

STRASBOURG CAPITALE DE NOËL

TIME TO MARVEL



2024 PROGRAM

TIME TO MARVEL!

After the **star** brought a warm light to Strasbourg Capital of Christmas in 2021, and the **snowflake** blew a light and swirling wind over the 2022 edition, it was the **heart** that symbolised emotion in 2023, making the whole city and its visitors thrill to the rhythm of its beats.

The edition of **Strasbourg Capital of Christmas 2024** comes under an enchanting motto which is "Time to be amazed", with **this giant book that brings the magic of Christmas to every page and transports you into the magical world of Christmas.** This choice particularly resonates with the celebration of its title of UNESCO World Book Capital.

More than ever, Strasbourg invites you to take a magical plunge where Christmas traditions mingle with the love of words and stories. It is an invitation to (re)discover the city from two sides, that of festive illuminations and that of the cultural richness that makes the soul of the city vibrate.

Since 23 April 2024, **Strasbourg has been UNESCO's World Book Capital** and has been celebrating the richness of **literature, writing and the pleasure of reading.** The City of Strasbourg has mobilised itself in order to deploy its "Read our world" programme, rich in **nearly 1,000 events and activities with more than 400 partners** in all the neighbourhoods.

Strasbourg Capital of Christmas will also host a programme around books and stories, a chalet with local publishers will be set up on Place Saint Thomas, where a map of all the book locations in the city will invite you to explore, in particular, the book markets on Place Kléber, which contribute to the magic of Christmas and the pleasure of reading.

Don't miss the highlights by visiting lirenotremonde.strasbourg.eu



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EDITORIAL



As the first glimmers of winter caress our beautiful city, it dons its festive attire and adorns itself with a thousand colours. We are preparing to experience a magical and unforgettable moment for residents, visitors from near and far and of all ages: Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas. This season of wonders is this year donning the colours of the UNESCO World Book Capital, giving pride of place to the stories that have rocked us and to those that have made us grow and still nourish us, offering moments of magic and sharing to young and old alike.

The booklet you are holding in your hands will guide you through our Christmas traditions, the aisles of the different markets and will invite you to discover 1001 wonders throughout the city, between authenticity and childhood sweets. It will introduce you to local artisans who, as true storytellers, share their passion and know-how. It will also allow you to better understand the transformations we have undertaken for several years, helped by the recommendations of the citizens' jury, to make the Capital of Christmas a more convivial, more united and equitable moment of celebration, more respectful of our environment, for all residents from the city centre as well as the different neighbourhoods.

A celebration that reconnects with the magic, meaning and values of Christmas.

We wish you a wonderful December, wonderful moments of sharing and very happy Christmas holidays.



JEANNE BARSEGHIAN

Mayor of Strasbourg

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Deputy Mayor in charge of urban events and of Strasbourg Capital of Christmas' coordination



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

For centuries, the **Christmas tree has lit up our homes, symbolising light in the long winter nights.** First mentioned in 1492 in Strasbourg, this tradition spread to Alsace, the Germanic countries and Central Europe, before crossing the Atlantic to become an emblem of American Christmas.

Originally, fir trees were **placed in public places**, especially in front of churches, before they were **brought into homes in the 18th century**, first hanging from the ceiling and decorated with edible foodstuffs. Legend has it that a shortage of apples inspired the glassmakers of Meisenthal to create the famous blown glass balls. Since 1850, fir trees have been enthroned on the floor or on a table, becoming a tradition that is now widespread throughout the world.

The Great Tree on Place Kléber in Strasbourg is an emblematic symbol of this tradition, providing a magical setting and lighting up winter evenings.

THE ILLUMINATIONS

In partnership with the City of Strasbourg, the **Vitrines de Strasbourg** association **lights up the streets of the Capital of Christmas every year**, contributing to the magic of the event.

The decorations are varied, original and are often **nods to the names of streets, squares, or their history.** Many building facades bear witness to the **attachment of the people of Strasbourg to this tradition** and contribute to the warm atmosphere of the city at this time of year.

The illuminations are a real event to discover, highlighting the **richness of Strasbourg's**

historical and architectural heritage, including the Grande-Île with the **Neustadt** district, which is listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site.**

ADVENT

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation before the celebration of Christmas. **The Advent wreath**, or **Àdvantskränz**, is a tradition of Protestant origin invented by Johann Wichern in Hamburg in the 1830s. Wichern, the director of Raue Haus, an institution for disadvantaged children, had the idea of **lighting a candle every day from December 1 to 23** to keep the children entertained. The Advent wreath as we know it today—made from branches (fir, spruce, holly, laurel) and decorated with four candles, which are lit in succession each Sunday before Christmas—was created around 1860. In Alsace, the first mention of the wreath dates back to 1894, but it gained popularity during the inter-war period.

The Advent calendar counts the days of the run-up to Christmas. It was first printed in 1903 by Gerhard Lang in Munich. **Every day, from 1st to 24th December, a window is opened**, revealing a picture, a treat or a small gift. This tradition is inspired by an ancient practice of **giving Christmas pictures to children every day of Advent.**





SWEET TREATS*

Bredle, small traditional Christmas biscuits, are a must-have for the holidays in Alsace. Prepared with family or friends during the Advent period, they come in many varieties, such as **Bütterbredle** (butter bredle) and **Zimmetsternle** (cinnamon stars).

Gingerbread, first mentioned in Strasbourg in 1412, is another **Advent delicacy**. Made with honey and sought-after spices, it has been distributed to children on **St. Nicholas' Day** or at **Christmas** since the 16th century.

To accompany these sweets, it is customary to drink a good **glass of mulled wine*** (**Glühwein**), a drink of Germanic origin enhanced with citrus fruits and spices such as star anise or cinnamon.

Christmas beer, whose tradition dates back to the 16th century, is dense, unusual, spicy and has a strong taste of hops. It was offered to employees and customers of breweries as a New Year's gift.

** The abuse of alcohol is dangerous for your health. Consume in moderation.*

CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS

- + **Want to continue discovering the traditions surrounding Christmas in Alsace?** Find out the story of the emblematic characters of Christmas: **Christkindel**, **St Nicholas**, **Hàns Tràpp** and **Father Christmas** in video on noel.strasbourg.eu



A SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS

This 2024 edition of Strasbourg Capital of Christmas marks the continuation of the recommendations of the citizens' jury⁽¹⁾ linked to the sustainability of the event.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING

Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas, is renowned for its **superb illuminations**. To maintain this reputation while being energy-efficient, **all lighting systems have been fitted with low-energy LEDs** ⁽²⁾. Like last year, Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas, is **taking part in a joint effort to reduce energy costs by optimizing the timing** of its illuminations ⁽³⁾.

The **Vitrines de Strasbourg** association, responsible for these illuminations, has chosen to use decorations made from recycled plastic bottles. The bottles are processed by grinding and then 3D printing, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For its part, the city largely reuses its decorations from one year to the next, repairing them and relying on the second-hand market whenever new items are needed.

All the decorations are made of low-consumption LEDs, which reduces the energy impact to a minimum. For example, the Cathedral Tree is made up of more than 80 cathedrals printed in Recyprint, using 14,000 recycled bottles.

For its part, the City **largely reuses its decorations from one year to the next**, repairs them and mainly goes through the second-hand market.

New this year is the installation of **non-illuminated decorations** on certain trees that adorn the Place de la Gare, such as hearts made of kelsch fabric, emblems of Alsatian heritage, accompanied by Christmas baubles.

⁽¹⁾ Made up of 50 people selected by drawing lots, the **citizens' jury** put forward recommendations for developing Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas, to meet today's social and environmental challenges.

⁽²⁾ Deployed throughout the city since 2010, the replacement of old bulbs with LED systems has reduced the electricity consumption of Christmas lights tenfold.

⁽³⁾ The illuminations can be seen every day from 27 November to 5 January 2025.

REUSABLE CUPS

No visit to the Christmas Market is complete without a hot drink. Just make sure it's served in a **reusable cup!** All stallholders at Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas, are stocking the same **returnable cups** decorated in the event's colours. These cups are very hard-wearing and can be washed and reused several times.

If you've finished with your cup (and don't want to keep it as a souvenir of this year's event!), simply return it to a Strasbourg Capital of Christmas drinks vendor in exchange for a deposit or **drop it off at one of the Market's collection points**. For each cup collected, **€1 is donated directly to charity**.

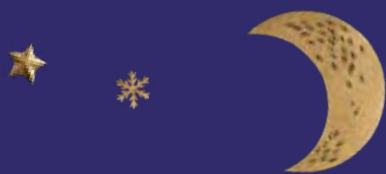
The city has also launched a trial of biosourced cups. Produced from GMO-free cereals, **they can be recycled through industrial composting**.



SORTING AND REDUCING WASTE

This year, Strasbourg Capital of Christmas is reinforcing its waste sorting capacity. In addition to the usual sorting bins installed throughout the Christmas Market, sorting islands are to be set up in the main squares: Place Kléber, Broglie and Place du Château. The aim of them is to facilitate sorting and to further recycle all the waste produced.

Furthermore, the sorting of organic waste from exhibitors has been reinforced: it is sorted in technical areas, then collected daily, up to twice a day on weekends, and recovered as biogas injected into the Strasbourg gas network. And non-recoverable waste will be collected by the Eurometropolis of Strasbourg after the operating period. The City of Strasbourg provides exhibitors with an infrastructure to help them comply with legislation on wastewater recovery.



Don't forget to bring your own container to enjoy the delicious dishes offered by the exhibitors.

The first rule of zero waste: "the best waste is the one we don't produce".⁽⁴⁾

⁽⁴⁾ Exhibitors, however, reserve the right not to accept certain containers.



7 TOP TIPS

TO BE A RESPONSIBLE VISITOR



- 1 To get around Strasbourg, **I prefer public transport, cycling and walking.**
- 2 To make the most of the Christmas atmosphere, **I plan my visit according to the crowds in the city centre.** The crowds are generally lower on Mondays and Tuesdays, and higher on Wednesdays and weekends.
- 3 **I participate in selective waste sorting** by throwing away plastic bottles in a dedicated bin or in a sorting island. This waste will thus be recovered.
- 4 **I keep the reusable cup** in which I was served my first drink and I reuse it throughout my visit to the Market.
- 5 When I no longer need my cup, **I return it to a Christmas Market exhibitor** selling drinks to get my deposit back or **I drop it off in one of the donation terminals** provided for this purpose; unless I want to keep it as a souvenir! Donations will be given to a Strasbourg charity.
- 6 To reduce waste production, **I bring my own container** to enjoy delicious traditional Christmas dishes.
- 7 **I donate items in good condition that I no longer use** by going to the solidarity collection chalet located at the Village du Partage, Place Kléber.



List of collectible items available on noel.strasbourg.eu



 **Christmas Market Stalls**

 **Village de l'Avent**


 Safe zone at the Marché Off (p.25)

 Information Point

 Tourist Office

 Restrooms

 Accessible Restrooms


 PRM equipment loan

 Cup recycling station

 Sorting station

To access downtown:

 1. Railway Station

 2. Bus Station

 3. Park & Ride

 4. Parking

 **Access Point to the old town**

The old town is accessible to pedestrians and cyclists via all bridges.

 Open Tram Station

 Closed Tram Station*

*between 11:30 am and 9 pm.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Market is open from 2 pm on 27 November until 9 pm on 27 December.

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

*Except on December 24 and 25, when the hours are from 11:30 am to 6 pm. On December 25 and 26, some stalls may be closed, as opening is at the discretion of the vendors.

The Marché Off, Place Grimmeissen, is open from November 27 to December 24.



The essential application for visiting Strasbourg Capital of Christmas

With **StrasApp**, easily find your way around thanks to the Christmas Market maps to navigate the Grande-Île. Plan your trips with live traffic information and organise your visit by consulting public transport timetables and parking space availability, all on a single application!



Download StrasApp now to optimise your visit!



CHRISTKINDELSMÄRIK

PLACE BROGLIE

Christkindelsmärik is the Alsatian dialect name for Strasbourg's traditional Christmas Market. First held in 1570, it is one of the oldest Christmas markets in Europe and, for a long time, was the only one in France. After being held in various locations around the city (Cathedral forecourt, Place du Château, Place Kléber, etc.), this essential part of Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, found a permanent home in **place Broglie** 📍 in 1871.

Pass under the famous **Christkindelsmärik arch** ★ and soak up the charming, unique atmosphere, where the scent of cinnamon mingles with the flavors of Alsace: sauerkraut,



tartes flambées, and other specialties. This is one of the best places to find decorations for your Christmas tree and table.

Once you're in the square, be sure to pass by the **City Hall** ★ and discover an exhibition of archives about Strasbourg's Christmas Market just opposite, at the back of the stalls.

TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

Take a photo under the **Christkindelsmärik arch** ★ to have a lasting memory of your time at Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas.



STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS

AUTHENTIC



Strasbourg Capital of Christmas celebrates Christmas through its age-old traditions while highlighting literary wealth, with stories and exhibitions. A unique moment where the warmth of Christmas mixes with the love of stories and books, transmitted by Strasbourg, the UNESCO World Book Capital 2024*.

THE CITY HALL. AN INVITATION TO WONDER

In the main courtyard of the City Hall, the magic of Christmas lights up through the reconstruction of a reading room. Surrounded by majestic fir trees, this decor invites you to dream, to enjoy conviviality and to share with family, where each book becomes a gateway to extraordinary adventures.

Creation of the Green Spaces of the City of Strasbourg and lighting by Xavier Martayan.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ALSATIAN MUSEUM

Every year, when the nights grow longer, the Alsatian Museum puts on its finest attire to welcome you and present the traditions of Christmas and the end-of-year celebrations in Alsace. Come and (re)discover the spirit of Alsatian Christmases from yesterday to today, the legends that were told during the evenings in the Stub and the many delicacies that are made during Advent. Who knows, you might have the opportunity to meet St Nicholas, Christkindel and Hâns Trapp during the many visits, workshops and shows on offer.

Info: musees.strasbourg.eu

AN ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL VOYAGE

A multitude of shows, exhibitions, conferences, musical evenings and cultural events are offered to you during this Christmas time. Everywhere choirs and songs resonate in the streets, in performance halls and even in churches.

Here is a selection located near Place Broglie:

- ✦ **Exhibition « De l'Alsace au monde »***.
Travel through Archives of the Planet of Albert Kahn, at the BNU (National and university library). Guided pathways and tours. Info and reservation: bnu.fr
- ✦ **Exhibition « Pas de livres pour enfants. Enfantillages chapitre 2 »*** at the Tomi Ungerer Museum – International Illustration Centre. Info : musees.strasbourg.eu
- ✦ **Heart at work**
Saint Paul's Church has put together a special Christmas programme for you: « Rêves de châteaux » exhibitions, drawing workshops, concerts, etc. And treat yourself to a sweet break at the café inside the church. Infos : lecoeuralouvrage.com
- ✦ **Writing game workshops at the Bains Municipaux de Strasbourg**
On 6th and 13th December, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, with Plume à Fabule.
Open to all adults.
Info, price: bainsmunicipauxdestrasbourg.fr and <https://plumeafabule.fr>
- ✦ **Heure lyrique : Noël avec la Maîtrise**
On 20th December, at 8 pm, at the Opéra du Rhin. Info and reservation: operanationaldurhin.fr



The complete Christmas programme can be found in our online calendar: noel.strasbourg.eu

*Project labelled Strasbourg UNESCO World Book Capital 2024

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

PLACE DE LA CATHÉDRALE AND PLACE DU CHÂTEAU

In the Middle Ages, before the arrival of the Christkindelsmärik, a "Klausenmärik" or St Nicholas market was held in Strasbourg. At the time, it was held in the **place de la Cathédrale** 2 on or around 6 December. Stalls selling gingerbread and other sweets stood alongside herbalists, saddlers, second-hand boutiques, and haberdashers.

The stalls have now spread all the way to the **place du Château** 3, where they stand on the cobblestones in the heart of the town, surrounded by magnificent Vosges pink sandstone buildings at the foot of the Cathedral. They

can also be found just a stone's throw away in **rue des Hallebardes** 4 and **rue Gutenberg** 5. Here you'll find traditional Christmas goods (candles, Bredle, decorations, hot drinks...). It's the ideal place to find a souvenir of your visit to the market, either to give as a gift or to keep for yourself.



TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

If you're feeling energetic, why not climb the 332 steps up to the **Cathédrale platform** ★? From here, you'll have a breathtaking panoramic view of the city.

In the mood to be curious? The first floor of **5° Lieu** ★ houses a free permanent exhibition on Strasbourg's heritage, with an unbeatable view of the surrounding stalls.



STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS

UNIQUE



A city with a thousand facets, Strasbourg reveals an unusual side through its Christmas traditions, its culture and its heritage. The meeting between the traditional and the unexpected, between preserved heritage and contemporary creativity, makes Strasbourg a unique destination at Christmas.

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE

Take advantage of your getaway to place du Château 🏰 to admire the fantastic collections of the Palais Rohan museums: the Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Decorative Arts. Enter the intimacy of Strasbourg Cathedral and admire masterpieces of medieval sculpture by visiting the Œuvre Notre Dame Museum.

Info: musees.strasbourg.eu

5^e LIEU

The 5e Lieu offers you activities and workshops in addition to its permanent tour. Decorate a Springerle, immerse yourself in the world of Harry Potter during a mysterious tour, stroll through the night with a photographer in search of the most beautiful spots or even make your own scented candle...

Info: 5elieu.strasbourg.eu



GUIDED VISITS

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

Details of the visits at www.visitstrasbourg.fr

Reservation recommended at <https://shop.visitstrasbourg.fr>

THE REGION INVITED: THE NORTHERN VOSGES REGIONAL NATIONAL PARK

Strasbourg Capital of Christmas, is showcasing the Northern Vosges Regional Nature Park, on place de la Cathédrale 📍. A collective chalet is shared between producers and artisans from this region, all labelled 'Marque Valeurs Parc'. Discover a wide range of products: honey, stoneware Christmas decorations, natural wool, handmade knitwear, aromatic and medicinal plants, and natural mineral water.

SPIRITUALITY

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

The large 1907 nativity scene installed over 18 meters long, representing the 4 scenes; the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Adoration of the Magi and the Presentation in the Temple.

To be discovered at the Cathedral, from Monday to Saturday, from 8:30 am to 11:15 am and from 12:45 pm to 5:45 pm and on Sunday, from 2 pm to 5:15 pm.



LE QUAI DES DÉLICES

TERRASSE ROHAN, PLACE DU MARCHÉ-AUX-POISSONS

Gingerbread, sweets, and other Christmas treats have been the focus of attention since the Middle Ages at the St Nicholas market and again from 1570 when it was replaced by the Christkindelsmärik. The Christmas Market is first and foremost a fantastic place to do your holiday shopping!

The Quai des Délices is ideal for lovers of gourmet food. Here, you'll find all the right flavors to enjoy with friends over a delicious meal, to give as a tasty gift, or even just to tide you over until the big day.

On **Terrasse Rohan** 6, discover excellent grape varieties from the region's estates offered by the **Tribu des Gourmets**. Sweet palates

can indulge in traditional *Bredle* cookies, which are now enriched with new flavors and specialties. And let yourself be tempted by the delicious creations from the bakers of the **Fédération des Boulangeries du Bas-Rhin**.

Take the opportunity to admire the **view towards the Ill**, where you'll see boats bobbing on the river and pedestrians strolling along the quayside, or board a **Batorama** star boat to sail through the traditions and stories of Alsatian Christmas during a chocolate cruise.

Info and reservation:

batorama.com

Just next door, in the **place du Marché-aux-Poissons** 7, continue your culinary

journey with a selection of hoppy beers and other savory, mouthwatering dishes.

TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

Sit back and relax on **Terrasse Rohan** 6, and watch the stars twinkling on the **quayside** star right before your eyes! Almost 400 stars have been hung from the Pont du Corbeau to the Pont Saint Guillaume to highlight the city's rich historical and architectural heritage.

And a few metres away, at the **Historical Museum** star, the "**Place à Gutenberg**" exhibition* awaits you to learn everything about the Gutenberg monument erected in 1840 in Strasbourg during the 400th anniversary of the invention of printing. And the **traditions of Alsatian Christmases** will no longer hold any secrets for you thanks to the **Alsatian Museum** star, 23 - 25 quai Saint Nicolas!

*Project labelled Strasbourg World Book Capital UNESCO 2024



STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS FOOD



There's one festive treat that no Strasbourger will ever forget: the **Bredle**, those little biscuits cut out with a cookie cutter before baking, whose mouth-watering aroma wafts pleasantly through every home in the run-up to Christmas.

But this sweet treat is just one of **many local Christmas specialties** that delight foodies of all ages.

Wherever you go, you'll come across plenty of stalls serving traditional drinks and snacks. Your taste buds are in for a treat: Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, is opening up its kitchens to you!

THE BAKERS AND WINEGROWERS OF QUAI DES DÉLICES

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

On site, the **Fédération des Boulangeries du Bas-Rhin** welcomes you to make you drool in front of all its artisanal specialties* made in the pop-up bakery. Traditions, local products, know-how and "homemade" goods are the pillars of the profession.

After work or after having walked through the different squares of the Christmas Markets, enjoy a festive getaway at the **Tribu des Gourmets** to taste an authentic mulled wine made with white wine from Alsace*. A friendly atmosphere is guaranteed in the traditional chalet that is fully open and decorated with barrels and wooden frames.

* For your health, avoid snacking between meals. Abuse of alcohol is harmful for your health.

MAKE YOUR OWN BREDLE

Bredle is a story of indulgence but above all of sharing. As the holidays approach, the Alsations are keen to **offer small bags well-stocked with their own biscuits**.

You too, why not get started in the production of Bredle with traditional or more original recipes? You will find some inspiring collections in Strasbourg bookstores, and also in this **booklet concocted by the agents of the City of Strasbourg, and accessible at noel.strasbourg.eu**

And to make your Bredle, keep your eyes open, you could find not far from here a multitude of **cookie cutters** of all shapes to get you into the kitchen and dazzle your loved ones with your taste creations!



WINSTUBS AND OTHER RESTAURANTS

In Strasbourg, the range of restaurants on offer is like its inhabitants: generous! From the traditional **winstub** to the **100% plant-based** restaurant, including **world cuisines** and other revisited specialties, there is something for every palate! Don't hesitate to push open their doors to discover our Alsatian specialties.

- ✦ In Strasbourg, if you don't know how to pronounce 'Flammekueche' in the Alsatian style, you can just say '**tarte flambée**', which means flame-grilled tart.


AT THE FOOT OF THE GRAND SAPIN

PLACE KLÉBER

Situated in the heart of the city, **place Kléber**  is an important meeting point and crossroads for the people of Strasbourg. All the key ingredients of Strasbourg Capital of Christmas can be found here: togetherness, enchantment, local craftsmanship, and a friendly atmosphere with a dedicated area to sit back, relax, and enjoy a tasty Alsatian dish.

The **Village du Partage**  can also be found at the foot of the **Grand Sapin** . Ninety charities take it in turns to promote the values of solidarity, fraternity, and humanism in the true spirit of Christmas. Here you can

make responsible purchases, donate to charity collections, and take part in community events, which are described in more detail on pages 18 and 19.

Or why not head to the **Aubette**  where you can pick up precious souvenirs from centuries past, second-hand items, and hand-crafted gifts? From 27 November to 8 December, **Le Noël des Brocanteurs** takes place. From 13 December to 22 December, **OZ, le Noël des métiers d'art**, takes place. These are perfect opportunities to (re)discover unique local artistry.

TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

Come and enjoy a **star-rated soup prepared and served by top chefs** from the region at the foot of the 'Grand Sapin'!

This event is organised by the Humanis solidarity association collective.

You can consult the programme and points of sale at:

soupeetoilee.humanis.org



THE GRAND SAPIN

Standing majestically at the heart of the square, the Grand Sapin is a key symbol of Strasbourg Capital of Christmas. Every year, the public follows its journey with bated breath **from the forests of the Vosges to the centre of Strasbourg!** At the foot of the tree a magical décor awaits you where you can live out your winter wonderland fantasies or simply take a pretty photo.

This year, the 'Grand Sapin' is decked out in the colours of Strasbourg, UNESCO World Book Capital 2024, to

discover traditional Christmas stories, tales and legends, while paying tribute to the art of origami and the penknife. Book pages fly away from a giant book opened and placed at its foot, releasing magic alongside white paper flowers, symbols of the fertility of the spirit and the richness of stories.

As in previous years, the tree and decorations have been chosen with eco-responsibility in mind, using recyclable materials. The Grand Sapin is sourced from a sustainably managed forest. The Office National des Forêts works tirelessly to maintain the vitality of forests

and strengthen their ability to adapt to climate change.

In addition, several social and solidarity economy associations or passionate artisans participated in the production of them: **the red balls were made by ESAT Caramentis and the wicker stars by Inclusiv CCITE.**

✦ Stop by **any day, on the hour between 4 pm and 9 pm**, to discover the musical illuminations of the Grand Sapin.



IDENTITY CARD

Origin: forêt domaniale de Champ, parcelle 33, near Saint-Dié-des-Vosges

Species: Sapin pectiné
abies alba

Age: 70 years

Height: 31 metres

Weight: ≈ 6 tons

Width: 10 metres

Contracting Authority:
City of Strasbourg, Events Department

Project Management:
Office National des Forêts

Illuminations and Decorations: Sigmatech

AN INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE CHRISTMAS



VILLAGE DU PARTAGE

As always, the City of Strasbourg is supporting charities by hosting them at the foot of the Grand Sapin. This tradition is the perfect opportunity to share and listen, but also to discover different charities and maintain a sense of community as the year comes to a close.

For this year's event, almost **90 charities**, spread across **14 stalls**, are in attendance and will be happy to **speak to you about the values they uphold on a daily basis**, such as helping society's most vulnerable people, social integration, support for people affected by illness or disability, humanitarian aid, international sponsorship, defending human rights, and animal welfare.

The Village du Partage also features a number of not-to-be-missed initiatives, including **Volunteer Day (5/12)**, **the Mannele Solidaire (6/12)**, **Experiencing Christmas together (21/12)** and **the Soupe étoilée**.



The 12th edition of the **Star-rated Soup** organised by the **collective of solidarity associations called Humanis** invites you to discover the **4 veloutés (soups)*** with seasonal flavours and colours made by the top chefs of Alsace:

- + **Velouté from the forest with Riesling and spiced croutons**, by Alexis Albrecht, restaurant "Au Vieux Couvent" in Rhinau
- + **Parsnip and coconut lemongrass velouté**, by Julien Binz, restaurant "Julien Binz" in Ammerschwihl
- + **Velouté from the earth with herbs**, by Paul Stradner, restaurant "Villa René Lalique" in Wingen-sur-Moder
- + **Pumpkin velouté with parmesan**, by Pascal Bastian, restaurant "Le Cheval Blanc" in Lembach

Each soup purchased supports the solidarity projects established by the Humanis collective, including its integration project.

** For your health, avoid snacking between meals.*



Find out more about the events and the chefs at noel.strasbourg.eu



COLLECTION OF DONATIONS

This year, the charities at the Village du Partage are joining forces to offer a **space dedicated to the collection of donations**.

Would you like to donate? Check all the details at noel.strasbourg.eu and find the collection point in the Village du Partage.

SOLIDARITY SECOND-HAND CLOTHES

This is an opportunity to treat yourself at low prices and to find good deals while **supporting those working in the local social and solidarity economy**.

- ✦ **On 7th December**, from 11 am to 7 pm, at the Saint Pierre-le-Vieux church, 6 Place St Pierre-le-Vieux.

SOLIDARITY CUPS

Another way to support a charity is with a **reusable cup**. Once you've finished your drink, **return your cup to one of the 12 collection points** located in the various squares. **The €1 deposit is then donated directly to a charity**. This measure is also **environmentally friendly** as the cups are reused.

FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

In order to offer an ever more inclusive Christmas and support for all kinds of visitors to the experience of Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, **specific visits for people with disabilities** are organised by an approved tour guide. Visits by registration, departure in front of the Aubette.

Information and registration by email at evenements-capitaledenoel@strasbourg.eu



Find the details on the website noel.strasbourg.eu



Also, a loan of reduced-mobility equipment (walkers, etc.) is possible at the information chalet, Place Kléber under certain conditions.

COMMEMORATION OF THE ATTACKS

In tribute to the victims of the attack of 11 December 2018, a **commemorative concert** will be held on **11 December 2024, at 8 pm at the Palais de la Musique et des Congrès in Strasbourg**, organised by the Des larmes au sourire association and the Strasbourg ensemble et solidaire collective (ASTU), in the presence of the associations SOS France Victimes 67, VIADUQ 67 - France Victimes and the support of the Lower Rhine prefecture and the City of Strasbourg.

Strasbourg has not forgotten the five victims who tragically died and all those who were injured and deeply affected by this terrorist attack. We must remember the great outpouring of solidarity that enabled our town to come back to life in the face of so much grief.



THE CARRÉ D'OR MARKET

PLACE DU TEMPLE NEUF

In need of inspiration for a great gift? Then look no further than the **place du Temple Neuf** 🏠. This market is brimming with beautiful decorations, candles, sweets, jewellery, and both sweet and savoury treats... there's something for everyone!

And if you want to take your shopping one step further, the surrounding streets are lined with famous boutiques and artisan pastry-makers, chocolate-makers, restaurateurs, bakers, cheese-makers, and more. Once you've had your fill of

window shopping, make sure you admire the area's magical décor.

TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

A few steps from here, find the **Rue des Orfèvres** ★, adorned with its most beautiful illuminations. Take the time to walk along this very popular street and immerse yourself in a Christmas tale. At the end of the street, let yourself be surprised by the **Notre-Dame Cathedral of Strasbourg** ★.



STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS



As Christmas approaches, Strasbourg is decked out in its best finery. The streets, houses, facades of monuments, windows and balconies sparkle with countless decorations, each more original than the last.

The **Vitrines de Strasbourg** association makes increased efforts every year to illuminate the shopping streets of the Capital of Christmas with breathtaking decorations, as varied as they are original, which are often nods to the names of streets and squares or their history.

Do you want to experience a magical moment and be amazed? Discover our selection of must-see places to explore the city under the magic of Christmas.

THE MAJESTIC ALLEY

Pass through the **Porte des Lumières on Rue du Vieux-Marché-aux-Poissons** to enter the magic of Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas. Christmas baubles with surprise decorations, bordered by red curtains, will guide your steps towards the 'Grand Sapin'. Don't miss the **musical angels** on Rue Mercière and the **Baccarat chandeliers** on Rue des Hallebardes.

THE CATHEDRAL TREE

Come and admire, on the **Place de la Gare**, the **Cathedral Tree** made up of more than 80 cathedrals and shining with a thousand lights from its height of 12 metres. This is an original creation 100% *made in France* by the Vitrines de Strasbourg in the workshops of the company Blachere Illumination, in Apt in Vaucluse.

BARREL DISPLAY

In **Rue des Tonneliers**, 22 luminous, sparkling barrels are suspended as a tribute to the history of the street, where barrels delivered to the quays were rolled to the shops.

THE GIANT CHANDELIER

With its magical decorations, the **giant chandelier** is located on the corner of the **Grand'Rue** and **Rue du Fossé-des-Tanneurs**. Taking its inspiration from the gourmet delicacies of the shops in Grand'Rue, this monumental chandelier measures six metres across and 3.5 metres tall and has three tiers.

FAIRYTALE FOREST

In **Rue de la Mésange**, 22 **giant trees** with gold and white lights have been installed, giving the street a magical feel. This enchanting forest continues on to **Place Saint-Pierre-le-Jeune**, where the centuries-old trees in the square are illuminated.

THE BLUE TREE AND ITS READING BEAR

On **Place Gutenberg**, the famous blue tree and its teddy bear pay homage to Strasbourg, the World Capital of Books! Just like the **Rue du Jeu des Enfants**, which is adorned with illuminated books.

THE PINK STARRY SKY

New for 2024, come shine under the pink of **Rue de l'Outre**!



LES IRRÉDUCTIBLES PETITS PRODUCTEURS D'ALSACE

SQUARE LOUISE WEISS

Here, farmers and artisans, better known as the Irréductibles Petits Producteurs d'Alsace, offer local products that are 100% made in Alsace.

If you're looking to tantalize your taste buds, make a detour to **square Louise Weiss** ¹² to discover a whole range of produce: homemade jams, hot apple juice, chocolate in all its forms, Bredle, condiments, tasty biodynamic Alsace wines, and many other delights await you.

And what could be better than trying before you buy? You'll be able to sample the produce

at the stalls and enjoy a chat with these passionate people who are dedicated to their crafts.



TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

The nearby **covered bridges** ★ and the **Vauban dam** ★ are well worth a visit. From the roof of the dam, you can admire breathtaking views of the city and its Cathedral.



ADVENT VILLAGE



After tucking into the delicacies offered by the **Irréductibles Petits Producteurs d'Alsace**, come and recharge your batteries with friends and family in the **Village de l'Avent**★.

In keeping with the traditional four-week preparation period prior to Christmas day, this cheerful village offers plenty of opportunities for socialising.

With its magical, timeless décor, it is the perfect place for children and families to enjoy a **wide range of activities**. Come and keep Christmas traditions alive with

creative workshops where children and their parents can make traditional Christmas decorations, decorate the tree, and make greetings cards. The Advent Village also hosts a whole programme of shows: theatre, storytelling, Christmas concerts—you name it!

The Advent Village offers a **full program of shows and activities**. You'll have the chance to discover specific Christmas traditions **in the German style** with contributions from Stuttgart on 4 and 5 December, and Dresden on 18 and

19 December, and in the Anglo-Saxon style with the participation of local associations, including 'Alsace – United States,' on 27 and 28 November, and 11 and 12 December. A reading corner has been specially set up, showcasing Christmas books, winter legends, and tales in French, German, and English. Outside, a **book hut** invites you to enjoy reading, as each story shared with your child or family creates unforgettable memories and weaves deep bonds for a better future.

Schools from all the neighbourhoods of Strasbourg will be welcomed to the Advent Village to attend shows and participate in creative workshops. These children will be able to return to the Advent Village accompanied by their parents to share moments with their family.

- + **Where ? Square Louise Weiss**
- + **From 27 november to 27 december 2024***
* Closed on December 25th and 26th, public holidays in Alsace.
- + **Village open non-stop from 11:30 am to 9 pm**

Find the
programme at
noel.strasbourg.eu



STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN



Christmas is often a time to be with family. So, it's only natural to visit **Strasbourg, the Capital of Christmas, with your children.**

You'll marvel at the wide-eyed wonder on their faces as they await the big day. **Strasbourg Capital of Christmas is brimming with ideas to keep them entertained.**

CHRISTMAS CRUISES

On board Batorama cruises, a tale "Where have the Christmas elves gone?" immerses children in the magic of Christmas to enjoy an interactive experience. This fun and captivating audio commentary is available on all the cruises, from 25th November to 5th January 2025. It has been translated into 4 languages (FR - DE - EN- IT) and is accompanied by a games booklet given to children.

Info and reservation: [batorama.com](https://www.batorama.com)

BREDLE WORKSHOP

The artisan bakers offer **free Bredle workshops** for children aged 4 to 10 at the Quai des Délices in a pop-up bakery on Place du Marché-aux-Poissons.

Registration required on **03 88 15 24 00.**

THE FESTIVE AND SOLIDARITY ACTIVITIES OF THE OFF MARKET

At the OFF P. market, every **Wednesday at 4 pm**, let yourself be carried away by the holiday spirit with **gourmet snacks!** Children discover organic and fair trade delicacies, learning the fascinating journey of how these treasures arrived on their plate.

At 5 pm, there is an **enchanting show**, which is different every week, to amaze young and old. On the programme: a festive party for the whole family, a captivating tale about cocoa production, an ornithological and viola dance mixing sounds and movements, the moving adventure of the Bremen Town Musicians and an interactive reading of **sustainable stories.**



Find the complete programme for Christmas OFF at marcheoffstrasbourg.fr

STORIES AND CRAFTS IN MEDIA LIBRARIES

Visit one of the 34 media libraries in Strasbourg and the Eurometropolis to enjoy the activities put together by the librarians: workshops, Advent calendars, greeting cards, readings and shows. And why not learn the Japanese art of Furoshiki, exchange your precious Bredle recipes, or even take part in a performance on a stage open to all... there is something for all ages and all desires!



Find the complete programme on the media libraries website mediatheques.strasbourg.eu

ONLINE CHRISTMAS EVENTS CALENDAR

Whether you are looking for shows, concerts, guided tours or activities for children, our online calendar is the ideal tool for organising your outings in Strasbourg.



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

THE OFF MARKET

NOV. 27 > DEC. 24 PLACE GRIMMEISSEN

First established in 2016, the OFF market is the ideal place to bring together consumption and commitment. With its **containers in the shape of chalets and geodesic domes**, it brings together those involved in the social and solidarity economy that respect the environment.

Vintage furniture, second-hand clothes and customised clothing, original creations of local arts and crafts, books, second-hand toys, organic food... everything here is unique and ethical!

Place Grimmeissen is buzzing with activity: take your time to sample organic and fair-trade dishes and enjoy a packed programme of activities, including weekly

events such as afternoon workshops for youngsters and citizen talks, as well as exciting theme days.

The OFF market, we come here to attend a meeting, we linger to find a sustainable gift and we stay to dine around a tarte flambée* and a good, ethical mulled wine*!



Discover the eclectic programme designed and offered by committed Strasbourg residents on marcheoffstrasbourg.fr

TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

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). Free space accessible on request.

* For your health, avoid snacking between meals. The abuse of alcohol is dangerous for your health.



LA PETITE FRANCE

PLACES BENJAMIN ZIX AND PLACE SAINT THOMAS

La Petite France is an enchanting destination whatever the season: authentic half-timbered houses, charming cobbled streets bordered by the River Ill, a picturesque swing bridge★, and a lock★ from which you can watch the boats come to a standstill... the atmosphere is warm and welcoming. When the city is transformed into the Capital of Christmas, the decorations adorning this area are well worth the detour.

Place Benjamin Zix 14 is home to some wonderful stalls. Here you'll find everything your heart desires to decorate your home and brighten up your festive table, from pretty candles to delicious herbal teas...

in short, everything you need to bring the special atmosphere of this magical place home and enjoy the warmth of those long winter evenings.

You'll find the same kind of treasures in **Saint Thomas** 15, as well as plenty of treats and mouth-watering hot drinks to soothe the cold and hungry.

In this year of World Book Capital, come and meet the local publishers located in a chalet on Place Saint Thomas. Every day, a different local publisher will help you discover the wealth of the book industry in Strasbourg. And come and pick up the first map of all the book locations in Strasbourg, from bookstores to media libraries,

including the book market, book huts and reading clubs.



TOP TIPS SPOTTED BY LOCALS

For a “picture perfect” photo, head to the lock★ passage just beside Place Benjamin Zix. It’s a well-known viewpoint, and for good reason!



STRASBOURG CAPITAL OF CHRISTMAS HANDICRAFTS



In keeping with the Ville et Métiers d'Art label that the city has enjoyed for many years, Strasbourg Capital of Christmas seeks to celebrate the work of craftspeople whose skills go back centuries, helping to keep traditions alive.

If you're a fan of local crafts, beautiful decorative objects, and authentic gifts, this selection was made for you!

CRAFTSMANSHIP, BETWEEN ART AND FLEA MARKET

The Aubette is the perfect place to find the ideal gift. With the Christmas of the Brocanteurs (Second-Hand Dealers), hunt for precious souvenirs from another century, second-hand objects or even artisanal gifts. And the Federation of Crafts of Alsace (Frémaa) highlights the talent and know-how of around fifty craftsmen through the pop-up boutique **OZ, the Christmas of Crafts**.

✦ See you **from 27 November to 22 December**, at the Grande Salle de l'Aubette, Place Kléber.

CREATORS MARKET

Open especially during the Advent period, the pop-up markets are set up in spaces in several neighbourhoods of the city dedicated to Alsatian crafts, or even 100% Strasbourg ones!



Find the complete list on noel.strasbourg.eu

SHOPS

All year round in the city of Strasbourg, many shops have made it their mission to help you discover the diversity of **local creations**. Keep your eyes peeled and enter the art and craft shops that you find on your way!



A selection is available on noel.strasbourg.eu

DECORATE YOUR HOME

Christmas tree and baubles, garlands, Advent wreathes, Advent calendars... Christmas is the perfect time to let your creativity run wild! **The chalets are full of decorations and ideas** to immerse your home in the festive atmosphere. Whether you are a fan of tradition or original contemporary decoration, you will find something to inspire you!



CHRISTMAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS



Strasbourg is not the Capital of Christmas for no reason: as the end-of-year holidays approach, the entire city celebrates the tradition of sharing.

Thus, while the bustling historic center remains lively, the **different neighborhoods** of the city also fully take part in the event.

STALLS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

Ampère, Neuhof-Meinau, Port du Rhin, Gare, Tribunal-Contades, Koenigshoffen, Esplanade, Robertsau... **Neighborhood life** takes on the Christmas spirit for an afternoon, a day, or an entire weekend. **The program includes** activities for children and families, creative workshops, Christmas tree decorating, food stalls and refreshments, parades, charity sales, shows, and concerts, **in collaboration with local associations and community partners.**

ONLINE CHRISTMAS AGENDA

The Christmas agenda allows you to plan your outings and not miss any of the Christmas and end-of-year festivities. Whether you're looking for shows, concerts, guided tours, or activities for children, our online agenda is the perfect tool to organize your outings in Strasbourg.



Discover the full program on noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda

THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

Throughout the duration of Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, Christmas trees are set up **in the heart of the neighborhoods**, ready to be decorated by children from schools, social and cultural centers, or by local associations involved in neighborhood life. These creations uphold the Christmas spirit by participating in a collective and participatory effort during workshops.

- ✦ **Discover all the creativity of the neighborhoods on our [social media!](#)**



MARKETS AROUND STRASBOURG



Keen to explore the surrounding areas of Strasbourg? The Christmas market is a widespread tradition throughout the region and on both sides of the Rhine.

STRASBOURG EUROMETROPOLIS: 33 TOWNS AND VILLAGES GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT

From the decoration of façades to the illumination of streets and monuments, the inhabitants of the communes around Strasbourg preserve the **tradition of Christmas in Alsace**. A series of stalls in the Place de l'Église, a small market in a farmhouse, entertainment for children, forest trails... **There are plenty of activities to choose from**, all of which promise to take you right to the heart of local life.



Visit our website to discover all the programmes: 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! 30 minutes by train from Strasbourg, **Haguenau** puts on its lights for its authentic Christmas market (22/11 to 30/12). **Saverne** (from Thursday to Sunday from 29/11 to 05/01) welcomes you for its Christmas magic around its gourmet village and its ice rink. **Mulhouse** (22/11 to 23/12) celebrates its textile heritage by decorating the city with fabrics specially created for the occasion. **Sélestat** (22/11 to 29/12), birthplace of the Christmas tree, highlights the history of decorations.

Finally, **Eguisheim** (29/11 to 30/12 except 24, 25 and 26/12) and **Neuf-Brisach** (6 to 8/12) offer an intimate and traditional atmosphere with period costumes, perfect for immersing yourself in the magic of Christmas.

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



Find the entire Christmas in Alsace programme on www.noel.alsace

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RHINE

Across the Rhine tradition is also alive and well. In Freiburg im Breisgau, 150 craftsmen welcome you into the warm atmosphere of the old town. At the foot of the Ravenna Gorge, the high stone viaduct lights up the 40 stands of the Christmas market open every Advent weekend. 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 ideal for **magical moments**. Whether it's cutting down a Christmas tree or blowing glass baubles, there's something for the whole 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

GETTING AROUND IN STRASBOURG



GETTING TO THE CITY CENTRE

From the railway station

The city centre is about **ten minutes on foot** from the train station.

And from the station, by taking **Rue du Maire Kuss on foot**, you can take yourself directly to the **Christmas Market** of the Irréductible Petits Producteurs d'Alsace, to the Advent Village, **Square Louise Weiss** and to the OFF Market, **Place Grimmeissen**.

If you wish to take **public transport**, you can choose between:

- ✦ Tram **A** (underground access from the station), direction Campus d'Illkirch or Graffenstaden
- ✦ Tram **D** (underground access from the station), direction Port du Rhin or Kehl-Rathaus
- ✦ Tram **C** (access from the North Hall side), direction Neuhof Rodolphe Reuss

And you have the option of getting off at the **Ancienne Synagogue Les Halles** and **Homme de Fer** tram stations to access the Christmas markets.

From the bus station (Parc de l'Étoile)

The city centre is about **fifteen minutes on foot** from the bus station.

The **Christmas market around the Cathedral and the Quai des Délices** are a few metres away on foot if you head towards the **Place d'Austerlitz**, then the **Place du Corbeau** and pass under the **Porte des Lumières Strasbourg Capital of Christmas**.

If you want to take **public transport**, go to the **Étoile-Bourse** tram station, right next to the bus station, and take one of the following two trams:

- ✦ Tram **A** direction **Parc des Sports**
- ✦ Tram **D**, direction **Poteries**.

Both lines allow you to stop at **Homme de Fer**.

From the park and ride lots

Located on the outskirts, the **park and ride lots** are **THE good deal for motorists** who come to spend the day in Strasbourg and want to park in peace. A single ticket at a great price allows all the occupants of the vehicle to

benefit from the Strasbourg tram and bus network without any limits.

Find all the useful information on:

cts-strasbourg.eu
and noel.strasbourg.eu

GETTING YOUR BEARINGS

To find your way around the city centre and locate all the stalls and events, grab a copy of the **Strasbourg Capital of Christmas map**, available from information points and many other partner venues.

DOWNLOAD
THE STRASBOURG
CAPITAL OF
CHRISTMAS MAP



BY FOOT

Walking is **THE** best way to explore the city! Surrounded by the River Ill, Strasbourg's historic city centre is entirely pedestrianised for the duration of the event. The 21 bridges leading to it are **accessible to pedestrians 24 hours a day**.

During market opening hours (11:30 am–9 pm), **bulky luggage is inspected at the entrances**. If there's ever a bit of a wait, feel free to **use the next entry point** on your right or left—it's not far away! The market is spread across a number of squares.

There's no set route to follow: **just look out for stalls that catch your eye** and feel free to wander around, letting yourself be swept away by the enchantment of Strasbourg Capital of Christmas!



BY BIKE

Like pedestrians, **cyclists can access the historic city centre via any of the bridges crossing the River Ill**.

However, during Christmas market opening hours (11:30 am–9 pm), anyone wishing to cross the market without stopping should take a detour. Pedestrians still have priority, and bikes must travel at "walking pace."

Would you like to travel to the Christmas market by bike? Take one of the preferred routes that will lead you to **one of the large dedicated parking areas**. This solution allows you to leave your bike nearby so that you can wander around the city with ease.

If you're just passing through Strasbourg and want to explore all the city has to offer beyond its historic centre, you can use the Strasbourg Eurometropolis bike hire service: **Vélohop**. This is available on a self-service, in-branch, or click & collect basis.

- ✦ **For more information, visit velhop.strasbourg.eu**
- ✦ **Consult the cycling map at noel.strasbourg.eu**



BY TRAM OR BUS

All tram lines in the city centre are in operation. The Langstroß Grand'Rue, Broglie, and Alt Winmàrik tram stations will not be served when Strasbourg Capital of Christmas is open, i.e., between 11:30 am and 9 pm. Homme de Fer station will remain open as usual, even during the Christmas market opening hours. Bus routes that usually run through the city centre are being diverted.

Please note: the Christmas Markets are accessible on foot from the train station and the bus station without using public transport. You can also get off at the stations: **République, Ancienne Synagogue Les Halles, Faubourg National and Porte de l'Hôpital** to reach the Christmas Markets on foot near these stations.

BY CAR

Do you need to get around the centre **by car** while the Christmas Market is on?

- ✦ **Find all the practical information you'll need at noel.strasbourg.eu**

Parking spaces on the immediate fringes of the city centre are reserved for **people with reduced mobility (PRM), medical staff, Citiz car-sharing vehicles, and taxis** for the duration of the event.



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