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Events during the 2024 Nuremberg Christmas Market

From 29 November to 23 December 2024, a whole array of events surrounding the world-famous Christmas Market (Christkindlesmarkt) will enhance the festive atmosphere in the city:

Original Regional: Discover Locally Made Products

High quality oils, Christmas baked goods, fine spirits and products from regional orchards, handmade soaps, beeswax products, creative cold meats and sausages, fantastic artisan products made from wood and wool, as well as the odd glass of mulled wine from regional vineyards: the four lovingly decorated booths in the niches of St Sebaldus' Church opposite the Old City Hall with their Original Regional products invite you to stay a bit, browse and enjoy in a relaxed Christmas atmosphere.

Visitors can look forward to a wide and diverse range of regional specialities and traditional artisanal products from Nuremberg Metropolitan Region. All products – manufactured sustainably according to the Original Regional guidelines – are not only very special culinary delights, they also make a contribution to the biodiversity of our traditional landscape, because they were sourced and processed in our region. This helps preserve our regional orchards, meadows and pond landscapes, as well as old fruit and animal varieties.



Programme on the Stage in Front of Our Lady's Church

In over 70 events on the stage in front of Our Lady's Church, brass bands and other music groups, as well as children's and school choirs from near and far will perform live for market visitors. Every day at 5:30 p.m., there will be a short Advent message from representatives of the Protestant or Catholic churches. On Christmas Eve at noon, an ecumenical service will be held for the finish of the Christmas Market, attended by the Christkind. For individual events see www.christkindlesmarkt.de. In addition, the events will be advertised on new LED monitors at the stage and on leaflets.

The Christkind Meets Children

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 2:30 p.m., the Nuremberg Christkind will read fairy tales in the "Sternenhaus"(House of Stars) in the Heilig-Geist Haus at Hans-Sachs-Platz 2. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the Christkind will visit the Children's Christmas Market at Hans-Sachs-Platz between 2:30 and 3 p.m. and "her own" Christkindlesmarkt between 3 and 3:45 p.m.

Twin Cities' Market

Just a few steps north of the Christmas Market, on Rathausplatz, you can find Nuremberg's little Christmas world village, the Market of Nuremberg's Twin Cities with its 22 booths. This little village of booths brings remote parts of the world together. With its diverse range of arts and crafts and culinary delights, it allows a little, but authentic glance at the countries of Nuremberg's twin cities, friendly municipalities and some selected regions.

This year, the following 23 cities and municipalities will join: Aného (Togo), Antalya (Turkey), Bar (Montenegro), Braşov/Kronstadt (Romania), Kharkiv (Ukraine), Córdoba (Spain), Corrèze (France), Gera (Thuringia), Glasgow (Great Britain), Hadera (Israel), Kavala (Greece), Klausen and Montan (Italy), Krakow (Poland), Nablus (Palestinian Territories), Nice (France), Prague (Czech Republic), San Carlos (Nicaragua), Santiago de Cuba (Cuba), Shenzhen (China), Skopje (North Macedonia), Venice and Verona (Italy).



The goods offered in the booths are truly international. For example Greek herbs or Nicaraguan coffee, Turkish tea or Scottish whisky. Products from smallholder Agriculture from France. Christmas decorations from various countries can be found here, too, as well as wooden toys and dolls from Nicaragua, wood carvings from South Tyrol or hand-painted ceramics from Nablus. Warm woolly winter wear may be purchased at the booths from Skopje, Braşov and Kharkiv. Cosmetics with Dead Sea salt, French lavender soaps, Chinese silk scarves and jade jewellery may also be found here. When ambling along the booths you can warm up with hot drinks, such as Montenegrin “Šljivac“, Scottish “Hot Toddy” or South Tyrolean mulled wine. There is no shortage of culinary delights, from grilled Cheese from Poland, Thuringian Christmas stollen, Italian sausage and cheese specialities to Romanian or Spanish Christmas cookies and Togolese nuts. The products at the market are as diverse as the countries represented here.

Traditional Lantern Procession of Nuremberg School Children

This year, we are holding the 74rd Lantern Procession. Since 1948, the children of Nuremberg’s primary, middle and special-needs schools have created a traditional evening procession of lights through the evening city with their homemade lanterns. This year the Christkind will lead a procession of around 1 000 children on Thursday, 12 December 2024 (meeting at: 5:45 p.m.) from the Fleischbrücke to the Main Market Square, along the City Hall and past St Sebaldus’ Church to the Imperial Castle. At the sandstone cliff at the foot of the castle, pupils from the Schulcampus Werderau Middle School will reenact the story of the nativity, accompanied by musical performances of Christmas songs.

Toy Museum Booth at Nuremberg’s Children’s Christmas Market

In 2024, Nuremberg Toy Museum will be represented at the Children’s Christmas Market on Hans-Sachs-Platz with its exhibition “Pound of Cuddly Toy”. The show will focus on emotional pictures from Cuddly Toys: Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Birds, Turtles, who are marked by life.



Round Trips with the Stagecoach from the Museum for Communication

Round trips with the stagecoach from the Museum for Communication through the romantic Old Town are among the staple elements of the Christmas Market. The reconstruction of an 1874 nine-seater “Berline” with two compartments has been on the road during the Christmas Market since 1950. For over 30 years, the Lehner family from Wetzendorf has provided coachmen and horses for the tours of the Old Town.

Prices per person for one round trip are 5 Euros for adults and 3.50 Euros for children. For the first time, tickets for individual tours may now also be booked online, for an additional fee of 1 Euro. As in past years, the Museum for Communication will also offer additional tours on other stagecoaches, including trips on the reconstruction of a so-called horse-drawn mail omnibus of around 1900. The mail omnibus and a further Berline may also be booked for group tours (maximum 8 persons). A group tour costs 70 Euros, booking by email to anmeldung.mfk-nuernberg@mspt.de.

The stagecoach tours begin at their stop in Waaggasse in front of Hotel Saxx. During the Christmas Market they operate between Saturday 30 November and Monday 23 December, daily between 2 and 7 p.m. as well as on Christmas Eve, 24 December, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. On the opening day, 29 November, they operate between 10 a.m. and 17 a.m. Tickets may be purchased directly at the stop during the daily tour times or online (starting Friday, 15 November 2024) at <https://tourismus.nuernberg.de/stadtfuehrung/nostalgische-postkutschenfahrten-zum-christkindlesmarkt/>

In a cooperation with Nuremberg Markets, the museums will design a selfie point with the motif of the Museum stagecoach. It will be put up between the Schöner Brunnen (Beautiful Fountain) and Waaggasse. Visitors to the Christmas Market will be able to take their very personal souvenir photos here, starting on 29 November.

This year, for the fifth time, the Museum for Communication, in cooperation with the DB Museum will offer a children’s post office on the Children’s Christmas Market on Hans-Sachs-Platz. In this newly designed



environment, children may, for example, write their wish list for the Christkind and post it straight away, or playing at the hands-on stations they can find out about exhibits from both museums.

Children's Christmas Market on Hans-Sachs-Platz

Since 1999, there has been a special market for families with children. The Nuremberg Children's Christmas Market has its home on Hans-Sachs-Platz during the Christmas Market period. It boasts a sumptuous nostalgic two-tier carousel and a miniature Ferris wheel. In addition, a railway train, also modelled on old originals, goes round and round for little passengers. Beautifully decorated booths and stalls invite visitors to join in: baking, trying out crafts, making candles. Santa Claus in his little house will accept wish lists for Christmas and will have his photograph taken with the children. In the Museum's children's post office, letters to the Christkind can be written and designed.

Starting on Tuesday, 3 December, every day from Tuesday to Friday at 2.30 p.m., the Christkind will invite all children for a free ride on the two-tier carousel. Delicious food and drink and small Christmas presents for every taste round off the wide range on offer. A wishing tree and further charity activities are intended to also bring a little pre-Christmas cheer to disadvantaged children.

Note: Again the opening times of the Children's Christmas Market differ from those of the Christmas Market. From Saturday, 30 November to Monday 30 December, times are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Tuesday, 24 December (Christmas Eve), the Children's Christmas Market will be open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December it will be closed. On the opening day of the Christmas Market, Friday, 29 November, as an exception, the Children's Christmas Market, like the main Christmas Market will be open until 10 p.m. for "late night shopping".

House of Stars (Sternenhaus) and Cinema of Stars (Sternenkino)

For the 26th time, the "House of Stars" (Sternenhaus) will open its doors for families and children. This "heavenly" place for culture is located



directly across from the Children's Christmas Market in the Heilig-Geist Haus, at Hans-Sachs-Platz 2. From Saturday, 30 November to Monday, 23 December, a colourful children's cultural programme with children's theatre, puppet shows, magicians, storytellers, ballet and music will take place here. On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m., the Christkind invites you to a half-hour fairy tale reading in the House of Stars.

Starting on Monday, 3 December, every morning (Monday to Friday), the Sternenhaus (House of Stars) will offer a special programme for kindergartens and schools. Participants are required to register online using the registration form at www.sternenhaus.nuernberg.de. In the afternoons and at weekends, anyone who is curious about the stars is welcome to watch, listen and participate.

Tickets for the Sternenhaus can be bought at the door and cost 7 Euros per person, both for adults and children, including a VGN public transport ticket (for registered groups for the morning programmes 5 Euros per child). The half-hour fairy tale reading with the Christkind on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. costs 4 Euros. Children with a Nuremberg Pass pay half price. Online tickets for a visit to the Sternenhaus are available at www.sternenhaus.de. The Sternenhaus box office will open 30 minutes before the first show every day.

The Sternen kino (Cinema of Stars) in the Filmhaus kino in the KunstKulturQuartier across from Königstorturm, at Königstraße 93, promises Christmas film fun. Every week, a different film will be screened daily at 3 p.m. and in the mornings for (pre-registered) groups. A visit to the Sternen kino costs 4 Euros for children under 13 years, 6 Euros for young adults and adults (VGN ticket not included). 50 per cent reduction for persons holding a Nuremberg Pass or unemployment card and for groups of 10 or more persons. For information visit www.filmhaus.nuernberg.de.

“Arts & Crafts” in the City Museum Fembohaus

Since 1978, lovers of contemporary arts and crafts have been getting their money's worth at the Christmas market in the city museum in the Fembo House at Burgstraße 15. At “Art & Crafts. The market for beautiful things”,



artisans offer goods made of textiles, paper, metal, wood, wickerwork, ceramics and porcelain in a unique museum atmosphere every year at Christmas time. Each exhibit is unique and therefore a unique gift on the Christmas gift table. This year, the arts and crafts market will take place from Thursday, 5 December to Sunday, 15 December. The market and museum are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during this time. Admission, including a tour of the museum, costs 4 Euro. Children and young people up to 16 years of age have free admission.

