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 38, near the nativity scene. The tour goes on playfully… at Stand 121, 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 quattromania, 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 152, 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 Braunwarth at Booth 156. He presents extraordinary candle creations and spiced 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 – Specialties from Franconia. 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.