

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

## WEIHNACHTSMÄRKTE—CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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Christmas market: der Weihnachtsmarkt, die Weihnachtsmärkte

### BEST CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN AUSTRIA

The Local's Francois Badenhorst takes a whirlwind tour of a few of Austria's famous Christmas markets, and shares his views of the ones he likes. Do you agree?

The German/Austrian Weihnachtsmarkt has spread all across the globe in recent years, from Birmingham to New York. The reason is obvious: Because Weihnachtsmärkte are incredible incubators of the Christmas spirit. Delicious foods, good company, Gluhwein and sprinkle of Christmas magic; there's something for everyone, from zesty students to burgeoning families.

Despite the diffusion of the Weihnachtsmarkt to all kinds of far flung regions, any settler in Austria will know that you can't beat the original. Austria has a wide variety of beautiful markets that will seize your heart—even if Vienna's Christkindlmarkt came only third in a Europe-wide quest for the best.



#### Spittelberg

In the opinion of this humble reporter, this is the best Weihnachtsmarkt in Vienna. It's a beautiful location that brims with handmade items, delicious foods and, natürlich, Glühwein. It's a little pricey (then again, what is Christmas if not a prolonged assault on our finances and waistlines?) but the items for sale are beautiful and ornate. The atmosphere among the quaint cobbled streets also adds to the magic.