



Living Tradition

When the nearly 100-ft. high Christmas tree sparkles in the glitter of its 2,500 candles, the aroma of Gluehwein (hot spiced wine) fills the air and angel hair is glowing everywhere, then the heart of the Bavarian capital is under the magic spell of Christmas.

The origins of the Christmas Market are reported to date back to the so-called "Nicholaus Markets" of the 14th century. Town records first mention a "Nikolaidult" that took place near the Beautiful Tower in Kaufingerstrasse in 1642.

In 1806, during the period of Enlightenment, the "Nikolai-markt" was renamed into Christmas Market. In 1972 – subsequent to numerous changes in location – the "Munich Christmas Market" found its permanent home in the heart of the city.

The Munich Christmas Market is the oldest Christmas market in the city and can therefore rightfully claim to be the "original"

The Manger Market

Now located in Neuhauser Strasse

In Neuhauser Strasse, only a few steps from Marienplatz square, you will find what probably is Germany's largest manger market. From the lantern for the manger and fodder for ox and donkey to the gifts of the three Magi – the market supplies all you need to create an authentic nativity scene.

Christmas mangers have had a long tradition in Munich. In 1757, the first independent manger market took place from the 1st day of Advent to Epiphany.

Manger Visits

Nov. 25, 2011 – Feb. 2, 2012, round trip of the mangers in the churches downtown
www.muenchner-krippenfreunde.de

New Sternenplatzl at Rindermarkt

A homey atmosphere lingers amidst the booths with their display of traditional arts and crafts, Bavarian specialties, nostalgic toys and home-made delicacies, incense, Feuerzangenbowle and fried sausages. Come and relive your childhood memories here.

The Munich Christmas Market – a Unique Experience

Festive live music from the balcony of the town hall: Bavarian small string groups, wind players, singers and choirs will get you in a Christmas mood.
Daily 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., December 24: noon

The Heavenly Workshop: The "Heavenly Workshop" in the town hall welcomes children between the ages of 6 and 12 to enjoy themselves with crafts and games or with baking cookies.

Nov. 28 – Dec. 18, 2011 in the "Ratstrinkstube" (pub) of the town hall. Daily at 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm, duration about 1.5 hours (please be on time!)

Meeting place: Town hall gate adjacent to the "Fish Fountain" of the city.

Bavarian Singing Lesson: Joint singing of Christmas carols for children and adults. In cooperation with the Department of Culture of the City of Munich.

Admission is free, no advance registration required.

On Sundays, Dec. 4 and 18, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, in the lower foyer of the Altes Rathaus (old town hall).



The "Krampus Run": The 500-year old tradition of the "Krampus Run" dates back to the Christian mythological character of Bishop Saint Nicholas and his companion, "Krampus". The members of "Sparifankerl Pass", Munich's first "Krampus group", dress up in archaic costumes, take a thrilling run across the Christmas Market and show up in the most unlikely places.

Sun, Dec. 11, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm & Sun, Dec. 18, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., www.sparifankerl-pass.de

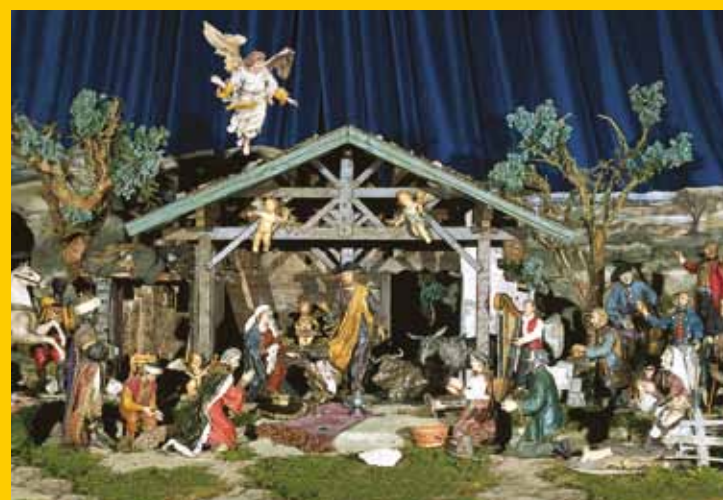
Santa visits the Munich Christmas Market: Every afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Santa wanders around the Christmas Market, chats with grown-ups and children alike and loves to have his picture taken in remembrance of an unforgettable visit to the Christmas market.

Munich Christmas Market Tours: Official Munich tour guides provide cultural and historical facts as well as culinary information during their tours "about Kletznbrot and Fatschnkindl" and the tasting tour "Baked Apple, Fatschnkindl and Stories".

Tours can be booked for groups only at the Tourist Office: gf.tam@muenchen.de, facsimile +49 (0) 89 233-30 337
Information: Phone +49 (0) 89 233-30 234 or -30 204



Popular Meeting Place: The Christmas Tree at the Munich Town Hall



Historical City Manger by Reinhold Zellner



Krampus Run with the Group "Sparifankerl Pass"



At Marienplatz Square

What's Good to Know

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Opening: The Christmas Market will be opened on Friday, November 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

The official opening by the Munich Lord Mayor will take place at Marienplatz square at 5 p.m.

Services for Visitors to the Christmas Market

Arrival by means of public transport:

S1-S8, U3, U6, bus lines 52 and 131 to Marienplatz, tram 19 to Theatinerstrasse. There are no parking facilities in the area of Marienplatz square.

Additional hints for arrival:

www.christkindlmarkt-muenchen.de

- **Christmas Post Office** in the town hall passage leading to the Prunkhof (Court of Ceremonies):
 Nov. 26 – Dec. 4, 2011, open daily 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

- **ChristkindlTram:** Advent tram ride offered by the Munich Transport and Tariff Association (MVV) through the city center with hot mulled wine, gingerbread and lots of surprises from Nov. 26 – Dec. 23, 2011, www.mvg-mobil.de

- **Packeribus:** Baggage storage provided by the Munich Transport and Tariff Association (MVV) adjacent to the Deutsches Jagd- und Fischereimuseum, at the corner of Augustinerstrasse and Kaufingerstrasse, open on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **Tourist Information and Services during Advent:**
 Munich Tourist Office, Phone +49 (0) 89 233-96 500
 Email: tourismus@muenchen.de
www.muenchen-tourist.de

Tourist information counter in the town hall at Marienplatz square

Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sat 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sun 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Dec. 24: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tourist information counter in the main train station, Bahnhofplatz

Mon-Sat 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sun 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Dec. 24: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Munich Christmas Market including Manger Market



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 Sun 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 24 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Years to Come: Nov. 30 – Dec. 24, 2012
 Nov. 29 – Dec. 24, 2013

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11/25/11 – 12/24/11



Nostalgic Christmas Tree Decoration made of Pewter and Glass



Festive Seasonal Music with the "Isartaler Blasmusik"