

Christmas Markets in the CEE-13 countries



Christmas Markets 2017

The tradition of Christmas markets in Europe is very long and goes back to Austria and Germany at the turn of the 13th and 14th Centuries. Christmas markets now take place in every major European city from the end of November until the first days of January and in countries with the custom of the Julian calendar (Belarus, Ukraine) even until the end of January. Typical products offered are: food, regional dishes, cured meat, baked goods and lots of sweets, as well as Christmas decorations and all kinds of handicrafts. Cultural events and entertainment, as well as other seasonal attractions, add to the festivities.

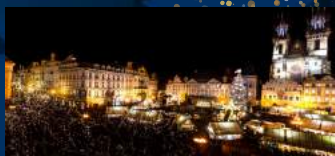
Christmas markets are very popular among both locals and tourists, for example those in Poland are visited by 100,000-500,000 people in average, depending on the city and size of market.

Stall rental prices are various in different countries, for example in Czechia, in Prague - CZK 3,000 daily. Generally, prices vary due to the attractiveness of the market for potential tenants, which depends on factors including the marketing and advertising of the event.

Welcome to the most beautiful Christmas markets in the 13 Central European countries!

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wishes you Happy Holidays
and many fantastic gifts!

Christmas Market in Prague



Source: Tallo

Location: Old Town Square

Date: December 2nd – January 6th

No. of stands: approx. 100

In the market, you will find a wide range of traditional handcrafted goods and Christmas ornaments, Advent wreaths, as well as various snacks and drinks, including typical Christmas sweets but also slightly more filling food such as sausages, grilled chicken or even pasta. A purpose-built platform enables various shows to take place, including both Czech and foreign folklore music, historical music, brass bands, classical music as well as cabaret.

Prague,
Czechia

Christmas Advent Market in Zagreb



Source: Official Facebook Site of Ice Park

Location: Park Zrinjevac

Date: December 2nd – January 7th

The Christmas Market in Zagreb (awarded European Christmas Market in 2016) offers lots of unforgettable experiences for visitors, even the most demanding. A variety of events, delicious food, unique art and excellent Christmas atmosphere await you in the capital of Croatia.

Zagreb,
Croatia

Christmas Market in Wrocław



Source: City Hall Wrocław

Location: Rynek, Świdnicka, Olawska

Date: November 17th – December 22nd

No. of stands: approx. 150

The Christmas Market in Wrocław is regarded as the most beautiful in Poland. Lots of treats await both locals and tourists alike, including sweet gingerbread, aromatic mulled wine and traditional Polish dishes. Other festivities on offer in the Christmas market are many concerts, parades, entertainment for children and of course the chance to meet Santa Claus.

Wrocław,
Poland

Hlavné Namestie in Bratislava



Source: Colliers International

Location: Frantiskanske Square (the Old Town)

Date: November 24th – December 23rd

No. of stands: approx. 130

Main spot with tens of booths where you can find traditional food and beverages, but also traditional handmade Slovak gifts. There is a big Christmas tree in the corner of the square, right next to the stage where musical performances happen each weekend.

Bratislava,
Slovakia

Trg Otvorenog Sca in Belgrade



Source: Colliers International

Location: Kneza Mihaila Street

Date: December 1st – January 15th

No. of stands: approx. 30

The Christmas market in Belgrade takes place in the main pedestrian street protected by legislation as one of the oldest and most valuable landmarks in the city. Apart from standard confections, some unconventional items can be found at wooden stalls – chimney cake, mulled wine with different aromas, mulled beer with honey, onion jam and hot pepper marmalade. The retail offer includes colourful festive decorations, traditional and homemade wool products – sweaters, vests, socks and caps.

Belgrade,
Serbia

Dome Square Market in Riga



Source: Colliers International

Location: Dome Square (the Old Town)

Date: December 2nd – January 7th

No. of stands: approx. 100

All those loving delicious food will be delighted at Riga's traditional treats – mulled wine, gingerbread, roasted almonds, Christmas tea and coffee, as well as delicious smoked meats and meat products. A wide range of Latvian handcraft for Christmas gifts are offered, including patterned mittens, skillfully turned wooden candlesticks, jarred summer-smelling Latvian honey and sweet-smelling wax candles.

Riga,
Latvia

Christmas Market in Tallinn



Source: VisitTallinn Media Bank

Location: Tallinn, Town Hall Square (Raekoja plats)

Date: November 17th – January 6th

No. of stands: 28 wooden houses (approx. 4 retailers per one house)

For many years residents and guests of Tallinn are enchanted by the annual Tallinn Christmas Market. It is a true fairy-tale land – there is a tall Christmas tree on the historic town square surrounded by little houses shining with lights that sell Christmas delicacies and folk craft products. Children will be happy to see merry-go-rounds and Santa Claus, the main stage features hundreds of singers and dancers performing, and amazing aromas of gingerbread and mulled wine spread all over the square.

Tallinn,
Estonia

Vilnius,
Lithuania

Christmas Market in Vilnius



Source: Colliers International

Location: Cathedral Square

Date: December 1st – January 7th

No. of stands: approx. 42

The Christmas tree in the Cathedral Square wins the hearts of both locals and visitors. Its beauty was also acknowledged in the international media with the title of the most beautiful Christmas tree in Europe by European Best Destinations. The composition is covered with 70,000 lights and 900 Christmas toys, which makes the 27-metre tall tree so bright that it can be easily spotted from an aeroplane.

Cluj-Napoca,
Romania

Deutscher Weihnachtsmarkt in Sofia



Source: Colliers International

Location: City Garden at the Knyaz Alexander Battenberg Square

Date: November 18th – December 20th

No. of stands: approx. 34

Sofia,
Bulgaria

Kaliadny Kirmash in Minsk



Source: Shutterstock

Location: Sports Palace, Pobeditiley Avenue

Date: December 15th – January 15th

No. of stands: approx. 35

Guests can taste blini (Belarussian pancakes), draniki (potato flapjacks), sweets and pastry, hot chocolate, mulled wine and much else. The sale of Christmas decorations, gift sets and groceries for the festive table is part of the Christmas Market in Minsk.

Minsk,
Belarus

Kiev,
Ukraine

Christmas Market in Cluj-Napoca



Source: City Hall, Cluj-Napoca

Location: Union Square (Piata Unirii)

Date: November 24th – December 31st

No. of stands: over 70

Local artisans tempt visitors with various goods in Cluj's Christmas Market: from mouth-watering fresh local produce (for example cheese, smoked meat, sweets, wine) to hand-made gifts. In a quite colourful decorum, a skating rink emphasizes the holiday mood, various spaces are dedicated for children's activities and a stage used for concerts, with genres ranging from jazz to pop music to the customary Christmas carols.

Christmas Market in Kiev



Source: Shutterstock

Location: St. Sophia Square

Date: December 19th – January 14th

The Main Christmas Tree of Ukraine attaining a height of 27 meters is located in St. Sophia Square. The tree is decorated with around 1,000 lanterns of various shapes and 3,600 meters of garlands of type Neo-Neon type. These special garlands allow an automatic change in colour of the entire decoration. So, each day visitors are treated to a new colour. The Cometer of Christmas tree will emphasize by "cold fountains" – decorative illumination products. Tourists have the opportunity to taste delicious Ukrainian dishes and traditional Ukrainian cuisine.

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