European folklore, Krampus punishes naughty children at Christmastime. Seeing hundreds of hairy, delightfully beastly Krampuses on parade at the Krampuslauf at the Münchner Christkindlmarkt is my favorite Christmas market memory. One even tried to put me in the sack Krampus uses to haul away misbehaving kids!"

### Leapin' Leah

**FAVORITE SONG:** "Sleigh Ride" by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops.

*"I just thought it was the coolest when they would make the trumpet sound like a horse at the end."*

### Eggnog Elizabeth

**FAVORITE SONG:** "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby

### Jingle Bell J.P.

**FAVORITE SONG:** "Merry Christmas Baby" by Otis Redding ■





# THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF MAINZ & WIESBADEN

By Mary Del Rosario

Lights twinkling above the beloved holiday stands, the Tannenbaum (Christmas tree) adorned with red and gold ornaments, the aroma of roasted chestnuts filling the air and a cup of glühwein warming up your cold, almost numb hand — nothing puts us more in a holly, jolly mood than Germany's famous Christmas markets. The Mainz and Wiesbaden Christmas markets in particular know just how to transform the Scrooges into Buddy the Elf.

## MAINZ CHRISTMAS MARKET

Creating an atmosphere that can only be described as magical and festive, the Mainz Christmas market is set in the historical area of the city's 1,000-year-old St. Martin's Cathedral. One hundred jovial and brightly lit stands blanket the city and provide opportunities to do some last-minute Christmas shopping or even buy souvenirs for loved ones back home.

Considered to be the traditional cultural event, the Staatstheater Mainz will also be performing a Christmas spectacle that even Santa will be proud of! You can also catch several events and matinees at the St. Martin's Cathedral.

In front of the printing shop of the Gutenberg Museum, the Mainzer Weihnachtst-dorf, or Christmas village, provides an option for a large group to gather around in a Christmas barrel and hut surrounded by a festive campfire. Be sure to reserve early as there is a high demand.

To see more Christmas festivities sprinkled in Mainz, head to the Schillerplatz and Neubrunnenplatz to enjoy Christmas décor, lights and an overall joyous spirit.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Open Nov. 25- Dec. 23: Sun.- Thurs. 11 a.m. - 8.30 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.
- Public transportation is best, especially if you have plans to eat, drink and be merry... with glühwein. The Christmas market can be reached by almost all of the bus lines on the Mainz public transport company (Mainzer Mobilität).
- As a gift, the city offers parking hours and you can receive a parking voucher at several shops in the city center, depending on your purchases at these shops.

## THINGS TO SEE OUTSIDE THE MARKET

Aside from the famous cathedral where the market takes place, Mainz is also home to the Gutenberg Museum which commemorates Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press. While at the museum, go to the printing shop where visitors can print their individual Christmas cards.

If you're a fan of the Roman history, check out the Museum of Ancient Seafaring where well-preserved remains of Roman war ships are waiting for their story to be told.





## WIESBADEN CHRISTMAS MARKET

Haven't had your fill of this joyous season? The Wiesbaden Christmas market, just 22 minutes away from Mainz, lets you spread Christmas cheer even more! Known as the Twinkling Star Christmas Market, or Sternschnuppenmarkt, Wiesbaden knows how to make the Yuletide gay and get us excited for that special day in December. The market, which opens on Nov. 22, is located on the Schlossplatz between the Rathaus and the Stadtschloss. This market is so highly raved that it was voted "No. 1" in recent years. With colorfully lit stages, Christmas décor that looked like Santa's elves had done the job and friendly vendors, it's not hard to see why. Don't forget to marvel at their unique display of over seventy 10-meter high blue and golden lit lilies coming to life above the Schlossplatz!

Seeing colorful Christmas lights should be admired from up above as well, so head to the platform of the Market Church to see festive lights and holidays displays. From here, you can even see Frankfurt's skyline!

The Wiesbaden Ferris wheel also provides its guests with a fantastic view of the illuminating and jolly market.

Head on over to Luisenplatz with the kids and explore the Twinkling Star Children's Market where everyone can ice skate.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Open from Nov. 22 – Dec. 23.
- Originating from nearby Frankfurt, try Bethmännchen, marzipan decorated with almond slices.
- At 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., you can enjoy listening to German Christmas carols in the tower of the Market Church
- To sound like a local, wish Germans a "Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten rutsch!"
- Tour the famous market with a short walking tour that hits all the major market highlights. These tours are available on Fridays and Saturdays at 3 p.m. and cost 7 euros per person.

## THINGS TO SEE OUTSIDE THE MARKET

The capital of Hesse offers fun activities other than its beautiful Christmas markets so explore Wiesbaden's main spa building known as the Kurhaus. This neoclassical building has many Art Nouveau touches which can be seen in the glass dome.

A Russian Orthodox church is a rare sighting in Germany, but the Neroberg makes it seem as if you were in Russia with its ornate golden onion domes. Inside the church, you can view the Grand Duchess Elizabeth Mikhailovna, wife of Duke Adolf of Nassau's tomb.

If your children enjoy the zoo, treat them to the Tier und Pflanzenpark Fasanerie. The hunting lodge, built in the 1740s, also houses a restaurant as well as exotic specimens such as Spanish fir, the thickest sequoia in Germany and of course, wild boar, barn owls and other creatures.

This Christmas season, take part of the magic that German Christmas markets offer. The markets are not only there to sell spiced mulled wine, Lebkuchen and presents, but it gathers us as a community to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Frohe Weihnachten! ■



TIPS FOR

# Merry Market Memories & Photo Moments

By Genevieve Northup and Jessica Zen

*You couldn't ask for a better place to enjoy the most wonderful time of year. To make the most of the magical Christmas markets across Europe, consider these helpful hints from seasoned festivalgoers.*

## **PERUSE BEFORE PURCHASING AND PICK OUT THE BEST PHOTO SPOTS.**

With 200 or 300 stalls, deciding what you want to eat and buy at big markets is harder to do. Mouth-blown, hand-painted glass ornaments and wooden holiday items make great souvenirs and gifts. Almost every market has a central Christmas tree that makes a lovely backdrop for your family selfie. Locate a giant version of the Christmas pyramid, a hallmark of holiday décor in Germany.

## **DRESS IN LAYERS AND PREPARE FOR COLD, RAIN AND WIND.**

Almost all markets are outdoors, which means you will be exposed to the elements. It may not seem chilly the first half-hour, but you are likely to get cold after standing around. Put on several layers you can take off if you get too hot while you're out. Wear thick socks, tall boots, gloves and a hat to protect your extremities. Bring extra mittens and socks. If it isn't cold enough for snow, you may have to contend with rain. Pack an umbrella and opt for a waterproof coat with a hood.

## **BRING WET WIPES, BOTTLED WATER, TISSUES AND YOUR APPETITE.**

From glühwein to wurst, to hot cocoa and snacks, there is so much to savor at the market. Don't fill up beforehand. You can also fill your camera roll with some sort of wurst sandwich, grab a picture while you take a bite out of lebkuchen (gingerbread cookies) or take a picture of chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Bonus points for a video channeling your inner Nat King Cole. Your hot crepe with oozing Nutella is going to be a mess, so have Wet Wipes for the aftermath. Also, water is hard to find. Tissues are good for runny noses and unstocked portable bathrooms.

## **PUT NECESSITIES IN A PURSE, REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG OR SMALL DIAPER BAG.**

Many Christmas markets have tightened security and no longer permit large bags and backpacks.

## **LEAVE STROLLERS, PETS AND VALUABLES AT HOME.**

Stalls are tightly packed, and the remaining paths are narrow, making it difficult to navigate if you have a stroller or pet in tow. The crowds are also the opportune location for pickpockets, so don't bring credit cards and IDs you do not need.





## PREPARE IN ADVANCE.

Most vendors do not take card payment, and ATMs at the markets (if there are any) often have long lines, so make sure to grab plenty of euros before you leave. Regulations are always changing, so make sure to check local guidelines and websites to ensure you have everything you need.

Double-check opening hours, and jot down directions to the market and parking. Make sure you know how to reach the fest on foot, whether from a train station or parking area. It is also a good idea to have the address and phone number for the local tourism office and a brochure for the market, if available.

## TAKE THE TRAIN OR BUS.

Driving and parking can be expensive and stressful, plus you may have difficulty convincing a friend to pass up tasty, warming glühwein.

## OR STAY OVERNIGHT.

Choose a hotel or Airbnb property near the festivities. If those are booked or too pricey, look for one near a public transportation stop.

## SHOW UP EARLY.

Some markets are only open on weekends and going during the day is best (going during the week can be even better). Stick around just long enough to see the beauty after dark and snap the perfect sunset shot of toasting one last mug of glühwein.

## REMEMBER WHERE YOU PARKED.

If you have a smartphone with GPS, drop a pin so that you can locate your car later. You can also take a picture of your parking spot (with nearby signs and buildings) to help you remember. Point to the entrance sign or arch to the market. It's also essential so that you can document which market you are attending for that scrapbook album. Make sure that you understand the signs and rules for where you have parked.

## SET A SCHEDULE AND MEETING LOCATION.

It is easy to get separated when you go out with a group, so designate a place and time to reconnect. ■



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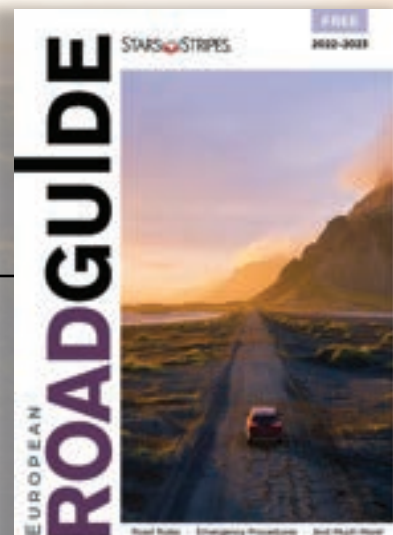
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# The Christmas Markets of *Munich & Frauenchiemsee*

By Jessica Zen



**Y**ou'll find decked out halls and all the stalls at the Christmas Markets of Munich and Frauenchiemsee. From the traditional market in Munich to the one of a kind market on an island in Frauenchiemsee, there's something special waiting for everyone at the Bavarian Christmas markets. Surrounded by the Alps, you'll feel as if you are in a winter wonderland during these holiday celebrations.

## Munich Marienplatz Christmas Market

Jingling bells, fantastic food smells and all the best gifts are just waiting for you to discover them at the Munich Christmas Market. With over 140 booths, there is certainly no shortage of things to see spread throughout the Marienplatz and beyond.

The biggest attraction, quite literally, of this market is the Christmas tree that towers in front of the new town hall. In 2021, the municipality of Peiting donated a 27-meter-high silver fir tree (following the tradition that the tree is donated by the provinces every year). The tree will stay lit until Epiphany, Jan. 6th and afterwards is traditionally used as a maypole.

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Bavarian culture is on full display during this market, as locals sell a variety of handmade items including hand painted glass Christmas ornaments, sheepskin jackets and even "Zwetschgenmandl," figurines made from dried fruits and nuts. From the food market, you'll find fresh macaroons, fruit bread and herb liqueurs along with fan favorites like glühwein and gingerbread cookies. The market will be at the Marienplatz, but it stretches to the tower of the old town hall, its inner courtyard, along Kaufingerstraße and Neuhauserstraße to the Richard-Strauss-Brunnen, and from Weinstraße to the Sternenplatzl at Rindermarkt.

One of the most famous parts of the Christmas market is the Krippelmarkt. Over 10 nativity scenes are set up in the city center against churches and you can also see the collection at the Bavarian National Museum.

### Know before you go

- ✱ The Munich Christmas market is located in the Marienplatz. It stretches to the tower of the old town hall, its inner courtyard, along Kaufingerstraße and Neuhauserstraße to the Richard-Strauss-Brunnen, and from Weinstraße to the Sternenplatzl at Rindermarkt. It is easily accessible from the subway, U3 and U6. Exit the subway at Marienplatz.
- ✱ The market is open Nov. 22 – Dec. 24
- ✱ There is an annual Krampus Run around the Munich Christmas Market where participants dressed in elaborate costumes frighten market goers. This run was recorded as early as the 16th century and is especially popular amongst the younger crowds.

### Things to see outside the market

St. Peter's Church, the oldest in Munich, is located in the Marienplatz and offers a stunning view of the city from the tower. The locals refer to the church as Old Peter. Construction began in the 11th century, but the church has been rebuilt and expanded several times. The church is home to an 18th century gilded high altar, large ceiling frescoes and the jeweled skeleton of St. Mundita.

Nymphenburg Palace is an impressive baroque structure that once housed former rulers of Bavaria. It was commissioned as a summer residence in 1664, though construction and changes took place through the 1800s. Today many rooms are on display, including a Coat of Arms Chamber, the bathroom of King Maximilian II and Karl Theodor's chamber.

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If you just can't get enough of the traditional Bavarian Christmas markets, travel an hour south of Munich to Frauenchiemsee, where the magic continues.



## Frauenchiemsee Christmas Market

The Frauenchiemsee Christmas Market is a one-of-a-kind market located on an island surrounded by the perfectly clear waters of Lake Chiemsee and the magnificent Bavarian Alps. With such a picture-perfect backdrop, an incredibly romantic winter wonderland emerges. In addition to the market, the entire island is strung with lights and holiday decorations, setting the scene to get in the holiday spirit. This Christmas haven will have you merrily humming holiday favorites like "Silent Night" and "Let It Snow" before you leave.

Though smaller than the Munich market and hosting over 90 stalls, this certainly is a market that you don't want to miss. There's no shortage of culinary delicacies, handmade items and mulled wine on the island of Frauenchiemsee.

In addition to the stalls, there will be performances by carolers, Christmas readings from both local and national celebrities and a range of other activities, including a children's program. This unique market is truly something special to behold.

### Know before you go

- ✱ The Frauenchiemsee Christmas market is from Nov. 24 – 27 and Dec. 1 – 4. It is open Thursday 3.00 – 8.00 pm, Friday/Saturday/Sunday 12.00 – 7.00 p.m.
- ✱ Getting to Frauenchiemsee is easy with regular ferries from Prien at Lake Chiemsee. With just one ticket you can go from the train station in Prien to the Prien/Stock harbor and get on a ferry to the market. If you arrive by car, there are parking areas near the train station or at the harbor.

### Things to see outside the market

Neuschwanstein Castle, the famous fairytale castle of King Ludwig II, is 2.5 hours away from Prien if you want to make the trip. Ludwig lived in a fantasy world to remove himself from reality, and thus surrounded himself with fantastic castles. In 1869, construction for the "new castle" began. Tickets to visit this amazing piece of history can be purchased at the ticket center in Hohenschwangau, the village below the castle.

The neighboring island of Herrenchiemsee is home to another Ludwig palace, New Palace Herrenchiemsee, for those who don't want to trek out to Neuschwanstein. Modeled after Versailles, construction began in 1878 but was never fully completed, as Ludwig II died in 1886. Visitors are able to view the king's rooms, the State Staircase and the Great Hall of Mirrors.

The Hohensalzburg Fortress is located just 45 minutes south of Prien in Austria and is the biggest fully preserved castle in central Europe. The fortress, tower of Salzburg on Festungsberg hill, was initially built by archbishop Gebhard in 1077 to protect the principality and archbishops from attack. In the 20th century the fortress was used to hold prisoners of war during WWI and Nazi activists before Germany's annexation of Austria in the 1930s.

Without a doubt, the markets in Bavaria shouldn't be missed. Munich boasts a Christmas tree that is sure to steal your breath away, while Frauenchiemsee offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to see an island dedicated to Christmas, surrounded by one of the most gorgeous backgrounds the world has to offer. Pack a scarf, maybe even some base layers, and get ready for some of the most fantastic Christmas markets you have ever seen! ■



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By Tamala Malerk

Tales of Tinsel and Tannenbäume:

# Europe's Christmas Origins



Christmastime in Germany is all about markets, glühwein and fun. Germany has a rich cultural history in terms of Christmas, such as the aforementioned markets, with the oldest being almost 400 years old. Christmas trees (Tannenbäume) and the decoration of them has been highly symbolic, a tradition that we still celebrate and partake in today.

The earliest legends believe that the first Christmas tree was set up in the early 1400s in Freiburg whose town bakers decorated the tree with nuts and fruits. By the mid-1550s, songs about Tannenbäume were circulating in print. In the 1800s, the tradition had spread across Germany, and into France and England by European royalty. German emigrants to the U.S. brought this festive influence with them. (Christmas ornaments did not become popular until the late 1800s when American F.W. Woolworth began importing them from Germany). As early as the 1700s, candles replaced food as the decoration choice for trees. Today, people may also use more fire-safe electric candles, along with glass or plastic round ornaments, tinsel and perhaps topped with a Christmas angel or star. In modern times, the German Christmas tree is usually put up on Christmas Eve, although some chose to do so even earlier in the Advent season. No matter when you put up your tree, or if you choose food or candles, there is a legend to keep in mind as you finalize your tree with tinsel.

"The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the..." Christmas tree? Wait. That doesn't sound right. However, while these, some say terrifying, arachnids are usually associated with Halloween, the spider belongs in the Christmas spotlight as well. There is a European legend, with origins in Germany or Ukraine, that tells the tale of a poor widowed mother who lamented over the lack of Christmas presents she was able to provide for her children. Some versions of the tale claim that she decorated the family's Christmas tree as lavishly as she could with what she had on hand, while others claim the mother could not even afford to decorate the tree. Yet, no matter what version of the story is told, there were household spiders that were interested in the mother's efforts to provide the best Christmas possible for her children and they used their webs to create elaborate decorations on the tree while the family was sleeping. Different versions of the tale even have the morning's sunlight turn the webs into silver or gold, so the woman no longer has to live in poverty. Some believe that this is the origin of Christmas tinsel. The next time you see a spider at Christmas time, they are not there to torment you, they are probably just marveling at the fantastic job you did decorating your tree.

As you meander around this year's Christmas markets sipping hot cocoa and eating pretzels, make sure to look for a Christmas spider ornament to put alongside your glass pickle ornament and tinsel and perchance you'll wake up to a web of Christmas morning surprises. ■



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# THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF STUTTGART & ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

By Jessica Zen and Amanda Palumbo

**R**ustic market stalls lovingly styled with their finest Christmas decor, a children's wonderland, rich smells of hearty wursts and the sweetness of treats in the air await you at the Christmas and Medieval Markets in Stuttgart and Rothenburg ob der Tauber this year. Bust out your warmest winter gear and load up the family for these fantastic markets in Germany!

## STUTTGART CHRISTMAS MARKET

The annual "Stuttgarter Weihnachtsmarkt" or Stuttgart Christmas Market draws over 3.5 million visitors each year. Not only is it one of the biggest markets set in the city center, but it is also one of the oldest, officially dating back to 1692. With the town hall facade posing as a giant advent calendar, this market is bustling with Christmas magic and the whole city is in on it.

The Stuttgart Christmas Market hosts 300 stalls, each featuring something unique. The wide range of wares includes wooden toys, nativity figurines, sweet treats, international culinary delights and the famous glühwein. In addition to the stalls, there are daily live concerts, a real mini steam engine, the antique market on Karlsplatz square and a children's fairytale land. The market is easy to get to from the main train station.

## THINGS TO SEE OUTSIDE THE MARKET

Car fanatics will love that both Mercedes-Benz and Porsche have museums in Stuttgart. The Mercedes-Benz Museum is home to over 160 vehicles, ranging from some of the first automobiles to modern racing machines. It chronicles the influence of Carl Benz' cars on technology, social history and popular culture. The Porsche Museum has over 80 cars on display and currently has a special exhibition called "70 years of the Porsche sports car." The exhibit features a 356 Speedster from 1954, which was one of the first four Speedsters ever built.

For a great view of the city, go to the Fernsehturm, an iconic TV tower with an observation deck and café. This 60-year-old tower took almost two years to build and cost \$4.2 million. The Stuttgart land-

mark is the world's first telecommunications tower and was designed by structural engineer Professor Fritz Leonhardt.

Stuttgart's impressive architecture can be seen at the Old Castle. Originally built in the 10th century as a water fortress to protect the stud gardens, this castle evolved into a residence for the counts of Württemberg in the 14th century. The castle is now home to the Württemberg State Museum, which displays valuable pieces that represent the history of the state.

The neighboring town of Esslingen is just a short 20-minute drive from Stuttgart and is home to a truly unique Medieval Christmas Market.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- \* Open Nov. 23 – Dec. 23
- \* German Red Cross onsite
- \* Information stalls at Schillerplatz square and Schlossplatz square
- \* Wheelchair accessible event
- \* Parking is available but public transportation is recommended





## ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER REITERLESMARKT MARKET

Rothenburg is a medieval town that transforms into a winter wonderland with 500 years' worth of traditions. From deep-fried dough balls of sugary goodness to some of the most elaborate decorations, this historical market is one of Bavaria's gems. A variety of music from choruses to deep brass ensembles and bands will delight your ears. Make sure to visit all of the 50 stands where you can treat yourself with gingerbread lebkuchen, fried bratwürst and delicious flammkuchen. There will, of course, be glühwein, but you should also try a glass of Franconian wine, a drink as dry as my humor and often made from small mom-and-pop wineries.

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

\* Open Nov. 25 – Dec. 23.

\* From Kaiserslautern: 3-hour drive or 4-hour train ride; from Garmisch-Partenkirchen: 3.5-hour drive or 5-hour train ride; from Stuttgart: Less than 2-hour drive or 3-hour train.

### THINGS TO SEE OUTSIDE THE MARKET

Adding to its charm, Rothenburg has very few big chain stores. The city square is lined with lots of local shops, including a stuffed animal store! Rothenburg is a Christmas decorator's dream city.

Käthe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Village is headquartered here, with the largest selection of Christmas decorations year-round. If you're not interested in buying anything, just taking a walk around will get you in the holiday spirit. There is also the Night Watchman's tour, performed in English as a interesting and humorous way to uncover the history of the town. You will also find the Deutsches Weihnachtsmuseum, Germany's Christmas Museum, and located right next to Käthe Wohlfahrt's, you can see some of the oldest and most elaborate Christmas decorations.

If you want that Instagram worthy shot, head to Town Hall Tower. Open until 8 p.m., you can get a bird's eye of the market. Don't even get me started if you're lucky enough to take that photo after it snows. It will be the cover of next year's Christmas card. ■





# The Christmas Markets of Saarbrücken & Luxembourg

By Erica Fowler

## Saarbrücken,

Just by the French border, the bright metropolis of Saarbrücken will be hosting its Christmas market, Saarbrucker Christkindlmarkt, from Nov. 21 to Dec. 23. The joyful bustle will include more than 33 food vendors, 20 shopping stalls and at least two amusement ride areas throughout. Most of the excitement will be centered around St. Johanner Markt, the Bahnhofstrasse and the Tbilisser Platz in front of the stately Saarland Theater.

For sights distinctive to Saarbrücken's market, be sure to check out the City Sky Liner at the Tbilisser Platz, which goes 236 feet in the air every 15 minutes to give you a gleaming view of the whole market. Bring euro for the upward ride, as adults are 9 Euro, children 4-10 years old are 5 euros and 3 years old and under are free. As a special delight for little ones, the market features the real Santa Claus jetting his way above the market in the evening hours, usually around 5 and 7 p.m. We think Santa's just test-driving the sleigh and reindeer in preparation for the big night! Be sure to grab a reibekuchen (potato pancake) and a freshly sugared baumstriezel (chimney cake) before you head elsewhere.



## THINGS TO SEE OUTSIDE THE MARKET

If you haven't finished your holiday shopping or just want a place to warm up, the market is surrounded by multiple shopping centers, including multiple Galerias (Kaufhof and Karstadt) and the sleek Europa Galerie, all giant multi-story malls. Not to mention all the street shops that will offer specialty gift ideas, like hand-crafted glassware and art, jewelry, a tea and comic shop, and self-care stores like LUSH and Rituals. I made sure to stock up on some body scrubs while strolling through the market as a present to myself!

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## Know Before You Go

*Open Nov. 21-Dec. 23*

*Keep in mind that since the main train station (Hauptbahnhof) is perfectly situated at the start of the market, you may want to take the train in. If you don't, however, there are at least 17 parking areas with their features clearly listed on the market's website at [www.christkindlmarkt-sb.de](http://www.christkindlmarkt-sb.de).*



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## Luxembourg

The Luxembourg Christmas Market, called Winterlights Festival, is by all accounts a magical environment in a refined city. The market runs from Nov. 18 to Jan. 1. The attention to detail is often what strikes visitors, with trees engulfed in lights of snowy hues, rides and displays enthusiastically twinkling in holiday style, it is no wonder why you might want to linger awhile with a warming drink in mittened hands. It is especially kid-friendly and easy to traverse, especially on a weekday.



### THINGS TO SEE OUTSIDE THE MARKET

The possibilities are endless, but the ultimate trifecta for this trans-European area would be to visit three markets in a long day or weekend getaway, jumping from Saarbrücken, Germany, then Metz, France and finally Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, coming in at under 3 hours of driving one way from Kaiserslautern (less than perfect weather notwithstanding). Bring your passport and venture forth! If that is not your pace or your starting point, then savor at least one of these delightful markets should you find yourself in this border region. ■

### Know Before You Go

Open Nov. 18 – Jan. 1

*This market is actually a collection of defined market areas, and there are live performances nightly, a large ice-skating rink, marshmallow-roasting fire pits and a mini train ride for children. Head to the Place d'Armes, where you can see the Christmas tree light show during early evening hours. Find more information at [www.winterlights.vdl.lu](http://www.winterlights.vdl.lu).*







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# Tasty Treats to Leave Santa

## BESIDES COOKIES AND MILK

By Tamala Malerk



After a season of gingerbread, sugar, chocolate chip and other cookies, taking just one more bite of a cookie might just make Santa and his helpers scream. Here are some holiday-themed alternatives that your kids shouldn't question leaving behind for Santa.

### Fruits and Veggies (and Dip) for Santa and his Reindeer.

We don't want to forget those cute reindeer that help Santa deliver all the presents. Carrots, apple slices and other fruits and veggies make for a great treat that Santa can share.



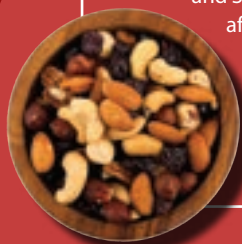
### Cocoa, Coffee or Tea

It is cold at Christmas-time and leaving behind a hot drink can help Santa warm up.



### Trail Mix

Cookies can be crumbling and make a mess and Santa doesn't have time to wash up after every house. Trail-mix makes for a great on-the-go treat that won't make a mess and Santa can munch on as he goes place to place.



### Something To Wet Santa's Whistle

You can follow the Irish tradition of leaving a pint of Guinness for Santa (make sure to tell the kids it's alcohol-free so as not to promote drinking and sleigh-driving).





## Cheese-Stuffed Pesto Bread Christmas Tree

Prep Time: 10 minutes | Cook Time: 20 minutes | Total Time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 4–6

### Ingredients

1 can refrigerated regular pizza crust  
4 oz cream cheese, or bakeable plant-based alternative  
1 cup Italian cheese blend, or plant-based shreds  
and nutritional yeast  
2 tablespoons pesto sauce, or vegan pesto  
2 tablespoons butter of preference  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1 teaspoon dried rosemary  
1 cup marinara sauce, for dipping  
*Optional sprinkling of chopped sundried tomato or sliced  
cherry tomatoes for "ornamental" baubles*

### Directions

Preheat oven to 400°F/204°C. Unwrap pizza dough onto a clean surface and roll out into a 10" x 15" rectangle. Cut dough into 36 equal squares using a pizza cutter or knife.

In a bowl, mix cheese and cream cheese until thoroughly combined. Scoop one teaspoon of cheese mixture onto every piece of dough. Wrap dough edges around cheese, seal tightly and roll to form a ball.

Place formed balls aside on the baking sheet. Arrange rolls into a triangle/Christmas tree formation. To make a star, arrange four rolls around one. For the outside rolls, gently flatten one side of the ball and pinch the other side. Using a cooking brush, paint a generous amount of pesto sauce over each ball.

Bake until golden brown, roughly 17–20 minutes. Towards the end, microwave butter with dried rosemary and basil at 20-second intervals until melted. Drizzle butter mixture over the rolls and sprinkle sun-dried tomato pieces or cherry tomatoes on tree for decoration.

Warm your marinara sauce and serve immediately.

(adapted from Spoon University)



## Candy Cane Julep

One Serving

### Ingredients

1 cup of crushed ice  
1 oz of peppermint simple syrup  
2–3 oz of ginger ale or Sprite®  
1 tablespoon of crushed cranberries  
A sprig of fresh pine (or a sprig of fresh mint)  
Candy cane for garnish

### Directions

Add 1 ounce of peppermint simple syrup to the bottom of a glass. Add the crushed ice and crushed cranberries.

Top off with the ginger ale. Stir together.

Add a sprig fresh mint or fresh pine, or even a candy can for some extra holiday flare and fun.

(adapted from This Worthey Life)



# Sweet and Savory Christmas Market Treats

By Erica Fowler

If you enjoy trying new and interesting food, you don't want to pass up what your nearest Christmas Market is serving up. At the markets, you will not only find undiscovered foods and flavors, but you will also find your year-round European festival favorites, such as chocolate-covered fruit, flammkuchen, smoked salmon, roasted nuts, crepes and waffles, but we assume, dear fellow foodie, that you have already tried some of those. And we're off in good taste!

Food marked with these indicators note that there are potential options that adhere to dietary restrictions. This does not mean the option is guaranteed to be free of certain ingredients as recipes and sources will vary. Ask the food vendor to verify the presence of ingredients before purchasing, especially in the case of specific allergies.

DF—Dairy Free  
NF—Nut Free

VN—Vegan  
V—Vegetarian

## THE SAVORY OFFERINGS



### RACLETTE NF, V

This is broil-melted cheese right off the wheel, spread across bread. If store-bought raclette just isn't cutting it, or you would rather have the pros make it before your eyes to see what the popularity is all about, try it at a Christmas market!



### REIBERDATSCHI/REIBEKUCHEN V

These are deep-fried potato pancakes, made crispy and fluffy at the same time. Their name may vary, but their unmistakable crunch does not. They are paired with applesauce or other condiments, and you can likely sniff it out during your visit.



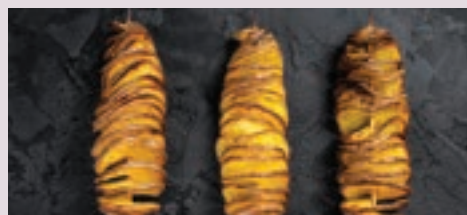
### FRIED MUSHROOMS NF, V

Sauteed in a rich herb butter or oil, this is a new-found way to love mushrooms, even if you didn't love them before. It is often accompanied by a dairy cream garlic sauce on top or on the side, which you can forego, and it still tastes delicious.



### WURST DF, NF

It would not be a German Christmas Market without endless varieties of sausages and meat, circled and steaming around massive grill tops. Be sure to crack into a Krakauer (spiced sausage), a halber meter wurst (half-meter sausage), mutzbraten (rotisserie pork), or a Weisswurst (seasoned white sausage).



### POTATO SLICES ON A STICK DF, NF, V, VN

A simple, yet delightful portable treat, potato slices are a great little snack.



### COOKED KALE NF, V

If you thought there were no green leafy options at these events, well you're nearly right, in that cooked kale may not be an option everywhere. I do have faith that Germans know what to do with their leafy winter vegetables and you might get to try their twist on kale. If you are looking out for alternative ingredients, lard or dairy butter may be used in the recipe.

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## THE SWEET DELIGHTS



### BAKED APPLE/BRATÄPFELN v

This is the German winter market version of the candy apple at U.S. state fairs. This warmed apple can be filled with marzipan, nuts, and buttery cinnamon-sugar sweetness.



### BAUMSTRIESEL NF, V

This sweet, yeasty cylindrical treat hits the spot, especially with its caramelized sugar coating.



### NOUGAT v

These rich candies consist of hazelnuts, walnuts or almonds, and often have dried fruit, chocolate or gumdrops embedded inside. They are fun finds while at a market, and with dozens of flavors to choose from, good luck picking only one!



### SCHNEEBALLEN AND SCHMALZKUCHEN/MUTZEN/KRÄPPELCHEN v

These are different varieties of fried dough balls or pockets that are generously topped with powdered sugar and sometimes with chocolate, Nutella or fruit filling.



### GERMKNÖDEL NF, V

This is a fluffy dessert dumpling with a unique twist, covered in poppy seeds, filled with plum jam and sometimes is paired with a vanilla cream sauce.



### DRINKS DF, NF

Grab a hot mug of traditional glühwein (mulled wine) or its cousin Feuerzangenbowle, made with burnt rum. An alcohol-free version of this mulled drink is called Glühpunsch. A hot cocoa with or without whipped cream can also keep you toasty warm!

## SPECIALITIES — When you love it so much, you want to go to its birthplace!



### STOLLEN IN DRESDEN v

If you love stollen, head to Dresden where these loaf-style cakes have been made since the 15th century. They pride themselves in showcasing many varieties filled with nuts, marzipan, dried fruit and chocolate, and rolled in butter and powdered sugar.



### MARZIPAN IN LÜBECK v

Made of almonds, sugar, honey and sometimes eggs, this almond sweet is fashioned into all kinds of decorative shapes like animals, castles, fruits and vegetables. Its versatility is on full display in Lübeck's Marzipan Museum, with whole ships and sculptures made of the stuff.



### LEBKUCHEN IN NUREMBERG v

Fresh lebkuchen (gingerbread cookies) just can't be compared to anything else. The smaller iced ones will have more flavor and texture, whereas the big heart-shaped ones tend to taste a little plain but are delightful for decoration. They are found with chocolate or iced toppings, filled with nuts and warm spices, and come in sleeves of different varieties. Crumbled lebkuchen is even used in the savory sauce for sauerbraten to add a depth of flavor. ■

Words that can help when asking about food ingredients (with a "bitte" always helps!):

Ohne—Without  
Mit—With

Fleisch—Meat  
Speck/Schinken—Ham

Milchprodukt—Dairy  
Nüsse—Nuts

Käse—Cheese





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## **BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG**

### **Baden-Baden**

Kurhaus Colonnades, & Old Town  
Nov. 24, 2022 – Jan. 6, 2023

### **Breitnau**

Devil's Valley Railway / Ravenna Gorge  
Nov. 25 – 27/Dec. 2 – 4/Dec. 9 – 11/Dec. 16 – 18

### **Burg Hohenzollern**

Hohenzollern Castle  
Nov. 25, 2022 – Jan. 8, 2023

### **Esslingen**

Esslingen Marktplatz  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 22

### **Freiburg**

Rathausplatz, Franziskanerstraße,  
Unterlindenplatz & Kartoffelmarkt  
Nov. 17 – Dec. 23 (closed Nov. 20)

### **Heidelberg**

Kornmarkt, Marktplatz, Universitätsplatz,  
Anatomiegarten & Bismarckplatz  
(5 hist. squares)  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 22

### **Heilbronn**

Marktplatz, Kiliansplatz and in  
the Sülmerstraße  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 22

### **Karlsruhe**

Friedrichsplatz  
Nov. 24 – Dec. 23

### **Konstanz (Constance)**

Markstätte  
Nov. 18 – Dec. 22

### **Ludwigsburg**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 22

### **Mannheim**

Kapuzinerplanken/Water Tower  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

### **Schwetzingen**

Schwetzingen Palace  
Nov. 24 – 27/Dec. 1 – 4/Dec. 8 – 11/Dec. 15 – 18

### **Speyer**

Old Mint (Alten Münze)  
on Maximilianstrasse  
Nov. 21 – Jan. 6

### **Stuttgart**

Schillerplatz  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 23

### **Triberg**

Weihnachtszauber at the Waterfall  
Dec. 25 – 30

### **Tübingen**

Old Town  
Dec. 9 – 11

### **Ulm**

Münsterplatz  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 22

## **BAYERN**

### **Augsburg**

Rathaus  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 24

### **Bamberg**

City Center  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 23

### **Berchtesgaden**

Advent Market, Old Town  
Nov. 24 – Dec. 31

### **Dinkelsbühl**

Spitalhof Christmas Market  
Nov. 24 – Dec. 21

### **Frauenchiemsee**

Bahnhof  
Nov. 24 – 27/Dec. 1 – 4

### **Füssen**

St. Mang Monastery  
Dec. 2 – 4/Dec. 9 – 11

### **Garmisch-Partenkirchen**

Richard-Strauss-Square  
Nov. 26 – Dec. 23

### **Lindau**

Seepromenade  
Thursday to Sunday, Nov. 24 – Dec. 18

### **München (Munich)**

Marienplatz and other areas  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 24

### **Nördlingen**

Romantic Christmas Market, Old Town  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 23

### **Nürnberg (Nuremberg)**

Hauptmarkt  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 24

### **Regensburg**

Christkindlmarkt auf dem Neupfarrplatz:  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

Romanticischen Weihnachtsmarkt auf  
Schloss Thurn und Taxis: Nov. 18 – Dec. 23  
Lucrezia Markt: Nov. 25 – Dec. 23

Adventsmarkt im St. Katharinenspital:  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 23

### **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**

Rathaus  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 23

### **Würzburg**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 23

## **BERLIN & BRANDENBURG**

### **Berlin**

Weihnachtszauber Gendarmenmarkt:  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 31

Rotes Rathaus Weihnachtzeit:  
Nov. 21, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023

Alexanderplatz: Nov. 21 – Dec. 26

### **Bremen**

Innenstadt  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

## **HESSEN**

### **Bad Homburg**

Schlossplatz: Nov. 26 – Dec. 19  
Louisenstrasse: Nov. 18 – Dec. 30

### **Darmstadt**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

### **Frankfurt am Main**

Römerberg, Paulsplatz and Mainkai  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 22

### **Kassel**

Fairytale Christmas Market, Königsplatz  
and Friedrichsplatz  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 30 (Closed Dec. 24 – 26)

### **Limburg an der Lahn**

Neumarkt  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 29

### **Marburg**

Downtown  
25 Nov. – 23 Dec.

### **Michelstadt**

Old German Market  
Wednesdays – Sundays, Nov. 25 – Dec. 23

### **Rüdesheim am Rhein**

Christmas Market of Nations, Old Town  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

### **Wiesbaden**

Twinkling Star Market, Schlossplatz  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 23

## **NIEDERSACHSEN (LOWER SAXONY)**

### **Braunschweig**

Around Cathedral and Domplatz  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 29

### **Celle**

Old Town  
Nov. 24 – Dec. 28

### **Goslar**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 30



### **Göttingen**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 29

### **Hameln**

Old Town  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 30

### **Hannover**

City Center  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 22

### **Hildesheim**

Rathaus  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 28

### **Lüneburg**

Historic Christmas Market, City Center  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 31

### **Osnabrück**

Rathaus  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 22

## **NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN**

### **Aachen**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 18 – Dec. 23

### **Bonn**

Münsterplatz  
Nov. 18 – Dec. 23

### **Dortmund**

Hansaplatz  
Nov. 17 – Dec. 30

### **Düsseldorf**

City Center  
Nov. 17 – Dec. 30

### **Köln (Cologne)**

Weihnachtsmarkt am Kölner Dom:  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

Heinzels Wintermärchen: Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

Heavenue: Nov. 18. – Dec. 23

Markt der Engel: Nov. 17 – Dec. 23

Kölner Hafen-Weihnachtsmarkt:

Nov. 18 – Dec. 23

Weihnachtsmarkt im Stadtgarten:

Nov. 17 – Dec. 23

### **Münster**

Rathaus  
Nov. 21 – 23 Dec.

## **RHEINLAND-PFALZ**

### **Bernkastel-Kues**

Old Town  
Nov. 18 – Dec. 18

### **Cochem**

Endertplatz/Castle Market  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 18

### **Deidesheim**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 26 – Dec. 18

### **Kaiserslautern**

Weihnachtsmarkt: Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

Kulturmarkt: Nov. 25 – Dec. 18

Lautrer Advent: Dec. 12 – 17

Silverstermarkt: Dec. 27 – Dec. 30

### **Koblenz**

Old Town  
Nov. 18, 2022 – Jan. 8, 2023

### **Ludwigshafen**

Berliner Platz  
Nov. 9 – Dec. 23

### **Mainz**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 23

### **Neustadt a.d. Weinstrasse**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 18

### **Trier**

Hauptmarkt  
Nov. 18 – Dec. 22

### **Trippstadt-Johanniskreuz**

Forest Christmas Market  
Dec. 10 – 11

### **St. Wendel**

Fruchtmarkt  
Dec. 3 – 11

## **SAARLAND**

### **Homburg**

Christian-Weber-Platz  
Dec. 7 – 30

### **Saarbrücken**

City Center/Castle  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

### **Saarlouis**

Kleiner Markt  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 23

## **SACHSEN (SAXONY)**

### **Dresden**

Striezelmarkt, City Center  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 24

### **Freiberg**

Freiberger Obermarkt  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 22

### **Leipzig**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 23

### **Marienberg**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 18

## **SACHSEN-ANHALT**

### **Halle (Saale)**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 11 – Dec. 26

### **Magdeburg**

Alte Markt  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 29

### **Quedlinburg**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 23 – Dec. 22

### **Wittenberg**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 29

## **SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN & HAMBURG**

### **Flensburg**

Downtown  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 31

### **Hamburg**

Hamburger Weihnachtsmarkt:  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

Weihnachtlicher Gänsemarkt:

Nov. 21 – Dec. 23

Weihnachtsmarkt St. Petri: Nov. 21 – Dec. 30

Weihnachtsmarkt Osterstraße:

Nov. 17 – Dec. 30

### **Kiel**

City Center  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 23

### **Lübeck**

Lübecker Rathaus  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 30

## **THÜRINGEN**

### **Erfurt**

Cathedral Square  
Nov. 22 – Dec. 22

### **Weimar**

Marktplatz  
Nov. 22, 2022 – Jan. 5, 2023

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# Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Calendar 2022

## Thanksgiving Sale Weekend Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>
10 % off all Cuckoo-Clocks from the Schwarzwald	Buy 3 hanging wooden ornaments with the Käthe Wohlfahrt Original tag on them and get 20 % discount (except already reduced prices)	20 % off all Käthe Wohlfahrt's LIMITED EDITION Kindertraum (Children's Dream)	Buy 5 glass baubles with the Poetry in Glass tag on them and get one free

## Advent Season Promotions Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>
20 % off all ceramic or polyresin hanging tree ornaments	10 % off on all nutcrackers	10 % off on all STEIFF teddy bears and plush animals	10 % off on all SIKU car models
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The Christmas Calendar is only valid through Dec 24, 2022</p> <p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.kaethe-wohlfahrt.com/en">www.kaethe-wohlfahrt.com/en</a></p> 
20 % off on all pewter ornaments	20 % off on all snow globes	20 % off on all ceramic and porcelain coffee and tea mugs	

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Sun 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Käthe Wohlfahrt  
Grafenwoehr  
Tower Barracks Exchange Mall

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Sun 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.