

Nuremberg Markets and Festivals

Nuremberg's festivals and markets are part of a long tradition, bring life to the Old Town and draw thousands of visitors each year. The market season starts with the Easter Market on the Main Market Square, Nuremberg's central place between the Church of Our Lady, City Hall and Beautiful Fountain. As early as 1424, there was an Easter and Feast of the Holy Lance market, making this the oldest in Nuremberg. In 2024, it celebrated its 600th anniversary. On offer are Easter articles, textiles and arts and crafts.

At Eastertime, the Spring Festival takes place at the Volksfestplatz at the Dutzendteich Lake. Since 1919, the almost 100,000-square-meter large festival area is the location for many rides, food stands and beer tents. The Nuremberg Autumn Festival, the counterpart to the Spring Festival, has an even longer tradition that goes back to 1826. It takes place at the end of August.

In May and September each year the Nuremberg "Trenpelmarkt" flea market fills the lanes of the Old Town and offers a paradise for antique lovers and bargain hunters. At more than 600 stands, professional traders and hobby flea-marketers can sell their wares. Tourists often join in the throng to enjoy the unique atmosphere. Highlight of every Trenpelmarkt is the midnight sale on Friday.

In autumn, the Nuremberg Old Town Festival takes place on the Insel Schütt and Hans-Sachs-Platz. This traditional event is one of the most important in Franconia. In focus are local traditions and food, which is reflected in the variety of typical regional cuisine available. On many stands, visitors can enjoy Franconian specialties such as onion tart or fresh new wine. A highlight is the traditional "Fishermen's Joust" on the Pegnitz River. Parallel to the festival is the Autumn Market on the Main Market Square.

The conclusion of the market and festival season is provided each year by the Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt. More about this event can be found at: www.christkindlesmarkt.de