

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

WEIHNACHTSMÄRKTE—CHRISTMAS MARKETS

market: der Markt, die Märkte

Christmas market: der Weihnachtsmarkt, die Weihnachtsmärkte

Nürnberg / Nuremberg

Let's go to the Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt!

The festive season is here and Germany's Christmas markets are opening. There are about 2,500 — the most famous being the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg. It celebrates the Advent season in tradition and reflection.

World famous



Every year, Nuremberg's Christmas market attracts over two million visitors from all over the world. The market opens on the Friday before the first Advent on Nuremberg's main market square and can be visited until December 24. Nuremberg delicacies, merry-go-rounds, mulled wine: Everyone gets into the Christmas mood here.

The Nürnberg Christkind officially opens the Christmas market on the Friday before Advent starts. And before Christmas she has over 150 'official duties' including visiting hospitals, old people's homes and children's nurseries! She also has to give TV interviews and visit other cities.

Other Christmas Customs

Of course, there are many other Germanic Christmas contributions. For instance, it is a real treat to wander through Germany's annual Christmas markets — the most famous being Nuremberg's *Christkindlesmarkt* — to see, taste, and smell all the Christmas goodies, from *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread) to *Stollen* (fruit bread). Marzipan, made with almonds and sugar, is also a German treat. And the aroma of *Glühwein* ("glow wine") will warm you up even before you actually drink this German version of hot mulled wine.