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WELCOME TO
STRASBOURG
CAPITAL OF
CHRISTMAS



An Authentic

Christmas, in the heart of Strasbourg

In 2026, "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas" celebrates what makes Christmas in Strasbourg so distinctive: an exceptional heritage, traditions rooted in the city's history, and craftsmanship passed down through generations. These elements nurture a unique Christmas identity - one recognised far beyond the borders of Alsace.

This year, wood takes centre stage in the visual identity. As a natural, familiar material, it evokes forests and fir trees, traditional craftsmanship, and childhood Christmas memories. It embodies an authentic Christmas, shaped by time-honoured practices, traditions, and a deep connection to the local area.

Through this material, "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas" reaffirms its local roots while bringing the emotion and magic of the season to life. This identity also reflects the skills of local traders and exhibitors, who play a vital role in the unique character of the Christmas markets and the richness of the Strasbourg Christmas experience. It creates a dialogue between authenticity and imagination, heritage and innovation, inviting everyone to rediscover the spirit of a truly singular Christmas - one inextricably linked to the city itself.

EDITORIAL

Every year, Strasbourg becomes the beating heart of Christmas. Its streets light up, its squares come alive, and the entire city transforms to bring the magic of the festive season to life. "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas" invites visitors of all ages to share in moments of joy, discovery, and wonder.

The 2026 edition has plenty of surprises in store!

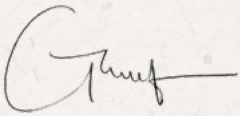
On 27 and 28 November, the Compagnie Carabosse will kick off the festivities with spectacular fire installations, transforming the Barrage Vauban and the Ponts Couverts into an enchanting, fairy-tale landscape. Another major new feature is the return of a genuine ice rink, set in the exceptional surroundings of the Palais Rohan courtyard, right at the foot of the Cathedral!

Place Broglie - the historic birthplace of the Christkindelsmärik (Christmas market)—will welcome you beneath a brand-new archway, while the façade of the Town Hall will be transformed into a striking Alsatian house, designed by Strasbourg-born creator Victor Weinsanto and brought to life each evening with a story and a display of lights.

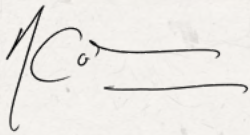
From the majestic Giant Christmas Tree on Place Kléber to the wooden chalets of the Christmas markets, let yourself be swept away by the festive illuminations, the scent of gingerbread, the craftsmanship of our local craftspeople, and the delicious treats offered by our local traders. A variety of shows, concerts, and activities for the whole family will enliven the holiday season, providing countless moments of wonder.

Ultimately, "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas" is, above all, about the joy of coming together, sharing our traditions, and keeping alive that spirit of generosity and solidarity that makes Christmas so truly special.

CATHERINE TRAUTMANN
Mayor of Strasbourg



MATHIEU CAHN
First Deputy Mayor
in charge of major events



Strasbourg Capital of Christmas

A STORY TO (RE)DISCOVER AND (RE)LIVE

Since 1570, Strasbourg has kept one of Europe's oldest Christmas traditions alive. Over the centuries, **"Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas"** has become a **must-visit destination during the festive season.**

Visiting Strasbourg for Christmas means enjoying a unique experience, where traditions draw their strength from a living heritage deeply rooted in Alsace. **The Christmas tree - already documented in Strasbourg as early as 1492** - has, over the centuries, become an iconic symbol of the holidays. The famous hand-blown glass baubles from **Meisenthal** - emanating from a shortage of the apples once used to decorate trees - are a testament to the ingenuity of local craftspeople. Bredle (traditional Alsatian Christmas biscuits), gingerbread, Advent wreaths, and legendary figures - from the **Christkindel to Saint Nicholas** - bring the rich tapestry of **Alsatian folklore** to life.



As Christmas approaches, **Strasbourg reveals a unique side of itself.** The "Grand Sapin" (Giant Christmas Tree) illuminates Place Kléber, Christmas markets fill the historic squares, and the streets sparkle with a thousand lights. Enticing, festive aromas awaken memories, while traditional Alsatian crafts showcase expertise passed down through generations.



True to its history yet firmly focused on the future, **Strasbourg keeps its traditions alive while constantly refreshing the experience for its visitors.** The city's achievement of ISO 20121 certification in 2025 - an international standard for responsible event management - underscores its long-term commitment to sustainability.

More than just an event, "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas" is an invitation to rediscover what makes the holiday season so precious: **authenticity, a sense of wonder, and the joy of being together.** This extraordinary interlude in the heart of winter makes a visit to Strasbourg **an experience unlike any other!**



Would you like to continue discovering the traditions around Christmas in Alsace?

Browse our historical magazines online at **noel.strasbourg.eu**

Event

Petite France lights up with poetry

FOR THE OPENING OF "STRASBOURG, CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS"

As night falls, the **Compagnie Carabosse** brings the poetry of fire to the heart of the **Petite France** district.

Flames dance, candles flicker, and their reflections mingle with the waters of the Ill River. Bridges, water basins, and the Barrage Vauban are transformed into a living, almost surreal landscape, where every turn reveals a new surprise.

As you wander freely, let yourself be drawn toward a glow, feel the warmth of the flames, listen to the music, and take a moment to contemplate...

Everyone can craft their own unique journey - a blend of wonder and gentle serenity - in an atmosphere perfect for both daydreaming and sharing the experience with others.

Presented to both the people of Strasbourg and its visitors, this creation marks the opening of "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas" and reveals the Petite France district in an unexpected light.

- **27 and 28 November, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
- Ponts Couverts district, Square Louise Weiss
- Free to explore at your own pace.

COMPAGNIE CARABOSSE is based in Saint-Christophe-sur-Roc, in the Deux-Sèvres department. The company is under agreement with the French Ministry of Culture (DRAC Nouvelle-Aquitaine) and receives support from the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region.



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WELCOME TO THE MAGIC OF STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS

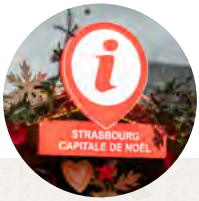
Every winter, Strasbourg transforms into a veritable jewel of light and magic. The heart of the city beats to the rhythm of Christmas, and the streets and squares immerse you in an enchanting world where lights, decorations, and scents create an unforgettable experience.



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 via one of the access points set up at each bridge - designed to welcome you under the best possible conditions - and let yourself be swept away by the incomparable magic of Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas.

1 FIND YOUR WAY, FIND INFORMATION AND GET AROUND



Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas, is best explored on foot - wandering through its streets and squares, surrounded by festive illuminations.

Let yourself be carried along and stroll at your own pace through a magical, unique setting, steeped in the history and traditions of Strasbourg, for a Christmas experience unlike any other.

To help you fully enjoy the magic of the season, the aisles of the Christmas markets have been widened and beautifully decorated and illuminated. **Three information points** - located at Place Kléber, the train station, and Square Louise Weiss - are available to answer any questions you may have.

For a stress-free visit, inclusive rest areas offer a quiet, peaceful space for people with disabilities. Additionally, dedicated facilities are available for parents and their little ones, providing a gentle spot to take a break, with space for breastfeeding.

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

ICI Toilettes

Download the app to find all nearby public and partner toilet facilities - all of which are open and free of charge - in real time.

2 VISIT THE 8 CHRISTMAS MARKETS

DOWNLOAD THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS MAP

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 **2:00 p.m. on 27 November to 6:00 p.m. on 24 December.**

The chalets are open **every day, from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

NEW

Christmas market late-night openings - **11, 12, 18, and 19 December until 10:00 p.m.**

To help you get around the city with ease, two complementary maps are available:

- **A map of the Christmas markets,** showing the various market locations and key points of interest.
- **The simplified version of the map** : locate the accessible route and inclusive rest areas.

Available for download or in hard copy at the information kiosks i.

If needed, mobility aids (such as a walker or wheelchair) can be borrowed from the information chalet on Place Kléber or at the train station.



Discover, admire, and celebrate the Giant Christmas Tree

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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, the decorations celebrate **craftsmanship, the beauty of wood, and the spirit of gift-giving,** soaring into a celestial realm where light enhances natural materials.

Luminous clouds, stars, moons, and snowflakes—all crafted from natural wood—create an enchanting setting for the Giant Christmas Tree, accented by golden baubles that shimmer after dark and catch the sunlight by day. Red stockings and wooden hearts evoke the joy of giving, the spirit of solidarity, and the pleasure of sharing.

At the base of the Giant Christmas Tree, a completely reimagined display brings a **glowing village** to life. Lantern-like facades, illuminated from within, recall the historic neighbourhoods of Strasbourg, while little wooden elves climb the tree, hoisting ornaments into place or joining hands in a festive ring. Their collective effort symbolises the mutual support and magic that make Strasbourg the "Capital of Christmas."

In keeping with previous years, the design of the tree and its decorations follows an eco-responsible approach, prioritising recyclable materials and the reuse of items from past editions. The project also champions **local craftsmanship** and the values of the **social and solidarity economy.** The wooden components were crafted by the **Sonnenhof** Foundation (at their workshops in Bischwiller and Reichshoffen), while the large red stockings were created by the **Libre Objet** association.

- **The Giant Christmas Tree** is illuminated **from 27 November to 3 January 2027.** Experience a display of light and music, held daily every hour **from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; from 10:00 p.m. to midnight,** the lights remain on but without music.

Identity Card

Origin Walscheid State Forest
Species Silver fir (Abies alba)
Age 92 years old
Height 30 metres
Weight 11 tonnes
Branch span 10 m
Project owner
Events Department
of the City of Strasbourg
Project management
Vegetis National Forestry Office
Illuminations and decorations
Sigmatech

4 LISTEN, DREAM AND MARVEL



THE TOWN HALL FACADE DESIGNED BY VICTOR WEINSANTO

This year, Strasbourg, the "Capital of Christmas," welcomes designer **Victor Weinsanto.**

A native of Alsace, Victor Brunstein Weinsanto founded his luxury ready-to-wear and couture fashion house, Weinsanto, in September 2020. The collections from this young Parisian label cultivate a bold aesthetic - blending **sensuality, theatricality, and whimsy** - while celebrating individuality and emotion.

Deeply connected to his roots, Victor pays homage to them, most notably through his collection "**Hopla Geiss**," which is dedicated to his native Alsace and his family.

With a love for both Alsace and the magic of Christmas, Victor has - at the invitation of the City of Strasbourg - designed a unique artistic installation for the façade of the City Hall. Throughout the festive season, the building will be transformed into an Alsatian house inspired by traditional architecture and Christmas symbols, all reimagined with the signature whimsy and boldness of the Weinsanto universe!

- **At Place Broglie, every hour from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.,** a story and a special lighting display bring the various features of the Town Hall façade to life.
- **Visible every day until midnight, from 27 November to 3 January 2027.**

WEINSANTO

Discover **Victor Weinsanto's Christmas-inspired world**

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5 SKATE, HAVE FUN AND GET TOGETHER



The courtyard of the Palais Rohan takes on a wintry atmosphere, hosting an **ice rink in the heart of an exceptional heritage site.** Whether with family or friends, lace up your skates and enjoy the pleasures of the ice in a unique setting - with fun equipment (such as sledges and toboggans) available for younger visitors.

Paid activity. Ice skate rental available on site.

Every day from 27 Nov. to 3 Jan. from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. except:

- **27 Nov.:** 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- **11, 12, 18 and 19 Dec.:** 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- **from 24 to 26 Dec.:** 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **31 Dec.:** 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

6 Stroll, feel the buzz, and explore

As night falls, the cobbled streets, iconic squares, half-timbered facades, and spectacular, dazzling illuminations create a **unique atmosphere.** Look up: **every neighbourhood tells a story, and every setting is a work of art!**

Step through the majestic "Gateway of Lights" (**Porte des Lumières**) on the Rue du Vieux-Marché-aux-Poissons to enter the magic of Strasbourg, the "Capital of Christmas." Christmas baubles, framed by red curtains, will guide your path toward the **Giant Christmas Tree.** Along the way, don't miss the **musical angels** on Rue Mercière.

Also, discover the famous **blue tree** in Place Gutenberg and the **giant, treat-adorned chandelier** installed at the corner of Grand'Rue and Rue du Fossé-des-Tanneurs. Finally, head to Place de la Gare to see the 12-metre-tall "**cathedral tree**" - a structure composed of over 80 cathedral-shaped ornaments crafted using "Recyprint" technology, made from 14,000 recycled bottles.

Until 3 January 2027, the **Vitrines de Strasbourg** association will keep the city illuminated, with plenty of wonderful surprises in store to make your eyes sparkle.





7 Stroll, browse and treat yourself



As you wander from one market to another, you're sure to find something you love: **Christmas tree decorations, garlands, artisanal candles, Alsatian ceramics, locally made creations, wooden toys, and more.**

Whether as a gift for someone else or a treat for yourself, every discovery is a chance to enjoy something special.

Local traders and craftspeople share their passion, showcasing the full richness of the **region's traditional expertise.**

Looking for a chalet?

Looking for a handcrafted creation, a unique gift, or a local delicacy to enjoy? Our chalet search tool helps you navigate through the various stallholders, making it easy to find exactly what you're looking for - whether it's a special product or a tasty treat.



8 Savour, enjoy and breathe in Christmas

At the Christmas markets - including the Marché "OFF" - there are **countless ways to indulge!** Stallholders offer a wide variety of options to **suit every taste** and dietary preference (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.), alongside all the **must-try Alsatian specialties.**

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

To accompany your treats, enjoy a cup of **mulled wine** infused with citrus and spices, or a warm fruit juice for the children. Drinks are served in reusable, "charity-linked" cups (with a €1 deposit); the funds collected are **donated to Strasbourg-based charitable organisations:** L'Arche, Labo Indigo, and À Corps de Soi.



9 Sort, respect and participate



Dedicated dining areas are set up across the various squares, providing a place to sit, socialise, and savour Alsatian delicacies. In Strasbourg, the magic of the season goes hand-in-hand with respect for the environment: with waste-sorting stations, rubbish bins, and reusable, reusable cups supporting local charities, everyone can play a part in making Christmas more sustainable and responsible.

Waste-sorting stations are located in the main squares - **Place du Château, Place Kléber, Place Broglie, and Place Saint-Thomas.** And because a responsible Christmas is a collective effort, the stallholders lead by example: their waste is carefully sorted, collected, and processed.

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

Historic Christmas market

Chrìstkìndelsmärik

PLACE BROGLIE

Chrìstkìndelsmärik 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**.



NEW

A BIT OF ADVICE
STRASBOURGEOIS

A true highlight of "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas"!
Pass beneath the new archway of the **Chrìstkìndelsmärik** (Christmas market), adorned with traditional Christmas symbols, and capture a memorable photo in this authentic, fairytale-like setting.

Production: City of Strasbourg
Design: Jonathan Fralin
Construction: Sigmatech



Traditional Christmas market

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

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

In 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 KLÉBER

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.

Visit the **Village du Partage** ("Village of Sharing") at the foot of the Giant Christmas Tree, where nearly 110 associations take turns hosting, championing the values of solidarity, fraternity, and humanism in the spirit of Christmas.

Meanwhile, at **l'Aubette** you will find the "Noël des Brocanteurs" (Second-Hand Dealers' Christmas Market, *27 Nov - 6 Dec)* and the "Oz" exhibition - a showcase of Christmas-themed arts and crafts *(11 Dec - 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

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 AND ARTISANAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

LE QUAI DES SAVEURS ET DES SAVOIR-FAIRE

TERRASSE ROHAN,
PLACE DU MARCHÉ-AUX-POISSONS

On the terrace of the **Palais Rohan**, the gourmet delights of an Alsatian Christmas meet local craftsmanship. This year, new exhibitors have joined the market, adding even more variety.

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.

The Bas-Rhin Bakers' Federation (**Fédération des Boulangeries du Bas-Rhin**) is on hand to tempt your taste buds with a range of artisanal specialties, all crafted in the "Grand Chalet des Bredle" (Great Alsatian Christmas Biscuit Chalet) located in Place du Marché-aux-Poissons. Tradition, local produce, expert skill, and "homemade" quality are the cornerstones of their craft.

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



A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

From the **Rohan terrace**, take in the "**starlit promenade**" shimmering along the quayside! Stretching from Pont du Corbeau to Pont Saint-Guillaume, nearly 400 stars illuminate the city's rich historical and architectural heritage.

AUTHENTIC CHRISTMAS MARKET

LA PETITE FRANCE

PLACES BENJAMIN ZIX
AND SAINT THOMAS

La 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

Stroll through the heart of the **Petite France** district, with its half-timbered houses, cobbled streets, picturesque canals, and covered bridges. Be sure to look up and admire the iconic façades of this historic neighbourhood.





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 wide array of artisanal flavours: jams, hot apple juice, spirits, whiskey, honey, sauerkraut, organic cheeses, truffles, Bredle (traditional Alsatian Christmas biscuits), biodynamic Alsatian wines, and many other wonders.





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

For the past decade, the "Marché OFF" (OFF Market) in **place Grimmeissen** has invited visitors to experience Christmas in a different way - one that is more responsible, community-minded, local, and human-centred. Participants from the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) offer ethically conscious gifts, locally made creations, and products crafted from repurposed materials. The Marché OFF is also a space for meeting, discovery, exchange, and collaboration.

Explore the **full programme** - curated by committed local residents of Strasbourg - at marcheoffstrasbourg.fr

A BIT OF ADVICE STRASBOURGEOIS

Looking for a quiet break?

The "**Safe Zone**" at the Marché OFF provides an inclusive resting space - complete with sensory items - where you can find a moment of calm amidst the bustle of the market.

A **parent-infant area** is available for families, equipped with a microwave, a changing table, and a comfortable armchair, making it easier to enjoy the Marché OFF with little ones.

These spaces are free to use; simply ask on-site for access.



A wonderful, magical and enchanting Christmas

The Advent Village

After 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.

Let your imagination and creativity run wild!



Through fun, creative workshops, children and adults alike can craft their own Christmas decorations, ornaments, and greeting cards. Families can take on the challenge of building a **miniature wooden chalet** using a set of plans, while those who love beautiful decor can help embellish the village by personalising small wooden mobiles.

Set within the park's lush, green surroundings, the space also invites you into a world of imagination and music! **Storytelling sessions, performances, and concerts** featuring seasonal melodies bring together local artists, visiting guests, and students from Strasbourg's music schools, all in a joyful and intimate atmosphere.

During school hours, the Advent Village also welcomes children from Strasbourg's schools for special moments filled with stories and creative workshops.



A village to experience, to dream in, and to share - where every little creation and every shared moment helps the magic of Christmas grow.

- **Square Louise Weiss**
- From **27 November to 24 December**
- Village open non-stop **from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.**
- All activities are free, without registration and open to all.

Find the full programme details at noel.strasbourg.eu

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

5E LIEU

With your family, come to 5e Lieu 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



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STORIES, ESCAPE GAMES AND CREATIVE WORKSHOPS IN THE LIBRARIES

Visit one of the 34 libraries across Strasbourg and the Eurometropolis to enjoy a programme of activities put together by the library teams: creative workshops, escape games, performances and storytelling sessions.

From the Japanese art of Furoshiki to Christmas bauble-making workshops, monotype-printed lanterns and a host of winter storytelling sessions and extraordinary tales, there's something for all ages and interests!

- Find the full programme at mediatheques.strasbourg.eu

CHRISTMAS AT THE SCIENCE GARDEN

The science garden invites you to discover something new! At the Planetarium, let yourself be surprised by "the sky around Christmas", share the "Pink Floyd" musical experience or immerse yourself in the immersive world of Michel Ocelot with "Les Lapins Trois-Oreilles"

Extend your visit with the collections of the cultural district of the Science Garden, the Botanical Garden and the seismology and zoological museums.

- Info and reservation at 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 27 November to 3 January 2027, in 4 languages (FR, DE, EN, IT), with a games booklet offered to children.

- Info and reservation at batorama.com



For your health, avoid snacking between meals.

BREDLE WORKSHOP

The artisan bakers offer Bredle workshops for children, aged 4 to 10, on Wednesdays, at the Quai des saveurs et des savoir-faire in the Grand Chalet des Bredle, place du Marché-aux-Poissons.

- Registration required on 03 88 15 24 00. Duration: 1.5 hours. Price €5, the amounts collected will be donated to the "Enfants de Marthe" association.

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.

- Visit our website to discover all the programmes: noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda

A SUPPORTED, COMMITTED AND INCLUSIVE CHRISTMAS

THE SHARING VILLAGE

As every 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.



EVENTS AT THE "VILLAGE OF SHARING" YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

- The **Giant Solidarity "Mannele"** (gingerbread/brioche figure), 3 December, around 5:00 p.m.
- **Volunteer Day**, 4 December
- **Experiencing Christmas Together**, 19 December

Find out when the different associations will be present at **noel.strasbourg.eu**





THE STARRED SOUP

The 14th edition of the "**Soupe Étoilée**" (Star-Chef Soup) event, organised by the **HUMANIS solidarity collective,** invites you to discover four **seasonal, flavourful, and colourful velouté soups** created by Alsace's Michelin-starred chefs:

- **Woodland soup with Riesling and spiced croutons** by Alexis Albrecht, restaurant "Au Vieux Couvent" in Rhinau Available in cups from **27 November to 3 December.**
- **Leek and potato velouté with charred bread** by Olivier Nasti from the restaurant "Le Chambard" in Kaysersberg. Available in cups from **4 to 10 December.**
- **Borscht-style beetroot velouté** by Loïc Lefèbvre from the restaurant "L'Atelier du Peintre" in Colmar. Available in cups from **11 to 17 December.**
- **Cream of pumpkin soup with parmesan** by Pascal Bastian, restaurant "Le Cheval Blanc" in Lembach. Available in cups from **18 to 24 December.**

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**

HEART-FELT ACTIONS

SIMPLIFIED CHRISTMAS MARKETS MAP

The simplified map of the Christmas markets has been updated to make it easier to navigate the accessible route and locate inclusive rest areas.

On the back of this map, practical information and details about events are written in simplified French, ensuring the text is clear and easy to read.

Developed in collaboration with local disability advocacy organisations, this initiative aims to make "Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas" **more accessible to everyone,** offering a recommended route to explore the Christmas markets and their festive atmosphere with complete peace of mind.

Find this map at noel.strasbourg.eu

CHARITY CUPS

Support a charitable organisation by using the **reusable cups!** After use, simply drop them into a collection bin; the **€1 deposit will be donated to Strasbourg-based charities:** L'Arche, Labo Indigo, and À Corps de Soi.



FUNDRAISER FOR THE PROTECTION OF STRAY CATS

The **Cat'MonDoux, Era, Chat Home de Luna, Chats'franchis associations,** and the **SPA** (animal welfare society) rescue and care for stray or abandoned cats before finding them new homes. To support these efforts, the City of Strasbourg is organising a fundraiser for dry cat food, canned food, and pouches. Please drop off your donations at the reception desk of the Administrative Centre (Centre administratif), located at 1 Parc de l'Etoile.

- **From 27 November to 24 December: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

THE SOLIDARITY CHRISTMAS TREE

For its 3rd edition, the "Solidarity Tree" (Sapin solidaire) invites you to bring a moment of joy to 300 vulnerable children.

Choose a wish hanging on the tree, fulfil it by purchasing the corresponding gift, and leave it at the on-site collection point.

This charitable initiative helps combat social hardship by bringing a bit of joy to young people in Strasbourg who are supported by various organisations, including Foyer de l'Enfance, Caritas Alsace, L'Étage, Home Protestant, Les Petites Roues, Institution Le Neuhof, SIAMO, PRE and SAPS.

- **From 4 to 15 December, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on the forecourt of the local town hall (mairie de quartier) at Place Broglie.**



COMMEMORATION OF THE ATTACKS

In tribute to the victims of the 11 December 2018 attack, amemorial concert will be held on **11 december 2026, at 8:30 p.m. at the Strasbourg Palais de la Musique et des Congrès**, organised by the association 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.

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

The "Grande Salle" of L'Aubette, located on Place Kléber, is the perfect place to find the ideal gift.

1 During the **"Noël des Brocanteurs"** event (Second-Hand Dealers' Christmas Market, **27 November - 6 December)**, hunt for treasures from a bygone era, second-hand items, or unique handmade gifts.



2 As for the Fédération des métiers d'art d'Alsace (Frémaa), it is showcasing the talent and expertise of 26 craft artists through an exhibition and sale titled **"OZ, le Noël des métiers d'art" (running from 11 to 22 December).**



NEW

The famous Meisenthal Christmas baubles are coming to Oz!

This year, OZ is the only retail location in Strasbourg where you can purchase Meisenthal Christmas ornaments.

A new venue, a new process! Sales are handled exclusively through online reservations for specific time slots. You can find the sales terms and conditions at **www.fremaa.com**

3 And just a few steps from the Aubette, **BO, boutique métiers d'art – french fine crafts** welcomes you at 4 rue de la Haute Montée, where you can discover more original creations by 70 craftspeople from Alsace and beyond, **until 24 December.**



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.

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.

As 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

While visiting the Christmas market at Place du Château, immerse yourself in the holiday spirit by exploring the collections housed within the Palais Rohan museums: 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.

Must-see museum exhibitions include:

- **Building, Preserving, Passing On: 800 Years of the Fondation de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame** - at the Musée de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame.
- **Cardinal de Rohan and the Affair of the Diamond Necklace: At the Twilight of the Ancien Régime** - at the Galerie Heitz (Palais Rohan).
- **On the Wing: Anna Sommer in Dialogue with the Collections** - at the Musée Tomi Ungerer,
- **The Wild State: Animals in the Collections of the MAMCS and the Zoological Museum** - at the MAMCS.

Info at musees.strasbourg.eu



The sculpture workshop of the Fondation de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame, featuring a plaster model of the western façade of Strasbourg Cathedral, 1912. Photo: Fondation de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame.

5E LIEU

In the heart of the Christmas market and at the foot of the Cathedral, 5e 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.

A game booklet for children aged 6 - 11 is available free of charge upon request at the reception desk.

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



TO DISCOVER!

THE TOWN HALL

AN INVITATION
TO A MYSTERIOUS CHRISTMAS

In the **main courtyard** (Cour d'honneur) of the City Hall, strange parcels from the North Pole have been left among the fir trees. Large wooden crates, adorned with ribbons and bows, seem to signal a delivery unlike any other! But what could these extraordinary packages possibly contain?
The mystery remains unsolved…

Come and discover this **unique setting,** which invites both young and old to rediscover the **joy of Christmas surprises** in the heart of the city.

Creation of the Green Spaces department in close collaboration with the Protocol department of the City of Strasbourg.



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 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and on Sunday, from 2 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.**



BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Follow a trail of nativity scenes, stretching from the Cathedral to Place Saint-Étienne, where heritage and Christmas traditions converge. Amidst festive illuminations, choral singing, artisanal crafts, and Alsatian specialties, you will find market stalls and interactive workshops in the heart of this historic neighbourhood.

- **From 27 November to 24 December,** 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Place Saint-Étienne





Hanukkah lights

For the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, a light show recounts the history of the holiday on the façade of the Great Synagogue of Peace (Grande Synagogue de la Paix).

- **From 4 to 12 December,** at nightfall, on the synagogue forecourt. Open to all - Free
- Information: radiojudaicastrasbourg.fr

Guided tours

Strasbourg Tourisme, Loisirs et Congrès offers guided tours to help you discover Christmas traditions in Strasbourg and Alsace—from their origins and the history of the Christmas tree to culinary customs. A stroll through the heart of the old town, enhanced by festive decorations, is sure to delight you!

- Details of the tours at www.visitstrasbourg.fr
- Reservation recommended at https://shop.visitstrasbourg.fr

Cruises on the Ill

Hop aboard a Batorama boat for a cruise exploring the traditions and anecdotes of an Alsatian Christmas.

- Info and reservation at batorama.com

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.

- **4 and 11 December, at 8:30 p.m.;** departure from Place du Château, in front of the Musée de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame.

You can also join the "Strasbourg, City of Light" walking tour, led by Jean-François Kovar, to discover the city's heritage and history, beautifully illuminated along the banks of the Ill River.

- **22 December at 6:00 p.m.;** departure from the forecourt of the Church of Saint-Madeleine (Église Sainte-Madeleine).
- Price: €5 – free for under 16s
- Registration: universitepopulaire.krutenau@laposte.net



Christmas music at the OPS

The Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra (OPS) invites you to experience exceptional musical moments, ranging from major symphonic works to a film-in-concert and festive events.

On the programme:

- "Hymn to Life" (Hymne à la vie) symphonic concert - 3 December 8:00 p.m.
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™ in concert - 12 December, 8:00 p.m.
- "The Joy of Dance" (Ivresse de la danse) symphonic concert - 16 and 17 December, 8:00 p.m.
- "Classics in Celebration" (Classiques en fête) New Year's symphonic concert - 31 December, 8:00 p.m., and 1 January, 5:00 p.m.

Information, pricing, and bookings: philharmonique.strasbourg.eu



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Christmas at the Opera

For the holiday season, the Opéra national du Rhin presents a series of exceptional vocal performances. Featuring the Opera Chorus, the Children's Choir (Maîtrise), and guest artists, this programme combines recitals and concerts to celebrate a time of shared emotion.

Discover:

- Axelle Saint-Cirel - 8 December, 8:00 p.m.
- Vespers of the Virgin (Vêpres de la Vierge) - 14 December, 8:00 p.m.
- A Ceremony of Carols - 18 December, 8:00 p.m.
- "The Chorus with You" (Le Chœur avec vous) - 20 December, 3:00 p.m.

Information, pricing, and bookings: operanationaldurhin.eu



"Paye ton Noël" festival

This traveling festival marks its 20th edition with a festive, community-minded event based on the concept: "Bring a gift, leave with a gift". Paye Ton Noël features a combination of concerts, street performances, short films, giant games of "Werewolves," an "Olympiad", karaoke, and more - all accompanied by mulled wine and flammekueche (Alsatian flatbread).

- **27 November to 23 December**

Info, prices and reservations at pelpass.net

Christmas Festival

Passions Croisées invites you to the Church of Saint-Guillaume for a magical Christmas experience, featuring tales, concerts, a ballet, a gourmet dinner, and other culinary delights.

Discover an 18th-century Neapolitan nativity scene - a masterpiece comprising 300 figures, which was also displayed during the reopening of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Every day, bredle (traditional Alsatian Christmas biscuits) and mulled wine will be on sale, with proceeds supporting the restoration of the church. At 6:00 p.m., join us for the musical opening of our giant Advent calendar.

For information, pricing, and reservations, please visit passions-croisees.com or call 06 30 32 30 27. Tickets are also available for purchase on-site.

The Christmas kabaret Show

Strasbourg's zany cabaret returns with an all-new, festive, and humorous show, featuring sketches, magic, songs, and an array of eccentric acts.

Choose between a show-and-aperitif buffet or the show alone, all within a cosy, welcoming atmosphere - running until 11:30 p.m.

- **4 to 20 December**

Information, pricing, and reservations: espace-k.com

Wellness at the Municipal Baths

Treat yourself to a relaxing experience at the Municipal Baths (Bains Municipaux) - an iconic, heritage-listed landmark decked out in traditional Alsatian holiday style. Amidst historic vaulted ceilings and the shimmering reflections of the pools, enjoy creative workshops, festive tastings, "Santa Bingo," and giant aqua-gym sessions.

New this year: a pop-up store showcasing local craftsmanship and unique gift ideas.

- Info, prices and reservations at bainsmunicipauxdestrasbourg.fr



Explore Strasbourg by Nootoos

Relax in a deckchair and immerse yourself in 2,000 years of Strasbourg's history through this immersive video-mapping show - a blend of visuals, music, and storytelling - hosted at the Protestant Church of Saint-Pierre-le-Vieux. From the city's origins to its status as a major European hub, explore its past, including the history of its famous Christmas markets.

The show can be heard via headphones in five languages: French, English, German, Spanish, and Italian. Suitable for children aged 6 and upwards.

- Information, pricing, and bookings: explore-strasbourg.fr

Céleste, the pillars of the heavens

At Temple Neuf, Céleste transforms the architecture into a luminous, poetic work of art.

Under the artistic direction of Jérémie Bellot, this immersive video-mapping show blends light and lasers into a 360° sensory experience.

- Information, pricing, and reservations: celeste-experience.com/strasbourg



Titanic: An Immersive Journey

This timeless journey tells the story of the RMS Titanic from a whole new perspective and introduces you to more than 300 period objects, spectacular reconstructions of parts of the ship, never-before-seen 3D images and video animations using cutting-edge technology.

- Information, prices and reservations: expo-titanic.com/strasbourg

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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.

Numerous free events organised by municipal administrations and local associations enhance neighbourhood life and contribute to Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas for all Strasbourg residents.



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:

Cronenbourg

The Festival of Lights at Parc de la Bergerie, on 1 December from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., will feature a lantern procession and a show for all ages. Free event.



Conseil des XV

A fun, community-focused event will take place on 9 December from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Place Arnold, centred around the participatory Christmas tree. 3:00 p.m. - Performance: "Chat Peintre" (The Painter Cat), an interactive storytelling show.

Esplanade

The performance **Les Héroïnes des Jours d'Hiver** ("Heroines of the Winter Days") by the company Pieds de Biches will take place on 7 December at La Pokop for children from the Oberlin Nursery School. Additionally, the show **Les Lutins en Cavale** ("Elves on the Run") by the company Les Escadrilles Poétiques will be presented on 10 and 11 December at the Maison Théâtre, followed by a snack and various activities at ARES for children attending elementary schools in the neighbourhood.

Gare

Boum Baby Gang show and children's **Christmas party**, at Sainte Aurélie school, 15 December at 4:30 p.m.

Hautepierre

3rd edition of the **Christmas Market,** from 6 to 9 December, at the Hautepierre theatre and subsequently at Place André Maurois. **Activities** for children, creative workshops, performances, storytelling, choirs, and festivities centred on the spirit of sharing. Food and refreshments available on-site.



Hohberg Poteries

Let's celebrate winter! Join us on 9 December, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the forecourt of the Maison de l'Enfance des Poteries for a **collaborative Christmas tree decorating workshop.** Then, on 12 December from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the CSC Camille Claus, enjoy **creative workshops** followed by a 5:30 p.m. performance for young audiences: **Justine chante Noël à Donf** by the Baslespat company. These events are free and open to everyone.

Koenigshoffen

Gruber Market, 12, 13, 19, and 20 December, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Parc Gruber, 91 Route des Romains.

A **wandering performance** by "Par Enchantement" on 11 December, traveling between école des Romains and Tour du Schloessel, followed by a shared snack. The event begins at Square Appert when school lets out.

"**Caravane des Contes**" (Storytelling Caravan): A performance of Le Noël de Petit Ours (Little Bear's Christmas) on 8 December, at 56 Rue de la Charmille.



Neudorf

From 7 to 11 December, at Place du Neufeld, the Neudorf Community Centre (CSC Neudorf) will host **workshops** for families to create Christmas decorations, in partnership with the Neufeld school, centred around a community Christmas tree.

A highlight will take place on 11 December at 4:30 p.m.: "Christmas Enchantment" (**Les Féeries de Noël**), featuring activities around the tree.

Meanwhile, at Cité Ampère - in collaboration with local residents and neighbourhood associations - **a 50th-anniversary celebration for the area** will be held on 5 December, starting at 1:30 p.m. The event will include an ice rink, workshops, Christmas storytelling, a photo exhibition, personal accounts, musical entertainment, and refreshments.

Neuhof - Meinau

Christmas Market, 11 - 13 December, featuring free activities, roaming entertainment, a musical lineup, performances, charitable initiatives and sales, and light refreshments on the forecourt of Le Pixel, 1 rue des Canonniers.

Neuhof Polygone

CSC Lupovino Christmas celebration, 16 December starting at 3:00 p.m.: a performance by the children, a shared snack, and the creation of decorations for the community Christmas tree in Square Icare.



Port du Rhin

Enjoy **performances, activities, and on-site refreshments** on 12 December at 2:00 p.m. at Kaléidoscoop (5 rue de la Coopérative), and on the afternoon of 16 December at the CSC Au-delà des Ponts (3 place de l'Hippodrome).

You can also take part in our **games and toys drive** by dropping off your donations at any of the following collection points: Bistrot Dékalé, CSC Au-delà des Ponts, Graine de Cirque, Chapelle de la Rencontre, Phare Citadelle (28 & 29 Nov.), and Ateliers Eclairés (5 & 6 Dec.).

✦ Tribunal-Contades

Children's Solidarity Christmas Market, from 30 November to 4 December, 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., on the square in front of the CSC Côté Halles/Tribunal (6 rue Finkmatt): a mini-market designed for children, plus workshops for making Advent wreaths. Open to all.

Christmas Eve Gathering, December 8, 4:30 P.M. to 7:15 P.M., on Rue Finkmatt and around the courthouse (Tribunal): choirs, mulled wine, crêpes, and artistic performances. Open to all – free of charge.



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

Reaching out and bringing people in partnership with Christmas OFF

For the fourth consecutive year, the "Marché OFF" is reaching out to local residents across several neighbourhoods. It invites the people of Strasbourg to explore the Marché OFF at Place Grimmeissen through a variety of tours, workshops, and meet-and-greet events.

The programme includes: creating unique Christmas decorations, artistic performances, and initiatives focused on the social and solidarity-based economy - all designed to help you discover the Marché OFF and bring the spirit of Christmas to every neighbourhood.





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.

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Christmas 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.

Just a 30-minute train ride from Strasbourg, **Haguenau** dons its festive finery for an authentic Christmas market (20 Nov. - 30 Dec.). **Saverne** (Thursdays to Sundays, 27 Nov. - 3 Jan.) invites you to experience its Christmas wonderland, featuring a gourmet village and an ice rink. **Mulhouse** (20 Nov. - 27 Dec.) celebrates its textile heritage by adorning the city with fabrics created especially for the occasion. **Sélestat** (20 Nov. - 27 Dec.) - the birthplace of the Christmas tree - highlights the history of Christmas decorations. Finally, **Eguisheim** (27 Nov. - 30 Dec., excluding 24, 25, and 26 Dec.) and **Neuf-Brisach** (11 - 13 Dec.) offer an intimate, traditional atmosphere complete 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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