

STRASBOURG CAPITALE DE NOËL



GUIDEBOOK
2025



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A photograph of the Strasbourg Cathedral (Notre Dame de Strasbourg) at night. The cathedral's tall, ornate spire and Gothic architecture are illuminated against a dark blue sky. In the foreground, a Christmas market is set up with several wooden stalls. One prominent stall on the right is decorated with Christmas trees and lights, and has signs that read "Knack eat", "LA KNAACK 100% ALSACE", and "PRODUITS DU TERROIR".

WELCOME TO
STRASBOURG
CAPITAL OF
CHRISTMAS

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## ~~~~~ A CHRISTMAS ~~~~~ AUTHENTIC AND SUPPORTIVE

For the 2025 edition, **the Advent wreath** becomes the powerful symbol of Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas. It embodies universal values: peace, solidarity, freedom and equality. Its four candles, lit week after week, diffuse **hope, joy, peace and love**, lights that bring us together in warmth and conviviality.

These values are reflected in the decoration of the Giant Christmas Tree: **the candle symbolises hope, the dove peace, the Alsatian cottage joy, and the Kelsch heart love.**

Together, they create a luminous link between tradition, humanism and the spirit of Christmas, bringing to life a magical setting in the heart of the city.

Around the wreath, cheerful elves are busy with mischievous anticipation, decorating every detail to brighten the wait and celebrate the spirit of Christmas. **Clad in a fir-tree texture**, the Strasbourg Capital of Christmas brand **reflects nature, tradition and the local roots** of this iconic festival, blending **authenticity, magic and generosity**.

Our partner for this edition: **ici** Radio Digital



# EDITORIAL



**A**dvent time has arrived. The whole city is decked out in lights, eyes begin to shine, excitement and anticipation grow. In the market aisles, the chalets exude sweet aromas, exhibitors and artisans display their expertise and their finest pieces. In the Advent Village, the songs, instruments and joy of schoolchildren from all over the city resound. In Place Kléber, the illuminated Giant Christmas Tree delights young and old alike. In the historic centre, in all the city's neighbourhoods, residents gather with family, neighbours, or friends for Christmas festivities and markets, enjoying a warm and convivial atmosphere.

This is also the time for sharing, generosity, and solidarity, where residents and associations mobilise so that everyone can join in the festivities, through a donation, a responsible purchase at the Sharing Village, or a gift for children through the Solidarity Christmas Tree initiative.

The time has come for Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, where the city reveals its best side and shares it with visitors from afar: its humanist values, the dynamism of its local crafts and community organisations, its commitment to the social and solidarity economy, and the richness of its cultural programming. This booklet will guide you through our Christmas traditions, the aisles of the various markets, and the events in every part of the city, to help you experience an unforgettable moment.

We wish you a wonderful Advent season and a very Merry Christmas.



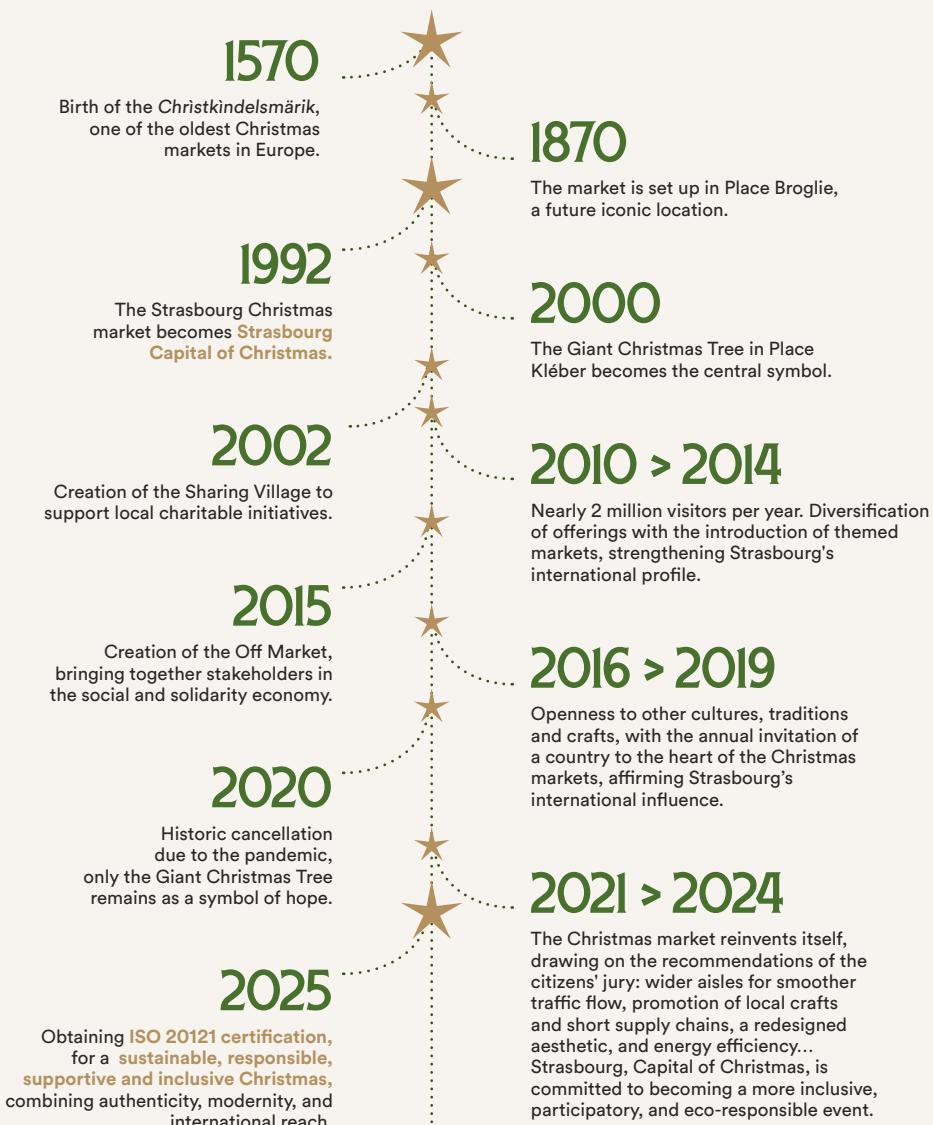
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of urban events and the  
coordination of Strasbourg,  
Capital of Christmas

# A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY...



## TRIBUTE TO ANDRÉ BOURSIN



A member of KIWANIS Strasbourg, in 1994, André Boursin was at the origin of the Great Christmas Tree in Place Kléber, which has become a symbol of the Strasbourg Christmas Market. Twenty years after his passing, KIWANIS Strasbourg pays tribute to his commitment and continues his work at the Sharing Village.

~~~~~ STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS ~~~~

A SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE EVENT

For over 450 years, Strasbourg has been shining the magic of Christmas. It all started with the **Christkindelsmärik**, one of the oldest Christmas markets in Europe, where history blends with magic.

From the moment you step into the city, you are transported: the Each facade, each square tells a story, a nod to the past and to Alsatian traditions.

Advent is experienced here with intensity and authenticity.

The **Christmas tree**, mentioned as early as 1492, originally stood in public places before entering homes in the 18th century. It later inspired the famous blown glass balls of Meisenthal which replaced the apples traditionally used as decorations following a period of shortage.

Bread, gingerbread and mulled wine fill the streets with their fragrance and invite young and old to share moments of conviviality. The wreath, which appeared in the 19th century, and the Advent calendar, invented in 1903, mark these days leading up to Christmas.



But Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas, is not content with its heritage: it also knows how to reinvent itself. Local craftsmanship, solidarity, and regional know-how breathe new life into tradition.

Since March 2025, the event has been **ISO 20121 certified**, an international standard that recognises the **responsible management of it**. This certification highlights the initiatives implemented to reduce waste, support the local economy, strengthen solidarity, and maintain a constant dialogue with all stakeholders: the public, exhibitors, partners, and security services.

Thanks to this approach, Strasbourg Capital of Christmas offers an immersive experience, accessible to all, that combines **authenticity, modernity and responsible commitment**.

Christmas in Strasbourg, is **living history, an invitation to sharing and wonder...** discover its magic and let yourself be charmed by the city and its Christmas markets!



In these traditions, the legendary Christmas characters of Alsace come to life : the Christkindel, an angel dressed in white, Saint Nicholas, protector of children, Hans Trapp, a figure from local tales, and Father Christmas.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTINUE DISCOVERING THE TRADITIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS IN ALSACE?

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~~~~~ WELCOME TO THE ~~~~

# MAGIC OF STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS



**E**very winter, Strasbourg transforms into a veritable jewel of light and magic. The heart of the city beats to the rhythm of Christmas, and the streets and squares immerse you in an enchanting world where lights, decorations, and scents create an unforgettable experience.

In a completely pedestrianised city centre, the Christmas markets are best visited on foot. They are all located within a few steps of each other.

Enter the Grande Île through one of the entrances located on each bridge and let yourself be swept away by the incomparable magic of Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas.



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WANDER, ADMIRE  
AND WONDER ...



The cobbled streets, iconic squares, half-timbered facades, and spectacular, dazzling illuminations create a unique atmosphere. Look up: each neighbourhood tells us a story and each scenery is a work of art!

To fully enjoy your visit in complete serenity, the walkways are wide, beautifully decorated and lit. 2 information chalets, located in

Place Kléber and at the train station, are available to answer all your questions. And to assist you on your travels, the mobile elf brigade, present on Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends, will guide you from one market to another.

And to quickly locate the **toilets, the application Ici Toilettes** is your ally.

 **Ici  
Toilettes**



## VISIT THE 8 CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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The 8 markets are spread out in the heart of the historic centre, in the streets and on the iconic squares, easily accessible and close to each other. Each market has its own personality and atmosphere: crafts, gourmet treats, community initiatives, local products... A thousand treasures await you, and we remind you that the best way to discover them is on foot, with the lights guiding you on your stroll.

**The Christmas markets are open from 26 November from 2pm to 24 December at 6pm.**

**The chalets are open every day, from 11:30am to 9pm.**

Move around the city easily thanks to the **Christmas markets map**! Download it using the QR code or pick up a paper copy at the information chalets.

DOWNLOAD  
THE CHRISTMAS  
MARKETS MAP



 If needed, you can loan reduced-mobility equipment (walker or wheelchair) at the information chalet, Place Kléber.



## DISCOVER AND ADMIRE THE GIANT CHRISTMAS TREE

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### IDENTITY CARD

**Origin** Saint Quirin State Forest

**Species** Silver fir

**Age** between 70/80 years old

**Height** 31 metres

**Weight** 7.5 tonnes

**Trunk diameter** 70 cm

**Branch span** 10 m

**Project owner**  
Events Department  
of the City of Strasbourg

**Project management** Vegetis  
National Forestry Office

**Illuminations and decorations**  
Sigmatech

Standing in the heart of place Kléber, the Giant Christmas Tree, a powerful symbol of Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, embodies the values of Christmas: bringing people together, inspiring wonder and passing on tradition. This year, its decoration focussing on the wreath reflects an authentic and community-minded Christmas, inviting the city to share the festive spirit.

The decoration of the Giant Christmas Tree is based on **four symbols and values**: the candle for hope, the dove for peace, the **Alsatian cottage** for conviviality and the **kelsch heart** for love. Inspired by the **world of the Alsatian artist Dôriane**, other decorations evoke nature and Alsatian Christmas tales: wooden puppets, holly branches, pine cones and mistletoe.

At the foot of the Christmas tree, **four doors adorned with Advent wreaths** celebrate hospitality and sharing, inviting everyone to enter into the magic of the holidays.

Continuing the tradition of previous years, the design of the Christmas tree and its decorations is part of an eco-responsible approach, utilising recyclable materials and local expertise: **the kelsch hearts are made by the Hélène de Cœur association, the wicker wreaths by Inclusiv C'CITE and the wooden decorations by the Sonnenhof Foundation (workshops in Bischwiller and Reichshoffen).**

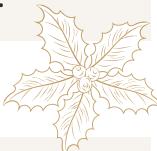
◆ The Giant Christmas Tree is illuminated **from 26 November to 5 January 2026**. Experience the musical and luminous awakening of the Giant Christmas Tree, every day and on every hour **between 4pm and 9pm** and without music **from 10pm to midnight**.

STROLL, BROWSE  
AND TREAT YOURSELF

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From one market to another, it's impossible not to find what you're looking for : Christmas tree decorations, garlands, handmade candles, Alsatian ceramics, local creations, wooden toys... treats to give or to treat yourself.

The merchants and craftsfolk share their passion and introduce you to all the regional know-how.



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SAVOUR,  
ENJOY AND BREATHE  
IN CHRISTMAS



Excessive alcohol consumption is dangerous for your health.

SORT, RESPECT  
AND PARTICIPATE

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Eating areas are planned for relaxing, chatting and enjoying Alsatian specialities. And because in Strasbourg magic also rhymes with respect, recycling stations and reusable, socially responsible cups allow everyone to participate in a delicious, more sustainable, and more responsible Christmas.

So, for a truly zero-waste treat, bring your own container and enjoy every last crumb either while here or at home!

At the Christmas Market and the OFF Market, during your gourmet breaks you can **enjoy a thousand different treats!**

The exhibitors are committed to offering dishes for all tastes and dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.) in a responsible manner, without forgetting the essential **Alsatian specialities**.

The aromas of cinnamon, honey and spices will guide you to the gourmet chalets where you can enjoy **bredele, gingerbread, sauerkraut, tarts and flambéed baguettes, spaetzle or pretzels**.

And to accompany these delicacies, savour the **mulled wine** with citrus and spice flavours, or a hot fruit juice for children.



Recycling stations can be found at **Place du Château, Place Kléber, Place Broglie and Place Saint Thomas** where recycling ambassadors will help you to better sort your waste.

And because a responsible Christmas is a shared experience, the exhibitors are leading by example: their waste is sorted, collected, and transformed into biogas. And the City provides them with a suitable infrastructure for the collection and treatment of wastewater.

## HISTORIC CHRISTMAS MARKET

# CHRISTKINDELSMÄRIK

PLACE BROGLIE

**C**hristkindelsmärik is the name given in Alsatian dialect to the historic Christmas Market in Place Broglie.

First started in 1570, it is one of the oldest in Europe and for a long time was the only one in France. After having been located in various places around the city (Cathedral steps, Place du Château, Place Kléber...in 1871 this iconic landmark was installed in Place Broglie .



### A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

For anyone who visits Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas: capture the moment by taking a photo of yourself under the lights. **of the Christkindelsmärik arch.**

## TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

# AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

PLACE DE LA CATHÉDRALE AND PLACE DU CHÂTEAU,  
RUE DES HALLEBARDES, RUE GUTENBERG

**I**n the Middle Ages, Before the emergence of the Christkindelsmärik, a "Klausenmärik" or Saint Nicholas market could be found in the Place de la Cathédrale around 6 December. The stalls of candlemakers, gingerbread merchants and other sweets stood alongside the shops of herbalists, saddlers, second-hand clothes dealers and haberdashers.

Now the chalets stretch from Place de la Cathédrale  to Place du Château , rue des Hallebardes  and rue Gutenberg .

### A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

Daring souls, embark on the ascent of the 332 steps that lead to the Cathedral platform from where you can admire a panoramic view of the city from 66 m high.



TRADITIONAL AND COMMUNITY-MINDED  
CHRISTMAS MARKET

## AT THE FOOT OF THE GIANT CHRISTMAS TREE

PLACE KLEBER

Located at the heart of the city centre, Place Kléber  brings together all the ingredients of Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas: solidarity, magic, craftsmanship and conviviality.

Find the **Sharing Village**  at the foot of the **Giant Christmas Tree**, where 110 associations take turns promoting the values of solidarity, fraternity and humanism in the spirit of Christmas.

And in **l'Aubette**  there is the **Antique Dealers Christmas** (26 Nov to 7 Dec) and the **Oz- Noël** arts and crafts fair (12 to 22 Dec).



### A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

Come and enjoy a Michelin-starred **soup** prepared and served by Michelin-starred chefs from the region! Organised by the collective of solidarity associations **Humanis**.

Programme and points of sale at [soupeetoilee.humanis.org](http://soupeetoilee.humanis.org)



CRAFT CHRISTMAS MARKET

## THE MARKET OF THE CARRÉ D'OR

PLACE DU TEMPLE NEUF

Nestled a few steps from the Cathedral, the **Carré d'Or**  market is renowned for its historic, traditional and refined charm.

And to extend your stroll, wander through the surrounding streets: pastry chefs, chocolatiers, bakers and cheesemakers unveil their finest creations. Let yourself be charmed by the illuminated shop windows and the enchanting decorations of the neighbourhood.



### A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

Just a few steps away, you'll find the **rue des Orfèvres**, adorned with its most beautiful illuminations. Take the time to cross this very popular street and at the end, let yourself be surprised by the **Notre-Dame** Strasbourg Cathedral.



## GOURMET CHRISTMAS MARKET

# LE QUAI DES DÉLICES

TERRASSE ROHAN,

PLACE DU MARCHÉ-AUX-POISSONS

**L**e Quai des Délices is a 100% gourmet place. On the terrace of the Rohan Palace, discover fine grape varieties from the region's vineyards, offered by the Tribu des Gourmets. And let yourself be tempted by the gourmet creations and traditional Bredle from the bakers of the Bas-Rhin Bakery Employers' Federation.

Just by, in Place du Marché-aux-Poissons, continue your culinary journey with savoury, hoppy, or otherwise appetising options.

For your health, avoid snacking between meals.



### A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

From the terrace of Rohan, contemplate the 'promenade of the stars' which sparkles on the landscaped quays! Nearly 400 stars highlight the richness of the city's historical and architectural heritage.

## AUTHENTIC CHRISTMAS MARKET

# LA PETITE FRANCE

PLACE BENJAMIN ZIX

AND PLACE SAINT THOMAS

**L**a Petite France is a magical destination in all seasons: authentic half-timbered houses, charming cobbled streets lined with the Ill river, a picturesque swing bridge or a lock from which you can watch the boats go by...

Wonderful chalets await you in Place Benjamin Zix and Place Saint Thomas.



### A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

For a picture-postcard photo, head to the lock passage right next to Place Benjamin Zix. A well-known viewpoint, but one that never gets old!



## LOCAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

# THE INDOMITABLE SMALL PRODUCERS OF ALSACE

SQUARE LOUISE WEISS

Located in Square Louise Weiss, passionate and committed artisans offer 100% Alsatian-made local products to delight your taste buds. Come and discover a range of flavours: artisanal jams, hot apple juice, chocolate in all its forms, Bredle cookies, condiments, delicious biodynamic Alsatian wines, and many other delights.



## A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

Not far from there, the **Covered bridges** and the **Vauban dam** are worth a visit. From the roof of the dam, you will have a breathtaking view of the City and its Cathedral.



SOCIAL CHRISTMAS MARKET,  
SOLIDARITY-BASED AND INCLUSIVE

# THE OFF MARKET

PLACE GRIMMEISSEN

10  
YEARS

The OFF market located in **place Grimmeissen** is the ideal place to foster dialogue between purchases and commitment. The OFF market is celebrating its 10th anniversary, a decade of solidarity initiatives and innovation to reinvent Christmas.

With its **shipping containers used as chalets and geodesic domes**, it brings together stakeholders in the social and solidarity economy and those who respect the environment. Vintage furniture, second-hand clothes and customised clothing, original creations of local crafts, books, second-hand toys, organic and responsible food... here, everything is unique and ethical!

Discover the **eclectic programme** designed and proposed by committed Strasbourg residents at [marcheoffstrasbourg.fr](http://marcheoffstrasbourg.fr)

NEW CONCEPT

## PARENT-INFANT AREA



A space with a microwave, changing table and comfortable armchair, to make the event more accessible even to the youngest children.



## A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

The **Safe Zone** of the OFF Market offers a calm and inclusive space for people with disabilities seeking peace and quiet, with sensory objects (stress ball, noise-cancelling headphones, blanket)...



# ~~~~~ A LUMINOUS, REASONED AND ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS ~~~~

## UNDERSTATED LIGHTING

**S**trasbourg Capital of Christmas is known and recognised for the splendour of its many illuminations, which transform the city into a veritable jewel of light.

Keen to combine magic and understatement, the City uses low-energy LEDs to reduce energy consumption<sup>(1)</sup>, adjusts lighting times<sup>(2)</sup> and prioritises reuse, repair and the second-hand market for its decorations.

This year, Strasbourg has further enhanced its luminous layout with decorations combining refinement, tradition and sustainability. In the Place de la Gare, **kelsh fabric hearts**, a symbol of Alsatian heritage, mingle with **luminous discs made of recycled fibre**, while **soft lanterns**, **sparkling stars**, and natural decorations adorn the city from Place Broglie to the southern quays. Visible day and night, this harmonious ensemble, complemented by the **illumination of the Vauban Dam** and the **Grande Île** bridges,

illustrates all the elegance and creativity of the Capital of Christmas.

The City of Strasbourg illuminates **more than 250 streets, squares and plazas, totalling nearly 700 sites across the city (1903)**. In the city centre, the decorations highlight iconic locations such as Place Kléber, Quai des Bateliers, Place du Marché-aux-Poissons and Place Saint Thomas...

**In the neighbourhoods, the magic of Christmas continues with 25 km of garlands and illuminated Christmas trees, offering each resident a haven of light and conviviality.**

<sup>(1)</sup> Implemented since 2010, the Lighting Plan has made it possible to replace old light bulbs with LED systems, which are more adjustable, more durable and, above all, significantly less energy-intensive. Energy consumption for public lighting has decreased by almost 25% and the electricity consumption of Christmas lights has been reduced tenfold.

<sup>(2)</sup> This more understated, decidedly ecological system is part of the charter of the Association for the Protection of the Night Sky and Environment and the LUCL (Lighting Urban Community International) network.



# THE ILLUMINATIONS IN THE CITY

As Christmas approaches, Strasbourg adorns itself with its finest decorations. The streets, the houses, the facades of the monuments sparkle thanks to the countless decorations, each more original than the last.

The **Strasbourg Shop Windows Association** redoubles its efforts each year to illuminate the shopping streets with decorations, often inspired by the names of the streets, squares or their history. It also designs decorations made from **recycled plastic bottles**, 3D printed to limit environmental impact, thus combining **Christmas magic and ecological responsibility**.

The illuminations are visible from 21 November to 5 January 2026.



Discover our selection of must-sees to explore the city under the magic of Christmas:

◆ **The Majestic Alley:** pass through the Gate of Lights, rue du Vieux-Marché-aux-Poissons to enter the magic of Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas. Christmas baubles, bordered by red curtains, will guide your steps towards the Giant Christmas Tree. Don't miss the musical angels on Rue Mercière and the Baccarat chandeliers on Rue des Hallebardes.



- ◆ **A procession of 22 barrels**, which recall the history of Rue des Tonneliers,
- ◆ **The famous blue tree** in Place Gutenberg,
- ◆ **The giant, ornate chandelier** installed at the corner of Grand'Rue and Rue du Fossé-des-Tanneurs,
- ◆ **The pink starry sky** of Rue de l'Outre,
- ◆ **Fairy forest:** 22 giant trees illuminating Rue de la Mésange. The magic continues in Place Saint-Pierre-le-Jeune, where the centuries-old trees are illuminated,
- ◆ **Feel the thrill** on Rue du Maire Kuss,
- ◆ **The 12-metre cathedral-shaped Christmas tree** in Place de la Gare, composed of more than 80 cathedrals printed using Recyprint, using 14,000 recycled bottles.



# ~~~~~ A WONDERFUL, MAGICAL AND SHARED CHRISTMAS ~~~~~

## THE ADVENT VILLAGE

**A**fter enjoying the treats offered by the **Indomitable Small Producers of Alsace**, come and recharge your batteries and prepare for the holidays with friends or family at the Advent village.



In keeping with the tradition of preparing for the festivities leading up to Christmas, this cheerful village offers many opportunities for **sharing and conviviality**. In a magical and timeless setting, it is a favourite spot for children and families with its **many activities**.



Children and adults alike can learn to create Advent wreaths, Christmas decorations, or greeting cards during **creative and fun workshops**, before being swept away by **enchanting tales and concerts** with seasonal sounds, performed by local artists from further afield, and students from Strasbourg music schools.

The most curious and agile **build a mini Christmas chalet** with their families, using a plan, while others add their personal touch to the village decorations by adorning the fir tree clusters with **small wooden wreaths that can be personalised on site**.



During school time, children from Strasbourg schools are welcomed to the Advent Village to attend shows and participate in creative workshops.

- ◆ **Square Louise Weiss From 26 November to 24 December Village open non-stop from 11:30am to 9pm.** All activities are free, without registration and open to all.

Find the full programme details at [noel.strasbourg.eu](http://noel.strasbourg.eu)



# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

## 5<sup>E</sup> LIEU

With your family, come to 5e Lieutu to create your own magical greeting card in tunnel book style, immerse yourself in the Disney universe during an enchanting guided tour and draw the most beautiful Christmas facades!

- ◆ More info at [5elieu.strasbourg.eu](http://5elieu.strasbourg.eu)



## CHRISTMAS AT THE SCIENCE GARDEN

Experience a magical and curious interlude with a programme combining curiosity and wonder: immersive shows at the Planetarium (The sky around Christmas, Hazelnuts, Coral reefs...), a nighttime stroll at the Astronomical Observatory or a concert-projection « Enjoy the silence » by the vocal ensemble Exosphère sous les étoiles.

- ◆ Info and reservation at [jardin-sciences.unistra.fr](http://jardin-sciences.unistra.fr)



## CHRISTMAS CRUISES

On board Batorama cruises, the story "Where have all the Christmas elves gone?" immerses children in the magic of Christmas through an interactive and fun audio experience.

Available on all circuits, from 28 November to 3 January 2026, in 4 languages (FR, DE, EN, IT), with a game booklet offered to children.

- ◆ Info and reservation at [batorama.com](http://batorama.com)



## ONLINE CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Whether you're looking for shows, storytelling, concerts, or children's activities, our online calendar is the ideal tool for planning your outings in Strasbourg.

- ◆ Find the full programme at [noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda](http://noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda)



For your health, avoid snacking between meals.

## BREDLE WORKSHOP

Artisan bakers offer free Bredle workshops for children aged 4 to 10 on Wednesdays at Quai des Délices in a temporary bakery, Place du Marché-aux-Poissons.

- ◆ Call 03 88 15 24 00 to register



# ~~~~ A SUPPORTED, COMMITTED AND ~~~~ INCLUSIVE CHRISTMAS

## THE SHARING VILLAGE

**A**severly year, the City of Strasbourg supports associations by hosting them at the foot of the Giant Christmas Tree. This tradition allows for a moment of sharing, listening, and also discovering associations in order to maintain the spirit of solidarity during this end-of-year period.

For this new edition, there are nearly 110 of them, spread across 14 chalets, there to meet you and discuss the values they uphold every day: helping the most vulnerable, social inclusion, supporting people affected by illness or disability, humanitarian aid, international sponsorship, and defending human rights and animal welfare.

♦ The Sharing Village, also hosts events that are not to be missed, such as the **Volunteer Day** and the **Solidarity Mannele** (5/12), **Experiencing Christmas Together** (20/12) and the **starred soup**.

Find out when the different associations will be present at [noel.strasbourg.eu](http://noel.strasbourg.eu)



### THE STARRED SOUP

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the **starred soup** organised by the **Collective of solidarity associations HUMANIS** invites you to discover the **four creamy soups with seasonal colours and tastes** prepared by the Michelin-starred chefs of Alsace:

- ♦ **Woodland soup with Riesling and spiced croutons** by Alexis Albrecht, restaurant "Au Vieux Couvent" in Rhinau
- ♦ **Cream of Jerusalem artichoke soup with Munster cheese and cumin** by Jean-Paul Acker, restaurant "Le Feuillage/La Cheneaudière" in Colroy la Roche
- ♦ **Autumn harvest creamy soup** by Cédric Deckert, restaurant "La Merise" in Laubach
- ♦ **Cream of pumpkin soup with parmesan** by Pascal Bastian, restaurant "Le Cheval Blanc" in Lembach

Buying these soups helps to sustain HUMANIS' integration activities and to support the projects of the solidarity associations that are members of the Collective.

For your health, avoid snacking between meals.



Find details of the activities and the chefs' appearances at  
[noel.strasbourg.eu](http://noel.strasbourg.eu)

# HEART-FELT ACTIONS

## SIMPLIFIED CHRISTMAS MARKETS MAPS

For the first time, a Christmas markets map has been specially designed for people with disabilities.

Developed in collaboration with local associations, it offers a recommended route that makes it easy to discover the markets and their atmosphere with complete peace of mind.

On the back of this map, general information and activities are presented in Easy to Read and Understand (ERU) language for clear reading adapted to these target groups.

This initiative reflects the desire to make Strasbourg the Capital of Christmas, accessible to everyone, so that everyone can fully enjoy the magic of the holidays.

Find this map at [noel.strasbourg.eu](http://noel.strasbourg.eu)



## VISITS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

To ensure that everyone can enjoy the Strasbourg Christmas Capital experience, **special tours for people with disabilities** are being organised on Tuesdays 2, 9, 16, and 23 December, led by an accredited tour guide.

Please register at:  
[evenements-capitaledenoel@strasbourg.eu](mailto:evenements-capitaledenoel@strasbourg.eu)

Find the details at [noel.strasbourg.eu](http://noel.strasbourg.eu)



## CHARITY CUPS

Support a charity with these **reusable cups**. After use, deposit them in a collection point: the **€1 deposit is donated to a Strasbourg charity**.

The gesture is also **ecological**, since the cups are reused. And the City is experimenting with bio-based, compostable cups made from non-GMO cereals.



Excessive alcohol consumption is dangerous for your health.

## CHARITY THRIFT STORE

The perfect opportunity to find bargains and support the local social and solidarity economy with Emmaüs Mundo, Le Relais Est, Vetus and Horizon Amitié Solibat.

- ◆ **On 29 November, from 11am to 7pm, at Saint Pierre-le-Vieux church, 6 place Saint Pierre-le-Vieux.**



## 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION THE SOLIDARITY CHRISTMAS TREE

For its 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, The Solidarity Christmas Tree invites you to offer a moment of joy to 300 children in vulnerable situations.

Choose a wish attached to the tree, give the corresponding gift and drop it off at the collection point on site.

This initiative acts against social insecurity and brings a small gesture for a big smile to young people in Strasbourg, supported by the teams from the Children's Home, Carilogis, l'Étage, the Protestant Home, Solidarité Femmes 67, Petites Roues and the Institution Le Neuhof.

- ◆ **From 6 to 16 December, from 12am to 8pm, on the steps of the district town hall, Place Broglie**

## FESTIVE AND COMMUNITY-MINDED ACTIVITIES OF THE OFF-MARKET

At the OFF Market, young and old are invited to experience a creative, supportive and socially conscious Christmas.

This market offers a multitude of activities for everyone: captivating shows, participatory and creative workshops, relaxation and parent-infant areas, as well as meetings with social and solidarity economy actors.

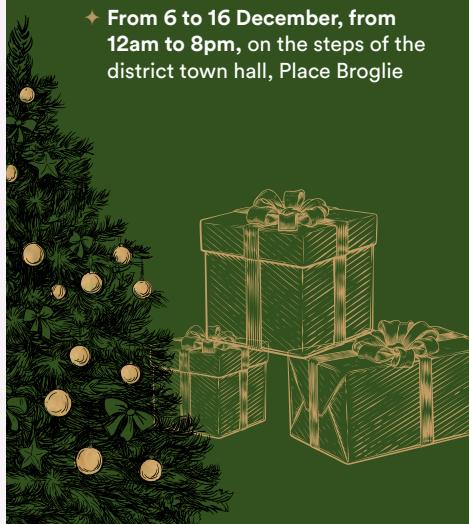


Find the full programme for the OFF Christmas event at  
[marcheoffstrasbourg.fr](http://marcheoffstrasbourg.fr)

## COMMEMORATION OF THE ATTACKS

In tribute to the victims of the 11 December 2018 attack, a memorial concert will be held on **10 December 2025, at 8pm at the Strasbourg Music and Congress Centre**, organised by the association Strasbourg des larmes au sourire and the collective Strasbourg ensemble et solidaire (ASTU), in the presence of the associations SOS France Victimes 67, VIADUQ 67 - France Victimes and with the support of the Bas-Rhin Prefecture and the City of Strasbourg.

**Strasbourg does not forget the five victims** and all those who have been deeply affected. Let us remember the outpouring of solidarity that enabled the City to recover despite the grief.



# ~~~~~ A HISTORICAL, ~~~~~ CULTURAL AND UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS

**Strasbourg, a city of a thousand facets, brilliantly blends Christmas traditions, culture and heritage. Between heritage and modernity, Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, offers a unique Christmas, where authenticity meets creativity.**

**A**s you wander through the streets and iconic landmarks, let yourself be swept away on an artistic and cultural journey: exhibitions, concerts, shows, and musical evenings bring the city to life with the rhythm of the festivities.

## HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE

Enjoy your visit to Place du Château and immerse yourself in the festive spirit by discovering the collections and Christmas stories told through paintings in the museums of the Palais Rohan: the Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Museum of Decorative Arts.

Step inside Strasbourg Cathedral and admire masterpieces of medieval sculpture by visiting the Musée de l'Œuvre Notre Dame.

Exhibitions not to be missed in museums:

### ◆ **BiodiverCité**

The animals of the city, at the Zoological Museum,



### ◆ **Lights on the Living**

Looking at art and nature with Vincent Munier, at the Museum of Fine Arts,

### ◆ **Robert Weaver / Tomi Ungerer Illustration in action**, at the Tomi Ungerer Museum,

### ◆ **An inescapable past**

Archaeological discoveries of the A355, at the Heitz Gallery (Rohan Palace).

Info at [musees.strasbourg.eu](http://musees.strasbourg.eu)



## 5<sup>e</sup> LIEU

In the heart of the Christmas market and at the foot of the Cathedral, 5<sup>e</sup> Lieu offers you a 360° panorama of Strasbourg's architecture! In 5 minutes or 1 hour, enjoy a unique experience through the landscapes, architecture and heritage of Strasbourg with our permanent tour.

On the ground floor, you will find the Culture Shop for all your cultural outings and its show ticket office.

◆ Info at [5elieu.strasbourg.eu](http://5elieu.strasbourg.eu)





## SPIRITUALITY

Exhibition of 14 17th-century tapestries illustrating the life of the Virgin Mary.

The large nativity scene from 1907, installed over 18 metres in length, represents the 4 Scenes; the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Adoration of the Magi and the Presentation in the Temple.

- ◆ To discover at the Cathedral, from **Monday to Saturday, from 8:30am to 5:45pm** and on **Sunday, from 2pm to 5:15pm**.



## THE NIGHT WATCHMAN'S ROUNDS

A nighttime stroll dedicated to discovering the history and heritage of Strasbourg and the traditions of Alsatian Christmas, guided by Jean-François Kovar and Bruno Dantès.

- ◆ On **5 and 12 December, at 8:30pm**, departure Place du Château in front of the Musée de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame
- ◆ Price: €5 - free for under 16s
- ◆ Registration: [universitepopulaire.krutenau@laposte.net](mailto:universitepopulaire.krutenau@laposte.net)



## GUIDED TOURS

The Strasbourg Eurometropolitan Tourist, Leisure and Convention Bureau offers guided tours to discover Christmas traditions in Strasbourg and Alsace: their origins, the history of the Christmas tree and culinary traditions... A stroll through the heart of the old town, enhanced by its decorations, is sure to enchant you!

- ◆ Details of the tours at [www.visitstrasbourg.fr](http://www.visitstrasbourg.fr)
- ◆ Reservation recommended at <https://shop.visitstrasbourg.fr>



## CRUISES ON THE ILL

Embark on a Batorama boat to sail through the traditions and anecdotes of Alsatian Christmas during a chocolate cruise.

- ◆ Info and reservation at [batorama.com](http://batorama.com)

## CHRISTMAS AT THE OPERA

For the holidays, the Opéra du Rhin offers a programme dedicated to Christmas. Two unmissable shows to discover:

***The Hansel and Gretel Opera***, from 7 December to 17 December

***English Christmas Concert***, 14 December at 3pm

- ◆ Info, prices and reservations at [operationaldurhin.eu](http://operationaldurhin.eu)



## THE CONCERT OF ANGELS AT THE BNU

This exhibition reveals the musical angels of the Middle Ages, through art, music and philosophy, highlighting the history of the pillar of Strasbourg Cathedral.

- ◆ Exhibition, tours and talks until **21 December**.
- ◆ Info and reservation at [bnu.fr](http://bnu.fr)



## CHRISTMAS BUBBLES

The Alsace Comics Association presents an exhibition of Tomi Ungerer: "Tomi's Alsace" and Pat Thiebaut: "Christmas in Alsace". Roundtable discussions and meetings with authors and illustrators, and a sales area for books, drawings and objects.

- ◆ On 29 and 30 November, from 10am to 6pm, salle de la Bourse. Free entrance

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

'Passions Croisées' invites you to experience an exceptional Christmas, at the Saint-Guillaume church, with international artists.

**On the programme:** lyrical dinners, the ballet Swan Lake, concerts by Rossini and Mozart, artistic performances, not forgetting the presentation of an outfit by Victor Weinsanto. Every day, bredle and mulled wine are sold to benefit the restoration of the church.

- ◆ From 1 to 30 December  
Info, prices and reservations at [www.passions-croisees.com](http://www.passions-croisees.com) or at the Conciergerie Solidaire (11 rue Mercière, Strasbourg).



## WELLNESS AT THE MUNICIPAL BATHS

Treat yourself to a moment of well-being at the Municipal Baths, in this iconic and listed historical monument. Between the historic vaults and the reflections of the pools, enjoy a wine tasting with a break at the spa, a Michelin-starred dinner at the foot of the Christmas tree, Santa Bingo which holds many surprises, a giant aquagym in a period pool, and an aquatic massage.

- ◆ Info, prices and reservations at [bainsmunicipauxdestrasbourg.fr](http://bainsmunicipauxdestrasbourg.fr)

## 'PAY YOUR CHRISTMAS' FESTIVAL

This travelling festival is celebrating its 19th edition with its festive and charitable event centred around the concept: "You come with a gift, you leave with a gift." 'Pay Your Christmas' mixes concerts, street performances, short films, giant werewolves, olympiads, karaoke... all accompanied by mulled wine and tarte flambée.

- ◆ From 26 November to 20 December  
Info, prices and reservations at [pelpass.net](http://pelpass.net)

## KRISMASS SHOW

The wacky Strasbourg cabaret returns for its 9<sup>th</sup> edition !

The Krismass Show is a unique, festive, and humorous show combining sketches, musical numbers, performances, and fantasy. Appetiser buffet and show or show only followed by an after show with DJ until 00:30.

- ◆ From 5 to 21 December  
Info, prices and reservations at [espace-k.com](http://espace-k.com)



## THE ONLINE CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Whether you're looking for shows, concerts, guided tours or activities, our online events calendar is the ideal tool for planning your outings in Strasbourg.

To discover all the programmes, visit [noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda](http://noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda)



~~~~~ **HANDCRAFTED**, ~~~~~

LOCAL AND GOURMET CHRISTMAS

True to its "City and Crafts" label, Strasbourg, Capital of Chitsmas, puts the artisans and their know-how in the spotlight. Between local creations and Alsatian specialities bredle at the gourmet chalets, Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas celebrates an authentic and flavorful Christmas.

CRAFTSMANSHIP, BETWEEN ART AND ANTIQUES MARKET

L'Aubette is the perfect place to find the ideal gift. With the Antique Dealers' Christmas, hunt for precious souvenirs from another century, second-hand items or even handcrafted gifts.

As for the Federation of Arts and Crafts of Alsace (Frémaa), it highlights the talent and know-how of around fifty craftsfolk through the OZ pop-up shop, the Christmas of arts and crafts.

And a few steps from L'Aubette, a second Oz pop-up shop awaits you at 4 rue de la Haute Montée to discover other original creations by craftsfolk, until 3 January.

- ◆ See you from 26 November to 22 December, at the Grande Salle de l'Aubette, Place Kléber.



DESIGNER MARKETS

Open specifically during the Advent period, pop-up markets take over spaces in several districts of the city dedicated to Alsatian crafts, or even 100% Strasbourg-made goods!

Find the full list at noel.strasbourg.eu



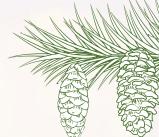
SHOPS

Throughout the year in the city of Strasbourg, many businesses have made it their mission to help you discover the full diversity of local creations. Keep your eyes peeled and push open the doors of the art and craft shops you find along your way!

- ◆ A selection of them is available at noel.strasbourg.eu

DECORATING YOUR HOME

Christmas trees and baubles, garlands, Advent wreaths, Advent calendars... Christmas is the perfect time to let your creativity shine! The chalets are full of decorations and ideas to immerse your home in the festive atmosphere. Whether you prefer tradition or original contemporary decor, you'll find plenty of inspiration!





THE BAKERS AND WINEMAKERS OF THE QUAI DES DÉLICES

The **Quai des Délices** is a perfect place to (re) discover the delights of an Alsatian Christmas.

There you can find, the **Bas-Rhin Bakeries Federation** welcoming you to make your mouth water with all its artisanal specialities* made in the pop-up bakery. Traditions, local produce, know-how and "homemade" production are the pillars of the profession.

After work or after strolling through the various Christmas Market squares, enjoy a festive getaway to the **Tribu des Gourmets** to taste an authentic mulled wine made with Alsatian white wine*. A friendly atmosphere is guaranteed under the traditional chalet, which is fully open and decorated with barrels and wooden frames.

* For your health, avoid snacking between meals. Excessive alcohol consumption is dangerous for your health.

MAKE YOUR OWN BREDLE

Bredle, are a story of indulgence, but above all, of sharing. As the holidays approach, Alsatians are keen to give small, well-filled bags of their own biscuits.

You too can get started in the production of Bredle with traditional or more original recipes. You will find some inspiring collections in Strasbourg bookstores, but also in this booklet put together by the staff of the City of Strasbourg, and accessible at noel.strasbourg.eu



And to make your Bredle, keep your eyes open, you might find nearby a multitude of **cookie cutters** of all shapes to get cooking yourself and dazzle your loved ones with your tasty creations!

WINSTUBS AND OTHER RESTAURANTS

In Strasbourg, the restaurant scene is just like its inhabitants: generous! From the traditional **winstub** to the **100% vegetable-based restaurant**, passing through **world cuisines** and other revisited specialities, there's something for everyone. Don't hesitate to push open their doors to discover our Alsatian specialities.

In Strasbourg, if you don't know how to pronounce **Flàmmekueche** in Alsatian, it's better to say **tarte flambée** than "flamme-cuche"!



CHRISTMAS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Strasbourg is not the Capital of Christmas for no reason: as the holiday season approaches, the whole city perpetuates the tradition of sharing.

Thus, while the excitement of the historic centre remains strong, the different districts of the city also take part in the event, in a spirit of cohesion, solidarity, inclusivity and sustainable development.

Many free activities organised by the territorial directorates and local associations enliven neighbourhood life and contribute to Strasbourg Capital of Christmas for all Strasbourg residents, thus fulfilling the wishes of the citizen jury.



CHALETS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Neighbourhood life switches to Christmas time for an afternoon, a day or a whole weekend. **On the programme:** Activities for children and families, creative workshops, Christmas tree decorating, toy collection, refreshments and food stands, charity sales, shows and concerts, in partnership with local associations and partners.



Here is a selection of activities you can discover close to home:

◆ KOENIGSHOFFEN

Gruber Christmas market: strolls and artistic workshops, 13-14 and 20-21 December at Gruber Park.

◆ ROBERTSAU - CITÉ DE L'ILL

Saint Nicholas Day celebration, 5 December at the Schwilgué nursery school.

◆ ESPLANADE

School performances "FLIX", a theatrical adaptation of Tomi Ungerer's children's book, snacks and activities, at ARES, 11 and 12 December.

◆ TRIBUNAL-CONTADES

Christmas in the neighbourhood with the arrival of Santa Claus, distribution of mannele, hot chocolate, food sale, musical show and choirs, on 9 December, from 4:30pm, rue Finkmatt (in front of the CSC du Fossé des Treize).

◆ GARE

Show with hot chocolate distribution, at Sainte Aurélie school, on 12 December. Christmas craft workshop on the steps of the CSC, rue du Hohwald, on 17 December.

◆ HAUTEPIERRE

CSC Christmas Market, 7-10 December, Place André Maury. Children's activities, food sales, shows and storytelling, animated film screenings.

◆ MEINAU

Free activities, lantern parade, musical programme, shows, charity actions, charity sales, lantern parade and chalets, rue de Bourgogne and steps of the CSC, from 12 to 14 December.

◆ NEUHOF POLYGONE

Activities and Christmas party around the lights; shadow puppet show and fire show; prize-giving ceremony for the Christmas decorations and lights competition, on 17 December at the CSC Lupovino and the Ariane Icare Gymnasium.

◆ PORT DU RHIN

Snack, "Roots" show (co-created with residents of the neighbourhood) on 13 December at Kaléidoscoop and on 17 December at the CSC. Fire show by the Acroballe company, on 17 December Place de l'hippodrome.

Find the full detailed programme for each neighbourhood at noel.strasbourg.eu



REACHING OUT AND BRINGING PEOPLE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRISTMAS OFF

For the third consecutive year, the OFF is mobilising itself to meet with residents in several neighbourhoods. It offers workshops at various events at the Port du Rhin, the Gare or the Meinau.

On the programme: creation of original Christmas decorations, street performances and initiatives around the social and charity economy.

Place Grimmeissen also welcomes groups from different districts of Strasbourg and the Eurometropolis, thus offering children, teenagers and adults from all over the territory the opportunity to discover the OFF and its many activities.

ONLINE CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

The Christmas calendar allows you to plan your outings and not miss any of the Christmas and New Year festivities. Whether you are looking for shows, concerts, guided tours or activities for children, our online calendar is the ideal tool to organise your outings in Strasbourg.

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MY NEIGHBOURHOOD'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Throughout the Strasbourg Capital of Christmas period, Christmas trees are installed **in the heart of the neighbourhoods**, ready to be decorated by children from schools, social and cultural centres or by associations involved in the life of the neighbourhoods. These creations perpetuate the spirit of Christmas by inviting residents to take part in a collective and participatory creation during workshops.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS AROUND STRASBOURG

Want to explore the area around Strasbourg? The Christmas market is a widespread tradition throughout the region and on both sides of the Rhine.

STRASBOURG EUROMETROPOLIS: 33 TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

From the decoration of facades to the illumination of streets and monuments, the inhabitants of the towns around Strasbourg perpetuate the Christmas tradition in Alsace.

Chalets, a small market in a farmhouse, activities for children, forest trails... there are many options that promise typical discoveries, at the heart of local life.

- ◆ Find the details of this programme at noel.strasbourg.eu

IN ALSACE

Christmas is also an opportunity to (re) discover the region where several Christmas markets stand out. Get off the beaten track to experience the magic of Christmas in Alsace.

A 30-minute train ride from Strasbourg **Haguenau** dons its festive lights for its authentic Christmas market (21/11 to 30/12). **Saverne** (from Thursday to Sunday from 28/11 to 04/01) welcomes you to its Christmas festivities around its gourmet village and ice rink.

Mulhouse (21/11 to 27/12) celebrates its textile heritage by decorating the city with fabrics specially created for the occasion. **Sélestat** (21/11 to 28/12), the birthplace of the Christmas tree highlights the history of decorations.

Finally, **Eguisheim** (28/11 to 30/12 except 24, 25 and 26/12) and **Neuf-Brisach** (12 to 14/12) offer an intimate and traditional atmosphere with period costumes, perfect for immersing yourself in the magic of Christmas.



There is a long list of markets and events: Altkirch, Thann, Ungersheim, Guebwiller, Munster, Colmar, Orbey, Barr, Obernai, Grendelbruch, Truchtersheim, Bouxwiller, Soufflenheim, Soultz-sous-Forêts...

- ◆ Find the full Christmas in Alsace programme at www.noel.alsace

ACROSS THE RHINE

On the other side of the border too, the tradition is alive and well. In Freiburg im Breisgau, 150 artisans welcome you in the warm atmosphere of the old town. At the foot of the Ravenna gorges, the high stone viaduct illuminates the 40 stalls of the Christmas market, open every weekend of Advent. Or, in the half-timbered village of Gengenbach, the world's largest Advent calendar awaits you!

Christmas markets, mulled wine evenings and Advent concerts: the towns and villages of Ortenau are also conducive to magical moments. Whether it's cutting down the Christmas tree or blowing glass balls, there's something for everyone in the family.

- ◆ Find details of the Christmas markets in the Black Forest on the Tourist Office website: www.weihnachtsmärkte-schwarzwald.info
- ◆ Find all the details on the Ortenaukreis tourist website: ortenau-tourismus.de/weihnachten



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