



2016
CHRISTMAS
MARKETS AND
EVENTS
IN GERMANY

2016 Christmas & Winter Markets & Fairs & Events in Germany



Every city, town or village in Germany has at least one Christmas Market (called Adventmarkt, Christkindlmarkt, Weihnachtsmarkt or Nikolausmarkt) some have even four or five. Many of them start in the weekend of Nov. 26 (some even the weekend before) and close around Dec. 24.

Aachen/Aken

Nov. 18-Dec. 23: Attractive *Christmas Market* around the beautiful historic Town Hall in the center. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 20, 6 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Affing

Dec. 3-4 & 9-11: The *Christmas Market* held at the castle court in Affing is considered the most beautiful in Bavaria. Open: Friday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 to 8 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Ahrweiler

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: The *Christmas Market* in the old center of Ahrweiler is open on Fridays from 2 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays & Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Dec. 10 during the *Mitternachtweihnachtmarkt* the market is open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.!

Aichach

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: The traditional *Christmas Market* on Oberer Stadtplatz in the center is open Mondays-Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 2 to 9 p.m.

Alsdorf

Nov. 25-Dec. 4: Nostalgic *Christmas Market* on An der Burg in the center of

Alsdorf. Open: 4 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 6, 4 to 8 p.m.

Altena

Dec. 2-4: Artisan *Christmas Market* in the center and at Castle Holtzbrinck in Altena. Open all days from 2 to 7 p.m.

Altötting

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: Castle Tüssling near the town of Altötting opens its gates and invites everyone to the romantic and enchanting *Christmas Market*. Entry:

€5; children (6-15) €1.

Open: Fridays, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 18: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Kapellplatz in the center of town.

Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 2 to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Alzey

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: Traditional *Christmas Market* in the picturesque center on Rossmarkt. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Annaberg-Buchholz

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center of Annaberg-Buchholz (Erzgebirge). Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Anröchte-Altengeseke

Nov. 25-27: Indoor *Christmas Market* at Schützenhalle Altengeseke in Anröchte is open on Friday from 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Arnsberg

Dec. 2-11: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Arnsberg. Open: weekdays, 3 to 8 p.m. and weekends, noon to 8 p.m.

Aschaffenburg

Nov. 24-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* on Schlossplatz is open daily 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Augsburg

Nov. 21-Dec. 24: Augsburg's historic *Christmas Market* has about 150 stands all located around a humongous Christmas tree in the center of town. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 1-4; 8-11; 15-23: The *Christmas Market* at Zeugplatz is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Bad Arolsen

Nov. 24-27: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the beautiful Baroque center on Kirchplatz. Open: Nov. 24, 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Nov. 25-26, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bad Berleburg

Dec. 9-11: Romantic, medieval *Christmas Market* with lots of actors, entertainment, delicacies and more at the Castle in Bad Berleburg in the historic old town. Entry: €3. Open: Dec. 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bad Dürenheim

Nov. 26-27: *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bad Godesberg

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* with numerous gifts and delicatessen in the center. Open: 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 7 p.m.

Bad Hersfeld

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at historic Linggplatz surrounded by beautiful illuminated half-timbered houses. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bad Homburg

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18: Romantic *Christmas Market* at Landgrafenschloss (castle). Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bad Kissingen

Nov. 25-Dec. 26: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful illuminated center of Bad Kissingen. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Dec. 25-26, 1 to 8 p.m.



Bad Laasphe

Nov. 26-27: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Haus des Gastes and at Wilhelmsplatz in the center of town. Open: 2 to 6 p.m.

Bad Münstereifel

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: An attractive *Christmas Market* is held in the middle of the timber-framed houses in the center of Bad Münstereifel.

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Bad Oeynhausen

Nov. 21-Dec. 24: The traditional *Christmas Market* in the center of Bad Oeynhausen is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bad Pyrmont

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center on Brunnenplatz. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bad Reichenhall

Nov. 18-20, 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-24: The *Christmas Market* in inner court of Castle Gruttenstein near Bad Reichenhall. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 24-Dec. 24: Traditional *Christmas Market* on am Rathausplatz in the center. Open daily from noon to 8 p.m. and Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bad Salzuflen

Nov. 23-Dec. 30: Small but attractive *Christmas Market* in the old center of Bad Salzuflen. Open: daily, noon to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 26, noon to 9 p.m.; Dec. 30, noon to 5 p.m. and closed on Dec. 25.

Bad Sassendorf

Nov. 17-19, Nov. 24-27 & Dec. 1-4, 8-11, 15-18: Festive decorated *Christmas Market* in the center of town. Open: Thursdays-Fridays, 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bad Tölz

Nov. 25-Dec. 24: Traditional *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bad Wimpfen

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11: A traditional *Old German Christmas Market* is held in the romantic surroundings of the historic center. Open: Fridays, 2 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Baden-Baden

Nov. 21-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* in the center of Baden-Baden. Surrounded by the hills of the Black Forest, the picturesque backdrop of the Kurhaus and the Colonnades makes a visit to this traditional Christmas Market like strolling through a scene from a winter fairytale. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Bamberg

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Maxplatz in historic center is open Mondays-Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25-27: Attractive *Christmas Market* around the medieval Elisabeth Church on Elisabethenplatz. Open: Friday, 4 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bayreuth

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in one of the most beautiful cities of the Franken country. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bedburg-Hau

Dec. 7-11: *Christmas Art Market* at the Park of the gorgeous Castle Moyland in Bedburg-Hau. Open: Wednesday-Friday, 1 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €5; children 15 and younger – free entrance.

Bensheim

Nov. 24-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the center of Bensheim. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 9 p.m.

Berchtesgaden

Nov. 24-28 & Dec. 1-6, 8-12, 15-24, 26-31: *Christmas Market* at the historic Schlossplatz in the shadow of the majestic Castle. Open daily noon to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Dec. 26-30, noon to 6 p.m.

Bergisch Gladbach

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Konrad-Adenauer-Platz in the center of town. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 26-27: Small but attractive *Christmas Market* at the inner-court of Schloss Eulenbroich on zum Eulenbroicher Auel 19 in Rösrath. Open: Nov. 26, noon to 8 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €3; children 13 and under – free.

Nov. 21-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* is held in the Refrath Quarter of the town on Peter-Bürbling-Platz. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 2 to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, noon to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 9-11: *Christmas Market* at the beautiful Baroque Castle Bensberg which is the perfect setting to get in the Christmas spirit. Open: Dec. 9, 4 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 10, 1 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €7; children 11 and younger – free entrance.

Berlin

Christmas in the center of Berlin. The capital of Germany has many Christmas Markets and events in this period. Following are just a few.

Nov. 21--Dec. 22: A *Lucia Christmas Market* is held in the court of the Kultur Brewery on Schönhauser Allee. Open: Mondays-

Fridays, 3 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 1 to 10 p.m.

Nov. 21-Dec. 26: *Christmas Market* in front of Castle Charlottenburg at Spandauer Damm. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 2 to 10 p.m. & Fridays-Sundays, noon to 10 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, noon to 8 p.m. Closed on Dec. 24.

Traditional *Christmas Market* on Potsdamer Platz and Alte Potsdamer Strasse. Open: Daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 21-Dec. 29: *Christmas Market* in the center of Berlin (Berlin-Mitte) on Rathausstrasse, Spandauerstrasse and Liebknecht Strasse. Open: Mondays-Fridays, noon to 10 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 29, noon to 9 p.m. Closed on Dec. 24.

Nov. 21-Dec. 31: Berlin's most beautiful *Christmas Market* can be found at Gendarmenmarkt. Open: daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €1.

Nov. 21-Jan. 1: *Christmas Market* on Breidscheidplatz/Kaiser



-Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. & Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, 1 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 31, 11 to 2 a.m. and Jan. 1, 1 to 9 p.m.

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the old Spandau city. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nov. 23-Dec. 26: *Nostalgic Christmas Market* at Schlossplatz 1 in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, noon to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Sun-

days, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Closed Dec. 24 but open on Dec. 25-26, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 26-27: A *Danish Christmas Market* is held at Brienner Strasse 12 in Berlin Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf. Open: Nov. 26, noon to 7 p.m. and Nov. 27, noon to 6 p.m.

A *Swedish Christmas Bazaar* can be found at Landhausstrasse 26 in Berlin-Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf. Open: Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 27, noon to 6 p.m.

Dec. 9-11: Old Köpenick *Christmas Market* at Schlossplatz and Schlossinsel. Open: Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.

Dec. 9-11 & 16-18: Nordic Fairy-Tale *Christmas Market* at Castle Britz on Al-Britz 73. Open: Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bernkastel-Kues

Nov. 19-Dec. 21: The *Christmas Market* in the center of Bernkastel-Kues is an absolute must to visit. The small streets in the town with its medieval timber-framed houses are a perfect background for this Christmas Market. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed: Nov. 20.

Biberach

Nov. 26-Dec. 11: *Christmas Market* at one of the most beautiful medieval market squares in the South of Germany. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bielefeld

Nov. 21-Dec. 30: A large and attractive *Christmas Market* is held in the center of Bielefeld. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Closed: Dec. 24-26.

Bingen am Rhein

Dec. 9-11: Small but attractive *Medieval Christmas Market* in the center of Bingen. Open: Dec. 9, 4 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 10, noon to 9 p.m. and Dec. 11, noon to 8 p.m.

Bisingen

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4: *Royal Christmas Market* at Burg (Castle) Hohenzollern near Bisingen. Open on Fridays, 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €10; children 16 and younger – free entrance.

Bitburg

Nov. 30-Dec. 11: The *Christmas Market* “auf dem Spittel” in the center of Bitburg is open daily from noon to 7 p.m.

Blaubeuren

Nov. 26-27: A *Winter Fairy Tale Market* held around the well at the Abbey in Blaubeuren. Open: Nov. 26, 3 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bocholt

Nov. 22-27: Nostalgic *Christmas Market* at Textilmuseum in Bocholt. No entrance fee. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 21: The *Christmas Market* at Market Square in front of the historic Town Hall is open on weekdays from noon to 6 p.m. and in weekends from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bochum

Nov. 17-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* on the historic market square at the foot of the St. Paul Church in the center of Bochum and is open daily from noon to 9 p.m. and closed on Nov. 20.

Bonn



Nov. 18-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* in Bonn, Beethoven's birthplace, presents itself in impressively illuminated storefronts and



the festive scenery of the Münsterplatz, the Bottlerplatz, the Friedensplatz and connecting streets. The vendors offer traditional Christmas goods such as candles, arts and crafts and more. Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed: Nov. 20!

Borken-Marbeck

Dec. 3-4 & 8-11: Large *Farm Christmas Market* at Schulze Beikel Farm with about 120 stands; a petting zoo and lots more. Open: Dec. 3-4 & 11, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 8-9, 1 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Entry: €5; children 15 and younger – free entrance.

Braunschweig

Nov. 23-Dec. 29: *Christmas Market* in the center at Burgplatz. With the beautiful cathedral as background and the medieval market square as location, this Christmas Market is very special. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.

Breitnau

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: *Christmas Market* under the bridge of Breitnau in the Black Forest. Open: Fridays, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 7 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children 15 and younger have free entrance.

Bremen

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* around the historic Town Hall in the center is very festive and romantic and has more than 160 stands. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.

to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: During the *Maritime Christmas Market* which is held on Weser-promenade "Schlachte", the ships at the quay are festive illuminated and form a unique setting for a Christmas market. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; except Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Bremerhaven

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the center of town. Open daily: 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Brüggen

Dec. 10-11 & 17-18: *Christmas Market* in the center. Saint Nicolas will visit on both Sunday afternoons. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Brühl

Nov. 22-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* in the center. Open daily 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Burgsteinfurt

Dec. 2-4: *Nikolaus Market* at the historic Market Square in the center of the town. This traditional market is one of the oldest in Münsterland (Land of Münster). Open: Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Calw

Nov. 24-27: *Christmas Market* at the attractive, historic Market Square surrounded by half-timbered houses. Open: Nov. 24, 3 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 25-26, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Celle

Nov. 24-Dec. 27: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Celle. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri-

days-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, 1 to 8 p.m. Closed on Dec. 24.

Dec. 3-4: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the stables of Landgestüt Celle on Spörckenstrasse 10. Open: Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Chemnitz

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: The 170 festive decorated stands at the *Christmas Market* in the center of Chemnitz offer original Erz Mountain folkloric art, decorations, Christmas articles and more. Open: daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 25, 4 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Chiemsee

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4: Beautiful and unique *Christmas Market* at Fraueninsel (Lady's Island) in the middle of the Chiemsee. Open: Fridays, 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, noon to 7 p.m.

Cochem an der Mosel

Nov. 18-Dec. 18: *Christmas Market* with attractive stands along the River Mosel in Cochem. The majestic Reichsburg overlooking the market makes it all a perfect Christmas picture. Open: daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed Nov. 20.



Cologne/ Köln

A *Christmas Market in the Harbor* is held **Nov. 18-Dec. 23** around the Imhoff-Stollwerck-Chocolate Museum and Rheinauhafen. Open Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9

p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Nov. 22.

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: Cologne has several *Christmas Markets!!* In the center the Market at Neumarkt is open Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to

10 p.m.; at Alter Markt daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and around the Cathedral daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Although the market at Neumarkt is the oldest and most nostalgic, the market around the Cathedral is considered the most beautiful mainly because the imposing cathedral is such a great background.

A *Christmas Village* is located at Rudolfplatz and is open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Cottbus

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: One of the most beautiful *Christmas Markets* is in the center of Cottbus. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Darmstadt

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Friedensplatz and Marktplatz in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dernau

Nov. 11-12, 18-19, 15-27: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the beautiful surroundings of the Abbey garden and Church ruins at the Kloster (Abbey) Marienthal Vineyard on Klosterstrasse 3.

Dessau

Nov. 22-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* with all kind of fairy tale characters and a snowman magic forest on Zerbster Strasse and Marktplatz in the center. Open: Nov. 22, 4 to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dinkelsbühl

Nov. 24-Dec. 21 & Dec. 26-Jan. 1: A beautiful *Christmas Market* is held at the inner court of historic Spitalhof in Dinkelsbühl. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Satur-

days-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 26-Jan. 1, 1 to 7 p.m.

Donzdorf

Dec. 3-4: *Christmas Market* in and around the castle (schloss) Donzdorf, Am Schloss in the town of Donzdorf. Open on Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dormagen

Dec. 10-11: Nostalgic and traditional *Christmas Market* at Kreismuseum Zons on Schloßstrasse 1 in Dormagen with many old crafts. Open: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €4; child €1.50.

Dortmund

Nov. 17-Dec. 30: The *Christmas Market* in the center of Dortmund is one of Germany's largest and most beautiful Christmas Markets with more than 300 stands and a 45 meter high Christmas tree decorated with 13,000 lights. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays & Dec. 26, noon to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed on Sunday, Nov. 20 & Dec. 25.

Nov. 24-27 & Dec. 1-4: Europe's largest *Medieval Christmas Market* can be found at Lindenhorster Strasse. Open: Thursdays, 3 to 11 p.m.; Fridays, 3 p.m. to midnight; Saturdays, 1 p.m. to midnight and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dresden

Dresden has several Christmas Markets. Following are just a few.

Nov. 23-Jan. 6: A *Medieval Christmas Market* is held at the traditional Stallhof on Georg-Treu-Platz 1 and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1. Entry: €3.

Nov. 24-Dec. 24: Germany's oldest *Christmas Market* (since 1434) in the historic center of Dresden is called "Dresdner

Striezelmarkt". Open: Daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: A traditional *Christmas Market* is held at Postplatz. Open: daily from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Christmas Market at Neumarkt an der Frauenkirchen is one of Europe's most beautiful squares. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* in the area of "Frauenkirche". Open: daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Duisburg

Nov. 17-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* at Königstrasse in the center of Duisburg. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Nov. 20, 6 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 26, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed: Dec. 24-25.



Dülmen

Dec. 1-23: *Christmas Market* on Market Square in the center.

Düren

Nov. 17-Dec. 22: The *Christmas Market* in the center of Düren is beautifully illuminated and is open Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Market is closed on Nov. 20!

Düsseldorf

Nov. 17-Dec. 23: A romantic *Nikolaus Market* can be found on Market Square in the old historic center of Düsseldorf. *Christmas Markets* are also held at Stadtbrückchen (trendy), Schadowplatz (nostalgic); Heinrich-Heine-Platz; Flinger Strasse; Schadowstrasse and Königsallee in the center of Düsseldorf.

Open Sundays-Thursdays, noon to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Sunday, Nov. 20.

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Nov. 18-29, 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: The *German-American Christmas Market* at Pullman City on Ruberting 30 in Eging a. See is open on Fridays from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Eisenach

Nov. 21-Jan. 7: *Christmas Market* on Market Square in the historic center of Eisenach. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 31, 10 to 1 a.m. and Jan. 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11: *Christmas Market* at the majestic and world-famous Wartburg (Castle) towering over the town of Eisenach. Open: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €6.



Emden

Nov. 21-Dec. 31: The *Christmas Market* on Ratsdelft (harbor), am Alten Binnenhafen and Stadgarten in center of Emden is named “Engelkemarkt” (Angel Market). Open daily noon to 8 p.m. Closed: Dec. 24-26.

Erbach

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: *Christmas Market* around the Castle and in the old, historic center of town. Open: Fridays, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Erfurt

Nov. 22-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at the medieval market square in front of the majestic cathedral in Erfurt. Open: Sundays-

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Erlangen

Nov. 23-Dec. 24: Historic *Christmas Market* at Neustädter Kirchplatz is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Essen

Nov. 17-Dec. 23: *International Christmas Market* in the center of Essen with about 260 stands and a beautiful 18 meter high Christmas tree. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Nov. 20 the Market is open from 6 to 10 p.m.

Dec. 1-4: Nostalgic and traditional *Christmas Market* at the park of picturesque Castle Hotel Huguenot on August-Thijssen-Strasse 51 in Essen. Open: Dec. 1, 5 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 2, 2 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 3, 1 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €6 (includes glass of Glühwein); children 11 and younger – free entrance.

Esslingen

Nov. 22-Dec. 22: *Medieval and traditional Christmas Market* held at several places in the center of town. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ettlingen

Nov. 24-Dec. 28: The “*Sternles*” (*little stars*) *Market* at Market Square in front of the old Town Hall is open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25.

Euskirchen

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* on Gardebrunnenplatz and Klosterplatz in the center is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Felsberg

Nov. 26-27: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful and romantic surroundings at Market square and on Ritterstrasse at the foot of the Castle in Felsberg. Open on Nov. 26, 2 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 27, noon to 6 p.m.

Flensburg

Nov. 21-Dec. 31: *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Dec. 25-26.

Frankfurt am Main

Nov. 23-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at the historic and picturesque Römerberg, Paulsplatz and Mainkai in the center of Frankfurt am Main. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Freiburg im Breisgau

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: Large *Christmas Market* at Rathausplatz, Kartoffelmarkt, Unterlindenplatz and on Franziskanergasse. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Freudenberg

Nov. 25-27: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the old historic center of Freudenberg. Open: Nov. 25, 6 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 26, 3 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Freudenstadt

Dec. 2-11: The *Christmas Market* at the largest market square in Germany is open Monday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 9 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friedrichshafen

Nov. 25-Dec. 21: *Christmas Market* at the "Bodensee" (Lake) on Buchhornplatz with lots of ideas for gifts and delicacies. Open:

Mondays-Thursdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fulda

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: Cozy *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 12:30 to 7 p.m.

Fürstenberg

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4:

A special *Christmas Market & Christmas*

Open House is held at

the famous China Factory in and around Castle Fürstenberg on Meinbrexener Strasse 2.

Open: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Gangelt

Nov. 27: Nostalgic *Nikolausmarkt* on Burgstrasse in the center of Gangelt. Open: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* on Richard-Strauss-Platz with stands and all kinds of winter entertainment daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Geilenkirchen

Nov. 25-27: *Nikolaus Market* at Market Square in the center of Geilenkirchen. Open: Nov. 25, 5 to 11 p.m.; Nov. 26, noon to 11 p.m. and Nov. 27, 6 to 11 p.m.

Gelnhausen

Dec. 8-11: The *Christmas Market* is held at Obermarkt in the center. Open: Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Gera

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: *Fairy Tale Christmas Market* at Bachgasse, Johannisgasse up to the Market Square in the center. Open daily from



10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except Fridays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Giessen

Nov. 25-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 12:30 to 9 p.m.

Gladbeck

Nov. 24-27: Enchanted *Christmas Market* in the gorgeous surroundings of Castle Wittringen, Burgstrasse 64 in Gladbeck. No entry fees. Open: Nov. 24-25, 3 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Goslar

Nov. 23-Dec. 30: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the by medieval buildings surrounded center of Goslar. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, noon to 7 p.m.

Gotha

Nov. 23-Dec. 26: *Christmas Market* at Neumarkt and Hauptmarkt in the center of Gotha. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dec. 10-11: Small attractive Christmas Market at Orangerie behind Lorbeerhaus on Friedrichstrasse. Open both days 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Göttingen

Nov. 23-Dec. 29: *Christmas Market* at the Market Square around the Old Town Hall in the center of Göttingen. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-26.

Grefrath

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4: Romantic *Christmas Market* at Freilichtmuseum Dorenburg in Grefrath near Kempen. Open: Fridays-Saturdays, 1 to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €7; children 15 and under – free entrance.

Guteneck

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: A romantic medieval *Christmas Market* is held at Schloss (castle) Guteneck in Guteneck.

Count Burkhard Beissel van Gymnich and his family are opening the gates of their castle on these weekends and invite you to a journey into the romantic world of Christmas. The courtyard is filled with traveling entertainers as well as merchants and artists. Knights and farmers will roam around the courtyard or just stand around the big fires. Countless demonstrations of medieval craftsmanship as well as jugglers, musicians and magicians provide outstanding entertainment. The castle itself will be open also. Open: Fridays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €5; children 11 and younger – free entrance.

Hagen

Nov. 17-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Friedrich-Ebert-Platz, Theaterplatz, Adolf-Nassau-Platz, Volkspark and Hohenzollernstrasse in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 8:30 p.m. Closed November 20.

Nov. 25-27: *Christmas Market* at Freilichtmuseum in Hagen with lots of activities. Open: Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Entry: €5.



Dec. 2-4, 9-11 & 16-18: Nostalgic *Christmas Market* held in the scenic surroundings of medieval castle Hohenlimburg in Hagen. Open: Fridays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. Entry: €5; children 4 and younger – free entrance.

Dec. 10-11: Romantic *Christmas Market* at the court of Castle Werdringen near Hagen. Open Dec. 10, 2 to 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entry fees.

Halle an der Saale

Nov. 18-Dec. 27: Small but attractive *Christmas Market* at Tausch & Grosse Hof on Grosse Ulrichstrasse 38. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 3 to 11 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. to midnight; closed Nov. 20 & Dec. 24.

Nov. 22-Dec. 23: Traditional *Christmas Market* at Marktplatz, Hallmarkt and Leipzigerstrasse in the center of town. Open: Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Haltern am See

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-6, 9-11: *Nikolaus Market* at Market Square in the center. Open: Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Mondays-Tuesdays and Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m.

Hamburg

A large city as Hamburg has of course many Christmas Markets. Following are just a few.

Nov. 17-Dec. 26: A small but very attractive *Christmas Market* is located on the picturesque Rathausplatz in Hamburg-Harburg. Open: Daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 26, 1 to 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: A pleasant *Christmas Market* can be found on Fleetinsel in the center. Open: daily noon to 9 p.m.

Historic Christmas Market at square in front of Town Hall. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Christmas Market on Ottenser Hauptstrasse in Hamburg-Ottensen. Open: Mondays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

The *Hanseatic Christmas Market* at Gänsemarkt is opened on Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nov. 21-Dec. 30: The oldest *Christmas Market* in Hamburg is located on Alten Holstenstrasse and in the castle park in Hamburg-Bergedorf. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Dec. 25-26.

Nov. 21-Jan. 6: The *Christmas Market* at Jungfernstieg is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed on Dec. 24 and 25.

Hameln

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the old city of Hameln. The city's several timber houses and elegant historic buildings are the perfect background for this event. The market is known as one of northern Germany's most beautiful. Open: Mondays-Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hamm

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in front of the Paul's Church; Weststrasse and Bahnhofstrasse in the center. Open: daily from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25-27: From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. attractive *Christmas Market* with 70 stands at

Maximilianpark. Entry: €2.50; children €1.50.

Hanau

Nov. 25-27: *Christmas Market* at Steinheimer Schlosshof (Castle court) on Schlossstrass. Open: Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 22: It is obvious that in the hometown of the Brothers Grimm the *Christmas Market* on Marktplatz in the center is like a fairytale. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 26-27: *Christmas Market* around Reinhardskirche (church) and in Jakob-Rullmann-Strasse in Hanau-Kesselstadt. Open: Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 3-4: *Christmas Market* on Kirchplatz (church square) and on Sudetendeutsche Strasse in Hanau-Klein Auheim. Open: Saturday, 4 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 7 p.m.

Hannover

Nov. 23-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the old and historic center of Hannover around Marktkirche. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hattingen

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: A nostalgic *Christmas Market* is held around the beautiful St-George Church in the center of the town. Open daily noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m.



Heidelberg

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: A *Christmas Market* is held at several locations (among them Karlsplatz, Kornmarkt, Marktplatz, Uni-

versitätsplatz, Anatomiegarten and Bis-

marckplatz) in Heidelberg. With the castle as background the whole scene must be beautiful! Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: *Christmas Market* in the inner court of Abbey Neuenburg, Stiftweg 4. Open: Fridays, 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dec. 1-13: *Christmas Market* at gardens of Castle Heidelberg. Open: noon to 9 p.m.

Heilbronn

Nov. 24-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* with lots of attractions and entertainment on Marktplatz, Kiliansplatz and Sülmerstrasse in the center of Heilbronn. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Heinsberg

Nov. 21-Jan. 1: The *Christmas Market* held in the center of Heinsberg is daily open from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Dec. 25 & 31.

Hellenthal

Nov. 26-27: A small but attractive and romantic *Christmas Market* is held at Castle Reifferscheidt near Hellenthal in the Eifel. Hellenthal and its castle are a beautiful sight and a traditional picture for Christmas. Open: Nov. 26, 2 to 10 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hennef

Nov. 26-27: *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hildesheim

Nov. 24-Dec. 26: *Christmas Market* on one of the most beautiful historic Market Squares in Germany. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 26, 2 to 6 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.

Homburg (Saar)

Nov. 25-Dec. 6: *Nikolausmarkt* at Marktplatz in the center. Open: Sundays-Fridays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dec. 7-24: *Christmas Village* on Christian-Weber-Platz is open Mondays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. and Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Höxter

Nov. 24-Dec. 24: The *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center is open on Sundays, 2 to 6 p.m.; Mondays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Idar-Oberstein



Nov. 26-27: A romantic *Christmas Market* is held at Castle Oberstein near Idar-Oberstein. Open: Saturday, 1 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 2-4: The *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Dec. 2, 3 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ingelheim am Rhein

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11: Indoor Christmas Market at Bingerstrasse in the old Market hall. Open: Fridays, 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 2-4, 9-11 & 16-18: Christmas Market on An der Burgkirche in the center. Open: Fridays, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 3 to 9 p.m.

Iserlohn

Nov. 17-Dec. 24: A fairy-tale *Christmas Market* is held at Alter Rathausplatz in the center of Iserlohn and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: *Christmas Market* on Fritz-Kühn-Platz an der Bauernkirche in Iserlohn. Open: Fridays, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 3-4 & 10-11: The *Christmas Market* at the historic Manufactory estate Mastebarendorf near the town of Iserlohn is a colorful combination of art, ceramics, jewelry, china and old crafts. Open: noon to 8 p.m.

Dec. 9-11: *Christmas Market* in the Park in front of the historic walls of Haus Letmathe. Open: Fridays, 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 2 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 9 p.m.

Jena

Nov. 25-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the historic center. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Jüchen

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 17-18: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Schloss (castle) Dyck near Jüchen and Mönchengladbach. Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €12; children (7-16) €1.50 (includes entry to castle and park).

Jülich

Nov. 17-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* at Schlossplatz is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and in weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.

Kaiserslautern

Nov. 21-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* in the center of Kaiserslautern. Open: Mondays-Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 9 p.m.; closed Dec. 24-26.

Karlsruhe

Nov. 24-Dec. 22: *Medieval Christmas Market* with lots of actors and acrobats held in front of the Karlsburg (castle) in Karlsruhe-Durlach. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: Another *Christmas Market* is located at Friedrichsplatz. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Kassel

Nov. 21-Dec. 30: *Fairy Tale Christmas Market* at Königsplatz and Friedrichsplatz in the center of Kassel. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-26.

Kempen

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18: *Christmas Market* held within the historic walls of the small town of Kempen. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kiel

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: The charming *Christmas Market* at Holstenplatz and Asmus-Bremer-Platz in the center of Kiel is daily opened from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kitzingen

Dec. 9-11: A *Christmas Village* is located at Platz der Partnerstädte in front of the church in the center of town. Open on Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kleve

Nov. 25-Dec. 4: The *Christmas Market* at Forstgarten on Tiergartenstrasse in Kleve is open Mondays-Fridays, 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, noon to 9 p.m.

Dec. 7-11: Attractive *Artisan Christmas Market* at Museum Castle Moyland. Open: Dec. 7-9, 1 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €5.

Koblentz

Nov. 18-Dec. 22: Traditional *Christmas Market* in the old center of town. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Nov. 22.

Königstein

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18: A historic romantic *Christmas Market* is held at the fortress Königstein. Open: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €8.

Konstanz

Nov. 24-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the center and harbor of Konstanz at Bodensee. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Krefeld

Nov. 19-Dec. 23: A colorful *Christmas Market* is held at Dionysius Square and on Rheinstrasse in the center of Krefeld. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.



Kronenburg

Nov. 25-27: *Christmas Market* in the historic town center of Kronenburg. The center is the perfect setting with its old and historic frame houses. Open: Nov. 25, 4 to 10 p.m.; Nov. 26, 1 to 10 p.m.; Nov. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €2.

Laer

Dec. 3-4: *Christmas Market* in front of Town Hall in the center. Saint Nicolas will visit the market on Saturday. Open: Dec. 3, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Landstuhl

Nov. 26-27: *Christmas Market* on Alter Markt, Poststrasse and Kaiserstrasse. Open: Nov. 26, 2 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 9-12: *Christmas Market* on Lothar-Sander-Platz is open on Dec. 9, 5:30 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 10-11, 2 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 12, 5 to 8 p.m.

Lauscha

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4: *Christmas Market* in the center of Lauscha, Thüringen. Lauscha is a glassblower village and home to the glass Christmas decorations. The event is called “Kugelmarkt”. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Leipzig

Nov. 22-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center of Leipzig. The tradition of the Christmas Market in Leipzig goes back to 1767. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Leonberg

Nov. 26-27: *Nikolausmarkt* in the center of picturesque Leonberg. Open: Nov. 26, 1 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Leverkusen

Nov. 17-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* at Rathausvorplatz and Wiesdorfer Platz through the center. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Nov. 20 and Dec. 24-26.

Dec. 10-11: *Norwegian Christmas Market* at Neuland-Park in Leverkusen. Open: Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Entry: €3; children – free entrance.

Limburg an der Lahn

Nov. 25-Dec. 27: *Christmas Market* at Neumarkt, Kornmarkt and Plötze in Limburg an der Lahn. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closed Dec. 25-26.

Lindau (Bodensee)

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: The *Harbor Christmas Market* held along the promenade is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Lindlar

Nov. 26-27: Large traditional *Christmas Market* around the Church in the historic center. Open Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Lippstadt

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market & ice skating rink* in the historic and romantic old center of Lippstadt with its beautiful half-timber houses. Open: Mondays-Wednesdays, 2 to 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Löwenberger Land

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Castle Liebenberg and its estate. Open: noon to 7 p.m. Entry: €2.50.

Lübeck

Several *Christmas Markets* are held in the beautiful old historic center of Lübeck.

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: The *Medieval Christmas Market* at Marienkirchhof is open Mondays-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 21-Dec. 30: The *Christmas Fairy Tale Market* around the Marienkirche (Church) is open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 26, 2 to 6 p.m. Closed: Dec. 24-26.



Christmas Market in the center is open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Dec. 25.

Nov. 23-Jan. 1: A *Children & Family Christmas Market* is Held at An der Obertrave in the beautiful historic center. Open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Dec. 25.

Nov. 24-Dec. 18: An *Art & Crafts Christmas Market* is located at St. Petri Kirchhof. Entry: €2.50. Open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 5: The *Christmas Art Fair* at Heiligen-Geist-Hospital (Holy Ghost Hospital) is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €2.50; children €0.50.

Nov. 28-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* on Breite Strasse 89 in Lübeck-Niederegger. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lüdenscheid

Dec. 10-11: *Farmer's Christmas Market* at Castle Neuenhof near Lüdenscheid. Open: Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €2.

Ludwigsburg

Nov. 22-Dec. 22: *Baroque Christmas Market* in the center of Ludwigsburg. The market square surrounded by arcades in the heart of the town is in the weeks before Christmas transformed into a winter paradise. The aromas; the handicrafts on show at the more than 160 festively illuminated stands and the supporting program accompanying the baroque decoration of basketwork figures make this market simply unforgettable. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ludwigshafen

Nov. 18-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* on the beautiful illuminated Berliner Platz (square) in the center. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Nov. 20.

Ludwigslust

Nov. 24-27: Unique *Christmas Market* with actors in Baroque costumes held at Alexandrinenplatz in the center. Open: Nov. 26, 2 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 27-28, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 29, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lüneburg

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in front of the historic Town Hall in Lüneburg.

Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 3-4: The *Historic Christmas Market* on Auf den Michaeliskloster 2b takes you back to the 16th century. Open on Dec. 3, noon to 7 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Nov. 23-Dec. 22: The *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center of Martin Luther's city is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Magdeburg

Nov. 23-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* in the old historic center on Alter Markt. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 9-11: Romantic *Christmas Market* at the Fortress (Festungmarkt). Open: Fridays, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €2.50; children 12 and younger – free entrance.

Mainz

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: *Christmas Fair* around the Cathedral in the center of Mainz. The historic market square in Mainz is during this period

a blaze of lights. The air is scented with a mixture of roasted almonds, gingerbread, hot chestnuts and mulled wine. Against the imposing background of the over thousand year old St. Martin Cathedral visitors will find an enchanted market where the stress and hectic of everyday life can be forgotten. A must to see is the hand-carved nativity scene in front of the Romanesque St. Gotthard's chapel. The life-sized figures are very impressive. Also made of wood, but much larger, is the eleven meter high (36') high Christmas pyramid in the center of Höfchen square which apart from the typical figures as an angel and Santa Claus has also figurines representing Mainz' history, such as Gutenberg and the Roman Drusus. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mannheim

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* around Wasserturm and on Friedrichsplatz in the center of Mannheim is pure nostalgia. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Marburg an der Lahn

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center around Elisabethkirche. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.



Nov. 25-Dec. 23: The *Advent Market* at Market Square is open Mondays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Maulbronn

Dec. 3-4: *Christmas Market* at the inner court of the Abbey Maulbronn on Klosterhof. Open: Dec. 3, noon to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mechernich

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18: One of the most beautiful *Christmas Markets* is held at the gorgeous Burg Satzvey (castle) near Mechernich. Open: Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 7 p.m. Entry: €8; children (4-12) €4 & (12-18) €6.50.

Meckenbeuren

Nov. 26-27: *Medieval Christmas Market* at Humpissschloss Brochenzell in Meckenbeuren. Open: Nov. 26, 5 to 10 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Meissen

Nov. 24-27: Small *Christmas Market* in the beautiful decorated Schloss Proschwitz. Open: Thursday-Friday, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €5; children 14 and younger – free.

Nov. 25-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* at historic Market Square in the center of town. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 3-4: *Christmas Market* at the famous Meissen China factory. Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Merode

Nov. 23-27, Nov. 30-Dec. 4 & Dec. 7-11, 14-18: The Prince and Princess von Merode will open the Castle Merode again this year for a romantic and traditional *Christmas Market*. The market is open on Wednesdays-Thursdays, 2 to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 to 10 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. Entry on Wednesdays-Saturdays is €6.50 and on Sundays €7; children (6-16) €2. To get to Castle Merode follow the A4 (Köln/Aachen); exit Eschweiler-Ost and follow signs Weisweiler and Langerwehe. Then get on B264 direction Düren until sign Merode.

Meschede

Nov. 26-27: Traditional *Christmas Market* in the beautiful surroundings of the Abbey Königsminster in Meschede is open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 1-4: The small but attractive *Christmas Market* at the Von-Stephan-Platz in the center is open on Dec. 1-3, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Dec. 4, noon to 7 p.m.

Dec. 10-11: The *Christmas Market* at Wenkshof in Meschede-Wallen is open on Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mettmann

Nov. 25-Dec. 12: *Christmas Market* at Market Square around the St. Lambertus Church in the center of town. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 10 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 9 p.m.

Michelstadt

Nov. 25-Dec. 18: The Odenwald *Christmas Market* is located around the gorgeous historic half-timbered Town Hall. Open: Wednesdays-Thursdays, 2 to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Tuesdays, closed.

Minden

Nov. 22-Dec. 30: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the center of Minden. Open: Mondays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 25, CLOSED; Dec. 26, noon to 8 p.m.

Moers

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at Kastellplatz in front of the Castle in Moers. Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, noon to 10 p.m.

Mönchengladbach

Nov. 19-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* on Alter Markt is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Nov. 22, 6 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on Dec. 25-26.

Nov. 19-Dec. 31: The *Christmas Market* at Hindenburgstrasse in the center is daily open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. but closed on Nov. 20 and Dec. 25-26.

Dec. 3-4: *Christmas Art & Crafts Market* at Castle Rheydt Museum on Schlossstrasse 508. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €5.

Monheim am Rhein

Dec. 3-4: A *Nicolaus Market* is held from Baumberger Dorfplatz up to the parking area on von-Ketteler-Strasse and has lots of amusement and activities to offer. Open: Dec. 3, 3 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 9-11: *Christmas Market* in the old center of town. Open: Dec. 9, 5 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 10, 3 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 11, 1 to 7 p.m.



Monschau

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: *Christmas Market* at the romantic square in the picturesque center of Monschau. Open: Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mülheim an der Ruhr

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Victoriaplatz and Schlossstrasse in the center of Mülheim. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25-27: A unique *Christmas Market* can be found on ships floating on the river at Schleuseninsel. Open: Nov. 25, 4 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 26, 1 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. No entrance fees.

Dec. 2-4, 9-11 & 16-18: Medieval *Christmas Market* illuminated by candles and lantern at inner court of Castle Broich in Mühl-

heim. Entry: €6; children 13 and younger €3. Open: Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

München

This large city and capital of Bavaria has of course many Christmas Markets. Following are just a few:

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: Enchanted *Christmas Forest & Market* at Rosenkavalierplatz.

Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 23-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at Kaiserhof Münchener Residenz on Odeonsplatz is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 22,

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Sendlinger-Tor-Platz, open daily 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 24-Dec. 24: Attractive *Christmas*



Market at Weissenburger Platz, open Sundays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: A *Medieval Winter and Christmas Fair* is held at Wittelsbacher Platz (square) and has lots of entertainment, open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 24: *Münchner Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market)* is at several locations in the center of München. The largest and most famous is the Christmas Market on Marienplatz around the Town Hall. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18: *Christmas Market* at Schererplatz open on Saturdays-Sundays 1 to 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 26-Dec. 24: The *Christmas Market* at Forum Münchner Freiheit is open weekdays

from noon to 8:30 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Münster

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center of Münster. In the festive illuminated surroundings of the historic inner city visitors will find several Christmas Markets with more than 250 stands. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Neubrandenburg

Nov. 24-Dec. 21:

'Weberglockenmarkt' (Christmas Market) in the weaver guilds home of Neubrandenburg. Neubrandenburg is an old city with most of its historic walls and gates still intact. The market has besides the many traditional stands also entertainment, rides, attractions and more. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Neuburg an der Donau

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: Traditional *Christmas Market* on Schrankenplatz with lots of culinary specialities. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, noon to 7 p.m.; Fridays & Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 2-4 & 9-11: A smaller *Christmas Market* is held on the second and third advent weekend at Karlsplatz. Open: Fridays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Neustadt an der Weinstrasse

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the attractive center of Neustadt an der Weinstrasse. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: A special *Christmas Market* with all kind of culinary specialties from several European regions and named "Kunigundenmarkt" is held at Barbarossa-Hof, Michel'sche Hof and oth-

er farmhouses in the historic old center.
Open: Fridays, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Neuwied



Nov. 26-27: The *Christmas Market* held in the picturesque surroundings at Schlosshof on Schlossstrasse in Neuwied-Engers is open on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Nov. 28-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* on Luisenplatz in the center of Neuwied is named: “Knuspermarkt” and is open on Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nürnberg

Nov. 25-Dec. 24: One of the best known and most famous *Christmas Market* is located around the Frauenkirche in the center of Nürnberg. Open: daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oberhausen

Nov. 17-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in and around Europe’s largest mall in Oberhausen. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 20, 6 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 22-Dec. 23: *Christmas Forest*. A unique event can be found at the Altmarkt in the center of Oberhausen. The square is changed into a magical fir forest with stands and other attractions such as culinary specialties and a children’s train. Open daily from noon to 8 p.m.

Dec. 9-11: A cultural and artistic *Christmas Market* is held at the park and in the Nieburgh on Niebuhrstrasse in Oberhausen. Open: Dec. 9, 4 to 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 10, 2 to 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Öhringen

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18: *Christmas Market* in the center and the castle court with besides the traditional stands also a steam train which stops at Fairy-like stations. Open on Fridays, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Oldenburg

Nov. 22-Dec. 22: The *Christmas Market* in the center of Oldenburg is called “Lambertimarkt” because it is located between the old city hall and the venerable St. Lamberti Church, one of the most beautiful in northern Germany. Arts and crafts, toys and Christmas decorations are just a few samples of what the stand holders have to offer. The brilliant lights complete the festive and romantic atmosphere. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Olpe

Dec. 1-4: Historic *Christmas Market* with old crafts and art at Market Square in the center. Open: Dec. 1, 2 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 2, 2 to 11 p.m.; Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Osnabrück

Nov. 25-Dec. 22: Historic *Christmas Market* in the center of Osnabrück. Open: Weekdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Weekends, noon to 10 p.m.

Paderborn

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square and around the Cathedral of Paderborn. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dec. 2-4: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful Schlosspark (Castle Park) in Paderborn.

Open: Dec. 2, 3 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 3, 1 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Passau

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: Attractive *Christmas Market* in front of the Stephans Cathedral on Domplatz in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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Pirmasens

Nov. 25-Dec. 21: The small but attractive *Christmas Market* (named here “Belznickelmarkt”) is held on Schlossplatz and is open Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 7 p.m.

Potsdam

Nov. 21-Dec. 26: Romantic *Christmas Market* is held in the historic inner court of Krongut Bornstedt, Ribbeckstrasse 4/7. Open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 21-Dec. 28: Traditional *Christmas Market* in the center of the beautiful city near Castle Sanssouci. Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, closed; Dec. 25-26, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 28, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4: A *Bohemian Christmas Market* can be found on Weber-

platz in Babelsberg-Potsdam. Open: Fridays, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 2-4: *Sternenmarkt (Stars Market)* is a Polish Christmas Market at Kutschstallhof on Neuen Markt. Open: Dec. 2, 4 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €2.

Dec. 10-11: *Dutch Christmas Market* in Mittelstrasse. Open: Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pforzheim

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: The *Christmas Market* at Market Square and center is open Mon-

Quedlinburg

Nov. 25-Dec. 21: *Christmas Market* in the center on Quedlinburger Markt surrounded by romantic framed houses. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ravensburg

Nov. 25-Dec. 21: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the historic old center of town. Open daily 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Recklinghausen

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center at Altstadtmarkt. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 10 p.m.

Regensburg

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful old center of Regensburg at Neupfarrplatz. Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: Romantic *Christmas Market* at the court of Castle Thurn and Taxis. Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, noon to 10 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, noon to 11 p.m. Entry on weekdays: €6.50 and in weekends €8.50; children €2.

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: The traditional *Christmas Market* at Katharinenspital in Stadtam-

hof is open weekdays, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: The *Lucrezia Christmas Market* is held by artists at Haidplatz and Kohlenmarkt daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Remagen

Dec. 3-4: *Nikolausmarkt* in several areas of town. Open: Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The *Medieval Christmas Market* around the Town Hall in the center is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Remscheid

Nov. 18-Dec. 23: *Christmas Village with Ice Skating Rink and Christmas Market* at Theodor-Heuss-Platz. Open: daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and closed Nov. 20.

Rheda-Wiedenbrück

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 2:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 10 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 9 p.m.

Dec. 7-11: Small *Christmas Market* held at Rathausplatz in Rheda-Wiedenbrück. Open: 4 to 9 p.m.

Rhede

Dec. 2-4: *Christmas Market* held in the shadow of the beautiful Neo-Gothic Church in the historic center of Rhede. Open: Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Riesa

Dec. 10-23: The *Christmas Village* in the inner court of the Abbey (Klosterinnenhof) at Rathausplatz in the center of town is open daily from 2 to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 2 to 9 p.m.

Ronneburg

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11: Historic *Christmas Market* held at the old medieval

center and castle of Ronneburg. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Rösrath

Nov. 26-27: Romantic *Christmas Market* in and around Castle Eulibroich in Rösrath.

Open: Nov. 26, noon to 8 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €3.



Rostock

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in Rostock. Once a year, the twinkling glitter that leads up to Christmas, glows along the River Warnow and the Baltic Sea and transforms the historic city center into the largest and one of the most gorgeous Christmas Markets in Northern Germany. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Nov. 25-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* (Reiterlesmarkt) in the center of beautiful medieval and romantic Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Interesting in Rothenburg is the *German Christmas Museum* which effectively bridges Christmas history from the 4th to the 20th century offering visitors a fascinating view of the historical development of Christmas celebrations. A visit to *Kathe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Village* is an absolute must! It offers its international clientele an enormous selection of traditional German Christmas decorations in a unique and festive ambient.

Rüdesheim am Rhein

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market of Nations* is held in the historic and romantic old quarters of Rüdesheim. During this spe-

cial Christmas Market 16 nations will present their Christmas customs and traditions in about 125 stands while Europe's largest nativity scene with life-size figures can be found at the Market Square. The city of wine and dine has lots more to offer and is certainly worth a visit! Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saarbrücken

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at St. Johanner Markt in the center. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 26-27: Attractive and romantic *Christmas Market* around the Castle. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saarburg

Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 2-4, 9-11: *Christmas Market* on Buttermarkt am Wasserfall (waterfall). Open: Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Nov. 26-27: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful surroundings of Castle Salem. Open: Nov. 26, 2 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Schleswig

Dec. 3-11: Indoor *Christmas Market* im Schwahl in the historic old center. Open on weekdays, 2 to 6 p.m. and weekends, noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €1.50.

Schweinfurt

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in front of the historic Town Hall in the center of town. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Schwerin

Nov. 21-Dec. 30: The *Christmas Market* in the old city center is known as "The Star in the North". Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Dec. 24-25.

Siegburg

Nov. 26-Dec. 22: *Medieval Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center of Siegburg. Open Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Siegen

Dec. 1-23: *Christmas Market* at Unteres Schloss on Alte Poststrasse in Siegen. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Simmerath-Rurberg

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 10-11: Traditional and old-fashion *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: Saturdays, 2 to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Soest

Nov. 21-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the old and majestic center of the historic town

