Munich Christkindlmarkt
27 November – 24 December 2019

with Nativity Market
Dear Guests of the Münchner Christkindlmarkt (Munich Christmas market),

When the many lights are illuminated on the large Christmas tree at Marienplatz square and the sweet scent of cloves and cinnamon sweeps through the air, you know the Christmas season has fallen upon the good old city of Munich. The Munich Christmas market offers you the perfect opportunity to wander, browse and shop in the heart of the city.

This is the original Christmas market – and it’s steeped in tradition. If you’d like to discover Bavarian customs in the run-up to Christmas, you’ll find a whole world of possibilities at the Munich Christmas market. People of all ages can watch and get involved in lots of activities right up to Christmas Eve.

My personal tips: take a half-hour break and listen to the daily live music from the town hall balcony, or sing along to carols beneath the Christmas tree. This grass roots event has become a huge success. Come and admire the 300 participants in the traditional Krampus Run. It only happens at the Christmas market in Munich! Or take a look at the artisanal products on offer at Munich’s unique Nativity market. The market will be held at a new location this year by Alter Peter.

The Christmas “Himmelswerkstatt” workshop in the town hall is a great experience for children aged 6 to 12. This is where young visitors to the Christmas market can make creative Christmas presents and confectionery.

The Munich Christmas market is also a classic food market with all sorts of Christmas gift ideas. Come and enjoy the traditional sweets, treats and mulled wine.

And there are easily a thousand more reasons to visit the Munich Christmas market. Come and take a look – we look forward to seeing you there!

Clemens Baumgärtner
Department of Labour and Economic Affairs

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* With the kind support of the market traders at Munich’s Christkindlmarkt
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 is shining in all its glory with 2500 candles, the scent of mulled wine fills the air and the angel hair is shimmering, a pre-Christmas magic fills the good old city of Munich.

Come and sing along!

Right in the middle of the hustle and bustle, famous musicians like Traudi Siferlinger, Monika Drasch and Johann Zeller on the accordion will invite visitors to sing along to Christmas carols and songs.

There will be special services for people with a handicap, such as wheelchair-friendly access, texts in large print and braille, sign language translation and induction loop systems for the hard of hearing. Assistance dogs are allowed.

Meeting point: St. Peter’s Church, Rindermarkt 1, by the Nativity market, free entry, no advance booking required, free song books

On Thursdays 28 November, 5 December, 12 December and 19 December,
4.30 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
At St. Peter’s Church, 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 12 stalls dedicated exclusively to mangers, nativity figures and accessories. Almost every market stand has a different range of products on offer, from the large oriental show-piece nativity set to the Alpine mini version.

Special products
- **Hand-made nativity sets** manufactured according to ancient family traditions and designs in Alpine, Bavarian and oriental styles
- **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 products made of maple, oak, lime or pine wood by selected carvers from Val Gardena in South Tyrol. Oriental or Alpine/Bavarian style. Nativity figures dressed in fabric or coated and painted (heads, hands and feet carved in wood and painted, body made of movable material). Figures can also be customised with other clothing, wool sheep and hand-made “Marolin” nativity figures (papier-mâché) from Thuringia
- **Large range of angels**, e.g. cherubs, angel heads, standing angels and Gloria angels
- **Wooden figures** like Madonnas, patron saints, holy and profane figures, crucifixes and annual figures for collectors’ nativity sets
- **Nativity accessories** like fountains, campfires, piles of wood, miniature containers made of metal, wood or clay, sheep wagons, rakes, pitchforks and other farming tools – also made by hand
- **Electronic items** for nativity sets (lanterns, plugs, wires, bulbs and transformers) and spare parts – nativity lighting also suitable for the USA
- **Decorations** made of natural materials like moss, lichen, bark, straw, hay, sand, etc.

Service
- Repairs, restorations and products tailored to customer requests
- Advice is partially offered in other languages (EN, FR, ES, IT)

Munich Nativity Trail
**27 November 2019 – 2 February 2020**
Walk to the various nativity scenes on display in the churches around the city centre
www.muenchner-krippenfreunde.de
3 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 – 14 December 2019; 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

5 “Star Trail” on Sendlinger Strasse

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 home-made 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 at lunch time. You can also relax after work with a mulled wine or spicy brandy punch.

2 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 1, 8, 15 and 22 December 2019; 4 pm and 3 pm; duration: around 20 mins each
### Advent music live from the town hall balcony

**Opening on Wednesday 27 November** at 5 pm  
**Daily at 5.30 pm,** **on 24 December** at 12 pm, after the “Glockenspiel”  
Bavarian folk music, wind players, singers and choirs tune in to the Christmas spirit.

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- Visit from St. Nicholas
- Music from around the world
**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.

27 Nov – 15 Dec 2019, open daily from 12 pm to 6 pm

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**8 “Packerlbus”**

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

*Location:* Next to the Deutsches Jagd- und Fischereimuseum (German Museum of Hunting and Fishing) on Augustinerstrasse / end of Kaufingerstrasse.

Saturdays, 11 am – 8 pm

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**ChristkindlTram**

Christmas tour of the city centre in a historical tram operated by the Munich transport association, with mulled wine and gingerbread, from 30 November to 23 December 2019.

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

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**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**

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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

Opening hours

Opening day Wednesday, 27 November 2019
10 am Sales begin
5 pm Official opening by the Lord Mayor of Munich, Dieter Reiter, at Marienplatz

Opening times

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

Organiser

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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

Opening hours – Tourist Information Centre in the town hall at Marienplatz
Mon-Fri 9.30 am – 7.30 pm
Sat 10 am – 5 pm
Sun/public holidays 10 am – 2 pm
24 December 10 am – 2 pm
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Wheelchair-friendly Christmas market
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