Nürnberger Christkindlesmarkt
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Explore the Market

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Explore the Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt

Traditional, Creative, Regional and Charitable . . .
The Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt is that and much more! But many things are best discovered when you have a closer look. That’s why we’ve prepared these tours so you can explore the amazing variety and unique character of our Christmas Market.

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Our tour starts at the Beautiful Fountain at Booth 135 from Peter Löffel. He sells the world-famous Nuremberg bratwurst. Löffel creates this traditional symbol of the city in his own butcher shop, using a formula decreed by the City Council of Nuremberg more than 700 years ago . . . but the exact recipe of his delicious sausages remains a secret.

After that hearty treat, we head to the Mulled Wine Stand Nr. 134 from the Vollrath Company. A blueberry mulled wine will warm you wonderfully from inside. This specialty is made from carefully selected Italian wines and flavored with choice spices.

At Booth 110 nostalgic feelings of the holiday season are guaranteed: Gabriele Ulrich sells traditional Franconian Christmas decorations. If you want to decorate your Christmas tree with one-of-a-kind straw stars or angels made of feathers or are looking for something even more unusual, you are sure to find something here.

Just like bratwurst and mulled wine, gingerbread is a must at Christmas and in Nuremberg. The history of this holiday treat — with its unique aroma based on exotic spices — is tightly tied to the history of Nuremberg, because this Free Imperial City was once located at the hub of many important European trade routes. At Stand 111, the Nuremberg Lebkuchler Wolfgang Wöltinger offers handmade and especially delicious examples of this local delicacy.

Right across from the nativity scene, Susanne Schrödel stands in Booth 214. Behind her are rows upon rows of prunes men. Children and grandparents, cooks and waiters, pastors and devil stand side by side — and everyone loves to stop and look at these little figures with their walnut heads. They are all handmade and nine to 22 centimeters big — or small. Made of wire, dried prunes and figs, they are an excellent souvenir!

If you have been craving something sweet, a visit to Thomas Schulz in Booth 207 is just what you need. He makes Springerle, sometimes called Eierzieber (Egg Sugar) or Reiterle (Little Riders). This baked good has existed for many centuries and is made in the traditional way with elaborate specialized modeling forms. You can also buy these forms from Thomas Schulz — a great handmade gift with Nuremberg flair and a long history.

A stroll past toys and tea leads to Stand 311 from Ralf Rehder. He has the most important symbol of the Christkindlesmarkt, the "Rauschgold" angel. The name comes from the extremely thin beaten brass from which these angels were once made. Hung on a Christmas tree, the brass skirt of the angel would shine and make a whispering noise — rauschen, in German — as it moved in the warmth of the candlelight. The angels no longer wear metal, but paper — and they are still as magical today as in the past.

To finish off your tour, why not stop by Thomas & Gertracker in Booth 212? Those in the know order a Christkindlesmarkt mulled wine here, popular because of its special secret mix of spices and its fruity sweetness. A tip: The cup — all 20 mulled wine sellers at the market have the same — doesn’t have to be turned back in for the deposit — you can take it home as a souvenir!
CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS at the Christkindlesmarkt

1. Very personal gifts made from paper by Charlotte Grunow can be found in Booth 150. Her Stormy Hearts presents one-of-a-kind writing and wrapping paper, hand-bound books, and greeting cards for all occasions.

2. Diagonally opposite, glowing table lanterns display Nuremberg in a mini-format. At Stand 143, Sieglinde Janoschke, you can pick up a unique reminder of your unforgettable time in Nuremberg: A backlit silhouette of the city carved out of wood.

3. In the next lane, you can find a treasure trove of tricky games and puzzles at Booth 113. Jean-Claude Constantin has wooden and metal puzzles that require the utmost in concentration and patience: Traditional puzzles with elaborate pieces, challenging puzzles to turn, flat or three-dimensional models, games that are easier and more difficult and designs small enough for your pocket or large enough for display.

4. Since 2015, a "Fresh Design Pop-Up" has been part of the market. In Booth 115, students from the Nuremberg Academy of Fine Arts and designers from the region present their personal works in an ever-changing mix of jewelry, porcelain, pottery, paper designs and textile creations.

5. Just a few meters away is Stand 152. Here, Stefan Lüppke amazes visitors: Through his delicate and precise craftsmanship, he turns a simple piece of wood, fungus or root into a magical castle. The twinkling of an eye, a rough piece of timber becomes a fairytale palace or an entire kingdom. When you take out the individual pieces, the work of art turns into a miraculous 3D-puzzle.

6. As you wander past works of art in glass and booths full of tea and spices, in the next lane you will find Eckehard Wieg. In Booth 154, under the motto "Exquisite in Form", he offers exclusive writing instruments - such as fountain pens made from stone - and jewelry, shaving brushes with colorful knobs and colorful stones and minerals.

7. Unusual perspectives combined with a love of the local area - that sums up the work of the Nuremberg aerial photographer Oliver Acker in Stand 152. This master of the skies has captured all of Franconia from a bird's-eye view. By day and by night and in every season. His images are available in books, on postcards, as puzzles or in calendars.

8. Booth 177, just on the other side of the lane, will fascinate Mamas and Papas, Grandmas and Grandpas. Here, one finds playful and colorful children's fashions "Made in Nuremberg". The clever idea behind it: The pants and dresses are fitted with soft cuffs, waist- and wristbands, so that the clothing can "grow" with your baby or toddler and be used for many years. In 2016, the woman behind this great concept, Kerstin Brüsk-Bauer, won the Entrepreneur of the Year Prize from the IHK Chamber of Commerce.

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9. After booths with Christmas decorations, bratwurst and fruit bread, the tour leads to Marco Weihmann at Stand 177. His floral arrangements exude a wonderful scent of Christmas, because he uses not only the classic array of pines and evergreens to create them, but also fruit and spices like cinnamon and orange.

10. The last station leads to Hans Steffen at Booth 144. In his atelier, he creates detailed pen-and-ink drawings, which he reproduces in limited-edition art prints, calendars and wonderful greeting cards - decorated with stars and other embossing. If you are looking for a special way to package a gift, you're sure to find something here.
The tour starts at Booth 111 at Walhalla Lamb from Regensburg. Here you can find all sorts of good things made from sheep, such as beautiful yarns, wool socks and soap made from sheep’s milk. The soap is enhanced with colors, scents, herbs or oil and is calming for sensitive skin.

Two lanes on, Playmobil in Stand 589 makes children’s eyes light up with joy. This Franconian export king – founded in 1974 in nearby Zirndorf – has conquered the world of toys with its little figures. Children in Germany and around the world use these detailed and clever playthings to dive into the world of knights and fairy tales, police and fire fighters, builders, astronauts and more.

Things turn even sweeter a few meters further: Juliane Neuffer-Tietz presents everything about bees and their products in Booth 180. In addition to homemade honey from the mountains in northern Bavaria, she offers bee-cream, honey soap, lip balms, incense cones and more.

A visit to Stand 109 is a must for all teddy bear fans. Local Fürth-based Elisabeth Wimmer discovered her love of little bears just by chance. Since then, teddy bears have been arriving from the “Clever-Leaf City” in limited editions, some sewn, others knitted; every one handmade. And if your darling should lose an eye or need repair, Elisabeth Wimmer has opened a teddy bear hospital too.

Everything started with a lump of clay more than 30 years ago: Ursula Leyk made the first little house for her young daughter and put a tea light in it. In the years since then, these illuminated ceramic houses from Rothenburg od Tauber have become sought-after collector’s items. Half-timbered cottages, towers, mansions with pointed gables, schools and much more light up the market at Booth 177, near the nativity scene.

The tour goes on playfully... at Stand 131, Sabine Straus from Würzburg has games for children and adults, for singles and parties, for those who like puzzles, for fans of classic games and those who are looking for something new. Whether it’s 3-D nine men’s morris, backgammon or quatromania, they all have something in common – they’re made out of wood and therefore also look nice as a decoration on your bookshelf.

Manufaktur Dr. Röska comes from the Upper Palatinate. The company offers its pure vegetable face and body care products in Booth 159, next to the Beautiful Fountain. Its all-natural soap, body balms and bath and shower products are made without synthetic additives and enriched with honey, bee’s wax and milk. The company’s own scents are created from unadulterated essential oils.

Just a few steps away, at the corner of the City Hall, one finds Thomas Braunworth at Booth 156. He presents extraordinary candle creations and scented candles, which emit a wonderful aroma when lit.

To round off the tour, head to St. Sebald’s Church, right across from the historical Old City Hall. There, you’ll find the booths of Original Regional with specialties from Franconia and the Upper Palatinate: Herbal teas, mulled wine, fine brandies and jams made from fruit from local orchards, unique sausages made from lamb and beef, wool products, soap and bee’s wax products and much more – all from local regional growers and producers.

Local and Regional Products at the Christkindlesmarkt

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 Charity at the Christkindlesmarkt

1. At the beginning of this tour, there are really special gifts awaiting you at Booth 45. And they all have something in common: They've been created by special people with a lot of love and dedication. For more than 10 years, roofs inclusion and the Diakonie Neuendettelsau have been offering products from their workshops for the handicapped at the Christmas Market. Every single item here is handmade; every one with a personal touch. The arts and crafts are also ecologically sound – and every purchase helps support these important jobs for those who need them most.

2. Whether straw, wood, paper or recyclables: If you're looking for a unique decoration for your Christmas tree or window, you can find something at the "Sternstunden" (Magic Moments) Stand at Booth 38, near the nativity scene. For the last several months, children and adults from all over the region have been producing every possible variety of Christmas stars for this charitable organization, which supports children in Bavaria and worldwide. If you come at the right time, you might meet someone famous from sports, theater, television or films. Celebrities love to appear and help sell stars to support this project – and might even be persuaded to give an autograph.

3. The Bavarian Red Cross, one of the largest charitable associations and the leading medical rescue and service organization in Bavaria, has a stand at the Christkindlesmarkt. At Booth 154, next to the Beautiful Fountain, high-quality products from the Bavarian Red Cross are on offer. Rescue teddy bears and Playmobil figurines as paramedics are great for kids; adults like the felt bags made by hand in the Red Cross workshops for the handicapped.

4. If you're looking for cool, upcycled bags made out of truck tarps or colorful handmade jewelry, you can find something at "mudra – The Alternative Youth and Drug Help Nuremberg" (Booth 148, right in front of the City Hall). As the first such project of this type in Bavaria, mudra has worked for more than 30 years helping former drug users with their work- and social-life reintegration. Every cent spent for the unique "Made in Nuremberg" label flows into the project and is spent for retaining, employment and reintegration of the participants, creating a path for the former drug-dependent into a drug-free future.

5. The Sister Cities' Market behind the City Hall is an insider tip. Seven of the 25 booths – including Brasov (Romania), Cordoba (Spain), Kavala (Greece) and Bar (Montenegro) – are operated by non-profit associations. Everything earned is donated to charitable institutions. If you buy something at the stand from Sri Lanka, you will support those who are still struggling with the consequences of the 2004 tsunami. The Nalub group supports the school project "Nalibus green and clean" in the Palestinian Territories. And a purchase at the San Carlos (Nicaragua) booth not only brings some money to one of the poorest regions on Earth, but also supports cultural exchange.
Opening Hours:
Daily from 10 am to 9 pm; Dec 24 to 2 pm
Festive Opening Ceremony on Nov 30 at 5:30 pm, the market is open from 10 am