Munich Christkindlmarkt
27 November – 24 December 2018

with Nativity Market
Munich Christkindlmarkt – “The Original”

Munich’s Christkindlmarkt is the oldest Christmas market in the city.

The Christkindlmarkt is thought to have originated from the so-called “St. Nicholas Markets” in the 14th century. The first official records of the “Nikolaidult” fair by the “Schöner Turm” tower on Kaufingerstraße date back to the year 1642.

The St. Nicholas Markets were renamed the “Christmarkt” (“Christ Markets”) in 1806 as part of the Enlightenment and, after changing its location on several occasions, found its permanent place as the “Christkindlmarkt” at the heart of Munich in 1972.

When the 30-metre-high Christmas tree shines in all its glory with 2500 candles, the scent of mulled wine fills the air and the angel hair shimmers, a pre-Christmas magic fills the good old city of Munich.

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* With the kind support of the market traders at Munich’s Christkindlmarkt
**Children’s Christmas Workshop**

Wonderful arts and crafts for the festive season: Children aged 6-12 can roll their own candles, design Christmas cards and enjoy lots more activities at the “Himmelswerkstatt” in the town hall. Sparkling robes and little wings are available to offer guests an angelic disguise.

*Meeting point:* Front gate of the town hall by the Fischbrunnen fountain. The “Himmelswerkstatt” will take place in the Ratstrinkstube (restaurant) in the town hall.

**28 November – 15 December 2018;** starting every day at 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm. Duration, around 1.5 hours each (please arrive on time)

In collaboration with the Kindermuseum München (Munich Children’s Museum) www.kindermuseum-muenchen.de

**Nikolaus Zettl’s Puppet Theatre**

“Kasperle” is coming to Munich’s Christkindlmarkt! Puppeteer Nikolaus Zettl will captivate children and adults with imaginative stories in his theatrical world.

*Meeting point:* Passageway to the town hall courtyard (Prunkhof), Weinstraße entrance.

**On Sundays 02.12., 09.12., 16.12 and 23.12.2018;** 2 pm and 3 pm. Duration, around 20 mins each

**Songs Beneath the Christmas Tree**

An inclusive community experience for everyone!

Come and sing some Bavarian and German Advent songs and Christmas carols together. Bavarian television presenter Traudi Siferlinger and musician Monika Drasch will invite visitors at the Christkindlmarkt to sing along. Extra features include: full disabled access, texts in large lettering and Braille, sign language interpreters and induction loops for the hard-of-hearing. Guide dogs are allowed.

*Meeting point:* Neuhauser Straße, next to the Nativity Market, Michaelskirche church courtyard; free entry, no registration required

**On Thursdays 29.11., 06.12., 13.12. and 20.12.2018;** 5 pm. Duration, around 30 mins each

In collaboration with the Culture Department of the City of Munich – Popular Culture www.muenchen.de/volkskultur www.facebook.com/kulturreferatvolkskultur
The “Krampus Run”

The 500-year-old tradition of the “Krampus run” can be traced back to the Christian-mythological figures of Bishop Nicholas and his companion, Krampus. During the parade through Munich’s Christkindlmarkt, the archaic characters from Munich’s first Krampus Group, “Sparifankerl Pass”, will make a surprising appearance.

On Sunday 9 December 2018 (3 pm – 5 pm) and 23 December 2018 (4 pm – 5 pm)
www.sparifankerl-pass.de

ChristkindlTram

A Christmas tour of the city centre in a historical tram operated by the Munich transport association with mulled wine and gingerbread from 1 December to 23 December 2018.

You can find more information on the timetable and point of departure at www.mvg.de/christkindltram

Munich Christkindlmarkt Guided Tours

Official guides from Munich share their knowledge of cultural history and food on the guided tours “Kletznbrot und Fatschnkindl” (“Christmas fruit loaf and Jesus figures”) and the tasting tour “Leckereien, Fatschnkindl und Geschichten auf dem Christkindlmarkt” (“delicacies, Jesus figures and stories at the Christkindlmarkt”).

Only bookable for groups through München Tourismus, Guided Tours
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St. Nicholas visits Munich’s Christkindlmarkt

St. Nicholas will be passing through the Christkindlmarkt and speaking to guests of all ages. He’ll be happy to pose for pictures with you to make your visit at Christkindlmarkt unforgettable.

Every afternoon
1. Children’s Christmas Workshop  
2. Nikolaus Zettl’s Puppet Theatre  
3. Songs beneath the Christmas tree  
4. “Star Trail” on Sendlinger Straße  
5. Nativity Market  
6. Advent music live from the town hall balcony  
7. Christkindl Post Office  
8. “Packerlbus” (Storage bus)
4 “Star Trail” on Sendlinger Straße NEW

Twinkling stars line the new “Sternenweg” star trail along Sendlinger Straße from Ruffinihaus to Dultstraße. There are lots of lovely things to discover: Find nostalgic Christmas tree decorations and carvings from the Ore Mountains, enjoy homemade jams, dips and liqueurs, discover French honey nougat in many different flavours, and design your own gingerbread and chocolate bars. The Old Munich delicacies are organic (and even vegan) and taste great all day – not just during your lunch break! You can also relax after work with a mulled wine or spicy brandy punch.

5 Nativity Market

On Neuhauser Straße, just a few steps away from Marienplatz, you’ll find the “Kripperlmarkt”, which is arguably the largest nativity market in Germany. You’ll find everything you need here to make a real nativity scene, such as the lantern for the stable, the chaff for the ox and donkey, and the gifts brought by the Three Kings.

Nativity scenes have a long tradition in Munich. The first independent Kripperlmarkt took place in 1757 from the 1st Advent to Epiphany.

The Stalls
The “Kripperlmarkt” has twelve stalls dedicated exclusively to mangers, nativity figures and accessories. Almost every stall has something unique and special on offer. If you work up an appetite during your search for the prettiest star or baby Jesus for your nativity scene, you can regain your strength with some organic sausages, steamed dumplings and “Auszogne” (fried dough pastry).

Special products
- Special products, some of which are handmade according to old family traditions and models
- A wide range of mangers, e.g. Oriental mangers, Artis mangers, fir wood mangers (or as pine wood), Kostner mangers, Grödner mangers, famous collectors’ sets, hand-carved and painted pine wood mangers
- Nativity figures and other works by select carvers from Grödnertal in South Tyrol, wooden nativity figures in Oriental dress, nativity figures in traditional Bavarian dress, hand-made “Marolin” figures from Thuringia, figures for children’s nativity scenes, e.g. by nativity artists Fontani and Bernardi
- Large selection of angels, e.g. “Sissi”, “Perlach”, “Dream” and “Gloria” angels, angel heads and putti
- Wooden figures like Madonnas, patrons, holy and profane figures, annual releases for collectors’ sets, wooden-headed figures for dressing, original heathen figures for dressing, and woolskins
- Nativity accessories like wells, campfires, sheep wagons, rakes and pitchforks are handmade
- Electronic items for nativity sets (lanterns, plugs, transformers) and spare parts – also suitable for nativity lighting in the USA
- Decorative items made of natural materials like moss, bark, etc.

Service
- Repairs, restorations and products tailored to customer requests
- Advice is partially offered in other languages (EN, FR, ES, IT)
Advent music live from the town hall balcony

Opening on Tuesday 27 November at 5 pm
Daily at 5.30 pm, on 24 December at 12 pm, after the “Glockenspiel”

Bavarian folk music, wind instrument players, singers and choirs tune in to the Christmas spirit.

**Tuesday 27 November**
Adi Stahuber mit seiner Isartaler Blasmusik, Musikkapelle Farchant, Ansprachen von Münchens Oberbürgermeister Dieter Reiter und Bürgermeister Martin Wohlketzer aus der Gemeinde Farchant

**Wednesday 28 November**
Aubinger Weisenbläser, Föchinger Zweigesang, Perlacher Michaelichor

**Thursday 29 November**

**Friday 30 November**
Argeter Bläser, Hohenofener Sängerinnen, Männerchor Sauerlach-Arget

**Saturday 1 December**
Truderinger Posaunenchor, Schwantalerhöher Dreigsang, Deutsch-Japanischer Chor München

**Sunday 2 December**
Niederaudorfer Bläser, Reisacher Sänger aus Nieder- audorf

**Monday 3 December**
Deutsch-Franz. Chor München

**Tuesday 4 December**
Münchner Bläserbuben, Geschwister Höss, Männerchor Stadtwerke München

**Wednesday 5 December**
Isarbrass, Perlacher Dreigsang, Gesangverein „Harmonie“ Olching

**Thursday 6 December**
Miesbacher Jagdhornbläser, Griechischer Kinderchor, Erlkamer Stubnmusi

**Friday 7 December**
Neurieder Blasmusikanten, Bernrieder Dreigsang, Bacher Sängerinnen

**Saturday 8 December**
Aschberger Stubnmusi, Blumenauer Viergesang, Menzinger Chorgemeinschaft

**Sunday 9 December**
Haimhauser Dorfmusik

**Monday 10 December**
Coro Latino München e.V. (latein-amerik. Chor)

**Tuesday 11 December**
Ammertaler Hausmusik Weilheim, Isar Singkreis - die Kärnten-Boarischen, Münchner Männerchor

**Wednesday 12 December**
Adi Stahuber mit seiner Isartaler Blasmusik, Menzinger Dreigsang

**Thursday 13 December**
Gasteiger Klarinettentrio, Föchinger Zwoagsang, Munich International Choral Society

**Friday 14 December**
Posaunenchor der Lätare-Kirche Neuperlach, Valleyer Viergsang, Männerchor München-Ramersdorf

**Saturday 15 December**
Sendlinger Weisenbläser, Pasinger Dreigesang, Volkschor München-Neuhausen

**Sunday 16 December**
Mühlberg Musi

**Monday 17 December**
English-Speaking Music Ensembles e.V.

**Tuesday 18 December**
Bläsercorps des Münchner Jägervereins, Olchinger Viergesang, Kantorei Unterhaching

**Wednesday 19 December**
Harfinistin Christine Horter, Frauen Vokal Ensemble Gilching, Männergesangsverein Concordia München Neuhausen

**Thursday 20 December**
Musikverein der Stadtwerke München, Kinderchor der Liedertafel Holzkirchen, Liedertafel Holzkirchen

**Friday 21 December**
Ettinger Bläser, Sailer Dreigesang, Gesangverein Petershausen

**Saturday 22 December**
Höhenkirchner Saitenmusi, Viergsang Weiss-Blau, Projektchor der Neuapostolischen Kirche München

**Sunday 23 December**
Ismaninger Blechbläser Ensemble, Pasinger Dreigesang, Männerchor Milbertshofen-Riesenfeld

**Monday 24 December**
Grünwalder Turmbläser

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Subject to change!

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Visit from St. Nicholas
Music from around the world
**General Information**

**Opening hours**

**Opening day**
- Tuesday, 27 November 2018
- 10 am  
- 5 pm

**Opening times**
- Mon-Sat  10 am – 9 pm
- Sun  10 am – 8 pm
- 24 December  10 am – 2 pm

**Organiser**

City of Munich  
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Market Administration, Phone: +49 (0)89 233-82805

**Getting there via public transport**

There is nowhere to park around Marienplatz. Please use public transport:  
**S1–S8, U3, U6** to Marienplatz,  
**Straßenbahn (tram) 19** to Theatinerstraße

**Tourist information and services during Advent**

München Tourismus, Customer Service  
Phone: +49 (0)89 233-96 500 (Mon-Fri)  
Email: tourismus.gs@muenchen.de  
[www.simply-munich.com](http://www.simply-munich.com)

**Opening hours – Tourist Information Centre in the town hall at Marienplatz**

- Mon-Sat  9.30 am – 7.30 pm
- Sun  10 am – 8 pm
- 24 December  10 am – 2 pm
- 25 December  closed
- 26 December  10 am – 6 pm

**Programme subject to change!**  
No responsibility can be assumed for the accuracy of this information.

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**7 Christkindl Post Office**

This special post office run by Deutsche Post AG offers stamps, special postmarks and Christkindlmarkt envelopes for Christmas letters, which can also be posted there. Children’s letters and wish lists will be answered.

*Location:* Passageway to the town hall courtyard (Prunkhof), Marienplatz entrance.

**30 Nov – 9 Dec 2018, open daily from 12 pm to 6 pm**

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**8 “Packerlbus”**

The “Packerlbus” is provided by Munich’s transport association, it offers storage space for shopping bags.

*Location:* Next to the Deutsches Jagd- und Fischereimuseum on Augustinerstraße / end of Kaufingerstraße.

**Saturdays, 11 am – 8 pm**
simply special
Cultural history tours and group-tasting walks through Munich’s Christkindlmarkt

More information and bookings at www.simply-munich.com/guides