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Festive splendor and a winter wonderland



Munich is worth visiting any time of the year but many people are particularly enamored with the winter months – and with good reason.

As the Munich humorist Karl Valentin once said, “Once the tranquil time of year is over, it will once again be more peaceful”. And indeed, Marienplatz is never busier, more festive or more enticing than during the weeks the Christmas market is held there. For many, it is the most wonderful time of the year. And they wouldn’t dream of missing the Tollwood Winter Festival. With its top-notch program of live concerts and huge selection of organic street food, it’s one of a kind in Germany. Others experience the magic of these weeks in a different way. For example, when walking through the silent, snow-covered gardens of Nymphenburg Palace while the rest of the city is snuggling up on the couch. One way or the other, Munich’s unique combination of big city and close proximity to nature, tradition and worldliness has a special quality in the winter months. Experience it for yourself!

Christmas Market Tour



Twinkling lights and Christmas magic

During this tour, our guides tell you interesting facts and anecdotes about the past and present-day Christ-kindmarkt (Christmas market). The festive, wintry walk takes you around Marienplatz, which, to the delight of its visitors, is decked out for the holiday season. The enormous Christmas tree in front of the Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall), with its countless sparkling lights, creates a mood that is both festive and reflective, while the numerous stalls on the square offer hot drinks, all kinds of culinary delights, and inspiration for Christmas gifts.

- approx. 90 to 120-minute guided tour of the Christmas market
- German: Fridays 4 pm (28.11. + 05.12. + 12.12. + 19.12.)
- English: Thursdays 4 pm (27.11. + 04.12. + 11.12. + 18.12.)
- includes Christmas treats (candied almonds and one mulled wine per person)
- free cancellation up to 24 hours before the start of the tour



Information and booking the Christmas Market Tour:

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1 **Munich's Christkindlmarkt at Marienplatz**

The Christmas market with the most magnificent backdrop in the city. The stalls are set up every year in front of the neo-Gothic Neues Rathaus on Marienplatz. Its popularity is also due to the fact that it is considered to be Munich's original Christmas market. Its roots can be traced all the way back to the 14th century!

This Christmas market is tucked away in the inner courtyard of the magnificent Residenz (former royal palace) and well protected from the wind and snow. The stalls, which are run by traditional workshops and display their beautiful wares, are well worth a visit.

Beautifully decorated wooden cottages, performers in medieval costumes and merchants in historical garments bring the Middle Ages to life. City history you can experience live!

In the winter, Tollwood, a popular “alternative” Christmas market, is held at the same venue where Oktoberfest is celebrated in the fall: Theresienwiese. It entices visitors with a combination of organic food and original handicrafts. There is also an exceptionally varied program of music concerts and other events.

The LGBTQ* community's Christmas market attracts a diverse crowd thanks to the buoyant mood that predominates here. And of course everything sparkles in the most beautiful of pinks.

The warm and welcoming atmosphere at this Christmas market makes it very popular – some believe that it is the most beautiful Christmas market in Munich. There is live music almost every day and a program of events for children that makes little eyes shine.

Nostalgic circus tents create a sense warmth and coziness, an old film set in the middle of Munich's Olympic Park serves as a cozy bar, delicacies from all over the world can be found here – and a moon goddess invites you to story time.

This Christmas market was established by a group of artists and restaurateurs over 40 years ago. To this day, it enchants visitors with an art tent, a sculpture trail and a variety of installations.

During the Christmas season, the grounds of Bahnwärter Thiel, an alternative cultural center, are transformed into a Christmas carnival – with open studios and workshops, heated tents, fire pits and an enchanted marketplace. There is also a Christmas market on the nearby “Alte Utting”, once a pleasure boat. Concerts are held in the belly of the ship.

Here you can enjoy the holiday season in what looks like a scene from a picture book: stalls encircle the snow-dusted tower in the middle of the English Garden, a children's carousel goes round and round, and mulled wine steams in mugs.



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Be it an exquisite meal in a restaurant, a wild party in a club or a joyful crescendo at a New Year's concert, there is something going on everywhere in Munich on New Year's Eve. At midnight, the whole city pours into the streets to welcome in the New Year with colorful fireworks. Please note that fireworks are prohibited in large parts of Munich's historic city center. This is one of the reasons why we recommend heading for a vantage point such as the Olympiabergring, Monopteros or Friedensengel. And after New Year's Eve? Many museums offer unique exhibitions during the period "between the years" (which ends with the public holiday on 6 January). How about a visit to the Bavarian National Museum, for example, which has the most extensive and artistically valuable collection of nativity scenes in the world?



Ⓜ During the winter months, Munich's historic city center shows its cozy side



Tobogganing, winter hikes, cross-country skiing – when there's snow on the ground in Munich, you can spend wonderful winter days here. And even if there isn't, there are plenty of other attractive winter options – everything from a visit to the sauna to curling to ice skating. But anyone taking the same approach to the winter months as the people in Munich will be heading for the Alps. Not only will you find some of the world's most famous ski resorts awaiting there, they are also within easy reach. It only takes 80 minutes by train from the main station to the foot of the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain, for example.



From ice skating to shopping: You will also find an overview of the most attractive winter activities at www.simply-munich.com/winter

	24.12	25.12	26.12	New	New	06.01
Allianz Arena/Erlebniswelt/FC Bayern Museum	X	X	X			✓
Pinakotheken/Brandhorst/Sammlung Schack	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Archäologische Staatssammlung	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Bayerisches Nationalmuseum	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
BMW Museum/BMW Welt	X	X	X	X		✓
Botanischer Garten	X	✓	✓		✓	✓
Deutsches Jagd- und Fischereimuseum	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Deutsches Museum	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Glyptothek	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Haus der Kunst	X	✓	✓		✓	X
Jüdisches Museum	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Kunsthalle München	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Museum Fünf Kontinente	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Museum Mensch und Natur	X	X	✓	X		✓
Museum Villa Stuck	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Münchner Stadtmuseum	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
NS-Dokumentationszentrum	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Residenz/Schatzkammer/Cuvilliés Theater	X	X	✓	X		✓
Schloss Nymphenburg	X	X	✓	X		✓
Spielzeugmuseum	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Staatliche Antikensammlungen	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
Staatliches Museum Ägyptischer Kunst	X	X	✓	X		✓
Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sudetendeutsches Museum	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Tierpark Hellabrunn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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