



# STRASBOURG CAPITALE DE NOËL

SHARE THE MAGIC

From November 25

## THE STORY OF STRASBOURG CAPITALE DE NOËL

Its famous Christmas market is called Christkindelsmärik, which means the Christ Child Market in the Alsatian dialect. It is one of the oldest in Europe. It has been the high point of the year since 1570.

Lit up by the many stars that brighten the city and those that shine in the eyes of children and adults, this 2022 edition, which aims to "Share the magic" is an invitation to enjoy a unique experience.

The wind blows through the branches of the Great Christmas Tree, the stars twinkle, snowflakes swirl down gently, ovens exude warmth and Christmas biscuits go into their tins as homes are scented with a fragrance of sweet spice.

Smells, sounds, sights, tastes, sensations... In Strasbourg, the values of Christmas fill your senses. The city puts on its finery, the Great Christmas Tree gets its illuminations and numerous events are offered from November 25 as part of the festive season. It is a time for caring, continuing old traditions and sharing the magic of Christmas!

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### KEY

	Tourist office		Cup bin
	Museum		Santa Claus
	Tram station		Parking lot
	Le 5 <sup>e</sup> Lieu, culture shop and exhibition		Toilets
			Information stall

### II SQUARES, OVER 300 STALLS

The stalls laid out on the various Christmas markets offer delicacies and exceptional items symbolizing Christmas in Alsace.

**Find your favorite vendors on place Broglie 1,** place de la Cathédrale 5, place du Château 6, place Kléber 2, place du Marché-aux-Poissons 8, place Saint-Thomas 10, place du Temple Neuf 3, place Benjamin Zix 11, on the terrace of the Palais Rohan 7, in rue Gutenberg 9 and rue des Hallebardes 4.

### GETTING ABOUT

The Grande Île de Strasbourg is completely pedestrianized throughout the Christmas market period. It is easier to walk and use the tram. More information at: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/getting-around](http://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/getting-around)

**IMPORTANT**  
Broglie station is closed from November 25 at 2 pm until December 24. Langstross Grand'Rue and Alt Winmārik station is closed during the Christmas market's opening hours.

## THE HISTORIC CHRIST CHILD MARKET

### PLACE BROGLIE 1

The Christ Child Market tradition began on Place Broglie in 1871. Ever since, it has continued to be the heart and soul of the Christmas market.

- + The Town Hall, which symbolizes the square, takes on a magical appearance for Christmas. Come and rediscover this iconic building, illuminated and decorated in the colors of Christmas.

## THE ALSATIAN CHRISTMAS DELICACIES MARKET

### TERRASSE DU PALAIS ROHAN 7

Come and discover or rediscover the traditional **bredle, mannele** and gingerbread made in Alsace for Christmas through the many activities and workshops offered during Advent.

Children can attend a cooking and tasking workshop every Wednesday afternoon, on Place du Marché-aux-Poissons.

- + Prior enrolment required with the Bakers' Federation on +33 (0)3 88 15 24 00.



## THE OFF MARKET, LOCAL AND RESPONSIBLE

### PLACE GRIMMEISSEN 12

Since 2016, more than thirty local businesses involved in responsible production have been coming together to create an original and festive market.

Located in an unusual setting, the OFF Market is a great place to exchange, recycle, hunt for antiques and invent a different, public-spirited and authentic Christmas.

Come and discover a varied program with concerts, talks, shows, workshops and activities linked to the environment, solidarity and home-crafting.

- + More information about the program on: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/marche-off](http://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/marche-off)

## LOUISE WEISS AND SUZANNE LACORE SQUARE 13

### The Advent Village

The countdown to Christmas has begun... the four weeks running up to the day are devoted to hectic preparations. The time is ideal for creating moments of sharing and conviviality.

Come to the **Advent Village** with your family or friends for a gourmet break, a workshop for your children, a family-friendly show or just a stroll through a magical setting.

- + Open continuously from November 25 to December 25

### The After-Christmas Village

Extend the wonderful festive time and see how you could best start the new year. Whether in the form of workshops or shows, there will be something for every resolution.

- + Open continuously from December 26 to January 2 2023

Admission to both villages is free of charge and open to all

More information about the program on: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/agenda](http://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/agenda)

The dedicated small Alsatian producers

This year, the Christmas market of the **dedicated small Alsatian producers** will be located on Louise Weiss square in the Petite France.

Come discover this original concept, where gastronomy goes hand in hand with creativity, friendship and a sense of community.

For over 20 years, about a dozen indomitable small producers from Alsace have been giving visitors a chance to know more about their passion for their craft, in the traditional colors of Christmas markets of years gone by.

Here, you will find products made in Alsace, a warm atmosphere and unique and authentic know-how that they will be glad to share with you.



## A SHARING CHRISTMAS

Strasbourg Capitale de Noël, offers the unique experience of a Christmas market that cares for people, where you can support a number of causes!

### THE VILLAGE DU PARTAGE 2

- Take a break at the Village du Partage (village of sharing) to discover nearly 90 charities that have always upheld the values of citizenship, solidarity and fraternity.
- + Make a responsible purchase or contribute to fundraising to help the most vulnerable.
  - + Year 10 of the famous starred soup: enjoy four recipes imagined by the four Michelin-starred chefs who are part of this year's sharing spirit, with the Humanis charity.
  - + Enjoy a convivial moment on December 24 at 5.15 p.m. by joining the traditional gathering organized by the charities of the "Vivre Noël ensemble" group.

### DO YOUR BIT

- There is something you could do to help the most vulnerable!
- + Put your **reusable cup** in the bins provided and thus make a **€1 donation to a charity**.
  - + Come and enjoy an unforgettable experience with **Santa Claus** in the traditional Christkindelsmärik on place Broglie. All the proceeds from the sale of photographs will be collected by the Kiwanis charity and handed over to charities.
- More information: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/christmas-of-sharing](http://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/christmas-of-sharing)





# MAGICAL STRASBOURG

As Christmas draws closer, **Strasbourg dons all its finery.**

## THE GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE 2

The Great Christmas Tree towers majestically over **place Kléber** and gives out a warm light. It is like a dream with a starry night.

For this 2022 event, its decoration revisits some of our **ancestral traditions** with a modern twist. It is decorated with rough wood shapes, light and airy white spheres like swirling snowflakes and the more traditional red baubles that remind us that early Christmas trees were decorated with apples.

Every evening, at nightfall, the tree is slowly lit up, and with it the whole city is imbued with a unique and enchanted atmosphere, immersing everyone between dreams and reality.

✦ Every evening, every hour starting at 5 p.m., there is a light and sound show near the Great Christmas Tree on place Kléber.

## STAR WALK

From pont du Corbeau up to pont Saint-Guillaume, **close to 400 stars** hanging here and there pick out and enhance the rich historical and architectural heritage of Strasbourg.

Follow the stars and enjoy a **peerless view of the Rohan palace.**

## MUST-SEE ILLUMINATIONS

Discover the many illuminated decorations produced by the *Vitrines de Strasbourg* in partnership with the city of Strasbourg. The air, water and land are all illuminated, and create a unique atmosphere. With your head in the stars, you will see the effulgent city in a totally different light. This 2022 edition of Strasbourg Capitale de Noël is dedicated by the city of Strasbourg to Pierre Bardet, Director of the *Vitrines de Strasbourg* and creator of the illuminations, who passed away this year. With his passion, he tirelessly invited us all, regardless of our age, to dive into the magic of Christmas.

At **pont du Corbeau**, you reach **rue du Vieux-Marché-aux-Poissons**. Go through the *Portes des Lumières* and enter the magical world of Strasbourg Capitale de Noël.

Christmas baubles with surprise decorations edged with red fringes will guide your steps towards the Great Christmas Tree. At the intersection of **rue Mercière**, five musical angels will lead you to the Place de la Cathédrale.

On **rue des Tonneliers**, look up and admire the 22 illuminated suspended barrels, which are a nod to the history of the street (its name translates as "Coopers' street").

A few steps away, make sure you do not miss the Blue Tree and the 11 giant *manneles* of **rue des Hallebardes**, and **rue de la Mésange** with its forest of giant trees.

On **Grand'Rue**, notice the giant chandelier and its magical decorations.

After the twinkling stars of **Petite France**, make your way towards **rue du 22 Novembre** and **place des Halles** to see other illuminations.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The new **lighting scheme** rolled out throughout the city since 2010 has led to the replacement of incandescent lamps with LED systems, which are more adjustable, stronger and above all far more energy efficient. The power requirements of public lighting have **dropped by almost 25%**, while the electricity consumption of Christmas lights is now only a **tenth** of what it was.

### A collective contribution

In order to reduce our total power consumption, Strasbourg Capitale de Noël is setting an example. Christmas lights will be switched off earlier every day, and will begin to be taken down in the **first week of January**.

✦ More information: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/strasbourg-feerique](https://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/strasbourg-feerique)

## CHRISTMAS IN MY TOWN. CHRISTMAS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

Strasbourg Capitale de Noël, is of course focused on the vibrancy of the historic city center, with the Great Christmas Tree, the many stalls and the bright illuminations. But it also extends to the **many neighborhoods with their multiple facets**, which lie a short distance away, and where Christmas is also shared with **genuine solidarity**, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

✦ Find all information on: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/noel-quartiers-communes](https://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/noel-quartiers-communes)

## STRASBOURG, WORLD BOOK CAPITAL

Our beautiful city is now writing a new chapter: Strasbourg was named the **World Book Capital for 2024 by UNESCO!**

✦ Reading, stories and imagination are also part of the magic of Christmas.

A special book-related program will be offered up to April 2025.

More information on: [strasbourg.eu/lirenotremonde](https://strasbourg.eu/lirenotremonde)

## THE CHRISTMAS FACTORY

**Christmas is about rituals and traditions: mulled wine at a street corner, the star that tops the Christmas tree, meals with family and friends...**

In Alsace, there are many such traditions and they are often linked to **traditional crafts. Decoration, good food, original gifts...** The stalls offer delicacies and exceptional items symbolic of **Christmas in Alsace**. Strasbourg Capitale de Noël, showcases those traditions: local producers stay away from clichés and work in **harmony with their roots and traditional materials**.

**Local creators and craftsmen** are responsible for the decorations illuminating the city, sheltered by the stalls. Their hands shape the magic and spirit of Christmas: **wooden toys made in Alsace, pottery from Soufflenheim and Betschdorf, craft beers, Advent wreaths and glass baubles** blown at the **International Centre for Glass Art in Meisenthal**, etc. There's certainly something for all tastes!

## THE CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

Organized by the Strasbourg organization for the defense of antiques and vintage objects, this market is held in the great hall of the Aubette. There are lots of antique and second-hand dealers. You could go for the pleasure of looking and the joy of unearthing a rare gem, and come away with great gift ideas.

✦ From November 25 to December 4 2022. Go to the great hall of the Aubette, place Kléber. More information: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/artisanat-excellence](https://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/artisanat-excellence)

## CHRISTMAS OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE

### CHRISTMAS IS SLOWLY GETTING READY... AT THE MUSEUMS...

With themed collections, varied and fascinating exhibitions, the museums of Strasbourg offer a rich and diverse cultural experience. Throughout the Strasbourg Capitale de Noël, event, the Alsatian Museum will offer many tours and workshops with a focus on Christmas traditions. The **Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art** and the **Tomi Ungerer museum — International Centre of Illustration** have joined forces to present "SurréAlice" (November 19 2022 - February 26 2023). This exhibition in the two museums will display illustration and surrealism respectively, centered around the reception of the work of Lewis Carroll.

### ... IN LIBRARIES...

Christmas would not be the same without the feverish and exciting wait that precedes it. To make that time easier, shows and workshops will be offered throughout the month of December in all the various libraries.

### ... AT THE 5<sup>E</sup> LIEU...

Christmas will be celebrated under the sign of magic and **craft**: workshop to teach children to make *brédle*, discovery of the Christmas Tree with all five senses, tour of Strasbourg in a Harry Potter world, etc.

### ... IN MUSIC...

Indulge your liking for music during the various concerts put on by the Conservatoire at the Auditorium de la Cité de la Musique et de la Danse and by the Philharmonic Orchestra at the Palais de la musique et des congrès during the festive period.

### ... AND ELSEWHERE.

✦ Climb up to the **platform of the Cathedral** for a sweeping view of the illuminated city, visit the exhibition at the Archives and listen to the poetry squads scattered around the Christmas Market.

✦ Many other cultural activities will be offered throughout the period. For tips and ideas, go to the 5<sup>e</sup> Lieu, 5 place du Château, or get the whole program from: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/culture](https://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/culture)



## SPIRITUALITY

### The nativity in Notre-Dame cathedral

Over a length of 18 meters, **this nativity scene dates from 1907** on place de la Cathédrale, and is a marvel.

From the Annunciation to the Presentation at the Temple, it illuminates this central liturgical time of Advent, to visitors' great astonishment.

### Open days during the Advent

Catholic and Protestant churches are open to visitors, who can discover the culture and traditions of Alsace and also attend spiritual times.

✦ More information: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/agenda](https://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/agenda)

## OZ. THE CHRISTMAS OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

The **Alsace Crafts Federation (FREMAA)** showcases the talent and expertise of around fifty craftspeople in a charming pop-up shop where people hunting for unique items can unearth unusual handmade gifts. Ceramists, glassmakers, cabinetmakers, jewellery and fashion designers reveal their latest collections.

The OZ show is undoubtedly the opportunity to do your Christmas shopping in **no time, focusing on quality and originality!**

✦ From December 10 to December 22 2022. Go to the great hall of the Aubette, place Kléber. More information: [noel.strasbourg.eu/en/artisanat-excellence](https://noel.strasbourg.eu/en/artisanat-excellence)



## STRASBOURG DOESN'T FORGET

In memory of the victims of the attacks of December 11 2018, a **commemoration ceremony will be held on December 11 2022** in the morning on place de la République and a concert will be offered at 6.30 p.m. at the **Palais de la Musique et des Congrès de Strasbourg**, organized by **Des Larmes au Sourire** and **Strasbourg ensemble et solidaire**, with the participation of **SOS France Victimes 67, VIADUQ France Victimes 67, the ASTU, and support from AVA, Maison de Bartek and the city of Strasbourg**.

✦ Strasbourg doesn't forget all the victims of the terrorist attack. Let's remember the surge of solidarity that allowed our city to come back to life despite sadness!

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Christmas markets are open from **November 25 to December 24 2022.**

You can find the **opening hours** of the Christmas markets and the **whole program** on



[noel.strasbourg.eu/en](https://noel.strasbourg.eu/en)

### COVID-19, stay safe!

For a magical festive period:

- ✦ Apply **safe hygienic practices**,
- ✦ **Keep your mask** whenever possible, especially if you have symptoms, however minor, or if you are vulnerable,
- ✦ If you test positive for COVID-19, **put off your visit** to the Christmas Market.

Together, let's take care of each other!