



City of Munich

The Munich Christmas market

November 21 – December 24, 2022



with Kripperlmarkt (Nativity market)



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Dear Guests of the Münchner Christkindlmarkt,

When the lights start sparkling on the Christmas tree on Munich's Marienplatz (main square) and the scent of cloves and cinnamon fills the air, it's that time again: Advent season has arrived in the heart of Munich. The Christkindlmarkt with its Christmas glitter and glow and glorious scents tempts you to take a leisurely stroll and enjoy mulled wine, baked apples and much more- just what we need to unwind from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives.

You will not only discover the prettiest Christmas baubles, but also Christmas gifts that promise happiness for everyone. My insider tip: Browse through the large selection of handicrafts at our Kripperlmarkt. No doubt you'll find the perfect sheep, the little light bulb for the shepherd's fire or the Annunciation angel you're still missing for your nativity scene.

Speaking of angels, have you noticed the small and large angels with the little golden wings in their shimmering robes? Their home is the heavenly workshop where children aged six to twelve can give free rein to their creative imagination in the Town Hall.

Well, there are certainly a thousand more alluring reasons to visit our Christkindlmarkt.

See you there!

Clemens Baumgärtner
Officer for Labour and Economic Affairs



Münchner Christkindlmarkt – the original

The roots of the Christkindlmarkt are said to date back to the 14th century- to the so-called St. Nicholas markets. The first documented mention of a so-called „Nikolaidult“ takes us back to 1642 in Kaufingerstraße near the Schöner Turm.

In the course of the Enlightenment, the “Nikolaimarkt” was renamed “Christmarkt” in 1806 and- after several changes of location - found its permanent place in the heart of the city in 1972 as the „Münchner Christkindlmarkt“.

When the 30-metre-high Christmas tree with 2500 candles shines in all its glory, the mulled wine wafts its scent and angel hair glitters, pre-Christmas magic fills the centrepiece of the state capital Munich.



Münchner
Christkindlmarkt
is the city's oldest
Christmas market.



Krippe market

On St. Peter's, only a few steps away from Marienplatz, is probably Germany's largest Krippe market. Here you can find everything you need for a genuine nativity set-up – from the stable lantern to the chaff for the ox and donkey to the gifts of the Magi. Nativity scenes have a long tradition in Munich. In 1757, the first Krippe market was held from 1st Advent until Epiphany.



The stalls

The Krippe market comprises eleven stalls offering exclusively things to do with the Nativity: nativity scenes, figurines and accessories. Almost every Standl, as the stalls are called in Munich, has a unique item on offer: From large oriental nativity scenes to alpine mini versions.

The special offer

- **Nativity stables** partly from own production according to old family tradition and handed down models, but also own creations in alpine, Bavarian and oriental style
- **Nativity figurines**, for example, from selected carvers from the South Tyrolean Val Gardena: made of maple, oak, lime or Swiss stone pine wood in oriental or alpine/peasant style, nativity figures clothed in fabric or clad in painted material (heads, hands and feet carved in wood and painted, torso in moveable material), alternatively figures for self-dressing, wool sheep and handmade „Marolin“ nativity figures (papier-mâché) from Thuringia



Eleven stalls offer things exclusively related to the Nativity: nativity scenes, figurines and accessories.

- Large **assortment of angels**, e.g., putti, angel heads, standing angels and Gloria angels
- **Wooden figures** such as Madonnas, patron saints, Magi and profane figures, crosses with the body of Christ, as well as annual figures for nativity scene collectors
- **Nativity accessories**, self-manufactured and handmade, such as wells, bonfires, wood stakes, miniature vessels made of metal, wood or clay, shepherd's carts, rakes, pitchforks and other agricultural implements
- **Electrical items** for nativity sets (lanterns, plugs, cables, light bulbs and transformers), as well as spare parts, also for USA-compatible nativity-scene lighting
- **Decorative items** made of natural materials such as moss, lichen, bark, straw, hay, sand etc.

Service

- Repairs, restorations and special productions tailor-made to the customers' wishes
- Advice, partly also in foreign languages (E, F, ES, I)



Munich Nativity Tour

Nov. 26, 2022 – Jan. 8, 2023

Tour of the nativity scenes in the churches of the city centre

www.muenchner-krippenfreunde.de



Heavenly workshop

Crafting and tinkering for Christmas on a grand scale: In the Heavenly Workshop in the Rathausurm (Town Hall tower), children aged 6-12 can make candles, Christmas cards and much more. Shiny robes and angel wings are provided for the kids to dress up like real angels.

Meeting point: Town Hall gate at Fischbrunnen (fountain). The heavenly workshop is located in the Ratstrinkstube (councillors' tavern) in the Town Hall. Limited number of participants. Information at: www.kindermuseum-muenchen.de

Nov. 24 – Dec. 11, starting daily at 2.30 pm or 4.30 pm
Duration: approx. 1.5 hours each (please arrive on time!)



In cooperation with Kindermuseum München
(Munich child museum)
www.kindermuseum-muenchen.de/visitor-information



Meeting Kasperl Zettl

Kasperl from the puppet theatre comes to Münchner Christkindmarkt! With his imaginative stories, puppeteer Nikolaus Zettl whisks children and adults away to his magical puppet world.

Meeting point: Passage to the inner courtyard of the Town Hall (Prunkhof), Weinstraße entrance.

On the following Sundays:
Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18,
at 2 pm and 3 pm respectively, approx. 20 min. each



Guided Christmas Tours

Twinkling Lights and Christmas Magic – Heavenly Tours through Munich

Get in the mood for Christmas in the contemplative atmosphere of fragrant almonds and sparkling lights on this tour of the Old Town.

This tour starts with an ascent to the viewing platform of the Rathausurm. From here, you have a magnificent view of the blaze of lights at the foot of the Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall). The Christmas walk then takes you right into the heart of Munich, to Marienplatz, which is dressed up festively for its guests.

Our guides will not only tell you interesting facts about the past and present of the Christkindmarkt, but will also introduce you to Christmas customs. The tour ends with two special treats!

Individual bookings

each Sat. from Nov. 26, 22 – Dec. 17, 22, 4 pm

Including Christmas treats and ascent to Rathausurm.
Bookings at: www.simply-munich.com/xmas or at the tourist information office (Marienplatz & central station)

For groups

up to 20 persons, can be booked daily

Booking: tourismus.guides@muenchen.de

Münchner Kindl Tour by lantern light

Discover the most important attractions in the Old Town together with a real Munich original.

Individual bookings (each Saturday, 7.15 pm)

Bookings at: www.simply-munich.com/guides or at the tourist information office (Marienplatz & central station)

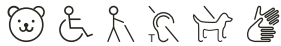


“Carols under the Christmas Tree” A sing-along experience!

The musicians Traudi Siferlinger and Monika Drasch, both well-known from radio and television, and Johann Zeller on accordion invite visitors to the Munich Christkindlmarkt to sing along to Advent and Christmas carols amidst the lively crowd. Special service for people with disabilities: barrier-free access, texts in large print and Braille, sign language translation and induction loops for the hearing impaired. Guide dogs are allowed.

Meeting point: St. Peter, Rindermarkt 1, at the Krippelmarkt, free entrance, no booking required, free carol booklets to take away

Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21,
at 4.30 pm, duration: approx. 30 minutes each



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Traudi Siferlinger
& Monika Drasch
invite Christkindl-
markt visitors to
sing along.



Traditional Krampus run

The 500-year-old tradition of the Krampus run dates back to the Christian mythological characters of Bishop Nicholas and his companion Krampus. During the walk across Munich's Christkindlmarkt, the archaic figures of Munich's first Krampus group „Sparifankerl Pass“ make a surprise appearance.

Sunday Dec. 11, 3 pm – 5 pm
www.sparifankerl-pass.de



Parcel bus

The Packerlbus - parcel bus - of the Munich Transport and Tariff Association (MVG) offers storage space for shopping.

It is located next to Deutsches Jagd- und Fischereimuseum (German Hunting and Fishing Museum), corner of Augustinerstraße and Kaufingerstraße.

Saturdays, 11 am – 8 pm





Oh, how joyfully ... Advent music live from the Town Hall balcony

Live Bavarian Stubenmusic (traditional folk music), wind ensembles, singers and choirs set the mood for the Advent season from the Town Hall balcony, starting at 5.30 pm from Sunday to Thursday. The Christmas sounds make you pause for half an hour to absorb the special magic of this season.

Traditionally, the Grünwalder Turmbläser play at the end of the market on Dec. 24 at 12 noon.

Opening Monday, Nov. 21 at 5 pm
Daily at 5.30 pm,
on Dec. 24 at 12 noon, after the Glockenspiel (Carillon)

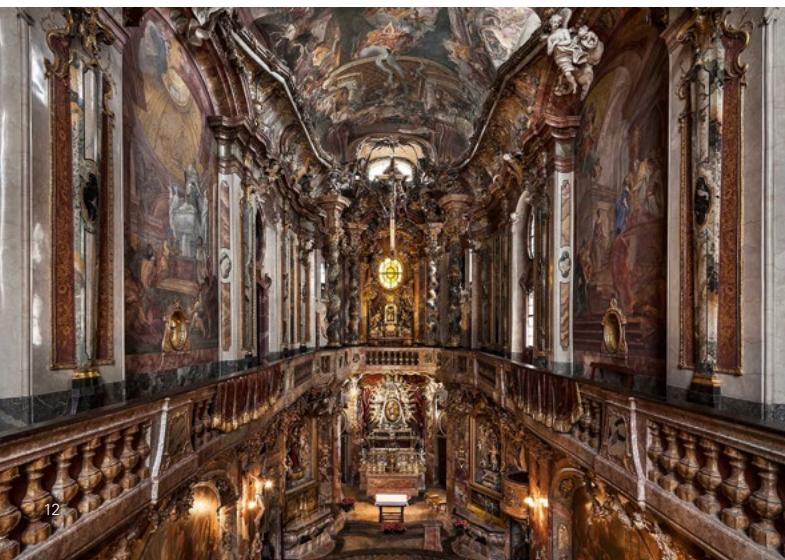
The daily music programme is available at:
www.christmasmarket-munich.com



Festive church services

No matter how cold and dark it is outside: Candlelight and festive sounds will warm the churchgoers' hearts. Festive Christmas services, children's Christmas masses and nativity plays await you.

| www.muenchen.de/themen/glaube-kirche



The 30-meter-high Christmas tree with 2500 candles lights up Marienplatz.



General information

Opening hours

Mon.-Sat. 10 am – 9 pm
Sun. 10 am – 8 pm
Dec. 24. 10 am – 2 pm

Event organiser and management

Capital City of Munich
Office for Labour and Economic Affairs
Herzog-Wilhelm-St.15, 80331 Munich
Email: veranstaltungen.raw@muenchen.de
Tel. Market Management: 0049 (0)89 233-82805

How to get there

Arrival by public transport.
There are no parking facilities around Marienplatz.
Please use public transport.

Christkindlmarkt barrier free

www.muenchen-tourismus-barrierefrei.de/en

Programme subject to change!
All information without guarantee.

Tourist Information and Service

München Tourismus (Munich tourism office), visitor service

Tourism information office at Central Station, Luisen St. 1
Tourism information office at Neues Rathaus, Marienplatz
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Email: tourismus.gs@muenchen.de
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