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The Christkindlesmarkt: Nuremberg's Christmas Market

The Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt is one of the oldest and certainly the most famous Christmas market in the world. In the wooden booths of this "little town of wood and cloth" one finds traditional, often hand-made Christmas decorations and delicious sweet treats. And it's not only tiny tots who will have their eyes all a-glow as the Nuremberg Christkind appears on the balcony of the Church of Our Lady to open the world-famous Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt. From Friday before the first Sunday in Advent until Christmas Eve, the Old Town sparkles in the glow of thousands of lights and the enticing smells of mulled wine, gingerbread and bratwurst fill the air.

Right next door, just north of the main market square, Nuremberg's sister cities' market invites you to share in an international holiday experience. The 22 stands in the shelter of the town hall enchant with a wide range of traditional handicrafts and delicious foods.

Children's eyes will light up when a family heads to Hans-Sachs-Platz. Here, right next to the Christkindlesmarkt, the Children's Christmas Market brings joy to the heart of every "little" visitor. A large illuminated two-tiered carousel, a mini steam-driven Ferris wheel and a steam railway – the stuff of childhood memories – invite you to take a spin on the cozy square. A play house welcomes active children and, at lovingly decorated little houses, little visitors can create Christmas crafts, decorate a self-made candle or bake Christmas treats. In his own little house, St. Nicholas will listen to their Christmas wishes and in the children's post office they can send letters to the Christkind. Scattered between are booths offering tin and wooden toys and pottery items. Hungry or thirsty families will find a range of culinary offerings designed to fit their needs. And from Tuesday to Friday, at 2:30 pm, the Christkind

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makes an appearance at the Children's Christmas Market: so close, that you could reach out and touch her.

But it's not just the Christkindlesmarkt, Children's Christmas Market, the lantern parade, or its churches and museums that make Nuremberg such a charming Christmas City: Everywhere you go, while shopping and strolling through the festively decorated streets and lanes of town, you feel the Christmas spirit and experience an atmosphere that puts young and old in the mood for the upcoming holidays.