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2018 Christmas & Winter Markets & Fairs & Events in the Netherlands

Aalsmeer

Dec. 15: Attractive *Winter Market* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the center on Zijdsstraat.

Aartswoud

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas in Aartswoud*. On both days between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. visitors can visit the beautiful farms and houses decorated for Christmas. If you see the Christmas route flag outside you are welcome to enter and enjoy what they have to offer. Start is on Schoolstraat and Zuiderzeestraat. Entry is free.

Alkmaar

Dec. 20-23: *Christmas Market* in the center at Waagplein, the famous Cheese Market square. Open: Dec. 20-21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 22-23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Almelo

Nov. 23-24: The *Christmas Market* around “de Hoop” Mill on Nieuwstraat is both days open from 3 to 9 p.m.

Alphen aan de Rijn

Dec. 8-9: At the indoor *Fantasy Market* visitors will experience a midwinter medieval fest and market at the Archeon Open Air Museum. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 22-Jan. 6: Experience a *Dutch Winter World* in the pre-history; Roman times and middle Ages at the Archeon Open Air Museum. All 43 buildings are decorated and the inhabitants give demonstrations of what life was like in those times. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Amerongen

Dec. 15: Attractive *Christmas Market by Candlelight* held at De Hof on Utrechtsestraatweg in the center is open from 4 to 9 p.m.

Amstelveen

Nov. 29-Jan. 6: *Winter Village* with ice-skating rink and Christmas Market in the center. Open: Mondays-Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3 to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays & Fridays-Sundays, noon to 9 p.m. Special opening hours: Dec. 24, 26 & 31, noon to 5 p.m.; Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed on Dec. 25.

Apeldoorn

Nov. 14-18: *Spirit of Winter Fair*: Royal enjoyment in a winter garden. The park of Palace Het Loo near the town of Apeldoorn is turned into a magical winter garden filled with all kind of winter fest ideas. The outdoor fair has many stands with lots of exclusive items such as crystal; furniture; silver; China as well as plants and Christmas decorations. The fair will show you how attractive and warm your winter home and garden can be. Entry: €17.50 and this includes entrance to the palace as well; children (0-3) free entrance; 4-17 years €7.50. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 16-17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dec. 15-Jan. 6: At *Christmas at Palace “Het Loo”* located on Koninklijk Park 1 in Apeldoorn visitors will get a glimpse of what Christmas used to be like with the Dutch Royal Family in the past 300 years. The beautifully laid tables and yuletide greenery transform the palace in a very attractive Christmas setting. Open: Tuesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; also open on Dec. 25-26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Mondays and New Year’s Day. Entry: €14.50; children (4-17) €5.

Appelscha

Dec. 9: *Nostalgic Christmas Market & Winter Fair* at the attractive illuminated edge of the forest in Appelscha (Prov. Friesland) near National Park World with besides many stands lots of attractions and things to do! No entrance fee. Open from noon to 6 p.m.

Arnhem

Dec. 1: The *Brocante, Christmas Edition* is a Christmas curiosa fair held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sint Eusebiuskerk on Kerkplein 1 in the center. Entry: €3.50.

Baarn

Dec. 21-23: The *Christmas Market* at Groeneveld Estate on Groeneveld 2 in Baarn is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €5.

Beekbergen

Dec. 15: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Museum Train Station Beekbergen on Dorpsstraat 140 in the center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry:



€5; children (4-11) €3. Besides walking along the many Christmas stands, you can also take a ride in the authentic steam-train.

Beerta

Dec. 16: *Dickens Day Beerta* is a Christmas market in Dickens style with many characters from Dickens' novels, street music and crafts. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beetsterzwaag

Dec. 12: Attractive *Christmas Fair* in Dickens style held from 1:30 to 9 p.m. at Hoofdstraat in the center of town.

Beilen

Dec. 14: *Christmas Market* with lots of entertainment in the center from 2 to 9 p.m.

Bemmel

Dec. 9: Large *Christmas Market* in the attractive center of Bemmel. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bennekom

Dec. 7-8: *Dickens Fair* in the attractive village center. Open: Dec. 7, 3 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Best

Dec. 9: *Charles Dickens Fest* from noon to 5:30 p.m. in Oude Dorpsstraat and Nieuwstraat in the center of Best with *Christmas Market* and many characters from Dickens famous books. Entry: €2.

Bourtange

Dec. 1-2, 8-9 & 15-16: *Christmas Market* in the center of the unique small fortified town. Open: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €5.

Breda

Dec. 8-9: *Winter Rails* is an attractive *Christmas Market* held at the Train Station on Gravinne van Nassauboulevard. Open: Dec. 8, noon to 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 15-16: *Winter Festival*, located on Ginnekenmarkt in the city of Breda, has a Christmas Market with more than 100 stands, rides, two stages for performances and lots more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Breukelen

Dec. 16: Attractive *Christmas Market* from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Kerkbrink in the center of picturesque Breukelen village.



Broek op Langedijk

Dec. 27-30 & Jan. 2-7: *Warm Winter Days* at Broekerveiling Museum with lots of activities and entertainment. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €17; child (4-12) €9.

Bronkhorst

Dec. 15-16: The *Christmas Fair* in the smallest town of the Netherlands is very nostalgic with old crafts demonstrations and lots more. Scrooge is waiting for you in the town's Dickens Museum. Open both days 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bunschoten-Spakenburg

Dec. 6: *Wintermarkt* from 3 to 9 p.m. in the center near the old harbor on Oude Schans.

De Bilt

Dec. 14: From 4 to 10 p.m. attractive *Winter Market* held at Dorpsstraat in Het Oude Dorp.

De Rijp

Dec. 15-16: *Midwinter Fest* in the picturesque and historic center is open Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

De Steeg

Dec. 12-16: *Christmas at Castle Middachten*. The castle near the town of De Steeg is beautifully decorated for Christmas and opens its doors to the public. A *Christmas Market* is held in the castle's outbuildings. Open: noon to 8 p.m. Entry: €15; child €7.50.

Delft

Dec. 11: The *Evening of Light* is a heartwarming event in the dark days before Christmas in the center of Delft. The city is in the spirit all afternoon awaiting the highlight of the day which is the lighting of the enormous Christmas tree on Market Square in the center. The event starts at 3 p.m.

Den Bosch/'s-Hertogenbosch

Nov. 23-29: Attractive indoor *Winter Fair* at Brabantshallen on Diezekade 2. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €20.

Den Haag/'s-Gravenhage

Dec. 14-23: The *Royal Christmas Fair* is held at the stately Lange Voorhout along the Kloosterkerk, glorious Hotel Des Indes and Escher Museum in the center daily from noon to 9 p.m.

Den Ham

Dec. 8: The historic *Christmas Market* at the attractive village center is also the stage for a play in

which 200 inhabitants of the village take part. The play is set in the year 1812. The event is open from 1 to 8 p.m. Entry: €5.

Deurningen

Dec. 9: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Kaamps Estate on Vliegveldstraat 4a.

Deventer

Dec. 13-15: *Christmas Market* at Lebuïnuskerk in the center of Deventer. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €3; children 11 and younger have free entrance. Entrance is at Grote Kerkhof onder de Toren.

Dec. 15-16: *Dickens Fest.* The historic Bergkwartier in the center of Deventer is changed into a city from Dickens' famous "A Christmas Carol". On both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. about 350 Victorian personalities and characters from Dickens' stories will walk around in the center of the town. An *indoor Christmas Market* is held in Oude Mariakerk on Nieuwe Markt from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 16: From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Op de Brink.

Diepenheim

Dec. 9: Large *Christmas Market* in the center from noon to 5 p.m.

Diessen

Nov. 24-25: *Winter Farm Fair* at Vintage Farm Store on Beerseweg 7 is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €3.

Doesburg

Dec. 8: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Doesburg with sleigh rides and a visit of Santa Claus and Mr. Scrooge! Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Doetinchem

Nov. 24-25: *Winterfair* at Groenrijk Steentjes on Wassinkbrinkweg 2. Open: Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dokkum

Dec. 14: *Christmas Fair* in the old streets of this historic town with Dickens characters, lots of stands and entertainment. Open: 1:30 to 10 p.m.

Doorn

Dec. 13-16: Exclusive *Christmas Fair* in Huis Doorn (Estate) on Langbroekerweg 10. Open: Dec. 13 & 15-16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €15, children (7-14) €7.

Doorwerth

Dec. 9: Attractive *Christmas Fair* at Castle Doorwerth on Fonteinallée 4. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €10; children (4-12) €4.

Dordrecht

Dec. 14-16: Large *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Dordrecht. The medieval large Church and its garden are transformed into a Christmas Winterland and the more than 250 stands on Groenmarkt and Voorstraat can't be missed. Open: Dec. 14-15, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Drunen

Nov. 23-25: The indoor *Christmas Fair* at "de Voorste Venne" on Afrikalaan 100 in Drunen is a lifestyle fair with a wide offer of antiques, home decorations, fashion, art and culinary delicacies. Due to its authenticity the event and the location is the perfect setting to get in the mood for the Holidays. Open: Nov. 23-24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €5.

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Shopping in Dickens style* in the center. The town goes back 200 years in time and characters from Dickens' books can be seen in the streets. The whole center is changed into a lively 19th century scene. Open: Dec. 15, 5 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 16, noon to 5 p.m.

Drunen

Dec. 16: *Dickens Christmas*

Festival in the center of town from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This day hundreds of characters from Dickens' books are ready to welcome you. Entry: €5.

Eindhoven

Nov. 18-Jan. 7: *Happy Holidays Festival* in the center with Ice skating rink, various Christmas Markets and lots of entertainment.

Dec. 15: From 1 to 6 p.m. attractive *Christmas Market* at Theresiaplein in the center.

Dec. 8-9: The indoor *Christmas Market* at the Mall on Kastelenplein is both days open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elsloo

Dec. 15: *Christmas & End of Year Market* held in Oude Kerk on Julianastraat from 3 to 9 p.m.

Emmeloord

Dec. 15: The *Christmas Market* in the center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Enkhuizen

Dec. 21: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Enkhuizen from 1 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 15-16 & Dec. 22-Jan. 6: During *Magical Winterland* at Fairy Tale Park Enkhuizen on Kooizandweg 9 visitors will encounter many fairy tale figures and winter surprises. Entry: €10.50. Open: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 31, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

Enschede

Dec. 9: *Medieval Christmas Market* with Vikings, fantasy figures, music, entertainment and lots more from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Stroinksweg 90 in Enschede.

Enter

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Fair* at Rheins Estate on Reintszijweg 1 is open on Friday-Saturday, 2 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €10.

Ermelo

Dec. 15: From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. traditional old fashion *Christmas Market* on Stationsstraat in the center.



Garderen

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 & 5-8: *Winter Fair* in Dickens' style held at De beeldentuin, Oude Barnevelderweg 5 in Garderen. Entry: €6.50. Open: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 1 & 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Geertruidenberg

Dec. 8: A small but very attractive *Christmas Market* in Dickens' style is held from 3 to 9 p.m. on Market Square in the center of the fortified town Geertruidenberg.

Gees

Nov. 23-24: During "*Gees in Winter*" the beautiful village with its characteristic Saxon farm houses is transformed into an attractive winter village. While

walking along the farm houses in the center, one will enjoy the many activities, music, theater, culture and of course stands with decorations, antiques and more. Open: Nov. 23, 4 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 24, 1 to 9 p.m.

Geleen

Nov. 18: *Christmas Fair* at De Biesenhof on Biesenweg 1 in Geleen from noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €1.

Gennep

Dec. 15-16: From 1 to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* on Market Square in the center.

Goes

Dec. 7-8: Large *Christmas Market* in Dickens' style on Weeshuisplein, Korte Kerkstraat and Singelstraat in the center. Open: Dec. 7, 4 to 11 p.m. and Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gorinchem

Dec. 8-9: The nostalgic *Christmas Market* on Varkensmarkt in the center is both days open from noon to 8 p.m.

Gouda

Dec. 14: *Candle-Night* in Gouda. Thousands of candles are lit in the windows of the beautiful town hall and every window of the houses around the Market Square. Highlight of the evening will be without doubt the lighting of the beautiful Christmas tree in the center of the square. This scenic event draws many people every year and starts at 7 p.m.

Haarlem

Nov. 25: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Christmas Fair* at Dreefzicht/La Place on Fonteinlaan.

Dec. 8-9: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Grote Markt, Botermarkt and Koningstraat in the center. Open: Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Haarzuilens

Nov. 20-25: The *Country & Christmas Fair* at Castle De Haar near the town of Haarzuilens is an attractive fair in the beautiful setting of the castle. This year is the 19th anniversary of the fair and it is one of the largest and certainly most beautiful Christmas and Lifestyle fairs in The Netherlands with more than 200 stands with exclusive articles, attractive accessories and festive novelties. Open: Nov. 20-24, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €22.50; children (12-16) €10; 11 and younger, no entrance fees.

Hagestein

Dec. 15: Evening *Christmas Market* from 4 to 9 p.m. on Maatgraaf in the center.

Hardenberg

Nov. 9-11: *Winter Fair 2018* is an attractive indoor fair held at Evenementenhal on Energieweg in Hardenberg. Open: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €9; children (6-11) €5.

Harlingen

Dec. 8: Attractive and unique *Christmas Market* along the canal (Zoutsloot) in Harlingen one of the oldest Hanseatic towns in Friesland. Open: 3 to 9 p.m.

Harmelen

Dec. 14: Small *Christmas Market* at “Kloosterhoeve” (Abbey Farm) on Kloosterweg 2 is open from 4 to 9 p.m.

Hattem

Dec. 14: Cozy *Winter Market* in the center around the Grote Kerk at Kerkhofstraat 2 from 2 to 9 p.m.

Havelte

Dec. 22: From 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. attractive Dickens’ style *Christmas Market* in the center.

Heemskerk

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: *Castle Christmas Fair* at Castle Assumburg on Tolweg 9 is open on Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €10; children (7-14) €5.

Heerde

Dec. 14: Dickens’ style *Christmas Market* with characters from Dickens’ stories from 2 to 9 p.m. on Dorpsstraat in the center.

Heerhugowaard

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market at the Beach* on “Strand van Luna” between the town of Heerhugowaard and Alkmaar with lots of stands displaying Christmas articles, decorations and more as well as food trucks and activities. Open both days from noon to 8 p.m.

Heerle

Dec. 8: Attractive *Christmas Market* with characters from Dickens’ stories and lots of activities at Herelsestraat from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Heinkenszand

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: The indoor *Winter Fair* at de Stenge on Stenge 1 in Heinkenszand. Open: Nov. 30,

1:30 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Helenaveen

Dec. 9: Attractive *Christmas Market* from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at De Gouden Helm on Oude Peelstraat 3 in center of Helenaveen in the heart of the Peel region. Entry: €2.50; children (16 and younger) free entrance.

Helmond

Dec. 9: *Winter Forest Fair* in Christmas Tree Forest on Scheepstal 3 from noon to 5 p.m. and

Dec. 16: *Dickensnight* in the center of the Brandevoort quarter on De Plaetse 137. The center is changed into a market from England in the 1850s. Victorian personalities and characters from Dickens’ stories will walk around as well and there is besides an attractive *Christmas Market* also lots of entertainment. Open: 2 to 8 p.m.

Heusden

Dec. 15-16: *Candlelightshoppen* at the *Christmas Market* on Friday, 2 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. in the center of the historic fortified city of Heusden.

Hilversum

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at “Fly Inn” at Airport on Noodweg 43. Both days open from noon to 6 p.m.

Hulsberg

Dec. 1-2: From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. *Christmas Fair* held at “Mother & Daughter Lifestyle” on Hulsbergerweg 4.



Kaatsheuvel

Nov. 12-Jan. 31: *Winter Efteling* at Efteling Amusement & Fairy Tale Park in Kaatsheuvel on Europalaan near Tilburg offers good old-fashion winter fun. Open: weekdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 31, 11 to 6 p.m. Closed on Jan. 1. Entry: €38.

Kerkrade

Dec. 1-2 & 8-9: *Christmas Market* held at the beautiful 900 years old Abbey Rolduc on Heyendallaan in Kerkrade. Open on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children €1.50.

Leerdam

Dec. 22-23: The *Christmas Market* for last day Christmas presents shopping in the center of the town of Leerdam is both days open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Leeuwarden

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* as it was in Charles Dickens' time with actors and lots of nostalgia in the center. Open: Saturday, 2 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Attractive *Christmas Market* with ice-skating rink, circus and lots of stands in the old, historic prison on Blokhuisplein 40.

Dec. 16: From noon to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* on Schrans in the center.

Leiden

Dec. 14-26: A unique *Christmas Market* is held on the water of Nieuwe Rijn in the center of town. An ice skating rink is located on Koornbrug (bridge). Open: noon to 9 p.m.; Dec. 15, 5 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 26, noon to 6 p.m. Closed Dec. 25.

Lelystad

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the center.

Lichtenvoorde

Dec. 9: "*Let it Snow*" is an attractive Winter/Christmas event with stands, food, live music, theater and more in the center. Starts at noon.

Lisse-Keukenhof

Nov. 24-25: *Christmas at the Castle* is held in Castle Keukenhof across the street of the famous gardens and near the town of Lisse. The court and Castle are nicely decorated and it is as if the inhabitants just left the castle for a walk around the estate. See how nobility celebrated Christmas. There is a *Christmas Market* as well. Open: Nov. 24, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Losser

Dec. 16: The *Christmas Fair* in the center is a Christmas happening with lots of entertainment and activities. Open: noon to 5 p.m.

Luttelgeest

Dec. 7-23: At the indoor *Christmas Market* at the tropical Orchideeën Hove on Oosterringweg 34 in Luttelgeest it is like stepping into a magical Christmas fest with



many exotic animals, beautiful decorations, choirs, many culinary delicacies and a traditional Dutch *Christmas Market*. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and

Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Dec. 8-9, 14-16 & 21-23, the market is open to 9 p.m. for *Candle Light Evening*. Entry: €14; children (4-12) €8.

Maarsbergen

Nov. 13-15: An attractive *Winter Fair* is held in Kaasboerderij (cheese farm) "De Weistaar" on Rottegatsteeg 6 in Maarsbergen with lots of home and garden decorations; delicatessen; flowers; plants; demonstrations; live music; fashion; jewelry and lots of good food. Open: Nov. 13-14, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €10; children 11 and younger – free entrance.

Maaskantje/Den Dungen

Dec. 8: Small but attractive *Christmas Market* is held on St. Jacobusstraat in Maaskantje with live music, many local delicacies and of course Christmas decorations and gifts. Santa will visit and there will be demonstrations of old crafts. Open: 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Maastricht

Dec. 1-31: *Magical Maastricht*. The city of Maastricht can be called Christmas Town with reason this year. The Vrijthof is transformed into a large ice-skating rink. There are many traditional and nostalgic attractions and *Christmas Markets* at several locations in the center. Maastricht with Christmas is fun for young and old. Open Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to Midnight; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 to 1 a.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Dec. 25-26.

Medemblik

Dec. 7: During *Dickens' Day* at the *Christmas Market* in the historic center you will meet all kind of characters from Dickens novels. Scrooge will be present of course as well as Fagan and his gang. Open from 4 to 10 p.m.

Dec. 7-8: An indoor *Christmas Fair* is held in the Bonifatius Church on Kerkplein 9. Open: Dec. 7, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry: €1.

Mesch

Nov. 24-25 & Dec. 1-2, 8-9: Attractive *Christmas Market* held at De Laathof Farm on Langstraat in Mesch near Eijdsen. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €3.

Mheer

Dec. 9: Artisan *Christmas Market* in the court and outbuildings of the castle on Dorpsstraat from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Montfoort

Dec. 12: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the center of Montfoort is held from noon to 9 p.m.

Montfort

Dec. 2: The indoor *Christmas Market* at Sports Hall on Achter de Hoven in Montfort is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Munstergeleen

Dec. 9: Small but covered *Christmas Market* on Pancratiusstraat 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Naaldwijk

Dec. 7-8: Attractive indoor *Christmas Market* in the restored Oude Kerk on Wilhelminaplein (square) in Naaldwijk. Open: Dec. 7, noon to 6 p.m. and Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Naarden

Dec. 15: An attractive *Christmas Market* is held in the center of the fortified city.

Nijkerk

Dec. 8: *Christmas Market* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the center of town.

Nijverdal

Dec. 9 & 16: Attractive *Christmas Market* from 1 to 5 p.m. in the center.

Oostendorp

Dec. 8: *Christmas Market* held in and around the windmill on Zuiderzeestraatweg from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No entry fees.

Oosterblokker

Dec. 9: Indoor *Winter Fair* at Cultural Center Pancratius on Oosterblokker 98 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €1.

Oosterhesselen

Dec. 1-2: Indoor *Winterfair* at Manege on Waterveenseweg. Entry: €3 (incl. coffee/tea). Open: Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oosterhuizen

Nov. 24: *Winterfair* on Oude Veen 19-21 in Oosterhuizen from noon to 7 p.m.

Orvelte

Nov. 24-25: Attractive *Winterfair* is held throughout the picturesque center of farm village Orvelte. Both days open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €5; children 12 and under – free entrance.

Oud-Beijerland

Dec. 7-8: The traditional *Christmas Market* held in the center is open Dec. 15, 1 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Oud Kampen

Dec. 22-23: *Christmas in Oud Kampen*. In this weekend the old center of Oud Kampen is changed into a real Christmas town with a Christmas Market; theater; food tastings and lots more. Open both days from 4 to 9 p.m. Entry: €2.

Pijnacker

Dec. 15: From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center.

Rekken

Dec. 9: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Christmas Market* around the church on Lindevoort in the center.

Reusel

Dec. 9: *Winter & Christmas Market* from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. around the church on Lindevoort in the center.



Rhenen

Dec. 15: *Christmas Fair* from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at G. van Paltshof.

Rijperkerk

Nov. 22-25: The *Christmas Event* held at “de Vertakking” on Binnendijk 23 has besides a nostalgic *Christmas Market* also fashion shows, demonstrations and lots more. Open: Nov. 22 & 25, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Nov. 23-24, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Roden

Dec. 8: A German traditional *Christmas Market* is held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the center of town.

Rolde

Dec. 8 & 15: *Winter Fair* on Baanderhoek in the center of Rolde from noon to 9 p.m.

Roosteren

Nov. 25: Indoor *Christmas Fair* at Roosterhoeve from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rotterdam

Nov. 8-11: The *Norwegian Christmas Market* is held at Westzeedijk 300 in Rotterdam and is open on Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 16-18: *Danish Christmas Fair* at Danish Naval Church (Deense Zeemanskerk) on Coolhaven 1 in Rotterdam with all kinds of Danish products. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The *Swedish Christmas Market* with Swedish products is held at Swedish Naval Church on Parklaan 5. Open: Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 17-18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 16-18 & 23-25: The *Finnish Christmas Market* on Gravendijkwal 64 in Rotterdam with lots of Finnish articles and delicacies is open on Fridays, noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fees.

Dec. 5-9: Indoor *Winter Fair* at Ahoy 1 in Rotterdam offers everything you need for the coming holiday season! Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €15.

Dec. 8-9: A nice and cozy *Christmas Market* can be found around “Oude Kerk” (Old Church) on Charloisse Kerksingel in Rotterdam. Open: noon to 6 p.m.

Rozenburg

Dec. 15: *Christmas Market* in the center from 5 to 10 p.m.

Santpoort-Noord

Dec. 9: Attractive *Christmas Market* from noon to 6 p.m. in the festive decorated center.

Scherpenzeel

Dec. 14: A *Winter Evening Market* is scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. in the center.

Schimmert

Nov. 4-Dec. 24: Authentic and attractive Christmas Show at Lupa Outdoors Vijvercentrum Limburg on Op de Bies 70 in Schimmert. Open: Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays.

S’Gravenzande

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 16, 1 to 5 p.m.

Sint Michielsgestel

Dec. 9: From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Winterfair* at “De Huif” in the center.

Sint-Oedenrode

Dec. 9: *Winter Fair* at “Miss Hyacinth” on Damiannenweg from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sittard

Dec. 8: *Christmas Market* on Elzasplein from 4 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 14-Jan. 6: *Winter Dream* with rides; attractions; Ice-skating Rink and more on Market Square and center of Sittard.

Soest

Nov. 17-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at ‘t Vaarderhoogt on Dorresteinweg 72b in Soest. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Spaubeek

Dec. 7-9 & 14-16: *Victorian Christmas Fair* at Victorian House, Musschenberg 30 in Spaubeek with English antiques such as furniture, accessories and more. The fair is open Fridays, 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thorn

Dec. 16: The indoor *Christmas Market* at “De Grote Hegge” Manor in the white city of Thorn is considered the largest in the region. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €5; children 11 and younger – no entrance fee. An outdoor *Christmas Market* is held in the historic center of Thorn from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tiel

Dec. 16: *Dickens Christmas Market* from noon to 5 p.m. in the center of town.

Tilburg

Dec. 25-26: At the *Christmas Antiques Market* in Koepelhal on NS Plein 3 you will find beautiful antique furniture, silver, paintings, curios, glass and more. Entry: €6, children 12 and younger – free. Open both days from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Uden

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas at the Abbey* with market, sleigh rides and other activities at the Abbey on Veghelsedijk 25. Open from 1 to 5 p.m.

Urmond

Dec. 9: *Christmas Market* from 2 to 7 p.m. on Grote Straat in the old historic center.

Utrecht

Dec. 8: *Christmas Market* along the river Vecht and in the old historic village center of Vreeland-Utrecht from 2:30 to 7 p.m.

Dec. 15-16: *Winter Market* at Mariaplaats with all kinds of decorations and culinary delicacies. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 22-Jan. 6: *Winter at the Train Station*. This unique event is held at the “Nederlandse Spoorwegmuseum” (Dutch Railway Museum) on Maliebaanstation in Utrecht. The beautiful illuminated coaches and the festively decorated platforms are a perfect





setting for this Christmas event. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; on Dec. 24-26 & 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Jan. 1. Entry: €17.50.

Vaassen

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at the court of Castle Cannenburg, Maarten van Rossumplein 4 in the town of Vaassen. The castle is decorated

for Christmas and is the perfect setting for this event. Entry is €3.50; children 11 and younger – free entrance. The market and the castle are open: Dec. 7, 1 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Valkenburg

Nov. 2-Dec. 24: *Christmas at Ricos* (English Country Style) on Hekerweg 37 in Valkenburg is open **ONLY** on Fridays, 1 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, noon to 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 16-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market in a cave* is located in Gemeentegrot on Cauberg 4 in the center of Valkenburg. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Dec. 23 open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €7; children €5.

Nov. 16-Jan. 6: Another *Christmas Market* in a cave is held in Fluwelengrot (Velvet Cave) on Daalhemmerweg in the center of Valkenburg. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €7; children €5.

Nov. 16-Jan. 6: *Valkenburg – Christmas Town*. Visiting the picturesque town of Valkenburg during the winter months is like stepping into the story of Charles Dickens. Romantically illuminated streets, decorated Christmas trees and beautiful Christmas songs bring this little town alive. Enjoy the only Dutch town in real Christmas settings: in one of the many cozy restaurants and pubs, in the beautifully decorated shops, at the fine hotels, the sights and of course the unique Christmas markets in the caves. Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. and every Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. a *Christmas Parade* with beautiful floats, dancers and animators will move through the center.

Veenendaal

Dec. 12: Attractive *Christmas Market* from 1 to 9 p.m. on Patrimoniumpulaan.

Veere

Dec. 14-15: Indoor *Christmas Market* in Kleine Kerk (little church) on Kapellestraat is open on Dec. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Velden

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* in and around the church in the center of town. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vlaardingen

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market and Activities* around Grote Kerk at Market Square in the old, historic center of town. Open: Dec. 14, 4 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volendam

Dec. 16: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Voorschoten

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Magic* at the Duivenvoorde Castle and estate on Laan van Duivenvoorde 4. Open both days from noon to 5 p.m.

Vorden

Dec. 15: From 2 to 7 p.m. traditional *Christmas Market* in the center.

Vreeland

Dec. 8: From 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center of the picturesque village of Vreeland.

Wageningen

Dec. 15-16: The *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 16, 1 to 5 p.m.

Wassenaar

Dec. 14-16: “*Artiekbeurs*” is an attractive and exclusive Christmas Style Antique & Art Fair held at Residence van Ommeren at Van Ommerenpark 200 in Wassenaar. Open: Dec. 14, 2 to 6 p.m. and Dec. 15-16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weerselo

Dec. 26: Large *Christmas Market* at Bornsestraat 14 in the center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wezup

Dec. 7-9: The *Christmas Market* in the picturesque village of Wezup, between the towns of Emmen and Westerbork, is held along and around several farms and has a rural character. As soon as it is dark the path along the old farms will be lighted by candles. Entry and parking is free. Open: Dec. 7, 7 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 8, 2 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wijchen

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Fairytale Fest* in the center on Market Place. Open: Saturday, 6 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Wijk bij Duurstede

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Wijk bij Duurstede. Open: Dec. 15, noon to 5 p.m. and Dec. 16, noon to 8 p.m. No entrance fees.

Winsum

Dec. 15: *Christmas Market* on Skans 1 in the center of Winsum. The market is known for its large offer of mistletoe and is therefore named the *Mistletoe Christmas Market*. Santa's reindeers will also be present. Open: noon to 6 p.m. No entrance fees.

Woerden

Dec. 7-8: *Winter Fair* throughout the center of town. Open: Dec. 7, noon to 9 p.m. and Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Woudenberg

Dec. 8: From 3 to 9 p.m. *Christmas Markt* in the center of town.

Woudrichem

Dec. 8: From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Kerkstraat 41 in the historic fortified town.

Zeijen

Dec. 8-9: *Victorian Christmas Fayre* at Oranjerie on Noorderstraat 1 in Zeijen. Open on Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: 4.50.

Zeist

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at the front court of Castle Zeist on Zinzendorflaan 1. Open both days from noon to 5 p.m.

Special Event - Pure Nostalgia in Limburg



Christmas Express

Dec. 22-24, 26-27 & 29-31: On these days it is possible to travel in a very nostalgic way to the Christmas Markets in Valkenburg. Park your car at the train station in Simpelveld and climb aboard on one of the luxury first class carriages. The historic steam train will take you on a wondrous and relaxing journey through the beautiful Limburg scenery to the center of the Christmas City of Valkenburg. The train leaves Simpelveld on these days at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. On Dec. 24 & 31 the train leaves **ONLY** at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. From Valkenburg it leaves back to Simpelveld at 12:30, 3 and 5:30 p.m. On Dec. 24 & 31 the train leaves **ONLY** at 12:30 and 3 p.m. Cost: €15; children (3-11) €5. For tickets, reservations and more information call +31 (0)45-5440018.



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