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München



# Christkindlmarkt MÜNCHEN

**2024**

November 25 to December 24 –  
including the Kripperlmarkt

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## Dear Guests of the Munich Christmas Market (Münchner Christkindlmarkt)

When I think of the Advent season, I imagine the scent of fir branches and tangerine peel that fills the air, the children's excitement and, above all, the glow of candles and twinkling lights. When the Christmas tree in front of the town hall lights up in all its glory, it creates a truly magical atmosphere. Our unique Christmas lighting throughout the market adds to the joyful anticipation, since light not only brightens the darkness, but also uplifts the spirit. As we sing together at the Alter Peter church, or listen to the music from the town hall balcony, the hustle and bustle of the pre-Christmas season fades away, making way for a sense of peace.

It's a special delight to browse the Krippelmarkt for the perfect figures for the nativity scene, select individual gifts, or enjoy a cup of hot mulled wine.

The Christkindlmarkt, Munich's Christmas market, has its origins in the 14th century. Since 1972, it has been located in the heart of Munich and is probably our city's most popular market.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you a merry Advent season

**Clemens Baumgärtner**

Head of the Department of Labor and Economic Development



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## Krippermarkt Nativity Market

At St. Peter's Church, just a few steps away from the Marienplatz main square, you will find what is probably Germany's largest Krippermarkt. Nativity scenes have a long-standing tradition in Munich, with the first independent Krippermarkt dating back to 1757.



The **nine stalls** of the Krippermarkt offer nativity scenes, nativity figurines and accessories, including:

- **Manger scenes**, some crafted according to age-old family traditions, passed down across generations and available in Alpine, Bavarian and Oriental styles
- **Nativity figurines**, including hand-carved figures from artisans in South Tyrol's Val Gardena, made from maple, oak, lime, or Swiss stone pine. Some figures are dressed in fabric, while others are made from laminated and painted material (heads, hands, and feet carved in wood and painted, featuring movable torsos). You can also find figures that you can dress yourself, as well as handmade „Marolin“ figures (made of papier-mâché) from Thuringia
- A large **selection of angels**, including putti, angel heads and Gloria angels
- **Wooden figurines** such as Madonnas, patron saints, holy and secular figures, as well as special annual figures for nativity scene collectors
- **Nativity accessories**, such as handmade wells, bonfires, wood stakes, miniature vessels made of metal, wood or clay, shepherd's carts, rakes and pitchforks
- **Electrical items** like lanterns, plugs, light bulbs and transformers, along with spare parts and USA-compatible nativity-scene lighting
- **Decorative items** made of natural materials like moss, lichen, bark, straw or hay

### Service

- Repairs, restorations and custom-made products
- Advice, partly also in foreign languages (English, French, Spanish, Italian)



### Munich Nativity Tour

The Munich church nativity scenes are set up during Advent and are accessible during the churches' regular opening hours. Brochures on the Nativity Tour can be downloaded at: [www.muenchner-krippenfreunde.de](http://www.muenchner-krippenfreunde.de)



## Angels' Atelier

Christmas angels wanted! For the 30th time, school children aged six to twelve are invited to the festively decorated Himmelswerkstatt (Angels' Atelier) in the Town Hall. Activities include candle making, gilding stones, designing Christmas cards and much more. For those, who wish to dress up for the occasion, there are shiny robes and angel wings.

The Angels' Atelier is located in the Ratstrinkstube (councillors' tavern) in the Town Hall. Meeting point: Town Hall gate at Fischbrunnen (fountain).

Please book in advance. Remaining places can be booked on site. Information at [www.kindermuseum-muenchen.de](http://www.kindermuseum-muenchen.de)

**Nov. 28 to Dec. 15**, starting daily at 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm respectively, duration approx. 1.5 hours each (please arrive on time!)



In cooperation with Kindermuseum München (Munich child museum) [www.kindermuseum-muenchen.de](http://www.kindermuseum-muenchen.de)



## Festive Church Services

Candlelight and festive melodies warm the heart. The programme includes contemplative Christmas services, children's Christmas masses and nativity plays.

| [www.muenchen.de/themen/glaube-kirche](http://www.muenchen.de/themen/glaube-kirche)



## Sparkling Lights and Christmas Magic

### Guided Christmas Tour through Munich

As you stroll around Marienplatz, our official guides will share interesting facts about the past and present of the Christkindlmarkt and introduce you to Christmas traditions. The stand operators chat with guests about their passion for their craft. To warm up at the end of the tour, you will enjoy roasted almonds and mulled wine.

**Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22**, 4 pm

**Meeting point:** to the left of the nativity scene in the Prunkhof courtyard, Neues Rathaus (New Town hall, entrance below the Glockenspiel (carillon))

**Bookings at:** [einfach-muenchen.de/xmas](http://einfach-muenchen.de/xmas) or at the Tourist Information Centres at the Town Hall

**Group Reservations at** [tourismus.guides@muenchen.de](mailto:tourismus.guides@muenchen.de)



## Traditional Krampus Run

The 500-year-old tradition of the Krampus run dates back to the Christian mythological figures of Bishop Nicholas and his wild companion Krampus. Numerous Krampus groups from Bavaria, Austria and South Tyrol take part in the run across the Christkindlmarkt.

**Sunday, Dec. 8**, 3 pm to 5 pm  
[www.sparifankerl-pass.de](http://www.sparifankerl-pass.de)



## **Carols under the Christmas Tree – A Sing-Along Experience!**

Amidst the bustling crowd, musicians Traudi Siferlinger and Monika Drasch, both well-known from radio and television, will sing Advent and Christmas carols alongside Johann Zeller on the accordion, inviting guests of the Munich Christkindmarkt to join in.

The square offers barrier-free access. Texts are available in large print and Braille, with a sign language translation and induction loops for the hearing impaired. Guide dogs are welcome.

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

**Wednesdays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 4.30 pm to 5 pm**



In cooperation with Kulturreferat der Landeshauptstadt München – Volkskultur (Cultural Department of the City of Munich - Folk Culture)  
[www.volkskultur-muenchen.de](http://www.volkskultur-muenchen.de)



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## **Micro-Art Gallery**

During the Christkindmarkt, PLATFORM Munich will open a new art gallery directly on Marienplatz main square. Small-format art from Munich will be available for purchase, with 100% of the proceeds going to the 95 artists.

Marienplatz (main square), Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall) (porter's house on the left)

**Daily, Nov. 25 to Dec. 15, 1 pm to 8 pm**



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## **Oh, How Joyful ... Live Advent Music from the Rathausbalkon**

Live Bavarian Stubenmusik (traditional folk music), wind ensembles, singers and choirs set the mood for the Advent season from the Rathausbalkon (Town Hall balcony), starting at 5.30 pm from Sunday to Thursday. Pause for half an hour and immerse yourself in Christmas melodies.

**Opening on Monday, Nov. 25, at 5 pm  
Sunday to Thursday, 5.30 pm**

**On Dec. 24, after the noon chimes, the Grünwalder Turmbläser (tower brass band) traditionally play at the close of the market**

The daily music programme is available at:  
[www.christkindmarkt-muenchen.de](http://www.christkindmarkt-muenchen.de)



# General Information

## Opening hours

Monday to Saturday 10 am to 9 pm  
Sunday 10 am to 8 pm  
Dec. 24 10 am to 2 pm

## Event Organiser and Management

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## How to get there

Please make use of public transport.  
There are no parking facilities around Marienplatz.

## Christkindlmarkt barrier free

[www.muenchen-tourismus-barrierefrei.de](http://www.muenchen-tourismus-barrierefrei.de)

**Programme subject to change!**  
**All information without guarantee.**

## Tourist Information and Service

Tourist Information Office at Neues Rathaus, Marienplatz  
Tel.: +49 89 233 965 00 (Monday to Friday)  
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Disabled Toilets



Disabled Parking Lot

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