

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

## WEIHNACHTSMÄRKTE—CHRISTMAS MARKETS

market: der Markt, die Märkte

Christmas market: der Weihnachtsmarkt, die Weihnachtsmärkte

### Where are Christmas markets around Germany already opening? (2022)

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#### Breaking with tradition

Traditionally, Christmas markets in German-speaking countries usually open after *Totensonntag* (the last Sunday before Advent commemorating the dead), which falls on November 20th in 2022.

The popular markets in **Frankfurt, Berlin, Heidelberg, Lübeck, Bremen, Mannheim, Münster** and **Munich**‘s Christkindlmarkt, for example, all open on November 21st.

The Christmas market at the **Cologne Cathedral** also does not officially open until the 21st.

Both the **Erfurt** Christmas Market and the Historic Market in front of **Hamburg** City Hall kick off on November 22nd.

**Stuttgart**‘s Christmas Market and **Dresden**‘s Striezelmarkt start on November 23rd, **Mainz**‘s on the 24th and **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**‘s and **Nuremberg**‘s world-famous Christkindlesmarkt on November 25th.

Overall, there is a trend to no longer close markets before Christmas Eve, but to keep them open past New Year’s Eve or even well into January.

In the Christian community, the expansion of the Advent season and the Christmas market hustle and bustle into the so-called month of mourning in November has been met with criticism.

But that barely bothers many people in Germany, who are increasingly breaking with the church, anymore.

“In fact, we’ve never started as early as this year,” Alexander Klomparend, head of communications at Duisburg Kontor GmbH, told DPA.