



2019 Christmas & Winter Markets & Fairs & Events in the Netherlands

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Aalsmeer

Dec. 14: Attractive *Winter Market* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the center on Zijdstaat, Dorpsstraat and Raadhuisplein.

Aartswoud

Dec. 7-8: *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. 14-15: *Christmas Market* in the center at Waagplein, the famous Cheese Market square. Open: Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Almelo

Dec. 14-15: From noon to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Koornmarkt in the center.

Alphen aan de Rijn

Dec. 7-8: At the indoor *Midwinter Fair* visitors will experience a midwinter medieval fest and market at the Archeon Open Air Museum. Open: Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 21-Jan. 5: 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 will show how life was like in those times. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Amstelveen

Dec. 7-Jan. 5: *Winter Village* with ice-skating rink and Christmas Market in the center. Open: Daily, noon to 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 3 to 9 p.m. Special opening hours: Dec. 24, 26 & 31, noon to 5 p.m.; Dec. 25, CLOSED.

Apeldoorn

Dec. 7-Jan. 5: 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: €8.50; children (4-17) €5.



Appelscha

Dec. 7-8: *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: Dec. 7, 2:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Arcen

Dec. 14-15: *Scrooge Festival* with actors and many activities in the center. Open: Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €5, children €4.

Arnhem

Dec. 13-15: *Country life in winter* at the Open Air Museum on Hoferlaan shows life in the country during winter as it was. Entry: €19.50. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baarn

Dec. 13-15: The *Christmas Market* at Groeneveld Estate on Groeneveld 2 in Baarn is open: Dec. 13, 3 to 5 p.m.; Dec. 14-15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beek en Donk

Dec. 21: From 1 to 7 p.m., *Winterfair* at sportspark “t Heereind” on Heereindstraat 10.

Beekbergen

Dec. 14: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Museum Train Station Beekbergen on Dorpstraat 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. 15: *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.

Beesel

Dec. 8: From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center on Market Square.

Beetsterzwaag

Dec. 11: Attractive *Christmas Fair* in Dickens style held from 1:30 to 9 p.m. at Hoofdstraat in the center of town.

Beilen

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* with lots of entertainment in the center from 2 to 9 p.m.

Bemmel

Dec. 8: Large *Christmas Market* in the attractive center of Bemmel. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bennekom

Dec. 13-14: *Dickens Fair* in the attractive village center. Open: Dec. 13, 2 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Bleiswijk

Dec. 11: From 4 to 9 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center of town.

Blokzijl

Dec. 6-8: *Winterfair* in the town's beautiful, picturesque harbor. Open: Dec. 6, 5 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 7, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 8, noon to 8 p.m.

Bourtange

Dec. 7-8, 14-15 & 21-22: *Christmas Market* in the center of this unique small fortified town. Open: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €3.50.

Breda

Dec. 7-8: *Winter Rails* is an attractive *Christmas Market* held at the Train Station on Stationslaan. Open: Dec. 7, noon to 6 p.m. and Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Breukelen

Dec. 15: Attractive *Christmas Market* from 1 to 6 p.m. on Kerkbrink in the center of picturesque Breukelen village.

Broek op Langedijk

Dec. 27-30 & Jan. 2-6: *Warm Winter Days* at Broekerveiling Museum with lots of activities and entertainment. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €17; children (4-12) €9.

Bronkhorst

Dec. 21-22: 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 5 p.m.

Coevorden

Dec. 22: *Dickens Festival* from 1 to 5 p.m. in the center of town.

De Bilt

Dec. 13: From 4 to 10 p.m. attractive *Winter Market* held at Dorpsstraat in Het Oude Dorp.

De Steeg

Dec. 11-15: *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 all days noon to 8 p.m. Entry: €15; children (4-12) €7.50.

Delft

Dec. 10: 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. 22-28: Attractive indoor *Winter Fair* at Brabanthallen on Diezekade 2. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €20.

Den Haag/'s-Gravenhage

Dec. 12-23: 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. 7: 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 1785. The event is open from 1 to 8 p.m. Entry: €7.50.

Deurningen

Dec. 8: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Kaamps Estate on Vliegveldstraat 4a.

Deventer

Dec. 12-15: *Christmas Market* at Lebuïnuskerk in the center of Deventer. Open: Dec. 12, 2 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec 14-15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €3; children 11 and younger have free entrance. Entrance is at Grote Kerkhof onder de Toren.

Dec. 14-15: *Dickens Fest.* The historical Bergkwartier in the center of Deventer is changed into a city from Dickens' famous "A Christmas Carol". 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. An indoor *Christmas Curiosa Market* is held in Oude Mariakerk on Nieuwe Markt from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 15: From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Op de Brink.

Didam

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* in the center from 4 to 9 p.m.

Diepenheim

Dec. 8: Large *Christmas Market* in the center from noon to 5 p.m.

Doesburg

Dec. 7: *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.

Dokkum

Dec. 13: *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. 12-15: Exclusive *Christmas Fair* in Huis Doorn (Estate) on Langbroekerweg 10. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €15, children (7-14) €7.



Doorwerth

Dec. 8: Attractive *Christmas Fair* at Castle Doorwerth on Fonteinallee 4. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €10; children (4-12) €4.

Dordrecht

Dec. 13-15: 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. 13-14, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Drunen

Dec. 14-15: *Christmas Shopping in Dickens style* in the center from noon to 5 p.m. The town goes back 200 years in time and characters from Dickens books can be seen in the streets. The whole center is changed in to a lively 19th century scene. Open: Dec. 15, 5 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 16, noon to 5 p.m.

Druten

Dec. 15: *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. 16-Jan. 5: Happy Holidays Festival in the center with Ice Skate Rink, Christmas Markets at different locations and lots of entertainment.

Dec. 14: From 1 to 6 p.m. attractive *Christmas Market* at Theresiaplein in the center.

Elsloo

Dec. 14: *Christmas/End of Year Market* held in Oude Kerk on Julianastraat from 3 to 9 p.m.

Emmeloord

Dec. 20: The *Christmas Market* in the center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enkhuizen

Dec. 14-15 & Dec. 21-Jan. 5: At *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.

Ermelo

Dec. 21: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. traditional old fashion *Christmas Market* in the center on Stationsstraat.

Garderen

Nov. 28-30 & Dec. 4-7: *Winter Fair* in Dickens' style held at De beeldentuin, Oude Barnevelder-weg 5. Entry: €7.50. Open: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Geertruidenberg

Dec. 7: 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. 29-30: During “*Gees in winter*” the beautiful village of Gees with its characteristic Saxon farm houses is transformed into an attractive winter village. 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. 29, 4 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 30, 1 to 9 p.m.

Gennep

Dec. 14-15: From 1 to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center.

Goes

Dec. 7-8: Large Dickens style *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 8, 1 to 5 p.m.

Gorinchem

Dec. 13-15: The nostalgic *Christmas Market* on Varkenmarkt in the center. Open: noon to 8 p.m.

Gouda

Dec. 13: *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

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

Hagestein

Dec. 14: Evening *Christmas Market* from 4 to 9 p.m. in and around Community Center “De Biezen” in the center.

Harlingen

Dec. 14: 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.

Hattem

Dec. 13: Cozy *Winter Market* in the center from 5 to 9 p.m.

Havelte

Dec. 21: From 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. attractive Dickens style *Christmas Market* in the center.

Heemskerk

Nov. 28-Dec. 1: *Castle Christmas Fair* at Castle Assumburg on Tolweg 9 is open on Nov. 28-30, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €10; children (7-14) €5.

Heerde

Dec. 13: Dickens’ Style *Christmas Market* with actors and ice-rink from 2 to 8 p.m. on Dorpsstraat in the center.



Heerle

Dec. 14: *Christmas Market* with characters from Dickens' stories and lots of activities at Herelsestraat from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Helmond

Dec. 8: *Winter Forest Fair* in Christmas Tree Forest on Scheepstal 3 from noon to 5 p.m.

Dec. 15: *Dickensnight* in the center of the Brandevoort quarter on De Plaetse 137 in Helmond. 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. 13-14: *Candlelightshoppen* at the *Christmas Market* on Friday, 2 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 2 to 8 p.m. in the center of the historic fortified city of Heusden.

Hulsberg

Nov. 29-30: From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. *Christmas Fair* held at "Mother & Daughter Lifestyle" on Hulsbergerweg 4.

Kaatsheuvel

Nov. 11-Feb. 2: *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

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 & 7-8: *Christmas Market* held at the beautiful 900 years old Abbey Rolduc on Heyendallaan in Kerkrade. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children €1.50.

Koewacht

Dec. 13: The *International Indoor Christmas Market* at "De Vlaschaard" on Nieuwstraat starts at 4 p.m.

Leersum

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* on Kerkplein and Kerkweg in the center from 3 to 9 p.m.

Leeuwarden

Dec. 7-8: *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. 15: From noon to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* on Schrans in the center.

Leiden

Dec. 13-24: 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. 24, noon to 6 p.m.



Lelystad

Dec. 15: *Christmas Market* from noon to 6 p.m. in the center.

Lichtenvoorde

Dec. 8: “*Let it Snow*” is an attractive winter/Christmas event with stands, food, live music, theater and more in the center. Starts at noon.

Losser

Dec. 15: The *Christmas Fair* in the center is a Christmas happening with lots of entertainment and activities. Open: noon to 5 p.m.

Maaskantje/Den Dungen

Dec. 14: 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

Nov. 29-Dec. 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. Santa arrives on **Dec. 7** at 4:30 p.m. at the Train Station.

Medemblik

Dec. 13: 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. 13-14: An indoor *Christmas Fair* is held in the Bonifatius Church on Kerkplein 9. Open: Dec. 13, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry: €1.

Mesch

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-8: Attractive *Christmas Market* held at De Laathof Farm on Langstraat in Mesch near Eijsden. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €3.50.

Mheer

Dec. 8: Artisan *Christmas Market* in the court and outbuildings of Castle Mheer on Dorpsstraat 6. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Montfoort

Dec. 13-14: Attractive indoor *Christmas Market* at the church in the center of Montfoort is open on Dec. 13, 2 to 7 p.m. and Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Montfort

Dec. 1: The indoor *Christmas Market* at Sports Hall “De Koeweide” on Achter de Hoven in Montfort is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Naaldwijk

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

Naarden

Dec. 14: An attractive *Christmas Market* is held at Grote Kerk in the center of the fortified city of Naarden from noon to 8 p.m.

Nijkerk

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

Nijverdal

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

Oostendorp

Dec. 7: *Christmas Market* held in and around the windmill on Zuiderzeestraatweg from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No entry fees.

Oosterhesselen

Dec. 14-15: 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. 30: *Winterfair* on Oude Veen 19-21 in Oosterhuizen from noon to 7 p.m.

Orvelte

Nov. 30-Dec. 1: 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. 13-14: The traditional *Christmas Market* held in the historic center is open Dec. 13, 1 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Oud Kampen

Dec. 21-22: *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: €2.50.

Pijnacker

Dec. 14: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center.

Putten

Dec. 14: From 2 to 9 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center of town.

Rekken

Dec. 8: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Christmas Market* around the church on Lindevoort in the center.



Rhenen

Dec. 14: *Christmas Fair* from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at G.van Paltshof.

Roden

Dec. 14: A German traditional *Christmas Market* is held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the center of town.

Rotterdam

Nov. 28-Dec. 1: The *Finnish Christmas Market* on Gravendijkwal 64 in Rotterdam with lots of Finnish articles and delicacies is open on Thursday-Friday, noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fees.

Dec. 5-8: Indoor *Winter Fair* at Ahoyweg 10 in Rotterdam offers everything you need for the coming holiday season! Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €15; children (3-12) €7.50.

Dec. 14-15: 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. 14: *Christmas Market* from 5 to 10 p.m. in the center.

Santpoort-Noord

Dec. 15: Attractive *Christmas Market* from noon to 5 p.m. in the festive decorated center.

Scherpenzeel

Dec. 13: A *Winter Evening Market* is scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. in the center of town.

Schimmert

Nov. 3-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 on Mondays.

S’Gravenzande

Dec. 14-15: *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 15, noon to 5 p.m.

Sittard

Dec. 7-8: *Christmas Market* on Elzasplein is open from 4 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 18-Jan. 5: *Winter Dream* with rides; attractions; Ice-skating Rink and more on Market Square and center of Sittard.

Soest

Nov. 21-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* with lots of activities at Tuinadviescentrum ‘t Vaarderhoogt on Dorresteinweg 72b in Soest. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Spaubeek

Dec. 6-8 & 13-15: *Victorian Christmas Fair* at Victorian House, Musschenberg 30 in Spaubeek with English antiques such as furniture, accessories and more. The fair is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Tegelen

Dec. 15: *Winter Fair* from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the center.

Thorn

Dec. 15: 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: €3.50; 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. 15: *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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tubbergen

Dec. 15: The *Christmas Spectacle* held from noon to 5 p.m. in the center has besides a *Christmas Market* also lots of entertainment.

Urmond

Dec. 8: *Christmas Market* from 2 to 7 p.m. on Grote Straat in the old historic center.

Utrecht

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

Dec. 21-Jan. 5: *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. 13-15: *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 €5; children 11 and younger – free entrance. The market and the castle are open: Dec. 13, 1 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Valkenburg

Nov. 15-Dec. 29: *Christmas Market in a cave* is located in Gemeentegrot on Cauberg 4 in the center of Valkenburg. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Dec. 24 & 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed Dec. 25. Entry: €7.50; children €5. Another *Christmas Market in a cave* can be found in Fluwelengrot (Velvet Cave) on Daalhemmerweg in the center of Valkenburg. A unique Christmas Market held in the caves under the castle ruins. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.



to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed Dec. 25.

Entry: €7.50; children €5.

Nov. 15-Jan. 5: *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. NO parade on December 25!

Route D'Amuse is a marvelous walk through the enchanting Christmas town during which you can enjoy delicious amuses at 5 renowned catering establishments. The walks are available at the Tourist Information Office of Zuid-Limburg, The Readshop at Dr. Erenstraat and at most participating establishments (www.route-damuse.nl). Experience different routes between noon and 6 p.m. daily; Dec. 26 from noon to 4 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25, 31 and Jan. 1. Price: € 15 p.p. and this includes amuses. Visit: www.route-damuse.nl for more info.

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

Veere

Dec. 13-14: Indoor *Christmas Market* in Kleine Kerk (little church) on Kapellestraat is open on Dec. 13, 7 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 14-15: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center is open Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Velden

Dec. 15: *Christmas Market* in and around the church in the center of town. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Velsen-Zuid

Nov. 28-Dec. 1: *Castle Christmas Fair* at Beeckestijn Estate on Rijksweg 134. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €14; children (7-14) €7.

Vlaardingen

Dec. 13-14: *Christmas Market and Activities* around Grote Kerk at Market Square in the old, historic center of town. Open: Dec. 13, 4 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volendam

Dec. 15: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Voorschoten

Dec. 13-15: *Christmas Magic* at the Duivenvoorde Castle and estate on Laan van Duivenvoorde 4. Open: noon to 5 p.m.

Vorden

Dec. 14: From 2 to 7 p.m. traditional *Christmas Market* in the center.



Vreeland

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

Wageningen

Dec. 21-22: The *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Dec. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 22, 1 to 5 p.m.

Weerselo

Dec. 26: Large *Christmas Market* at Bornsestraat 14 in the center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry: €2.50.

Wezup

Dec. 14-15: 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. 14, 2 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wijchen

Dec. 21-22: *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. 14-15: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Wijk bij Duurstede. Open: Dec. 14, noon to 5 p.m. and Dec. 15, noon to 8 p.m. No entrance fees.

Wintelre

Dec. 7-8: *Dickens Fest* in the village center is open on Dec. 7, 2 to 7 p.m. and Dec. 8, noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €3; child (3-12) €1.50.

Woerden

Dec. 13-14: *Winter Fair* throughout the center of town. Open: Dec. 13, noon to 9 p.m. and Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Woudenberg

Dec. 14: From 3 to 9 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center of town.

Woudrichem

Dec. 14: From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Kerkstraat 41 in the historic fortified town.

Zeijen

Dec. 7-8: *Victorian Christmas Fayre* at Oranjerie on Noorderstraat 1 in Zeijen. Open on Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: 4.50.

Zeist

Dec. 7-8: *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. 21-22 & 24, 26-29 & 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 10:55 a.m. and 1.25 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 or email to: info@miljoenenlijn.nl.

