

Christmas Markets in Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony) 2026

Maritime Christmas markets

Emden Engelkemarkt

Once a year, the East Frisian seaport town is transformed into a Christmas extravaganza. The unmistakeable aroma of almonds, spices and gingerbread, cinnamon and vanilla, mulled wine and grog herald Advent by the sea! The delightful Christmas village is located in front of the East Frisian State Museum (old town hall), around the Christmas Pyramid.

Date: from 23 November to 31 December 2026 (closed from 24 December to 26 December)

www.maritimer-engelkemarkt.de/

Christmas market Stade

Stade town centre will get into the festive spirit with Christmas huts, decorated lanes and winter lights. The traditional Stade Christmas market will take place around the big Christmas Pyramid at the Pferdemarkt. Visitors can expect lots of stalls with goodies, mulled wine and handicrafts. The stage programme provides a festive atmosphere and musical entertainment.

At the Fischmarkt, a cosy landscape of stalls with delicacies and arts and crafts creates a special atmosphere around the Hanseatic harbour. For a fun and sporty experience, head to the curling rink in front of the Schwedenspeicher Museum, which also offers a children's programme.

Date: from 23 November to 23 December 2026 (at the Pferdemarkt)

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www.stade-tourismus.de/en/events/town-festivals/stade-christmas-market/#/veranstaltungen

Christmas market Wilhelmshaven

The motto of the Wilhelmshaven Christmas market is 'Christmas by the sea'. Enjoy lots of bright stalls on Valoisplatz serving warm, festive treats wafted by a fresh sea breeze. the decorations in the pedestrianised zone and the festively-lit NordseePassage all help create a wonderful Christmassy atmosphere. Besides a visit from Santa, there will be regular live music on the stage, a kids' programme and special offer days.

Date: from 23 November to 28 December 2026 (closed on 25 and 26 December)

www.wilhelmshaven-touristik.de/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungskalender/details-event/weihnachten-am-meer-der-wilhelmshavener-weihnachtsmarkt

Winter market Carolinensiel

In the fresh open air, guests can truly enjoy the unique atmosphere of the Christmas museum harbour. The unique winter market on the North Sea coast in the seaside resort of Carolinensiel-Harlesiel offers a wide variety of culinary delights and winter attractions. Visitors from near and far are enchanted by the Floating Christmas Tree, the sea of lights, and the winter market itself!

Date: from 27 November 2026 to 01 January 2027 (closed on 24 December)

www.lichtermeer-carolinensiel.de/nordsee-weihnachten-silvester/wintermarkt-carolinensiel/

Christmas markets in our cities

Brunswick Christmas market

Nestled at the foot of Henry the Lion's cathedral, Brunswick's Christmas market can look back on more than 300 years of tradition. There are lots of beautifully decorated stalls to tempt visitors around St. Blasius' Cathedral and Dankwarderode Castle. Artisans offer inspiring gift ideas, and culinary specialities from Brunswick and the region make for a wide range of treats. Together with all the festive lights of the market, this quickly sets the mood for Christmas. Visitors can also enjoy a beautiful view over Brunswick's Christmas market from the 61 metre-tall town hall tower.

Date: from 25 November to 29 December 2026 (closed on 24 and 25 December)

www.braunschweig.de/weihnachtsmarkt/index.php

Christmas market in the residential town of Celle

The Christmas market in Celle is among the most beautiful in Germany. Immerse yourself in a wonderfully festive atmosphere between the illuminated half-timbered houses and beautifully decorated stalls. Celle's historical old town with its pretty half-timbered houses is the perfect setting for an atmospheric Christmas market. The combination of attractive market stalls, festive lights and Christmas concerts earned Celle the title of 'Best Christmas City' in 2018.

Date: from 23 November to 27 December 2026

www.celle.de/Veranstaltungen/Celler-Weihnachtsmarkt/

Einbeck Christmas village

A mini Christmas forest, little wooden huts and the big Christmas tree will adorn the historical market square when the traditional Einbeck Christmas village opens its doors. Handmade gifts, handicrafts, the merry-go-round and diverse culinary delights get young and old alike in the festive spirit.

Date: from 25 November to 29 December 2026 (closed from 24 December to 26 December)

www.einbeck-tourismus.de/event/einbecker-weihnachtsdorf

Göttingen Christmas market

Göttingen Christmas market is held in the heart of the beautiful old town around the market square, Johanniskirche and medieval town hall. Göttingen's trademark, the famous Gänselieslbrunnen fountain, forms the centrepiece. Festively decorated wooden huts offer the perfect setting to unwind, stroll about, soak up the atmosphere. Old and young alike enjoy the Christmas aromas and jolly spirit here.

Date: from 23 November to 29 December 2026 (closed from 24 December to 26 December)

www.goettingen-tourismus.de/weihnachtsmarkt/

Christmas market and Christmas forest Goslar

Every year Goslar glistens festively during the holiday season, with its seductive aromas of cinnamon, baked apple, roast almonds – Christmas is in the air! The market square offers the perfect romantic backdrop for strolling around and savouring the ambience of the 60 charming, beautifully decorated wooden huts. The magical Christmas forest in the centre of the historical old town provides a wonderful medieval setting for enjoying a glass of punch during Advent. Sixty large romantically lit Christmas trees on a fragrant forest floor make for a contemplative visit.

Date: from 25 November to 30 December 2026

www.weihnachtswald.de/

Hameln Christmas market

The Hamelin Christmas market is set off by the distinctive architectural style of the Weser Renaissance and the historical old town with its beautiful half-timbered houses. With its many wooden huts around the Hochzeitshaus and Marktkirche, the Christmas market is the perfect place for a festive shopping trip rounded off with delicious German fayre such as mulled wine and roast almonds.

Date: from 23 November to 30 December 2026 (closed from 24 December to 26 December)

www.hameln.de/de/veranstaltungen/weihnachtsmarkt

Christmas markets in Hannover

Do your Christmas shopping in style in one of Germany's largest pedestrianised areas. Not one but three Christmas markets await: in the historic old town around the Marktkirche and on Ballhofplatz, in front of the central station, and in the Lister Meile pedestrianised area. The traditional Christmas market in the old town is also home to the Finnish Christmas village.

Date: from 23 November to 22 December 2026

www.hannover.de/Veranstaltungskalender/Weihnachten/Weihnachtsmarkt-Hannover

Christmas market Hildesheim

The historical market square with the town hall and the famous Knochenhauer-Amtshaus (Butchers' Guild Hall) once again offer a spectacular backdrop for the annual Hildesheim Christmas market. Amble around and enjoy the festive stalls around the market fountain. Highlights include a huge Christmas Pyramid and a 10-metre-high Christmas tree.

Date: from 23 November to 28 December 2026 (closed on 24 and 25 December)

www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/en/weihnachtsmarkt

Christmas markets in Lüneburg

Next to the magnificent Baroque facade of the town hall, brightly decorated stalls transform Lüneburg's pedestrianised zone into a Christmas wonderland. Another highlight of the Advent period is the historic Christmarkt around the St. Michaeliskirche, which will transport you back to the Renaissance period.

Date: tba

www.weihnachtsstadt-lueneburg.de/

Lamberti-Markt Oldenburg

Oldenburg's pre-Christmas Lamberti market is an illuminated 'village' with around 100 wonderfully spruced up and beautifully decorated wooden huts, stalls and plenty of fir sprigs. A very special festive atmosphere pervades the Old Town Hall, St. Lambert's red brick church and the historical castle, not least thanks to the atmospheric Christmas lights in Oldenburg town centre.

Date: from 24 November to 22 December 2026

www.oldenburg-tourismus.de/veranstaltungen/event-tipps/weihnachtsmarkt-oldenburg

Historical Christmas market Osnabrück

It is one of the most beautiful markets in the north and popular for both German and international visitors as well. The Christmas market between the town hall, Marienkirche church, the cathedral and Johanniskirche church thrives off its special atmosphere and historical setting. Plenty of stalls attract visitors to the ambient city of peace with handicrafts and original

Osnabrück Käsegriller sausages. It is well worth climbing the tower of the Marienkirche on the market square for a breath-taking view over the Christmas market and the festive lights of the town centre.

Date: from 23 November to 22 December 2026

erleben.osnabrueck.de/en/experience-city/city-events/christmas-market/

Christmas market Wolfenbüttel

The Christmas market has been held in Wolfenbüttel since 1585, making it one of the oldest in Germany. On Schlossplatz, charmingly decorated huts await visitors with tempting treats and exquisite handcrafted goods. Amidst sparkling Christmas trees, sweet treats and hot mulled wine are offered in cosy seating areas. A varied supporting programme sets the mood for the most wonderful time of the year.

Date: from 24 November to 23 December 2026

www.lessingstadt-wolfenbuettel.de/reiseplanung/besondere-veranstaltungen/weihnachtsmarkt

Christmas market in Hann. Münden

Even during the darker months, Hann. Münden is far from dull thanks to the Christmas market that takes place during the festive season. Visitors can stroll among displays of handicrafts and take advantage of gift ideas, while availing themselves of the many festive treats and warming drinks on offer. In addition, a diverse programme promises unforgettable moments for both young and old.

Date: from 23 November to 29 December 2026 (closed from 24 December to 26 December)

hann.muenden-erlebnisregion.de/en/event/christmas-market-in-hann-muenden

Christmas market Wolfsburg

The Advent season is just around the corner and that means the Wolfsburg city centre will once again be transformed into a traditional Christmas village. In addition to festively decorated wooden huts, it will also feature the NEULAND Santa's House with a variety of free children's activities, as well as the Wolfsburg Christmas market stage with festive music on weekends.

Date: from 23 November to 29 December 2026 (closed on 24 and 25 December)

www.wolfsburg-erleben.de/event/wolfsburger-weihnachtsmarkt

Special Christmas markets

Weihnachtszauber at Bückeburg Palace

Vom 26.11.26 bis 06.12.26

(Vom 25.11.27 bis 05.12.27)

The palace grounds surrounding Bückeburg Palace in the Weser Uplands are transformed into a festively decorated winter wonderland: the palace shines in the glow of Christmas, while the palace gardens are immersed in magical lights. Against this magnificent backdrop, artistic walk acts, captivating music, and magical shows create a uniquely warm Christmas atmosphere – a celebration full of light, artistry, and moments of wonder.

www.weihnachtszauber-schloss-bueckeburg.de/

Christmas Garden Hanover at Zoo Hanover

Visitors embark on a magical journey and can let themselves be enchanted by the festive glow of lights at the Christmas Garden Hanover. The Christmas Garden brings light – both literally and figuratively – into the dark season and invites guests to take a deep breath and peacefully enjoy the anticipation of Christmas. Along a circular route of around two kilometres through the Erlebnis-Zoo, guests are immersed in a magical Christmas world filled with countless sparkling illuminations.

Date: tba

www.christmas-garden.de/en/hannover/

Christmas at Rammelsberg

As every year, the UNESCO World Heritage Site Rammelsberg Mine invites visitors to its traditional Festival of Lights on the third weekend of Advent. Deep underground, guests can experience a unique Christmas market featuring traditional crafts and festive treats. Extending from the underground mining area through parts of the ore processing plant and along the factory road, the market offers numerous stalls where visitors can warm up with hot drinks and snacks or purchase original handcrafted items from artisans across the entire Harz region.

Date: from 12 December to 13 December 2026

www.meingoslar.de/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungskalender/6923-weihnachtlicher-rammelsberg

Winter market in the Autostadt Wolfsburg

During the run-up to Christmas, the Autostadt in Wolfsburg is once again transformed into a magical winter wonderland. Whether it's a leisurely stroll through the winter market or snowy fun for the little ones, there's a perfect winter experience for everyone to escape the everyday. Children can look forward to a spacious winter play area, while the beautifully decorated,

illuminated stalls offer prime browsing for winter decorations, culinary delights and unique gift ideas.

Date: from 27 November 2026 to 10 January 2027 (closed on 24 and 31 December)

FURTHER INFORMATION

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The TMN is the central point of contact for tourism in Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony). The company was founded on behalf of the Niedersachsen Ministry of Economic Affairs, Transport and Housing in 2001 and, since January 2014, has been a wholly owned state company. The TMN's main task is to develop and implement measures for the future-oriented positioning of Niedersachsen in national and international tourism competition in cooperation with regional tourism stakeholders. The focus is on regional and national marketing of Niedersachsen as a tourist destination, the development of brand concepts, Internet portals and quality management systems for tourism offerings.