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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 Christkindlmarkt (Christmas market). The festive, wintry walk takes you around Marienplatz, which, to the delight of its visitors, is decked out for the holiday season.

- approx. 90 to 120-minute guided tour of the Christmas market
- German: Fridays 4 pm (27.11. + 4.12. + 11.12. + 18.12.)
- English: Thursdays 4 pm (3.12. + 10.12. + 17.12.)
- 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:

www.simply-munich.com/xmas
or in the Tourist Information



All there is to know about Munich's Christmas Market:

The complete program, all attractions and stalls can be found at www.christkindlmarkt-muenchen.de/en/home

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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 documented history can be traced back to the 17th 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!

The Theresienwiese, where Munich celebrates Oktoberfest in the autumn, turns into a stage in winter. The Tollwood Winter Festival combines international culture, organic cuisine and out-of-the-ordinary handicrafts with sustainability. Not only does it offer a varied program of events, but internationally renowned artists also perform here regularly.

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 of 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.



You can also find stories, interviews, events, tips and further information at www.simply-munich.com/christmas



Be it an exquisite meal in a restaurant, a wild party in a club or a festive crescendo at a New Year's concert: at the end of the year, there is always something to do in Munich. At midnight, people all over the city pour into the streets to welcome in the New Year. Although fireworks are banned in the Old Town, there are numerous beautiful spots with magnificent views of the fireworks displays over Munich.



The best vantage points for the New Year's Eve fireworks, information on parties, concerts and multi-course dinners, as well as information on the traditional New Year's Eve run can be found at www.simply-munich.com/new-years-eve



Ⓐ The lions have been standing guard in front of the Feldherrnhalle (Field Marshals' Hall) since 1905. The fact that it sometimes snows doesn't bother them at all.

B Feeling cold? Warm up in a cozy restaurant – with a delicious pumpkin soup, for example.

© Christkindlmarkt at Marienplatz. It looks back on a centuries-old tradition.

D You can buy beautiful handicrafts at the various Christmas markets.

⑤ The "Wirbelwerk" sculpture in the Lenbachhaus. You will find the opening hours of all the museums on our website at www.simply-munich.com/turn-of-year

⑦ Munich's streams and rivers are irresistible – even in winter.

Ⓔ When it snows, Munich's slopes and hills turn into toboggan runs.

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



Even during the cold time of the year, there is plenty to discover in Munich. Munich's Christmas Market, with its decorated stalls, handicrafts and tasty Christmas treats in and around Marienplatz, extends an enticing invitation to take a stroll. The Advent program also includes carolling and music-making, thus ensuring a traditional festive atmosphere in the heart of the city. Those who prefer something a bit quieter can visit the Bavarian National Museum, which houses one of the world's leading collections of nativity scenes, featuring artfully crafted scenes spanning multiple centuries and comprising around 6,000 figures. The combination of Christmas market, music and a museum visit is a wonderful way to spend a winter's day in Munich.



Fun in the snow, museums and stellar cultural events – that is also an apt description of Munich in the winter. Allow yourself to be inspired: www.simply-munich.com/winter

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



You will find events in December and January in our event calendar. It provides a month-by-month list of Munich's top events.
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