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2018 Christmas 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. 23 and close around Dec. 24.

Aachen/Aken

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: Attractive *Christmas Market* around the beautiful historic Town Hall in the center. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 25, 6 to 9 p.m.

Affing

Dec. 8-9 & 14-16: 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. 30-Dec. 2, 6-9, 14-16 & 21-23: The *Christmas Market* in the old center of Ahrweiler is open on Fridays/Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Dec. 15 during the *Mitternachtweihnachtsmarkt* the market is open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.!



Aichach

Nov. 30-Dec. 23: The traditional *Christmas Market* on Oberer Stadtplatz in the center is open Mondays-Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 2 to 9 p.m.

Alsdorf

Nov. 30-Dec. 9: Nostalgic *Christmas Market* on An der Burg in the center of Alsdorf. Open: 4 to 9 p.m. and weekend, 2 to 9 p.m.

Altena

Dec. 7-9: Artisan *Christmas Market* in the center and at Castle Holtzbrinck in Altena.

Open: Dec. 7, 4 p.m. to midnight; Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 9, noon to 7 p.m.

Altötting

Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16: 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: Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Nov. 24-Dec. 16: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Kapellplatz in the center of town. Open: Mondays-Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Alzey

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: Traditional *Christmas Market* in the picturesque center on Rossmarkt. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed on Dec. 25-26.

Annaberg-Buchholz

Nov. 30-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center of Annaberg-Buchholz (Erzgebirge). Open: Mondays-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anröchte-Altengeseke

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: 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

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Arnsberg. Open: weekdays, 3 to 8 p.m. and weekends, noon to 8 p.m.

Dec. 8-9 & 15-16: *Christmas Art & Crafts Market* at Wildpark Vosswinkel. Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €4.

Aschaffenburg

Nov. 29-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. 26-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. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 6-9, 13-23: The *Christmas Market* at Zeugplatz is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bad Arolsen

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful Baroque center on Kirchplatz. Open: Nov. 29, 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1 to 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bad Berleburg

Dec. 14-16: 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. 14-15, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bad Dürreheim

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bad Godesberg

Nov. 26-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. 28-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at historic Linggplatz surrounded by beautiful illu-

minated half-timbered houses. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bad Homburg v.d. Höhe

Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23: Romantic *Christmas Market* at Landgrafenschloss (castle). Open: noon to 9 p.m.

Bad Kissingen

Nov. 27-Dec. 26: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful illuminated center of Bad Kissingen. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Dec. 25-26, 1 to 8 p.m.

Bad Laasphe

Dec 1-2: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Haus des Gastes and at Wilhelmsplatz and in the center of town. Open: Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bad Münstereifel

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: An attractive *Christmas Market* is held in the middle of the timber-framed houses in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 1 to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Nov. 25!

Bad Oeynhausen

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: 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. and closed on Dec. 25.

Bad Pyrmont

Nov. 29-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center on Brunnenplatz. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Bad Reichenhall

Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-24: The *Christmas Market* in inner court of Castle Gruttenstein near Bad

Reichenhall. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 22-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.

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at Royal Kurhaus on Kurstrasse. Open: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bad Salzuflen

Nov. 28-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. and closed on Dec. 25.

Bad Sassendorf

Nov. 15-18, 22-24 & Nov. 29-Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-16: Festive decorated *Christmas Market* in the center of town. Open: Thursdays-Fridays, 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bad Tölz

Nov. 23-Dec. 24: Traditional *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bad Wimpfen

Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 7-9 & 14-16: A traditional *Old German Christmas Market* is held in the romantic surroundings of the historic center. Open: Fridays, noon 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. 26-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, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bamberg

Nov. 29-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. 30-Dec. 2: 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. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* on Marktplatz 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. 12-16: *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. 29-Dec. 20: *Christmas Market* in the center of Bensheim. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Berchtesgaden

Nov. 29-Dec. 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. 23-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. Closed Nov. 25.

Nov. 26-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* is held in the Refrath Quarter of the town on Peter-

Bürling-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.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: Small but attractive *Christmas Market* at the inner-court of Schloss Eulenbroich on zum Eulenbroicher Auel 19 in Rösrath. Open: Nov. 30, 5 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €3; children 13 and under – free.

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at the beautiful Baroque Castle Bensberg which is the perfect setting to get in the Christmas spirit. Open: Dec. 14, 4 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 15, 1 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €9; 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. 26--Dec. 23: 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.

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. 26-Dec. 26: *Christmas Market* on Belldplatz in front of Opera Palace. Open: noon to 9:30 p.m. Closed on Dec. 24.

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: *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. 30, noon to 9 p.m. Closed on Dec. 24.

Nov. 26-Dec. 31: Berlin's most beautiful *Christmas Market* can be found at Gendarmenmarkt. Open: daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 31, 11 to 1 a.m. Entry: €1.

Nov. 26-Jan. 6: *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 1 a.m.

Nov. 30-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.

Dec. 1-2: A *Danish Christmas Market* is held at Brienner Strasse 12 in Berlin Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf. Open: Dec. 1, noon to 7 p.m. and Dec. 2, noon to 6 p.m.

A *Swedish Christmas Bazaar* can be found at Landhausstrasse 26 in Berlin-Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf. Open: Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 2, noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €1

Dec. 14-16: 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. 14-16 & 21-23: 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. Entry: €3.

Bernkastel-Kues

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: 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. 25.

Biberach

Dec. 1-16: *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. 26-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. 14-16: Small but attractive *Medieval Christmas Market* in the center of Bingen. Open: Dec. 14, 4 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 15, noon to 9 p.m. and Dec. 16, noon to 8 p.m.



Bisingen

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9: *Royal Christmas Market* at Burg (Castle) Hohen-

zollern 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

Dec. 5-16: The *Christmas Market* “auf dem neu gestalteten Spittel” in the center of Bitburg is open weekdays, noon to 7:30 p.m.; weekends, noon to 9 p.m.

Blaubeuren

Dec. 1-2: *Winter Fairy Tale Market* held around the well at the Abbey in Blaubeuren. Open: Dec. 1, 3 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bocholt

Nov. 27-Dec. 2: Nostalgic *Christmas Market* at Textilmuseum in Bocholt. No entrance fee. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* at Market Square in front of the historic Town Hall is open on weekdays from noon to 8 p.m. and in weekends from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bochum

Nov. 22-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* on the historic market square at the foot of the St.

Paul Church in the center of Bochum is open daily from noon to 9 p.m. Closed Nov. 25.

Bonn

Nov. 23-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. 25!

Borken-Marbeck

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* on Marktplatz in Center. Open: Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* around the Klosterkirche on Vennweg. Open: Dec. 1, 6 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 1-2, 8-9 & 13-16: *Farm Christmas Market* at Schulze Beikel Farm with stands; a petting zoo and lots more. Open: Thursdays-Fridays, 1 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €6; children 13 and younger – free entrance.

Braunschweig

Nov. 28-Dec. 29: *Christmas Market* in the center of Braunschweig 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. 30-Dec. 2, 7-9, 14-16 & 21-23: *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 8 p.m. Entry: €4; children 15 and younger have free entrance.

Bremen

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* around the historic Town Hall in the center

of Bremen is very festive and romantic and has more than 160 stands. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

During the *Maritime Christmas Market*, held on Weserpromenade "Schlachte", the ships at the quay are festive illuminated and form a unique setting for the market. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bremerhaven

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Maritime Christmas Market* in the center on Theodor-Heuss-Platz.

Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Brüggen

Dec. 15-16 & 22-23: *Christmas Market* in the center. Saint Nicolas will visit on Sunday afternoon. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 8-9: *Artisan Christmas Market* at the Mill on An der Brachter Muehle. Open: Saturday, 2 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brühl

Nov. 22-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* in the center. Open daily 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Nov. 25.

Burgsteinfurt

Dec. 7-9: *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. 7, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Nov. 29-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* at the attractive, historic Market Square surrounded by half-timbered houses. Open: Nov. 29, 3 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Celle

Nov. 29-Dec. 27: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Celle. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed on Dec. 24.

Dec. 7-9: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the stables of Landgestüt Celle on Spörckenstrasse 10. Open: Friday, 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: Friday €3; Saturday-Sunday €5.

Chemnitz

Nov. 30-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. 30, 4 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Chiemsee

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9: 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. 30-Dec. 23: *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.

Cologne/ Köln

A *Christmas Market in the Harbor* is held **Nov. 23-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.; Nov. 25, 6 to 9 p.m.

Nov. 26-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. 26-Dec. 23: One of the most beautiful *Christmas Market* is in the center

of Cottbus. Open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Darmstadt

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at around the castle in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dernau

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & 7-9: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the beautiful surroundings of the Abbey garden and Church ruins at the Kloster (Abbey) Marienthal Vineyard on Klosterstrasse 3. Open: Fridays, 2 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Dessau-Rosslau

Nov. 26-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. 26, 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.

Dec. 15-16: “Nordic” *Christmas Market* held at Castle Rosslau has Nordic culinary specialties and products. Open: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dinkelsbühl

Nov. 29-Dec. 23 & Dec. 26-Jan. 1: *Christmas Market* at Spitalhof in Dinkelsbühl.

Open: Mondays-Fridays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 26-Jan. 1, 1 to 7 p.m.

Donzdorf

Dec. 8-9: *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

Nov. 27-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* on Rathausplatz is open daily noon to 7 p.m.

Dec. 15-16: 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. 22-24, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-23 & Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Europe’s largest *Medieval Christmas Market* can be found at Freudenbaumpark. 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.

Nov. 22-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 Nov. 25 & Dec. 25.

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* at the inner court and park of castle Bodelschwingh in Dortmund is open on Thursday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €12; children 14 and younger have free entrance.

Dresden

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

Nov. 28-Dec. 24: Germany’s oldest *Christmas Market* (since 1434) in the historic cen-

ter 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.

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.

Nov. 28-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. 29-Dec. 23: A traditional *Christmas Market* is held at Postplatz. Open: daily from noon to midnight.

Nov. 30-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* at Neumarkt an der Frauenkirchen is held on one of Europe’s most beautiful squares. Open: Daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Duisburg

Nov. 22-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* at Königstrasse in the center. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Nov. 25, 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* at Market place in the center. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Düren

Nov. 22-Dec. 30: 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. 25!

Düsseldorf

Nov. 22-Dec. 30: 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, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Nov. 25 and Dec. 25.

Nov. 23-24, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23: *Christmas Market* in front of Castle Benrath on Benrather Schlossallee 100-106 in Düsseldorf is open on Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Nov. 16-18, 23-25, Nov. 29-Dec. 2 & Dec. 6-9, 13-16, 20-23: 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. In December also Thursdays, 3 to 9 p.m.

Eisenach

Nov. 26-Dec. 21: *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. 1-2, 8-9 & 15-16: *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. 26-Dec. 31: The *Christmas Market* on Ratsdelft (harbor), am Alten Binnenhafen and Stadgarten in center of Emden is named “Engelkemarkt” (Angel Market). Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed: Dec. 24-26.

Erbach

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23: *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. 27-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. 26-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* at Neustädter Kirchplatz is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A *Historic Christmas Market* can be found at Schlossplatz. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Essen

Nov. 22-Dec. 23: *International Christmas Market* in the center of Essen with about 260 stands and a beautiful 18 meter high Christmas tree. Open: Sundays-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 25, 6 to 10 p.m.

Esslingen

Nov. 27-Dec. 21: *Medieval and traditional Christmas Market* held at several places in the center of town.

Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Ettlingen

Nov. 29-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. 24-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* on Gardebrunnenplatz and Klosterplatz in the center is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Felsberg

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful romantic surroundings on Market square and Ritterstrasse at the foot of the Castle. Open on Dec. 1, 3 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 1 to 7 p.m.

Flensburg

Nov. 26-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 & 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Dec. 25-26.

Frankfurt am Main

Nov. 26-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. 22-Dec. 23: Large *Christmas Market* at Rathausplatz, Kartoffelmarkt, Unterlindenplatz and on Franziskanergasse. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 22, 2 to 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Closed on Nov. 25.

Freudenberg

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the old historic center of Freudenberg. Open: Nov. 30, 6 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 1, 3 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Freudenstadt

Dec. 7-16: The *Christmas Market* at the largest market square in Germany is open Mondays-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friedrichshafen

Nov. 30-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.



Dec. 7-14: *Christmas Market* in court of Castle Friedrichshafen on Schlosshof. Open all days 4 to 8 p.m.

Fulda

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: Cozy *Christmas Market* in the center. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Nov. 25.

Fürstenberg

Dec. 1-2 & 8-9: Special *Christmas Market & Christmas Open House* held at the famous China Factory in Castle Fürstenberg on Meinbrexener Strasse 2. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Nov. 24-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* on Richard-Strauss-Platz with stands and all kind 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. 30-Dec. 2: *Nikolaus Market* at Market Square in the center of Geilenkirchen. Open: Nov. 30, 6 to 10:30 p.m.; Dec. 1, noon to 10:30 p.m. and Dec. 2, noon to 7:30 p.m.

Gelnhausen

Dec. 13-16: 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. 29-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-Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Giessen

Nov. 30-Dec. 23: *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. 29-Dec. 2: Enchanted *Christmas Market* in the gorgeous surroundings of Castle Wittringen, Burgstrasse 64 in Gladbeck. No entry fees. Open: Nov. 29-30, 3 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 7-9: *Nikolaus Market* at Willy-Brandt-Platz. Open: Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Goslar

Nov. 28-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. and Dec. 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gotha

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: *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. 15: Small attractive *Christmas Market* at Orangerie behind Lorbeerhaus on Friedrichstrasse. Open: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Göttingen

Nov. 28-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. 30-Dec. 2: Romantic *Christmas Market* at Freilichtmuseum Dorenburg on Stadionstrasse 145 in Grefrath near Kempen.

Open: Friday-Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €7; children 15 and under – free entrance.

Guteneck

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23: 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: Fridays, €5; Saturdays-Sundays, €6; children 11 and younger – free entrance.

Hagen

Nov. 22-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 25.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *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. 7-9 & 14-16: 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 7 p.m. Entry: €6; children (7-18) €3; children 4 and younger – free entrance.

Dec. 15-16: Romantic *Christmas Market* at the court of Castle Werdringen near Hagen. Open: Dec. 15, 2 to 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entry fees.

Halle an der Saale

Nov. 27-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. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 6-9, 14-16: *Nikolaus Market* at Market Square in the center.

Open: Thursdays-Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hamburg

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

Nov. 22-Dec. 29: 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.; Nov. 25, 5 to 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-26.

Nov. 26-Dec. 22: The *Hanseatic Christmas Market* at Gänsemarkt is open on Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *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.

A pleasant *Christmas Market* can be found on Fleetinsel in the center. Open: daily noon to 9 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.

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: The oldest *Christmas Market* in Hamburg is located on Bergedor-



fer Schlossstrasse and in the castle park in Hamburg-Bergedorf. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Dec. 25-26.

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. 27-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-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri-

days-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hamm

Nov. 27-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in front of the Paul's Church; Weststrasse and Bahnhofstrasse in the center. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, noon to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at attractive *Christmas Market* with 70 stands at Maximilianpark. Entry: €2.50; children €1.50.

Hanau

Nov. 26-Dec. 22: It is obvious that in the hometown of the Brothers Grimm the *Christmas Market* on Marktplatz is like a fairytale and open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec 2: *Christmas Market* at Steinhimer Schlosshof on Schlossstrass. Open: Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 2-3: *Christmas Market* around Reinhardskirche and in Castellstrasse in Hanau-Kesselstadt. Open: Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hannover

Nov. 28-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the old and historic center of Hannover around Marktkirche and on Lister Meile. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Christmas Market at Hauptbahnhof (Train Station) is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hattingen

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: 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.

Heidelberg

Nov. 26-Dec. 22: A *Christmas Market* is held at several locations (among them Karlsplatz, Kornmarkt, Marktplatz, Universitätsplatz, Anatomiegarten and Bismarckplatz) 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. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23: *Christmas Market* at court of Abbey Neuburg, Stiftweg 4. Open: Fridays, 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Heilbronn

Nov. 27-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. 26-Jan. 6: The *Christmas Market* held in the center of Heinsberg is daily open from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Dec. 24-25 & 31.

Hellenthal

Dec. 1-2: An 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: Dec. 1, 2 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hennef

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* in the center. Open: Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hildesheim

Nov. 26-Dec. 27: *Christmas Market* on one of the most beautiful historic Market Squares in Germany. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 26, 2 to 6 p.m. and closed Dec. 24-25.

Homburg (Saar)

Nov. 30-Dec. 9: *Nikolausmarkt* at Marktplatz in the center. Open: Sundays-Fridays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Höxter

Nov. 29-Dec. 24: The *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center is open on Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m.; Mondays-Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* at Schloss Corvey. Open: Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €9, children (12-17) €1.



Idar-Oberstein

Dec. 1-2: 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. 7-9: The *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Dec. 7, 3 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ingelheim am Rhein

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16: Indoor Christmas Market at Bingerstrasse in the old Market hall. Open: Fridays, 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 7-9, 14-16 & 21-23: 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. 30-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.

Dec. 7-9 & 14-16: *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.

Dec. 8-9 & 15-16: The *Christmas Market* at the historic Manufactory estate Maste-Barendorf near the town of Iserlohn is a colorful combination of art, ceramics, jewelry, china and old crafts. Open: noon to 8 p.m.

Jena

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the historic center of town. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Jüchen

Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23: An attractive *Christmas Market* is held at Schloss (castle) Dyck

near Jüchen and Mönchengladbach. Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €13; children (7-16) €1.50 (includes entry to castle and park).

Jülich

Nov. 22-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. 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Kaiserslautern

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* in the center of Kaiserslautern (K-Town). Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 10 p.m.; closed Dec. 24-26.

Karlsruhe

Nov. 27-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.

Nov. 27-Dec. 23: Another *Christmas Market* is located at Friedrichsplatz in the center of town. Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Kassel

Nov. 26-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

Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23: *Christmas Market* held at Buttermarkt within the historic walls of the small town of Kempen. Open: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 16: Small attractive *Christmas Market* on Kirchplatz in the center of Kempen-St. Hubert. Open: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kiel

Nov. 26-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. The smaller *Christmas Market* on Bernhard-Minetti-Platz and the *Nordic Christmas Market* at Rathausplatz in the center are daily open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kitzingen

Nov. 30-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* is located in the center of town. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

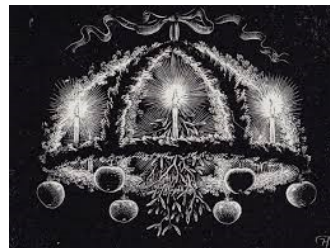
Kleve

Nov. 30-Dec. 9: 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. 12-16: Attractive *Artisan Christmas Market* at Museum Castle Moyland. Open: Dec. 12-14, 1 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €5.

Koblenz

Nov. 23-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. 25.



Königstein

Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23: A

romantic *Christmas Market* is held at the historic fortress Königstein. Open: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €10.

Konstanz

Nov. 29-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. 22-Dec. 23: A colorful *Christmas Market* is held at Dionysius Square and on Rheinstrasse in the center of Krefeld. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Nov. 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Kronburg

Nov. 16-18 & 23-25: Romantic *Christmas Market* at Castle Kronburg. Open: Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €4.

Kronenburg

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

Laer

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* in front of Town Hall in the center. Saint Nicolas will visit the market on Saturday. Open: Dec. 9, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Landstuhl

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* on Alter Markt, Poststrasse and Kaiserstrasse. Open: Dec. 1, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 14-17: *Christmas Market* on Lothar-Sander-Platz is open on Dec. 14, 5:30 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 15-16, 2 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 17, 5 to 8 p.m.

Lauscha

Dec. 1-2 & 8-9: *Christmas Market* in the center of Lauscha, Thüringen. Lauscha is a glassblower village and home to the glass Christmas decorations. The market is called "Kugelmarkt". Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Leipzig

Nov. 27-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.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Leonberg

Dec. 1-2: *Nikolausmarkt* in the center of picturesque Leonberg. Open: Dec. 1, 1 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Leverkusen

Nov. 22-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* at Rathausvorplatz and Wiesdorfer Platz through the center. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Nov. 25 and Dec. 24-26.

Dec. 15-16: *Scandinavian Christmas Market* at Neuland-Park in Leverkusen. Open: Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €5; children – free entrance.

Limburg an der Lahn

Nov. 23-Dec. 28: *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. 22-24, Nov. 29-Dec. 2 & Dec. 6-9, 13-16: The *Harbor Christmas Market* held along

the promenade in Lindau is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Lippstadt

Nov. 30-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

Dec. 1-2 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Castle Liebenberg and its estate. Open: Saturdays-Sundays, noon to 7 p.m. Entry: €2.50.

Lübeck

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

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: The *Medieval Christmas Market* at Marienkirchhof is open Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: The *Christmas Fairy Tale Market* around the Marienkirche (Church) and the *Christmas Market* in the center are open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 26, 1 to 8 p.m. and closed Dec. 24-25.

Christmas Market on Breite Strasse in Lübeck-

Niederegger. 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. 26, 1 to 8 p.m. and closed on Dec. 25.

Nov. 26-Jan. 1: A *Children & Family Christmas Market* is held at Europäischen Hansenmuseum in the beautiful historic center. Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 26 and Jan. 1, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.



Nov. 29-Dec. 20: An *Art & Crafts Christmas Market* is located at St. Petri Kirchhof. Entry: €2.50. Open: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 10: The *Christmas Art Fair* at Heiligen-Geist-Hospital (Holy Ghost Hospital) is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €3; children €0.50.

Lüdenscheid

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Castle Neuenhof on Neuenhofer Strasse 54 near Lüdenscheid. Open: Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €2.

Ludwigsburg

Nov. 27-Dec. 23: *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. 23-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. 25.

Ludwigslust

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: Unique *Christmas Market* with actors in Baroque costumes held at Alexandrinenplatz in the center. Open: Nov. 29, 2 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Lüneburg

Nov. 28-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. 1-2: The *Historic Christmas Market* on Auf den Michaeliskloster 2b takes you back to the 16th century. Open on Dec. 1, noon to 7 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Nov. 27-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. 26-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. 26-29, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.

Mainz

Nov. 29-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. 28-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. 30-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center of town around Elisabethkirche. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Marktplatz in front of the Historic Town Hall. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Maulbronn

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at the inner court of the Abbey Maulbronn on Klosterhof. Open: Dec. 8, noon to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mechernich

Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23: 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.

Meissen

Nov. 26-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* at historic Market Square in the center of town. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: Small *Christmas Market* in the beautiful decorated Schloss Proschwitz. Open: Thursday-Friday, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €6; children 14 and younger – free.

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at the famous Meissen China factory. Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Market is free entrance, factory €10.

Merode

Nov. 28-30 & Dec. 1-2, 5-9, 12-16, 19-23: 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-Fridays is €7 and on Saturdays-Sundays €8; 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

Dec. 1-2: 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.

Mettmann

Dec. 1-17: *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. 30-Dec. 23: 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. 27-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, 1 to 8 p.m.

Moers

Nov. 22-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at Kastellplatz in front of the Castle in Moers. Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mönchengladbach

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

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

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Art & Crafts Market* at Castle Rheydt Museum on Schlossstrasse 508. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €6.

Monheim am Rhein

Dec. 8-9: 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. 8, 3 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas*

Market in the old center of town. Open: Dec. 14, 6 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 15, 1 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 16, 1 to 7 p.m.

Monschau

Nov. 23-24, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23: *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. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Schlossstrasse in the center of Mülheim. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: A unique *Christmas Market* can be found on ships floating on the river at Schleuseninsel. Open: Nov. 30, 3 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 1, 1 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 7-9 & 14-16: Medieval *Christmas Market* illuminated by candles and lantern at inner court of Castle Broich in Mülheim. Entry: €7; children 13 and younger €4. 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. 22-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Kaiserhof Münchener Residenz on Odeonsplatz is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 26-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* at Sendlinger-Tor-Platz, open daily 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Nov. 26-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. 26-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* on Weissenburger Platz around the fountain. Open: Sundays-Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 27-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. 30-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.

Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23: *Christmas Market* at Backerstrasse and on the square in front of Maria Schutz Kirche. Open: 1 to 7:30 p.m.

Münster

Nov. 26-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. 26-Dec. 22: *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. 29-Dec. 23: Traditional *Christmas Market* on Schrankenplatz and Karlsplatz with lots of culinary specialities. Open: Mondays-Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Thursdays-Fridays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Neustadt an der Weinstrasse

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the attractive center of Neustadt an der Weinstrasse. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16: 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 other 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-Dec. 24: The *Christmas Market* on Luisenplatz in the center of Neuwied is named: “Knuspermarkt” and is open on Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dec. 1-2: The *Christmas Market* held in the picturesque surroundings at Schlosshof on Schlossstrasse in Neuwied-Engers is open on Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at the Abbey in Rommersdorf, Heimbach-Weis. Open: Saturday, 12:30 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Nürnberg

Nov. 30-Dec. 24: One of the best known and most famous *Christmas Market* is located

around the Frauenkirche and on Hauptmarkt 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. 31: *Christmas Market* in and around Europe’s largest mall in Oberhausen. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 25, 6 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 24 & 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed Dec. 25-26.

Nov. 21-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: weekdays, noon to 8 p.m.; weekend, noon to 10 p.m. and Dec. 23, noon to 8 p.m.



Öhringen

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16: *Christmas Market* in the center and the castle court and cellars with besides the traditional stands a steam train which stops at Fairy-like stations. Open: Fridays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.

Oldenburg

Nov. 27-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 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Olpe

Nov. 29-Dec. 2 & Dec. 6-9: Historic *Christmas Market* with old crafts and art at Market

Square in the center. Open: Thursdays-Fridays, 2 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Osnabrück

Nov. 26-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. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square and around the Cathedral of Paderborn. Open: Sundays-Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful Schlosspark (Castle Park) in Paderborn. Open: Dec. 7, 3 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 8, 1 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Passau

Nov. 28-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.

Pforzheim

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market* at Market Square and center is open Mondays-Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: *Medieval Christmas Market* at Blumenhof in the center. Open: Mondays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and closed on Dec. 24-25.

Pirmasens

Nov. 30-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, 11



a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 7 p.m.

Potsdam

Nov. 26-Dec. 30: 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. 5, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, closed; Dec. 25-26, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *Sternenmarkt (Stars Market)* is a Polish Christmas Market at Kutschstallhof on Neuen Markt. Open: Nov. 30, 4 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €2.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 25-26: Romantic *Christmas Market* is held in the historic inner court of Krongut Bornstedt, Ribbeckstrasse 4/7. Open: Fridays, 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.; Dec. 25-26, noon to 8 p.m.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 7-9: A *Bohemian Christmas Market* can be found on Weberplatz in Babelsberg-Potsdam. Open: Fridays, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 8-9: *Dutch Christmas Market* in Mittelstrasse. Open: Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Quedlinburg

Nov. 28-Dec. 20: *Christmas Market* in 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. 30-Dec. 22: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the historic old center of town. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Recklinghausen

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center at Altstadtmarkt. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 25, 6 to 9 p.m.

Regensburg

Nov. 26-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.

The traditional *Christmas Market* at Katharinenspital in Stadtamhof 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. 28-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. 30-Dec. 23: The *Lucrezia Christmas*



Market is held by artists displaying their works of art at Haidplatz and Kohlenmarkt daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Remagen

Dec. 8-9: *Nikolausmarkt* in several areas of town. Open: Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The *Medieval Christmas Market* around the Town Hall in the center is both days open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Remscheidt

Nov. 16-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. 25.

Rheda-Wiedenbrück

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 2:30 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 2:30 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 10 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 9 p.m.

Dec. 5-9: A small *Christmas Market* is held at Rathausplatz around the Church in Rheda-Wiedenbrück. Open: Dec. 5-7, 4 to 9

p.m.; Dec. 8, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 1 to 9 p.m.

Rhede

Dec. 7-9: Special *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 and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Riesa

Dec. 7-23: 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

Dec. 1-2, 8-9 & 15-16: Historic *Christmas Market* held in the old medieval center and at the castle of Ronneburg. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Rösrath

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: Romantic *Christmas Market* in and around Castle Eulenbroich in Rösrath. Open: Nov. 30, 5 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Rostock

Nov. 26-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. 30-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 cen-

tury 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. 22-Dec. 23: The *Christmas Market of Nations* is held in the historic and romantic old quarters of Rüdesheim. The city of wine and dine has lots 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. Closed Nov. 25.

Saarbrücken

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at St. Johanner Markt in the center. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dec. 1-2: Attractive and romantic *Christmas Market* around the Castle. Open: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saarburg

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* on Buttermarkt am Wasserfall (waterfall). Open: Friday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dec. 15-16: "*Jingle Bells*" is a *Victorian Christmas Market* held at Glockengiesserei on Staden 130. Open: Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Salem

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful surroundings of Castle Salem. Open: Dec. 1, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Schleswig

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* at City Museum on Friedrichstrasse. Open: Friday, 3 to 6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 8-16: Indoor *Christmas Market* im Schwahl in the historic old center. Open: weekdays, 2 to 6 p.m.; weekends, noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €1.50.

Schweinfurt

Nov. 29-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in front of the historic Town Hall in the center of town. Open: Thursdays-Saturdays, 10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays-Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Schwerin

Nov. 26-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, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Dec. 24-25.



Siegburg

Nov. 24-Dec. 22:

Medieval Christmas Market at Market Square in the center of Siegburg. Open Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Closed on Nov. 25.

Siegen

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Unteres Schloss on Alte Poststrasse in Siegen. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Nov. 25.

Simmerath-Rurberg

Dec. 1-2, 8-9 & 15-16: 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. 26-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the old and majestic center of the historic town of Soest. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Food stands are open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Solingen

Dec. 14-16 & 21-23: Romantic *Christmas Market* at Schloss Gruenewald in Solingen-Gräfrath. Entry: €7; children 15 and younger

– free entrance. Open: Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Speyer

Nov. 26-Jan. 6: *Christmas & New Year Market* in front of der Alten Münze in the center of town. Open daily 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Jan. 1, 1 to 9 p.m. Closed Dec. 25-26.

Stolberg

Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23: The *Christmas Market* at and around the Castle is open only on Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m.



Nov. 20-Dec. 30: *Christmas Market* at Kaiserplatz in the

center of Stolberg is open Sundays-Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Nov. 25 & Dec. 26, 6 to 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 24-25.

Stuttgart

Nov. 28-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* in the center of Stuttgart. The festive illuminated town center looks like a medieval city with the old castle, towers, cathedral and new castle. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tegernsee

Dec. 1-2, 8-9 & 15-16: *Christmas Market* in the former Abbey on Schlossplatz. Open: 2 to 7 p.m.

Trier

Nov. 26-Dec. 22: Enchanting *Christmas Market* at the medieval market square around the imposing cathedral in the center of Trier. Trier is Germany's oldest city, founded more than 2000 years ago and showing lots of Roman culture. Open: Mondays-

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tübingen

Dec. 14-16: The majority of stand holders at the *Christmas Market* in the beautiful old city center of Tübingen sell homemade articles and goodies. Open: Dec. 15-16, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ulm

Nov. 26-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in the center of town. Open daily 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Unna

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the center of Unna. Open: noon to 7:30 p.m.

Warendorf

Nov. 30-Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* at the picturesque and historic Market Square in Warendorf. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 2 to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 2 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wassenberg

Dec. 14-16: Attractive *Christmas Market* held in the romantic and historic town center. Open: Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Weimar

Nov. 27-Jan. 5: A nostalgic and romantic *Christmas Market* is held in the center of the famous poet Goethe's birthplace Weimar. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Closed on Dec. 24-25 & Jan. 1.

Wiesbaden

Nov. 27-Dec. 23: *Twinkling Star Market* (Sternschnuppenmarkt) at Schlossplatz in Wiesbaden. The idyllic square with the historic city palace is the perfect location for this Christmas Market. Four entry gates, decorated with the golden lilies of the city's coat of arms lend access to this quaint fairytale

scenery. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 9 p.m.

Wilhelmshaven

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market at the Seashore* on Valoisplatz in the center of this old harbor city. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wismar

Nov. 26-Dec. 21: Nostalgic and traditional *Christmas Market* on the historic Market Square in the center of the Hanseatic Town. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wolfsburg

Nov. 26-Dec. 29: *Christmas Market* at Mittlere Porschestraße in the center of town is open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed on Dec. 24-25.

Nov. 30-Jan. 6: *Wintermarkt, Ice Skate Rink & Snow World* at Stadtbrücke. Market is open noon to 10 p.m.; Rink, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Snow World, noon to 8 p.m. All closed on Dec. 24 & 31.

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at Castle Wolfsburg is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €2.

Worms

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* at Obermarkt in the old historic city of Worms. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wülfrath

Nov. 30-Dec. 9: The traditional *Christmas Market* at the historic church square in Wülfrath is named *Herzog-Wilhelm-Markt* and was already mentioned in the year 1578. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 2, noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 to 9 p.m.

Wuppertal

Nov. 26-Dec. 23: “*Barmer Weihnachtsmarkt*” at Johannes-Rau-Platz in the center of Wuppertal. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 26-Dec. 29: The “*Elbenfelder Lichtermarkt*” at Neumarkt and other nearby squares is beautifully illuminated. Open: daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 8-9 & 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Castle Lüntenbeck in Wuppertal. Open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €5; children younger than 12 – free entrance.

Würzburg

Nov. 30-Dec. 23: *Christmas Market* is held on Oberer & Unterer Markt (lower & higher market square) in the center of Würzburg. Open: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. A *Christmas Art Market* can be found on weekends at the inner court of the old Ratskeller on Domstrasse. Open: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Xanten

Nov. 23-Dec. 23: Exclusive *Christmas Market* at Marktplatz in the center of Xanten. Open daily from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m. and Nov. 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 8-9: Small but cozy *Christmas Art Market* in the Town Hall. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



*Wishing you all
A joyful
Season!*