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2018 Christmas & Winter Markets & Fairs & Events in Belgium

Affligem

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market & Gift Fair* at the Abbey's "Gasthof d'oude Brouwerij" on Abdijstraat 4. Open: Nov. 29, 4 to 7 p.m.; Nov. 30, 2 to 7 p.m.; Dec. 1, noon to 8 p.m.; Dec. 2, noon to 6 p.m.

Aiseau-Presles

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* at Hall Polyvalent d' Aiseau-Presles on Rue John Kennedy 150 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Andenne

Dec. 14-16: The *Christmas Market* at Place des Tilleuls in Andenne has not only Santa Claus visiting but also "Mère Noël" (Mother Christmas). Open: Dec. 14, 6 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to midnight; Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anderlecht

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at majestic Place de la Vaillance in the center. Open: Friday, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Annevoie

Nov. 24-25: *Christmas Market* at the Castle and in its park. Open: Nov. 24, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anthée

Nov. 24-25: *Christmas Market* at Salle "Le Mazamet" on Place Docteur Jacques 5 is both days open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Anthistes

Dec. 8-9: *Crafts Christmas Market* in and around Castle Avouerie. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Antwerpen

Dec. 8-Jan. 6: *Christmas in Antwerp*. Antwerp is one of the places to be in the month of December if you want great winter fun. *Christmas Markets* can be found at Steenplein, Suikerrui, Grote Markt en Handschoenmarkt with lots of stands with glühwein and other winter delicatessen and Christmas articles. Open: Sundays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Mondays-Thursdays, noon to 10 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, noon to 1 a.m.; Dec. 24, 31 & Jan. 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

Arlon

Dec. 14-16: The *Christmas Market* on Place Léopold in the center is open on Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

Ath

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* in Hall c.e.v.a. zoning des Primeveres at Chemin des Primeveres. Open: Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Aubange

Nov. 25: From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. artisan *Christmas Market* at Hall Des Sports du Clémaraïs on Rue de Clémaraïs.

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at Place Abbé Michel Gigi is open Friday, 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 3 p.m. to midnight and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Aubel

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: A gastronomic *Christmas Village* can be found in the center of Aubel on Place Nicolai. Open: Nov. 30, 5 to 11:30 p.m.; Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Auvelais

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Salle Lacroix on Grand Place in the center. Open: Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ayeneux

Nov. 24-25: *Christmas at the Castle* at Domaine (estate) Provincial de Wégimont on Chée de Wégimont. Open on Saturday, 1:30 to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

Banneux

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* at l'Esplanade in the pilgrimage town of Banneux is open on Thursday-Friday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday, 2 to 8 p.m.

Beerse

Dec. 14-16: Attractive *Christmas Market* on Kerkplein. Open:



Dec. 15-16, 6 p.m. to midnight and Dec. 17, 2 to 9 p.m.

Beloeil

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* in the street of the castle in the center with concerts and animations. Open: Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Belsele

Dec. 22: From 2 to 11:30 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center.

Berismenil

Dec. 15: Large *Christmas Market* with more than 80 participants in the center of town.

Bertrix

Nov. 24-25: Artisan *Christmas Market* at Les Ateliers du Saupont on Rue de Lonnoux 2 - Zoning Industriel. Open: Saturday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 6 p.m.

Beveren

Dec. 15: From 3 to 10 p.m. attractive *Christmas Market* on Beversesteenweg.

Bilzen

Dec. 15-16: Dickens' style *Christmas Market* with lots of entertainment, actors and more at Market Square and Klokkeplein in the center of Bilzen. Both days open from 1 to 9 p.m.

Binche

Dec. 7-9 & 12-16: *Christmas Market* with typical and traditional delicacies at Grand Place in the center. Open: Thursday-Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Blankenberge

Dec. 15-Jan. 6: *Christmas Happening* with Christmas Market and indoor ice-skating rink at J.F. Kennedy Square in the center of the town.

Bokrijk

Dec. 26-30 & Jan. 4-6: Experience *Winter Evenings* at the Open Air Museum in Bokrijk where you will find storytellers; lots of children's activities and more. This is an ideal family outing to an enchanting, magical and mysterious place. Open: 4 to 9 p.m. Entry: €7.50; children (3-12) €2.

Bothey

Nov. 24-25: *Christmas Market* at Home le Foyer on Rue Louis Burteau 48 is open on Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Braine-Le-Chateau

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Espace Beau Bois on Rue de Tubize. Both days open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Braine-Le-Comte

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* at Grand Place in the center. Open: Nov. 30, 7 to 11 p.m.; Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brasschaat

Nov. 30-Jan. 6: *Christmas Market* on Grote Markt and surrounding areas in the center. Open: 1 to 9 p.m. Closed on Dec. 3-4, 10-11 & 17.

Bree

Dec. 5: *Saint Nicolas Market* from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the center.



Bruges/Brugge

Nov. 23-Dec. 31: The *Christmas Market* in the center of the gorgeous city of Bruges (Brugge) on Market Square and Simon Stevinplein is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Dec. 9: From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. *Midwinter Fest* at Volkskunde (folklore) Museum on Balstraat 43 with crafts, art, entertainment and lots more. No entrance fees.

Brussels/Bruxelles

Nov. 30-Jan. 6: *Winter Fun* in the center of Brussels. Every winter, the heart of Brussels beats to the rhythm of 'plaisirs d'Hiver' (winter pleasures) featuring a magical décor with an ice-skating rink and a beautiful *Christmas Market* (Europe's most original). Open Mondays-Thursdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 25, noon to 10 p.m.

Charleroi

Nov. 30-Dec. 28: *Christmas Village & Market* at place de la Digue in the center of Charleroi. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Fridays, noon to midnight; Saturdays, noon to 2 a.m.; Dec. 24, noon to 6 p.m. and Dec. 25, 4 to 9 p.m.



Dec. 12: From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Atrium de l'Université du Travail on Boulevard Roullier 1.

Chastre

Dec. 8-9: Beautiful *Christmas Market* with regional products and other Christmas delicacies held at the Town Hall (Maison Communale)

on Avenue du Castillon 71. Open: Dec. 8, 3 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, noon to 6 p.m.

Chimay

Dec. 15-16: The *Christmas Market* at Grand Place and at the court of the castle in Chimay is both days open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Corbion

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Place de Village and Rue Des Abattis. Open: Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Courcelles

Dec. 7-30: *Christmas Market* at Place Roosevelt in the center.

Dec. 9: *Christmas Market* from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Centre Spartacus Huart on Rue Baudouin.

Dec. 15-16: Artisan *Christmas Market* at Rue de Trazegnies from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Denee

Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful surroundings of the Abbey of Maredsous on Rue de Maredsous in Denee. Open only on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Diksmuide

Dec. 7-10: *Christmas Market* at Grote Markt in the center. Open: Dec. 7, 6 p.m. to midnight; Dec. 8, 2 p.m. to midnight; Dec. 9, 2 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to noon.

Dinant

Dec. 14-24: Large *Christmas Market* on Place Reine Astrid, L'Espace Sax and on Place Saint Nicolas in Dinant with numerous activities. Open: Fridays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. and Mondays-Thursdays, 2 to 7 p.m.

Donceel

Dec. 7-9: The *Christmas Market* on Rue des Tem-

pliers is open on Friday, 6 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 3 to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Donk

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas in the Park* at Castle Van Hamont on Korpse Straat 91. Open on Dec. 8, 5 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 9, 2 to 8 p.m. No entrance fees.

Durbuy

Nov. 23-Jan. 6: *Christmas Market* in the small streets of Vieille Ville, Place aux Foires, Parc Roi Baudoin and Allée Philippart. The beautiful small town of Durbuy is just a must to visit. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Eghezée

Nov. 24-25: Large indoor *Christmas Market* at Ecole Abbé Noël on Route de Gembloux, 32. Open on Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Elsene

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Flagey Plein. Open: Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Enghien

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful park of the Castle d'Enghien in Enghien. Open: Dec. 14, 4 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 15, noon to 10 p.m. and Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Essen

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* at Karrenmuseum (Coach Museum) on Moerkantsebaan 48 with arts & crafts, donkey rides and more winter activities from 1 to 6 p.m. Entry: €3, kids 12 and younger – free.

Estinnes-au-Mont

Nov. 16-18: *Christmas Market* in front of the Town Hall on Place Communale. Open: Nov. 16, 6 to 10 p.m.; Nov. 17-18, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Etterbeek

Nov. 23-25: *Swedish Christmas Market* at Swedish Church on Gallierslaan 35. Open: Friday, noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Eupen

Dec. 14-16: Large *Christmas Market* at Ville Haute, Klötzerbahn and Eupen Plaza in the center with participation of Craftsmen from Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Austria and France. Open: Dec. 14-15, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fléron

Dec. 14-16: Artisan *Christmas Market* at Place de la Gare is both days open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fleurus

Nov. 24-25: The attractive small *Artisan Christmas Market* held at Ferme de Martinrou on Chaussée de Charleroi 615/1 is open on Nov. 24 1 to 7 p.m. and Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Floreffe

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* in Salle du Fete on Rue Piret. Open both days 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 1-29: “*Time for Gifts*” is a *Christmas Market* held at the mill of the Abbey in Floreffe with many craftsmen offering original and unique gifts such as engraved items, art, ceramics, jewelry, candles and lots more. Open on weekdays, 1 to 6 p.m. and in weekends, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fontaine-l’Eveque

Dec. 1-2: Indoor *Christmas Market* at Salle Omnisport de Fontaine -L’evêque on Rue de la Fauvette 1. Open: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Forchies-la-Marche

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* at Salle Paroissiale Des Trieux on Rue de la Chaussée. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Forville

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Salle Paroissiale Forville on Avenue de la Liberation. Open: Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fosses-la-Ville

Nov. 24-25: *Christmas Market* at Cité Scolaire “Le Bosquet” on Route de Bambois. Open: Nov. 24, 1 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 25, 1 to 7 p.m.

Dec. 14-15: *Christmas Market* at Place du Marche is open from 5 to 11:30 p.m.

Dec. 22-23: *Christmas Market* on Rue d’Orbey is both days open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ganshoren

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at La Place Guido Gezelle is open Dec. 8, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, noon to 7 p.m.

Geel

Dec. 15-16: Old English style *Christmas Market* is held at Havermarkt in the center of Geel. Open: Dec. 15, 2 to 11 p.m.; Dec. 16, 2 to 7 p.m.

Gent

Dec. 7-Jan. 6: *Winter Dream* with Christmas Market, ice-rink and lots more winter activities in the center.

Open: Mondays-Fridays, noon to 11 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 31, noon to 5 p.m. and Dec. 25 & Jan. 1, 2 to 11 p.m.

The *Christmas Market* on and around Sint-Baafsplein is open on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 25 -30, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Geraardsbergen

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* in the center on Stationsplein. Open: Dec. 7, 2 to 11 p.m.; Dec. 8, 2 to 11 p.m. and Dec. 9, 2 to 8 p.m.

Grand-Leez

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at Chateau de Petit-Leez on Rue de Petit-Leez 129. Open: Saturday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Grand-Rechain

Nov. 23-25: *Christmas Market* at Place Avenue Des Platanes. Open on Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 3 p.m. to midnight and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

Grand-Reng

Nov. 24-25: Artisan *Christmas Market* at Ecole Communale on Rue du Centenaire is open on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Grandrieu

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* from 2 to 7 p.m. at Centre André Focant on Rue Baloury 3-6.

Grez-Doiceau

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* at Cercle de Bossut on Place de Bossut 4. Open: Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grimbergen

Dec. 8-9: A *Christmas Market* can be found in the center of Grimbergen around the beautiful Baroque Church. Open on Dec. 8, 2 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Haacht

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* from noon to 8 p.m. in the center of town.



Halle

Dec. 14-23: The *Christmas Market* at Grote Markt in the center is open from 2 to 6 p.m.

Ham-Sur-Heure

Nov. 24-25: Artisan *Christmas Market* at Salle de l'Elysee on Place Beignee. Open: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 8-9: Artisan *Christmas Market* at Salle Foyer Des Haies on Place Des Haies 8 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 15-16: Attractive *Christmas Market* with crafts, regional products, coach rides, shows and more from noon to 10 p.m. at the castle/town hall in the center on Clos Belgeonne 4. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hannut

Dec. 1-2: The *Christmas Market* in the center is open on Saturday, 1 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hanzinelle

Dec. 7-9: The *Christmas Market* at the Town Hall on Route d'Oret 1 is open on Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hasselt

Nov. 16-Jan. 6: *Winterland* in the center of Hasselt with ice-skating rink and more attractions. A *Christmas Market* is held at Kolonel Dusartplein, Grote Markt and Molenpoort at the same time. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, noon to 10 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24, noon to 6 p.m.; Dec. 25 & Jan. 1, 1 to 10 p.m.

Havré

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Castle of Havré, Chaussée du Roeulx. Open: Dec. 7, 6 to 11 p.m.; Dec. 8, 2 p.m. to midnight; Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Heist-op-den-Berg

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* in the center of town. Open: Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m.

Herbeumont

Dec. 15: *Christmas Market* from 3 to 11 p.m. at Salle du Vivy in the center.

Herentals

Dec. 9: Attractive *Christmas Market* from 1 to 10 p.m. in the center at Grote Markt.

Hoevenen

Dec. 15: In- and outdoor *Christmas Market* at Youth Center "De Jos" on Kerkstraat 34 from 2 to 10 p.m.

Hotton

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: The *Christmas Market* at Castle Deulin on Rue du Château is open on Nov. 30, 6 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 1, noon to 10 p.m. and Dec. 2, noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €5.

Dec. 21: Traditional *Christmas Market* from 5 to 11 p.m. at Place du Village in the center of town.

Houyet

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* with lots of activities at Quartier de la Gare on Rue de la Station. Open: Dec. 8, 4 to 11 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Huy

Dec. 13-15: *Christmas Market* at Don Bosco Huy on Rue Des Cotillages 2 is open from 4 to 11:30 p.m.

Ittre

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Place Saint Remy is open on Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ixelles

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Place Flagey is open on Dec. 7, 12:30 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at Rue du Viaduc 66. Open: Friday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jehay

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Chateau Jehay on Rue du Parc 1. Open: Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m.

Jemeppe-sur-Sambre

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at La Salle du Palace on Rue Bodremont 1 is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Knokke-Heist

Dec. 1-Jan. 7: Indoor *Christmas Market* with Ice-skating rink, lots of stands and many activities on A. Verweerplein. Entry is free. Open: 10 a.m. to



10 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 25 & Jan. 1, noon to 6 p.m.

Koksijde

Dec. 15-Jan. 6: *Christmas Market & Ice Skating Rink* on Zeelaan. Open: Dec. Dec. 15-Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Dec. 24 & 31, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Kortrijk

Dec. 7-Jan. 6: *Christmas Market* on Grote Markt, Vandaleplein and Sint-Maartenskerkhof in the center. Open daily from 3 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 31, 3 to 6 p.m.; Dec. 25 & Jan. 1, 5 to 10 p.m.

Kraainem

Nov. 24-25: *Christmas Market* in Centrum Lijsterbes on Lijsterbes-senbomenlaan. Open: Nov. 24, 2 to 7 p.m. and Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Labuissière

Dec. 1-2: The *Christmas Market* at Salon Communal on Rue Neuve is open on Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

La Calamine

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* on Kirchplatz in the center. Open on Dec. 8, 4 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, 1 to 8 p.m.

La Hestre

Dec. 8-21: *Christmas Market* at Rue du Parc 29 in the center. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

La Hulpe

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Village* on Place Communale in the center. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

La-Roche-en-Ardenne

Dec. 23-30: *Winter in La Roche* at Place du Marché 15 in the center is open from 3 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 22-26 and from 3 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 28-30. Closed on Dec. 27.

Le Roeulx

Dec. 21-23: *Christmas Market* at Grand Place in the center. Open: Friday, 5:30 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 2 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lens

Dec. 9: *Christmas Market* on Place Trinité. Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Leuven/Louvain

Dec. 6-19: *Christmas Market* in the beautiful historic center of Leuven at Mgr. Ladeuzeplein and in Saint Donatus Park. Open: Thursdays-Fridays, noon to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Mondays-Wednesdays, noon to 10 p.m.; Dec. 20, noon to 8 p.m.

Leuze-en-Hainaut

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at the Town Hall on Avenue de la Résistance 1 is open from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Libramont-Chevigny

Dec. 14-16: *'Foire de Noël'* held at Halle aux Foires on Place Communale is an indoor *Christmas Market* full with magic! Open: Dec. 14, 6 to 11 p.m., Dec. 15, 4 to 11 p.m. and Dec. 16, 1 to 6 p.m.

Liège/Luik

Nov. 30-Jan. 6: The *Christmas Village* at Place de Marché and Place Saint-Lambert in Liège is the largest and one of the most attractive Christmas Markets in Belgium. Every year it attracts more than a million visitors. In accordance with the traditional German

Christmas markets, "Village de Noël" creates a very particular atmosphere, full of magic and glamorous Christmas sentiments in the center of the city. It is a festive and friendly Belgian mix of Alsatian and German Christmas ingredients. Open: Mondays-Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays-Thursdays & Sundays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to midnight.

Lier

Dec. 14-16: An attractive *Christmas Market* is held on

Grote Markt, Felix Timmermansplein and Zimmerplein in the center of Lier. Open on Dec. 14, 6 to 11:30 p.m.; Dec. 15, 2 to 11:30 p.m. and Dec. 16, 2 to 8 p.m.

Louvain-la-Neuve

Nov. 30-Dec. 20: *Christmas Market* at Grand-Place, Place des Wallons and Place de l'Université with more than 140 participants. Open: Mondays-Wednesdays, noon to 9 p.m.; Thursdays-Fridays, noon to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Maaseik

Nov. 28: *Saint Nicolas Market* in the center of Maaseik. Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Malmedy

Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 7-9, 14-16 & 21-31: *Christmas Market* on Place Albert 1er is open the first weekends of advent only in the weekends: Fridays & Dec. 21-23, 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 to 11 p.m.; Sundays & Dec. 26-27, 2 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 25, noon to 8 p.m.; Dec. 28, 2 p.m. to midnight; Dec. 29, 11 a.m. to midnight; Dec. 30, noon to 9 p.m. and Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Manage

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at A la Salle Haulot on Place Bantigny is open on Friday, 4 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Marche-en-Famenne

Dec. 14-16, 21-23 & 28-30: *Christmas Market* at Place aux Foires in the center with regional gastronomy, craftsmen and lots of entertainment. Open: Fridays, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 10 p.m. and Sundays, 2 to 9 p.m.

Maredsous

Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-24: *Christmas Market* in the Abbey of Maredsous. Open: Fridays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, noon to 8 p.m.

Mechelen

Dec. 14-16 & 21-23: The *Christmas Market* in the beautiful center of Mechelen is open on Fridays, 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Mettet

Nov. 24-25 & Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30: *Christmas Market* at Place Saint-Ghislain is only open in the weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 25: From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. *Christmas Market* at Salle Christian Frerotte on Place Joseph Meunier.

Modave

Dec. 15-Jan. 6: *Christmas at Castle Modave.* The castle on Rue du Parc 4 is situated on a rock in the middle of a nature reserve of 450 ha and has about twenty richly decorated for Christmas and furnished rooms. Among its treasures are the 17th century tapestries and 19th century Val-St-Lambert crystal. Open daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €8; children 6-12 €3; 5 and younger – no entrance fees.



Moeskroen/Mouscron

Dec. 6-31: The *Christmas Market* and *Ice Rink* at Grand Place in the center is open on weekdays from 2 to 8 p.m. and weekends from 2 to 10 p.m.

Mol

Dec. 9: *Christmas Market* at Rondplein and on Corbiestraat in the center. Open: noon to 6 p.m.

Dec. 16: *Winter Markt* with lots of arts and crafts at Gibbo Galbergen on Don Boscostraat 37-39. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.

Momignies

Dec. 21-22: *Christmas Market* at Grand Place in the center of town is open Friday, 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mons

Dec. 8-Jan. 6: *Christmas Market – Snow Heart in Mons* at Grand Place in the center with numerous stands, attractions, local delicacies, a heart-shaped ice-skating rink, a magical forest, choirs and Santa Claus of course. Open: Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Mont-Saint-Guibert

Nov. 24: *Christmas Market* at Maison Des Loisirs on Grand Place from 1 to 8 p.m.

Morlanwelz

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* Place Albert 1er is open on Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Namen/Namur

Nov. 30-Dec. 30: *Christmas Village* (Noelleries) with lots of extra activities in the center at Place d'Armes, Place du Théâtre and Place L'Ange is open daily 11



a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Natoye

Dec. 8-9: Artisan *Christmas Market* at La Spirale on Chaussée de Namur 22 in Natoye (Hamois). This attractive market has only arts and crafts. Open both days 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €2.50.

Neeroeteren

Dec. 17: An *Evening Christmas Market* is held from 5 to 10 p.m. in the center of Neeroeteren.

Nivelles

Dec. 7-9 & 14-23: The *Christmas Market* at Grand Place; in the cloister of the Abbey and in large tents around the Collegial Church in the center of Nivelles is one of the largest in Wallonia.

Noville-les-Bois

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Fernelmont on Place Communale. Open: Friday, 6 to 9 p.m. ; Saturday, 2 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

Oeudeghien

Nov. 17-18: Artisan *Christmas Market* at Espace Leulier Oeudeghien on Rue du Petit Dieu. Open: Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oostende

Nov. 30-Jan. 6: “*Winter in the Park*” held at Leopoldpark in Oostende (near the beach) includes a Christmas Market; Ice-skating rink and lots of entertainment. Open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Opwijk

Dec. 1-2: Indoor *Christmas Market* at Community Center on Kloosterstraat 7 and on **Dec. 2** *Christmas Market* around the church in the center. Opens on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Ottignies

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Ottignies Ecole Saint Pie on Avenue Saint Pie. Open: Saturday, 2 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Peer

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* from noon to 6 p.m. in the center

Péruwelz

Dec. 7-9 & 14-16: The *Christmas Market* at Parc Communal de Péruwelz on Rue Albert I. Open on Fridays, 4 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Poperinge

Dec. 14-Jan. 6: *Christmas Market* with Ice-Skating Rink and lots more entertainment at Grote Markt in the center of town.

Rebecq

Dec. 8-9 A *Christmas Market* held at a special location: the mills of Arenberg, Rue Docteur Colson 8. Open: Dec. 8, 1 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Robertville

Dec. 1-24: The *Christmas Market* in the Hautes Fagnes, Centre Nature on Route de Botrange (Robertville) has many artists and craftsmen from Germany and Belgium participating. Open on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saint Gerard

Dec. 8-9: At the attractive *Christmas Market*, held in the beautiful cloister of the Abbey of Saint-Gerard De Brogne on Place de Brogne, craftsmen offer original and traditional gifts such as ceramics, silk paintings, jewelry, candles, china, Christmas decorations, regional and local delicacies and lots more. Open: Dec. 8, 2 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saint-Ghislain

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Foyer Culturel on Grand Place is open on Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saint-Gilles

Dec. 9 & 16: Indoor *Christmas Market* at La Tricoterie-Fabrique de Liens on 158 Rue Théodore Verhaegen is both days open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saint-Martin-des-Noyers

Dec. 2: *Christmas Market* at Château (castle) de la

Grève from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sainte-Cécile

Nov. 17-18: *Christmas Market* at Rue de L'Aublonnière. Open: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sankt Vith

Dec. 16: A beautiful and traditional *Christmas Market* is held in the center of Sankt Vith. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.

Schaerbeek

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Citeco on 75 Rue Albert de Latour in the center. Open: Dec. 7, 3 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 8-9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Schoten

Dec. 15: From 3 to 9 p.m. attractive *Christmas Market* at Deuzeldaan.

Sint-Jans-Molenbeek

Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Castle Karreveld on Jean de la Hoeselaan 3. Open: December 7, 6 to 10 p.m.; December 8, 2 to 10 p.m. and December 9, noon to 8 p.m.

Sint-Job-in-'t-Goor

Dec. 19: Attractive *Evening Christmas Market* from 5 to 10 p.m. on Bethaniënlei 5 in the center.

Sint-Niklaas

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

Sint-Truiden

Dec. 7-31: Attractive *Christmas Market* in the center on Groen Markt.

Dec. 18-21: *Crafts Christmas Market* at Sint-Maartens Kerk (Church) on Stapelstraat is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 21-23: *Christmas Market* at Grote Markt in the center.

Stavelot

Dec. 9: *Christmas Market* can be found in front of and in the cellars of the Abbey of Stavelot, Cour de

L'Abbaye 1 with beautiful decorations, culinary delicacies, gifts and more. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thimister

Nov. 16-18: The attractive *Alsatian Christmas Market* in the center of town is open on Nov. 16, 5 to 10 p.m.; Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thuillies

Nov. 24-25: In- and out-door *Christmas Market* at Jardinot on Rue de la Victoire. Open: Saturday, 2 to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tournai/Doornik

Dec. 13-Jan. 6: The indoor *Christmas Market* at Halle-aux-Draps on Grand Place is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 2 to 7 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Trazegnies

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at the Chateau on Place Albert. Open: Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tubize

Dec. 8-9: Indoor *Christmas Market* at Centre Culturel - Théâtre du Gymnase on 124 Bld Georges Deryck. Open: Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Velaine-Sur-Sambre

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Salle Communale on Rue Hurlevent is open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Verviers

Nov. 24-Dec. 24: *Christmas Market* at Place du Martyr. Open: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vielsalm

Dec. 14-16, 21-23 & 26-30: The *Christmas Market in the Land of Salm* at Place de Salm in Vielsalm is open from 2:30 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 26-27 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Villers-la-Ville

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* En Face de Decoplant on Rue Châtelet 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Vottem

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at Salle du Cercle Saint Etienne on Place Gilles Gérard. Open: Friday-Saturday, 6 :30 to 11 :30 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 :30 p.m.

Waimes

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9: *Christmas Market* at Salle Oberbayern on Rue du Centre 22. Open: Fridays, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturdays, 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wasmuel

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Place de Wasmuel in the center is both days open from noon to 9 p.m.

Watermael-Boitsfort

Nov. 29-Dec. 2: The *Christmas Market* on Place Wiener and Place Payfa can be visited on Nov. 29 from 6 to 10 p.m.; Nov. 30, 1 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wavre

Dec. 1-2: *Christmas Market* at Hôtel de Ville on Place de Hôtel de Ville is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 7-16: *Christmas Market* on Place Alphonse Bosch is open both daily from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Westerlo

Dec. 16: *Christmas Market* from 2 to 7 p.m. at Grote Markt in the center.

Wetteren

Dec. 15-16: *Christmas Market* at Market Square. Open: December 15, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and December 16, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Wezembeek-Oppem

Nov. 17-18: *Christmas Market* at Sint-Pietersplein in Wezembeek-Oppem. Open on Saturday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Willebroek

Dec. 1: *Winter Wonder Plaza* from 1 to 8 p.m. in and around Plazarama at Overwinningsstraat 133.

Wodecq

Dec. 8-9: *Christmas Market* at Vieux Moulin 4 in the center is open on Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 9 from 1 to 10 p.m.

Woluwe-Saint-Lambert

Dec. 14-16: *Christmas Market* at Place Saint Lambert is open on Dec. 14, 6 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wonck

Dec. 14-16: Traditional *Christmas Market* in Grottes (caves) de Wonck near Bassenge. Entry: €4. Open: Dec. 14, 7:30 to 11 p.m.; Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Because it is difficult to reach the site, shuttle busses will bring visitors to and from the caves. Busses leave from the TEC Depot in Bassenge.

Ypres/Ieper

Nov. 17-Dec. 29: *Christmas Market* at Grote Markt in the center. Ypres is rightly proud on its rich historic past which lives on to the present day in its countless monuments and museums. The Grote Markt is the perfect setting for a Christmas Market with stands and a ice-skating rink. Open: Tuesdays-Thursdays, 3 to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 3 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 3 to 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 24-25, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed: Mondays.

Yvoir

Dec. 15-16: The *Christmas Market* at Cour du Maka in the center is open from 2 to 8 p.m.

Zichem

Dec. 9: Attractive *Christmas Market* from 1 to 8 p.m. at Market in the center of town.

Zottegem

Dec. 8-30: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the center is daily open from 2 to 11 p.m.

