



City of Munich

# Munich Christmas Market

27 November – 24 December 2017

including Manger Market



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## Munich Christmas Market – The Original

**The market on Marienplatz – known as the Christkindlmarkt in German – is Munich’s oldest Christmas market.**

Its roots are rumoured to date back to the Nicholas markets held in the 14th century. Its first mention in town records relates to a market known as the Nikolaidult held on Kaufingerstrasse near the Schönen Turm tower in 1642.

Following the Enlightenment, the Nikolaimarkt was renamed Christmarkt in 1806. After moving locations several times, it found its final home at the heart of the city in 1972, when it became Münchner Christkindlmarkt or Munich Christmas Market.

When the 30-metre Christmas tree is fully decked out and shining with the light of 2,500 candles, the scent of mulled wine is in the air and the sparkle of tinsel is everywhere you look, the cosy atmosphere in the state capital of Munich well and truly captures the magic of the festive period.

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 Suitable for children and families



## The Krampus Run



The 500-year-long tradition of the Krampus Run dates back to Christian folklore and the stories of the Bishop Nicholas and his companion, the Krampus. The run takes place at Munich Christmas Market and features members of Munich's first ever Krampus group (the Sparifankerl Pass) dressed up in traditional costumes to surprise visitors.

**Sunday 10 December 2017**, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
and **Sunday 17 December 2017**, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
[www.sparifankerl-pass.de](http://www.sparifankerl-pass.de)

## 1 Never Fear the Krampus!



### An active workshop open to all children aged 6 and up

Members of Munich's first Krampus group, the Sparifankerl Pass, and the team from Munich Kindermuseum (the children's museum) bring the tradition of the Krampus to life at this fun event for children and adults alike. Visitors can enjoy a hands-on experience with original masks and fur costumes to try on. They can also use natural materials, such as stones and wood, to build their own Mini-Krampus to take home with them. Older children can design their own artistic Krampus mask collages.

*Meeting point:* Old town hall (the Altes Rathaus), downstairs foyer, free entry,  
No registration required, entrance permitted at any time

**Saturday 9 December 2017**, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

## 2 Nativity Exhibition

### 100 years' of Munich Krippenfreunde

To celebrate its 100th birthday, Munich's very own nativity group (Münchener Krippenfreunde e.V.) is showcasing 100 mangers from the past 300 years. In November 1917, a group of 21 Munich residents got together to form the non-profit group with the aim of "looking after and spreading nativity care on a religious, educational, artistic and cultural basis". Mangers from artists, private collectors, churches, museums and the club's own collection will be on display in the Rathausgalerie (town hall gallery) on Marienplatz. To access the exhibition, go to the Prunkhof courtyard inside the Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall), where you will also get a glimpse of the city's own manger as part of the Christmas Market. Entrance is free!

*Meeting point:* Neues Rathaus, town hall gallery (entrance through the inner courtyard "Prunkhof")

**7 – 26 December 2017**, daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
(closed on 24 December)



### NATIVITY EXHIBITION

7 – 26 December 2017, daily from 10–7, closed 24 December

Rathausgalerie on Marienplatz.  
Entrance through Prunkhof courtyard in the Neues Rathaus.  
Free entry, donations welcome – [www.muenchener-krippenfreunde.de](http://www.muenchener-krippenfreunde.de)

## Munich Mangers Tour 27 November 2017 until 2 January 2018

Tour of the nativity scenes at the churches in Munich city centre  
[www.muenchener-krippenfreunde.de](http://www.muenchener-krippenfreunde.de)

### 3 A Heavenly Workshop



Get crafty this Christmas: Children **aged between 6 and 12** can make their own candles or create Christmas cards at the Heavenly Workshop in the town hall.

*Meeting point:* Town hall gate next to the Fischbrunnen fountain. The Heavenly Workshop is held in the town hall pub, the Ratstrinkstube.

**28 November – 16 December 2017**, opens daily at 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., each session runs for around 90 min. (please arrive on time!)



### 4 The Famous Kasperl Show



The famous Kasperl comes to Munich Christmas market! Puppeteer Nikolaus Zettl takes children and adults on an adventure into the world of the puppet Kasperl.

*Meeting point:* Entrance to the town hall's inner courtyard (known as the Prunkhof), Weinstrasse entrance.

**Sunday 3 December, Sunday 10 December and Sunday 17 December 2017**, 2p.m. and 3 p.m. Show lasts around 20 min.

### Saint Nicholas Visits Munich Christmas Market



Saint Nicholas tours the Christmas Market, speaking to guests both large and small and posing for photos as a happy reminder of their trip to the Christkindmarkt.

**Every afternoon**



### 5 Carols Beneath The Tree

NEU



**A shared community experience**



A carol singing event featuring traditional Bavarian and German Christmas songs. Local TV and radio star Traudi Siferlinger and musician Monika Drasch invite guests at the Christmas Market to join them for a sing-along.

**Inclusivity included:** Disabled access for people with limited mobility, song sheets available in extra-large print and Braille, sign language interpreters and induction loops available for the hearing impaired. Guide dogs welcome.

*Meeting point:* Neuhauser Strasse, next to the Manger Market, on the square in front of Michaelskirche church. Free entry, no registration required.

**Thursday 30 November, Thursday 7 December, Thursday 14 December and Thursday 21 December 2017** at 5 p.m., Lasts around 30 min.

Organised in cooperation with the Department of Arts and Culture of the City of Munich – Traditional Culture  
[www.muenchen.de/volkskultur](http://www.muenchen.de/volkskultur)  
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## 6 A Starry Night at “Sternenplatzl” on Rindermarkt

Enjoy the cosy atmosphere among the stalls selling traditional crafts and delicious Bavarian delicacies, old-fashioned toys and home-made specialities, featuring incense, Feuerzangenbowle (a special mulled wine) and sausages. Relive your childhood memories.

## 7 Manger Market

Just a few steps away from Marienplatz on Neuhauser Strasse you will find Germany’s largest nativity market. From a lantern for the stable and hay for the oxen and asses, to the gifts from the three wise men, the market has everything you need for an authentic nativity scene.

Nativity scenes enjoy a long tradition in Munich. The first stand-alone nativity market took place in 1757, lasting from the first advent weekend until Epiphany on 6 January.

### The Stalls

The twelve stalls at the Manger Market sell only mangers, figurines for the nativity scene and accessories. Almost every stall offers its own unique range of products. If you find yourself getting peckish after purchasing the perfect star or a baby Jesus for your manger, you can recharge your batteries with one of the organic sausages, Dampfnudel dumplings, traditional Bavarian doughnuts or the wide variety of punches on offer at the Manger Market.

### What’s on offer?

- **Stables**, including some hand-made pieces created using traditional family methods and designs passed down over generations
- **Mangers** in a range of styles, e.g. oriental mangers, Artis-style mangers, fir mangers (including Swiss pine), Kostner-style mangers, Grödner mangers, well-known collectors’ mangers, hand-made and hand-painted Swiss pine mangers
- **Nativity figurines**, made by selected carvers from Val Gardena in South Tyrol, wooden nativity figurines in oriental dress and traditional Bavarian costume, hand-made Marolin figurines from Thuringia, figurines for children’s nativity sets, e.g. by the artists Fontani and Bernadi
- Large **assortment of angels**, e.g. Sissi, Perlach, Traum and Gloria angels, angels’ heads and putti
- **Wooden figurines** such as the Madonna, patron saints, holy figures and secular figurines, annual figurines for collectors, figurines with wooden heads that you can dress yourself, original Heidi dress-up figurines and woollen sheep
- **Nativity scene accessories** such as wells, camp fires, shepherd’s huts, rakes and hay forks, including individual, hand-made designs
- **Electrical items** for nativity scenes (lanterns, plugs, transformers) and spare parts, also suitable for lighting in US nativity scenes
- **Decorative items** made from natural materials, such as moss, bark, etc.

### Service

- Repairs, restorations and custom-made pieces on request
- Advice, also available in other languages (EN, F, ES, I)

## 8 Festive Music – Live from the Balcony at the Town Hall

**Opens on Monday 27 November** at 5 p.m.

**Daily shows** at 5.30 p.m. **On 24 December** at 12 p.m.

Bavarian folk music, brass band, singers and choirs to get you in the festive spirit.



### Monday, 27 Nov.

Mayor of Munich Dieter Reiter officially opens Munich Christmas Market with Hans Steindl, mayor of Burghausen, the town providing this year's Christmas tree. Music: Adi Stahuber and Isartaler Blasmusik brass band, Georgsbläser Mehring-Raitenhaslach from Burghausen (brass band)

### Tuesday, 28 Nov.

Aubinger Weisenbläser brass band, Men's choir from Munich municipal utilities company, Ammertaler Hausmusik folk group

### Wednesday, 29 Nov.

Unterdarchingener brass band, München Neuhausen folk choir, Perlacher Michaeli choir

### Thursday, 30 Nov.

Munich Bläserbuben brass band, Föchingener Zweigesang singers, Isar singing group, the Kärtner Boarischen

### Friday, 1 Dec.

Argeter brass band, Valleyer Viergesang singing group, Sauerlach-Arget men's choir

### Saturday, 2 Dec.

Trudering trombone band, Menzinger singers, Munich German-Japanese choir

### Sunday, 3 Dec.

Saubochmusi ensemble and the Reisacher singers from Niederaudorf

### Monday, 4 Dec.

Munich German-French choir

### Tuesday, 5 Dec.

Munich hunting club's brass band, Perlacher Dreig'sang singing group, Harmonie Olching singing group

### St. Nicholas

### Wednesday, 6 Dec.

Miesbach brass band, Sailer Dreigesang singing group, Erlkamer Stubnmusi ensemble

### St. Nicholas

### Thursday, 7 Dec.

Brass band from Munich city singing and music school, Höhenkirchner string group, children's choir from Munich city singing and music school

### Friday, 8 Dec.

Neurieder brass musicians, Bernrieder Dreigesang singing group, Bacher singers

### Saturday, 9 Dec.

Sendlinger Weisenbläser brass band, Obern-Dirndl singers from Chieming, Aschberger Stubnmusi folk band

### Sunday, 10 Dec.

Innleit'n brass band, Goldreif Dirndl folk group

### Monday, 11 Dec.

Cora Latino München e.V. (Latin American choir)

### Tuesday, 12 Dec.

Adi Stahuber and Isartaler Blasmusik brass band, Schabmair family, Munich men's choir

### Wednesday, 13 Dec.

Music group from Munich municipal utilities company, Munich old town singers, Concordia Munich-Neuhausen men's choir

### Thursday, 14 Dec.

Gasteiger clarinet trio, Föchingener Zweigesang singers, Munich International Choral Society

### Friday, 15 Dec.

Lätäre-Kirche Neuperlach trombone band, Schwanthalerhöhe Dreigesang singers, Petershausen singing group

### Saturday, 16 Dec.

Sendlinger Weisenbläser brass band, Greek children's choir from Aristoteles School, Munich, Munich Neupostolischen Kirche choir

### Sunday, 17 Dec.

Ismaninger brass ensemble, the Hohenofener singers, Milbertshofen-Riesenfeld men's choir

### Monday, 18 Dec.

Ukrainian Pokrow church choir

### Tuesday, 19 Dec.

Ettinger brass band, Olchinger Viergesang singing group, "Unisono" choir from the Free Music Centre

### Wednesday, 20 Dec.

Christine Horter, harpist, Gilching women's choir, St. Albertus Magnus choir, Ottobrunn

### Thursday, 21 Dec.

Music group from Munich municipal utilities company, Unterhaching church children's choir, Munich-Ramersdorf men's choir

### Friday, 22 Dec.

Aubinger Weisenbläser brass band, Pasinger Dreigesang singing group, Hoffmann flute duo, Blumenauer Viergesang singing group

### Saturday, 23 Dec.

Kammerblech ensemble Weiss-Blau Vierg'sang singing group, Menzinger choir group

### Sunday, 24 Dec.

Grünwalder tower brass band

### Subject to amendments!

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## Christmas Tram

A festive journey through the city centre in a historic tram belonging to Munich Transport Corporation. Journey includes mulled wine, spiced gingerbread and plenty of surprises.

*Tram stop:* Sendlinger Tor

**2 December – 23 December 2017**

[www.mvg-mobil.de](http://www.mvg-mobil.de)

## Guided Tours of Munich Christmas Market

Official Munich tour guides explain the history of the market and offer culinary tips in the two tours "Fruitcake and Fatschnkindl" and "Glitter, Gifts and Gingerbread at Christkindmarkt".

**Only available to groups, book your place with**

München Tourismus

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## 9 Christmas Post Office



Send your Christmas post and wish lists off at the Christmas Post Office in the passageway through to the town hall's inner courtyard (known as the Prunkhof). Entrance from Marienplatz.

**1 December – 10 December 2017,**

open daily from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## 10 Storage Bus



Munich Transport Corporation (MVG) parks up a special bus for storing your belongings while you shop. Parked next to the Jagd und Fischereimuseum on the corner of Augustiner and Kaufingerstrasse.

**Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

# General Information

## Opening Hours

**Opening Day** Monday 27 November 2017  
10 a.m. Stalls open  
5 p.m. Official opening on Marienplatz by Dieter Reiter Mayor of Munich

## Stall Opening Hours

Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Sun. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
24 Dec. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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## Public transport to the market

There are no parking spaces around Marienplatz.

Please use public transport:

Take the lines **S1–S8, U3, U6** to Marienplatz or

**Tram 19** to Theatinerstrasse

## Tourist Information and Services during Advent

München Tourismus, Guest Services

Tel. 0049 (0)89 233-96 500 (Mon.-Fri.)

[tourismus.gs@muenchen.de](mailto:tourismus.gs@muenchen.de)

**[www.simply-munich.com](http://www.simply-munich.com)**

## Tourist information opening hours

**In the town hall on Marienplatz**

Mon.-Fri. 9.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sun. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

24 Dec.: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**At the main station**

Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sun. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

24 Dec.: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Agenda subject to amendments!**

**[www.christkindmarkt-muenchen.de](http://www.christkindmarkt-muenchen.de)**  
**[www.facebook.de/muenchen](https://www.facebook.de/muenchen)**





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