

## **Christmas Markets in Northern Germany**

### **Even more festive in real life**

Northern Germany's Christmas markets are a feast for the senses and offer a very special atmosphere during the Advent season. Here visitors can find handmade gifts, delicious specialities such as mulled wine, roasted almonds and freshly baked biscuits. The combination of North German cosiness and traditional handicrafts creates an unforgettable experience for young and old. Immerse yourself in fairytale worlds, experience romantic settings, cosy promenades and enjoy the maritime flair - from the North Sea to the Baltic Sea, in the Harz Mountains or in historic UNESCO World Heritage towns: discover the North German Christmas markets!

### **Schleswig-Holstein**

#### **On the North Sea**

Friedrichstadt (29.11. - 01.12.2024)

Schleswig-Holstein's Little Amsterdam gets cosy and Christmassy on the first weekend of Advent. The Christmas season is heralded in Friedrichstadt amid shining gabled houses and glittering canals.



Husum (18.11. - 28.12.2024)

Festively decorated between the impressive house fronts and with a maritime flair, the Husum Christmas market welcomes its guests to the market square. The 'Christmas town on the North Sea' offers a varied programme with concerts and a visit to the 'Husum Christmas House'.

Sylt (06.12. - 03.01.2025)

The island of Sylt offers many opportunities to get into the Christmas spirit with cocoa and mulled wine during the winter season. Find inspiration for your Christmas presents in the Keitum barn or purchase lovingly crafted Christmas decorations for your own home from the Morsum Christmas market.

Tönning (Saturdays and Sundays during the Advent weekends)

Experience the Christmas spirit with handicrafts, a petting zoo and Christmas carols in the historic Packhaus at Tönning harbour. The Packhaus is a large Advent calendar - the windows and doors are labelled with numbers from 1 to 24. Hidden behind them are new programme items for the whole family to discover every day.

## **Between the coasts**

### Stocksee (30.11. - 15.12.2024)

At the Stockseehof estate, around 110 exhibitors offer you thousands of gift ideas and everything you need to look forward to Christmas in the warm Christmas market barn, the large Christmas tent and on the estate farm.

### Pronstorf (on the weekends from 15.11. - 15.12.2024)

Once a year, the Pronstorf estate shines in Christmas splendour. A cosy village of huts in the avenue garden makes the hearts of craft lovers beat faster. A colourful Christmas programme is offered for children in the children's barn.

### Mölln (29.11. - 22.12..2024)

When the temperatures drop, the decorated old town will be cosy and festive again this year. The large, festively decorated Christmas tree in the middle of the old market square gets visitors to Mölln's Christmas market in the mood for the festive season. The last presents can be bought at the stalls and Christmas treats can be savoured. In the warm music hut, you can sing along to your heart's content during the live programme.

### Lauenburg (06.12. - 08.12.2024)

The Lauenburg Christmas market at the castle starts in a dreamlike setting directly on the illuminated Lauenburg Castle Square on the 2nd weekend in Advent. Visitors can enjoy classic Christmas market delicacies with a fantastic view of the Elbe.

## **On the Baltic Sea**

### Kiel (21.11. - 23.12.2024, closed 24.11.)

In Kiel, you can experience the magic of Christmas at several Christmas markets within walking distance of each other. You can start your winter Christmas stroll at the festively decorated traditional market on Holstenplatz. Asmus-Bremer-Platz and the Old Town are the perfect places to nibble on a sweet treat. The cosy Christmas village on Kiel's town hall square attracts visitors from near and far with its airy tightrope act.

### Lübeck (25.11. - 30.12.2024)

Visit Lübeck's famous Christmas markets and experience the magic of Christmas in the atmospheric Old Town. The Hanseatic city invites you to stroll through

traditional and historic Christmas markets - for younger guests, there is the fairytale forest at St Mary's Church and the Wichtelwunderland to discover.

#### Flensburg (25.11. - 31.12.2024)

In Germany's northernmost city, the Christmas market impresses with its Scandinavian flair. It stretches from the Südermarkt through the entire pedestrian zone to the Nordermarkt. As you stroll through the alleyways and courtyards, the scent of roasted almonds and delicious baked apples wafts from everywhere.

## Hamburg

### Historic Christmas market Rathausmarkt (25.11.-23.12.2024)

The popular and well-known Christmas market in front of the venerable backdrop of Hamburg City Hall attracts millions of visitors year after year. Numerous traders, showmen, artisans and market traders from near and far present their wares. With its quaint alleyways, the historic Christmas market is like a journey back to the days of exciting childhood and magical Christmas wonders.



### Christmas Goose Market (18 November - 23 December 2024)

The Christmas market at Gänsemarkt resembles an idyllic village of gingerbread houses. The stalls, designed with great attention to detail, and the large entrance gate are real eye-catchers and invite you to take a family Christmas stroll.

### Christmas market in the Hafencity (18.11. - 29.12.2024)

A very special Christmas world awaits visitors in front of the Old Harbour Office on Überseeboulevard: in addition to lovingly designed food stalls and the Christmas lounge, there is 'winter mini golf' and a curling rink as a sporting activity in a Christmassy setting. Great fun for young and old!

### Spitalerstraße Christmas market (21 November - 28 December 2024)

The Spitalerstraße Christmas market combines tradition and modernity. In the middle of the bustling shopping street, quaint stalls open their doors at Christmas time. The small houses are designed in a traditional Hanseatic brick look. Modern light installations brighten up the Christmas village.

### Christmas market on Gerhart-Hauptmann-Platz (21 November - 23 December 2024)

Between Karstadt, Thalia-Theater and Perle-Passage, Gerhart-Hauptmann-Platz is transformed into a central meeting place at Christmas time. In the traditional winter forest, visitors experience a relaxing break from the hustle and bustle of the city centre and the atmosphere of a real 'fir forest' with forest floor underfoot instantly puts you in the Christmas spirit. A varied cultural programme provides entertainment and a good atmosphere.

### Christmas market on the Fleetinsel (21.11.-23.12.2024)

This special Christmas market is located right in the middle of Hamburg city centre, yet far away from the hustle and bustle. The atmospheric Advent light is reflected in the canal and the scent of Christmas herbs and spices wafts over this cosy market. This magical and atmospheric place invites you to pause for a moment, whether with family, friends or colleagues. At the Fleetinsel Christmas market, after-work mulled wine can be enjoyed even in bad weather, as there is a spacious covered area. Look forward to warm hospitality, a variety of gift and decoration ideas and selected Advent treats.

#### St. Mark's Advent season (27.11.-22.12.2024)

With its colourful stalls, many Christmas trees and a historic carousel, the Christmas market is a cosy alternative to the large, sprawling markets in the city. As in previous years, 2024 will also offer a fine programme for young and old. Wednesday afternoon is reserved for our young guests and will be visited by artists, puppeteers and other surprise guests. Thursday heralds the start of the weekend with after-work sounds.

#### Bergedorf Christmas market (23 November - 30 December 2024)

Thousands of glittering curtains of lights create an atmosphere like Scandinavia in winter. With ice-crystal clear air and cosy wooden houses, with campfires and colourful northern lights. Under the huge old trees, scattered among many small fir groves, and in front of Hamburg's only real castle, a Christmas world with purist style elements and Nordic cosiness is presented. The tranquil atmosphere of a Scandinavian Christmas village in a cosy snowy landscape with atmospheric lights transforms the entire area into a land of Astrid Lindgren with Pippi Longstocking, Michel and Ronja the Robber's Daughter.

#### Christgrindelmarkt (15.11.-22.12.2024)

The small Christgrindelmarkt offers a varied cultural programme. Cosy seating and delicious specialities invite you to linger and chat. With its charm and many colourful offerings, the Christgrindelmarkt complements the cultural diversity of the neighbourhood and quickly becomes a meeting place for families, friends and work colleagues who want to enjoy the Advent season in comfort.

#### Eppendorf Christmas stroll (21.11.-29.12.2024)

This Advent, the Christmas stroll in the heart of Eppendorf on Marie-Jonas-Platz will once again open its doors. At the centre of the action is the cosy 'Glühwurm' punch hut, which invites you to enjoy a mug of mulled wine, apple punch or gløgg. While children take their traditional spin on the Christmas children's carousel and snack on roasted almonds, adults can meet up for a chat.

### Harburg Christmas market (21.11.-29.11.2024)

The Harburg Christmas market in front of the historic and picturesque backdrop of the town hall has long been a Harburg tradition. The small stalls around the large fir tree smell of punch, lard cake and almonds. There is always a nice Christmas souvenir to be found here, and families, friends and colleagues can enjoy the most wonderful time of the year together.

### Treudelberg Christmas market (21 November - 22 December 2024)

This year, the Treudelberg Christmas Market opens its doors for the third time and invites you to experience the festive season in a warm and cosy atmosphere that will enchant all visitors. Amidst the magnificent backdrop of the hotel, guests can expect a fairytale Christmas market that appeals to all the senses.

### Wandsbek Winter Magic (11.11.2024-01.01-2025)

As one of the first Christmas markets in Hamburg, the Wandsbeker Winterzauber heralds the start of the mulled wine season on the first weekend in November. As every year, the wintery, Christmassy village offers all kinds of delicious treats and drinks. The large alpine hut with open fireplace and the large panoramic terrace, from which you can enjoy your mulled wine with a fantastic view over the ice skating rink and the hustle and bustle of the winter village, create a cosy alpine atmosphere. The highlight of the Wandsbek Winter Magic is of course the 400 m<sup>2</sup> 'Like-Ice-Rink'.

### Barmbek Christmas market (25 November - 30 December 2024)

The atmospherically decorated hut village in the Piazzetta Ralph Giordano is once again full of festive cheer this pre-Christmas season. The Christmas bakery conjures up crêpes and roasted almonds until the end of the year, two mulled wine stands offer delicious mulled wine creations and when your stomach starts to growl - selected food stands cook and roast savoury dishes, including vegetarian options. The nostalgic children's carousel delights the little ones and in the culture barn there is a varied programme, readings, singers and songwriters and children's theatre.

### Niendorf Christmas market (30.11-23.12.2024)

The many small wooden huts, mostly in Swedish red, the warmly lit tipi tents, fir decorations, small lights and tempting offers such as mulled wine, chocolate, handmade accessories and much more immediately put every visitor in a hygge Christmas mood. Rustic wooden huts and large tipi tents are lined up around the magnificent Christmas tree, which shines with numerous lights. The 'Tibarg Centre Tipi Lounge' in these tents is the meeting place for convivial evenings in large groups. Fresh wood chips on the floor keep your feet warm and dry.

#### Osterstraße Christmas market (14 Nov - 30 Dec 2024)

After work, as a family outing or just for a chat with friends - the small muggle winter village is once again the ideal meeting place from mid-November. Two mulled wine stands with a wide range of hot drinks and the operators of the food stalls cater for your physical well-being with potato pancakes, chips and bratwurst.

#### Ottensen Christmas market (21.11.-23.12.2024)

The Christmas market in Ottensen is unrivalled in its variety and presents new, interesting vendors every year. With over 50 lovingly decorated huts, including cosy punch and mulled wine stands and culinary delights from all over the world, this Christmas market is considered one of the most authentic markets in the city.

#### Wintergarten St. Pauli Christmas market (13.11.-23.12.2024)

The aroma of hot mulled wine invites you to linger. Whether at the edge of the curling rink or by the warming flames of the open fire, the quality of the atmosphere is particularly high here. There are tasty sausages on the barbecue and those with a sweet tooth are spoilt with sweet crêpes.

#### Christmas market around the Michel (29.11.-01.12.2024)

More than 100 exhibitors make their way to the Christmas market at St Michael's every year. Handicrafts, fashion and jewellery are exhibited in the crypt, on the church square and in the parish hall. If you are looking for Christmas presents, you are sure to find what you are looking for here.

#### White magic on the Jungfernstieg (18.11.-23.12.2024)

The Christmas market 'Weißer Weihnachtszauber auf dem Jungfernstieg' (White Christmas Magic on the Jungfernstieg) captivates with its glittering lights, the many arts and crafts stalls and its unique location directly on the Binnenalster. Visitors from all over the world enjoy the ambience and the marvellous view of the Christmas-decorated Alster fir tree. A special highlight is a ride on the historic Ferris wheel dating back to 1899.

#### Winter Pride (16.11.-22.12.2024)

Just around the corner from the main railway station, there is hot mulled wine, delicious treats and fun company at Hamburg's only queer Christmas market. Centrally located on the corner of Lange Reihe and Kirchenallee car park, Winter Pride has long made a name for itself thanks to its cosy and tolerant atmosphere. As in previous years, no typical Christmas music is played at the market, as Winter Pride turns into a party at the weekend! On Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. onwards, DJs from the scene play and provide you with rhythmic beats - a point that should motivate even the biggest Christmas grouches to pay a visit.

#### Christmas market at St Peter's Church (21.11.-28.12.2024)

Over 200 real fir trees adorn the Christmas market at St Peter's Church at Christmas time. It's easy to forget that you're only a few steps away from Hamburg's largest shopping street, Mönckebergstraße. Visitors are enchanted by the lovingly designed Scandinavian-Nordic Christmas huts and illuminated fir trees.

#### God Jul - Scandinavian Christmas (15-17 November 2024 + 22-24 November 2024)

On two weekends in November, visitors can enjoy traditional delicacies and regional specialities from Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark in a typical Nordic Christmas atmosphere.

#### Hamburg DOM (08.11.-08.12.2024)

When the big Ferris wheel shines brightly in the night sky above St. Pauli, the anticipation is in the air and the commanders at the breakdancer loudly proclaim the finale, then we know it's time again: the cathedral has opened its doors.

#### Marché de Noël Stadthöfe (14.11.-23.12.2024)

The atmospheric lighting that lovingly stages the courtyards is particularly impressive. Numerous stalls invite you to browse and sample, while the unique location between Neuer Wall and Grosse Bleichen rounds off the scenery perfectly. Visitors from all over the world are enchanted by the magical atmosphere and enjoy the view of the festively decorated courtyards. Here, French Christmas magic blends with Hanseatic flair to create an unforgettable experience.

#### „ÜberWintern“ market on the Elbe (01.11.2024-28.02.2025)

Don't miss out on the home-brewed Julebryg Christmas beer from the in-house ÜberQuell brewery! Culinary delights include delicious winter pizzas, hot stews, vegetarian treats, warming winter soups with herbs from the GreenPauli garden as well as tasty punch and mulled wine. For the sporty types, there are two 14-metre-long curling rinks - the perfect winter fun for friends, families and Christmas parties! Here you can enjoy the relaxed winter atmosphere right on the Elbe.



## [Niedersachsen/ Lower Saxony](#)

### **Maritime Christmas markets**

#### Leer Christmas market (25 November - 30 December 2024)

From 25 November to 30 December 2024, the Leer Christmas Market will once again take place in the pedestrian zone. You can also look forward to the traditional mulled wine and Feuerzangenbowle stalls, as well as stalls where you can still find a Christmas present or two.



#### Stade Christmas market (25.11.-24.12.2024)

In Stade, the old town centre becomes a living room for the whole family. This is when the most wonderful time of the year begins: the town centre gets in the mood for Christmas with Christmas huts, decorated alleyways and winter lighting. The traditional Stade Christmas market takes place at the horse market around the large Christmas pyramid. Stalls with tasty treats, mulled wine and arts and crafts await visitors. The stage programme provides a festive atmosphere and musical entertainment. Nordlicht, the Scandinavian Christmas market, returns to the fish market. Scandinavian wooden huts with delicacies and handicrafts create a special atmosphere around the Hanseatic harbour. The curling rink in front of the Schwedenspeicher Museum, which offers a children's programme and cinema on Advent Sundays, is an active and sociable place. Lovers of handicrafts will get their money's worth at the arts and crafts market in the town hall on all Advent weekends.

#### Wilhelmshaven Christmas market (25.11.-29.12.2024)

The Christmas market 'Weihnachten am Meer' (Christmas by the Sea) will once again give Wilhelmshaven a festive glow every day from Monday, 25 November. In addition to the splendidly illuminated and festively decorated NordseePassage, Valoisplatz will once again be bathed in sparkling lights. The wintry village of stalls invites you to snuggle up and linger in a cosy atmosphere. In addition to visits from Father Christmas, there is always live music on stage, a children's programme and special activity days.

#### Aurich Christmas market (25.11.-30.12.2024)

Christmas lights illuminate the town from 25 November to 30 December 2024. The Christmas magic that covers the entire market square is one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in East Frisia. Located in the centre of the festively decorated pedestrian zone, the small town in East Frisia exudes a special charm that captivates locals and visitors alike, especially at this time of year.

### **Christmas markets in castles and palaces**

#### Christmas market at Gödens Castle (28.11. - 01.12.2024)

Gödens Castle invites you to a very special Christmas market in Lower Saxony.

Christmas magic at Bückeberg Castle (28.11. - 08.12.2024)

Enjoy the special atmosphere in and around the castle!

### **Christmas markets in our cities**

Lamberti Market Oldenburg (26.11. - 22.12.2024)

Follow the tempting scent of roasted almonds through Oldenburg's city centre and discover the Lamberti market on the Rathausmarkt and Schloßplatz. Handmade goods and delicious treats await you here in over 100 lovingly decorated wooden stalls. The Christmas market hustle and bustle is framed by the historic buildings of the castle, the Old Town Hall and St Lambert's Church, which create a contemplative atmosphere.

Gifhorn Christmas market (27.11. - 23.12.2024)

During the Advent season, the Christmas market immerses the Gifhorn pedestrian zone in a festive atmosphere. Culinary specialities such as roasted almonds, crêpes, mulled wine, sausages and bread are offered at lovingly decorated stalls. The cosy 'Kaminzimmer' invites you to take a break and linger, events take place in the 'Weihnachtshütte' and the charitable 'Gute Bude' offers arts and crafts, among other things. Children's carousels, a magical Ferris wheel, Punch and Judy theatre, musical performances and Advent singing, children's handicrafts, winter fire shows, a blacksmith, family and senior citizens' afternoons, apres ski and after-work X-Mas parties round off the Christmas market in Gifhorn. The Christmas market is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and even longer for special events.

Braunschweig Christmas Market 2024 (27.11. - 29.12.2024)

In the atmospheric ensemble of historic buildings around St. Blasii Cathedral and Dankwarderode Castle, around 130 lovingly decorated stalls offer their products and spread an Advent atmosphere at the market. Artisans and craftspeople offer inspiring gift ideas such as handmade wooden products, creative jewellery designs, warming felt and wool products and individual Advent decorations. Culinary specialities from Braunschweig and the region as well as Christmas delicacies provide a variety of culinary delights.

Hanover Old Town Christmas Market (25.11. - 23.12.2024)

From 25 November to 22 December, the Christmas market in Hanover's Old Town puts people in a pre-Christmas mood. Around the Marktkirche church and up to the Platz der Weltausstellung square, 125 festively decorated stalls from the Erzgebirge and South Tyrol offer wooden toys, arts and crafts, ceramics and household goods, among other things. Christmas food and drink will be available for visitors to enjoy.

Wolfenbüttel Christmas market (26 November - 23 December 2024)

Against the backdrop of the historic palace, lovingly decorated huts tempt visitors with culinary delights and selected arts and crafts. Cosy seating between sparkling fir trees invites you to enjoy hot mulled wine, punch and savoury and sweet treats. A varied supporting programme of children's entertainment, choir music, bands and walking acts will get you in the mood for the most wonderful time of the year.

#### Einbeck Christmas Village (27.11. - 29.12.2024)

A Christmas grove, small wooden huts and the large Christmas tree will adorn the historic market square from 27 November to 29 December 2024 when the traditional Einbeck Christmas Village opens its doors.

#### Goslar Christmas market (27 November - 30 December 2024)

The Christmas market and Christmas forest will take place amidst the dreamy backdrop of the historic old town from 27 November to 30 December 2024. In the romantic Christmas forest at the Schuhhof, the fresh forest floor cracks underfoot and over 160,000 lights twinkle simultaneously amidst the splendour of 60 illuminated conifers, while time seems to stand still.

#### Christmas Town Lüneburg (27 November - 30 December 2024)

In the run-up to Christmas, Lüneburg is transformed into a fairytale Christmas town that enchants visitors with its festive splendour. The historic old town shines in a warm glow of lights, while the scent of cinnamon and roasted almonds fills the alleyways. The atmospheric Christmas market on the town hall square attracts visitors with artistic craft stalls and a wide range of culinary delights. The splendidly decorated half-timbered houses form a picturesque backdrop for contemplative strolls. Traditional choirs and musical performances spread festive sounds.

#### Osnabrück Historical Christmas Market (25 November - 22 December 2024)

It is one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in northern Germany - in Osnabrück's Old Town between the market square and the cathedral. Special highlights: The night watchman climbs the Marienkirche tower with guests for a panoramic Advent view. Father Christmas also climbs out of the clouds from up there.

#### Celle Christmas market (25 November - 29 December 2024)

The Celle Christmas market is one of the most beautiful in Germany. Between festively illuminated half-timbered houses and lovingly decorated stalls, you can immerse yourself in a wonderful Christmas atmosphere. The historic old town of Celle with its pretty half-timbered houses is predestined for an atmospheric Christmas market. The half-timbered ensemble is one of the largest in Europe and provides a romantic backdrop for the small stalls. The combination of stylish market stalls, festive lighting and Christmas concerts earned Celle the title of 'Best Christmas City' in 2018.

#### Wolfsburg Christmas Market 2024 (25 November - 29 December 2024)

The year traditionally ends with the Wolfsburg Christmas Market. From 25 November to 29 December 2024, we invite you to enjoy the Christmas atmosphere and cosy get-togethers on Porschestraße.

#### Stade Christmas market (25 November - 24 December 2024)

In Stade, the old town centre becomes a living room for the whole family. The most wonderful time of the year begins: the town centre gets in the mood for Christmas with Christmas huts, decorated alleyways and winter lighting. The traditional Stade Christmas market takes place around the large Christmas pyramid at the horse market. Stalls with tasty treats, mulled wine and arts and crafts await visitors. The stage programme provides a festive atmosphere and background music. Nordlicht, the Scandinavian Christmas market, returns to the fish market. Scandinavian wooden huts with delicacies and handicrafts create a special atmosphere around the Hanseatic harbour. The curling rink in front of the Schwedenspeicher Museum, which offers a children's programme and cinema on Advent Sundays, is an active and sociable place. Lovers of handicrafts will get their money's worth at the arts and crafts market in the town hall on all Advent weekends.

#### Magic of Lights Hann. Münden (29.11.-26.01.2025)

Once again this year, the Lichterzauber in Hann. Münden will take place as part of our Christmas programme. The half-timbered and three-river town will once again unfold an enchanting flair in the picturesque old town during the winter season. The quaint streets of the old town are framed by artistically arranged light sculptures, which interact to create breathtaking seas of light. In addition to the larger-than-life, three-dimensional sculptures, trees decorated with fairy lights immerse visitors in a sparkling winter wonderland. This is complemented by illuminated half-timbered gables and windows, which skilfully set the scene for the centuries-old half-timbered houses and create unforgettable impressions. Stroll through the old town in a cosy atmosphere alone or together with friends and family and discover the fascinating light installations piece by piece. Be sure to pack your camera, because the magic of lights in Hann. Münden is a great photo opportunity.

#### Papenburger Budenzauber on the main canal (26.11.-22.12.2024)

From 29.11.23 to 20.12.23 it will be Christmassy on the main canal in Papenburg: Every day from 12 noon to 8 pm there will be a stall magic. There will be an ice skating rink for children, a company curling cup, an Advent calendar that can be opened daily, visits from Father Christmas and Father Christmas, little stalls with arts and crafts, open-air Christmas cinema, decorations and gifts from Papenburgers for Papenburgers, after-work carol singing, children's carousel, mushrooms, almond stall, crêpes stand, mulled wine, barbecued food and handicrafts as well as a large Advent calendar for visitors from Papenburg and the surrounding area.

#### Christmas by the sea - the Wilhelmshaven Christmas market (25.11.-29.12.2024)

From Monday 25 November, the Christmas market 'Christmas by the Sea' will once again give Wilhelmshaven a festive glow every day. In addition to the splendidly illuminated and festively decorated NordseePassage, Valoisplatz will

once again be bathed in sparkling lights. The wintery Budendorf invites you to sniff and linger in a cosy atmosphere. In addition to visits from Father Christmas, there is always live music on stage, a children's programme and special activity days.

## Bremen

### Glittering lights around the world cultural heritage site (25 November - 23 December 2024)

From 25 November to 23 December 2024, the atmospheric Bremen Christmas market with over 170 festively decorated stalls around the town hall and Roland statue (UNESCO World Heritage Site) invites you to take a long stroll. It is considered one of the most beautiful in the country. Its historic backdrop, lovingly decorated stalls and stands, romantic lighting - all of this adds to its special flair and attracts more and more visitors every year. The Advent season lights up Bremen: Fairy lights, candlelight and lovingly decorated stalls create a special ambience that enchants visitors every year. The cosy scent of freshly roasted almonds, gingerbread and mulled wine fills the air. Right in front of the 600-year-old town hall, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on the historic market square and in the shopping arcades, numerous Christmas stalls await you - festive, romantic and festively beautiful. An illuminated circular route takes you from the Christmas market to Bremen's lifeline, the Weser. The popular promenade along the river invites you to experience the magic of Schlachte during Advent. Experience the historic, wintry and maritime market!



### Schlachte magic on the Weser promenade (25 November - 23 December 2024)

The ships on the quay glisten in the blue light and the smell of smoked fish and freshly baked bread wafts through the air: from 25 November to 23 December 2024, the Schlachte-Zauber will be held daily from 11 a.m. on Bremen's waterfront promenade with a historic, wintry and maritime ambience. The market opens on 25 November at 6.30 pm with fireworks directly over the Weser. Here you can immerse yourself in the Middle Ages: In the village of the Fogelvreien, the aroma of incense and all kinds of specialities from the Orient wafts from the spice merchant and the meat roaster tempts you with freshly roasted meat. The hammering of the blacksmith can be heard from afar and his colleagues from other guilds such as potters, felt makers, wood turners and scribes go about their work. In the taverns, visitors can sample mead, fruit wine or even love potion and listen to the minstrel's song while the planks of the historic ships creak softly on the shore. Craftsmen at work, lamenting sutlers, jugglers and minstrels ... This may have been the way things were back then when the cogs with their precious cargo from faraway lands came to the Hanseatic city for transshipment. The beer huts in the beer gardens of the neighbouring restaurants are lovingly and quaintly decorated. Here you can warm up with a delicious mulled wine and enjoy the conviviality of the Schlachte magic. The famous Böttcherstraße connects the Weser promenade Schlachte with the Christmas market on the market square and the city centre in an impressive way.

## Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

### **Contemplative Advent season with castle romance**

#### State capital Schwerin (25.11. - 30.12.2024)

Enjoy the traditional Christmas market in Schwerin's old town amidst cosy half-timbered houses and Christmas-decorated alleyways. It is particularly inviting to take a few laps on the covered ice rink on the south bank of the Pfaffenteich. The state capital of Schwerin remains festively decorated even after the Christmas holidays.



#### Baroque town of Ludwigslust (28.11. - 01.12.2024)

The Ludwigslust Castle Christmas is something very special. It enchants its visitors for just a few days. One of the highlights is the castle in a blaze of light. Visitors can also look forward to arts and crafts, all kinds of home-made products and culinary delights from the region.

#### Fieldstone barn and Ulrichshusen Castle (07.12. - 15.12.2024)

A special Advent market can be experienced on the first three Advent weekends in the old, heated fieldstone barn in Ulrichshusen, where a variety of exhibitors, craftspeople and artists invite you to visit. Ulrichshusen Castle is also one of the extraordinary hosts of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival Winter. The combination of musical enjoyment and historic castle ambience makes these concerts a unique experience.

#### Bollewick barn (30.11. - 01.12. & 07.12. - 08.12.2024)

The Bollewick barn in the Lake District invites you to the Mecklenburg Advent market. On the first two Advent weekends, the smell of peppernuts and hand-baked Bollewick Stolle wafts through the barn. Lovingly decorated stalls from more than 100 artists and craftspeople tempt you to take a leisurely stroll around the largest fieldstone barn in Mecklenburg.

#### Old Mecklenburg Christmas market at Priborn Castle (06.12. - 07.12.2024)

The traditional Christmas market at and in Priborn Castle impresses with hut magic, crafts and a children's carousel for young and old. On Saturday afternoon, Father Christmas visits the market with his elves - there is a great children's programme and Father Christmas gives presents.

#### Neustadt Glewe Castle Christmas Market (07.& 08.12.24)

In Neustadt Glewe Castle, you can marvel at and purchase both historical and modern items at the Christmas market on the 2nd weekend in Advent. A great opportunity to buy Christmas presents. There is also a model railway exhibition on 150m<sup>2</sup>, as well as a 'creative workshop' with woodwork, clay work, soapstone carving, face painting for children and much more.

## **Christmas time in the Hanseatic cities**

### Hanseatic city of Rostock (25 November - 22 December 2024)

In the Hanseatic city of Rostock, the largest Christmas market in the north invites you to the heart of Rostock city centre. Roasted almonds and hot mulled wine, fast-paced carousels and a Ferris wheel - that's the Christmas market in Rostock. As every year, Father Christmas himself will make the long journey from Scandinavia for the festive opening of the Christmas market.

### Hanseatic city of Stralsund (25.11. - 31.12.2024)

The Christmas market in the World Heritage city of Stralsund is characterised by the flair of living history. History is reflected everywhere in the streets, squares and monuments. Traders and restaurateurs offer their wares and specialities against this Hanseatic backdrop.

### Hanseatic cities of Greifswald (28.11. - 21.12.2024) and Wismar (25.11. - 22.12.2024)

You can also enjoy the Christmas atmosphere in the Hanseatic city of Greifswald. Surrounded by venerable gabled houses, Wismar's Christmas market is also traditional and invites you to take a stroll.

## **Christmas seaside resorts**

### 18th Mönchgut Christmas market (30.11. to 01.12.2024)

Cosy get-together with Christmas delicacies, children's programme & Christmas sounds.

### Wustrow Christmas market (07.12.2025)

Christmas scents, shining children's eyes and a lively get-together are guaranteed here. If you long for a real Advent atmosphere, you shouldn't miss the Wustrow Christmas Market 2024 and enjoy the delicious delicacies, creative handicrafts and cosy get-togethers with a hot drink in your hand. The Wustrow Christmas market for young and old traditionally takes place around the 'Alte Eiche' on the first Saturday in Advent. Idyllically situated in the middle of the village, a cosy, pre-Christmas atmosphere is created with a lot of dedication, small market stalls, loving decorations and atmospheric lighting. So cosy and contemplative that even Father Christmas himself has announced his intention to visit. Admission is of course free and food and drink will be provided!

### Binz Christmas market 'Angels, light & sea' (12.12. - 15.12.2024)

As part of the 'Binz Winter Magic', the Binz Christmas market 'Angels, Light & Sea' gets you in the mood for the coming festive season. Experience and enjoy music and entertainment on Binz's Kurplatz, with a mulled wine in hand and a sea view included. The Christmas market opens on Thursday at 4 pm.

### Christmas hustle and bustle at Ralswiek Castle (14.12.-15.12.24)

The Christmas market at the Schlosshotel Ralswiek on the island of Rügen features numerous artisans and traders from the region. The range extends from



Christmas decorations to gift items such as toys and jewellery. Gingerbread, Baumkuchenecken, dominoes and almond slivers are served fresh from the patisserie and the castle kitchen offers mulled wine and grilled food in the inner courtyard. The highlight on Sunday afternoon is the tower blowing - a true Rügen Advent tradition.

## Lübeck

### Lübeck Christmas market (25 November - 30 December 2024)

Atmospheric Christmas hustle and bustle and stall magic await you around Lübeck Town Hall. Simply follow the glittering lights as you take a leisurely stroll. Countless poinsettias, fairy lights and decorated Christmas trees create a magical winter atmosphere. The clear winter air smells of roasted almonds, marshmallows and mulled wine. There are sausages and many other delicacies.



Christmas crafts in all their variety await at numerous stalls: classic Christmas tree decorations and toys, as well as regional products and unusual gift ideas. The Christmas market has a long tradition in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lübeck. It was first mentioned in a document in 1648. Today, the historic buildings form the perfect Advent backdrop for the pre-Christmas hustle and bustle at the market.

### Historic Christmas market (25.11.-23.12.2024)

The churchyard of St. Mary's takes you on a journey back in time to the Middle Ages. All kinds of craftspeople cavort here, demonstrating long-forgotten skills and offering their wares for sale. Impressive walk-acts in historical costumes provide entertainment time and again. It gets particularly cosy in the evening hours: candles and countless red poinsettias bathe the square in a magical light. With music and a mug of mead, it gets really cosy.

### Maritime Christmas market (25.11.-29.12.2024)

The Koberg is located in the old seafaring quarter of the Old Town island. Hanseatic culinary stalls serve savoury and sweet dishes and hot lilac punch or mulled wine. Nets, rustic wooden barrels and beach chairs offer a tangible harbour atmosphere. Little sailors can test their seaworthiness on the carousel. The Ferris wheel takes you up high. If you dare, you will be rewarded with an unforgettable view of Lübeck's Old Town and the harbour!

### Märchenwald (25.11.-30.12.2024)

Come on in, little and grown-up children! Hidden among the Christmas fir trees, the fairytale forest at the foot of St Mary's Church awaits all those who love stories. Twenty lovingly designed little houses, in which well-known fairytale scenes are shown, are waiting to be discovered. The figures will whisk you away to the wonderful fairytale world of the Brothers Grimm. For many people born in Lübeck, a visit to the fairytale forest in the run-up to Christmas is a firm ritual from childhood, as the handmade figures have been on display here for half a century. If you feel just as hungry as Hansel and Gretel after all the wonderful stories, you can fill up on sweet or savoury treats at the neighbouring stalls. A few laps on the children's railway will make children's eyes light up.

### St. Petri arts and crafts market (26.11.-15.12.2024)

Artists and craftspeople from Germany and the Baltic region offer their exquisite work here during the Advent season. With plenty of space to look and browse, you can stroll through the light-flooded church hall, which is permeated by the scent of apple punch. Herrnhut stars in all sizes adorn the expanse of the room, while stands with hand-felted fashion accessories and hand-turned objects for the home and garden inspire the eye. These are joined by high-quality ceramics and woodwork, excellent individual pieces made of silk and wool, leather bags and belts, art objects made of glass and copper, hand-painted cards, Scandinavian-style home accessories, jewellery made of precious metals and amber, Christmas tree decorations and toys - all with a special touch.

#### Hafenglühen (25.11.-29.12.2024)

An absolute favourite not only in summer: this year, the rustic Christmas market will once again take place on Drehbrückenplatz and invites you to the waterfront with its industrial harbour flair. In addition to Christmas classics such as mulled wine and biscuits, savoury and hearty snacks will attract fish lovers to the harbour edge. Selected products from local start-ups and a selective cultural programme round off this alternative market.

#### Arts and crafts market Heiligen-Geist-Hospital (29.11.-08.12.2024)

It's worth being a little patient when entering the traditional arts and crafts market at the Heiligen-Geist-Hospital, as the market enjoys great popularity, and rightly so. For ten days, around 80 international artists and craftspeople showcase the diversity of old and new craft techniques. Each piece is unique. The unique stands are spread out in the vestibule, in the medieval vaulted cellar and in the more than 100 so-called Kabäuschen, tiny wooden chambers in the nave of the church, which were still inhabited until a few decades ago.

#### „Wichtelwunderland“ (25.11.-30.12.2024)

The cosy gnome village for the whole family welcomes you for the first time this year in the secluded St. Jakobi churchyard in the seafaring quarter. Here you can stroll past the various gnome huts, the gnome post office, the gnome school and the gnome garden. Interactive elements and the fun gnome search with head gnome Gustav are particularly popular with children, while a gnome selfie spot creates wonderful memories.

#### Niederegger Christmas Bazaar (25 November - 24 December 2024)

Let the delicious aroma of freshly baked almond rolls and marzipan apples lure you into Café Niederegger in Breite Straße. Immerse yourself in the Christmas world of the oldest marzipan manufacturer in the Hanseatic city and discover over 300 Christmas presents made of marzipan, delicious Christmas biscuits as well as pine cones and nutcrackers that are still made from historical moulds from 1850.

#### „Lübsche Wiehnacht“ arts and crafts market (23/24/11 + 30/11/01/12/2024)

In the historic maritime harbour shed 6, directly on the quayside, you can expect a diverse range of fine and unusual arts and crafts and design in a family-friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Many of the exhibitors, who change every other year, come from the Baltic Sea region. Around 35 regional artisans offer unique handmade items from their own workshops. The small cafeteria serves delicious

waffles, home-baked cakes and snacks, mainly from the region and organic farming. The tempting aroma of coffee, punch and organic mulled wine makes the visit a sensual overall experience.

Sternenwald (25.11.-30.12.2024 + 26.12.2024 + 30.12.2024)

In the centre of the city, you are invited to make a cosy stopover on the 100-metre-long Schranken with a view of St. Marien. In the Christmassy forest atmosphere, festive lights twinkle in the green fir trees, interspersed with starry huts. A colourful gastronomic offer with plenty of seating and covered areas in the forest invites you to linger. The red trading huts offer individual Christmas gifts, and charitable organisations are also involved. Buying and doing good for others is particularly enjoyable at Christmas! The ePunkt e.V. presents itself and its programme in the 'Merry Engagementhütte' and would like to inspire all visitors to get involved in volunteering. And to all children: get your pencils out, you can leave your Christmas post and wish lists in our Santa letterbox until 2 Advent. Don't forget the return address! Then nothing can go wrong!