



PASSAU

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**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

23.11.16 - 23.12.16



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THE CITY ON THREE RIVERS

where history meets enjoyment of life

[www.passauer-christkindlmarkt.de](http://www.passauer-christkindlmarkt.de)

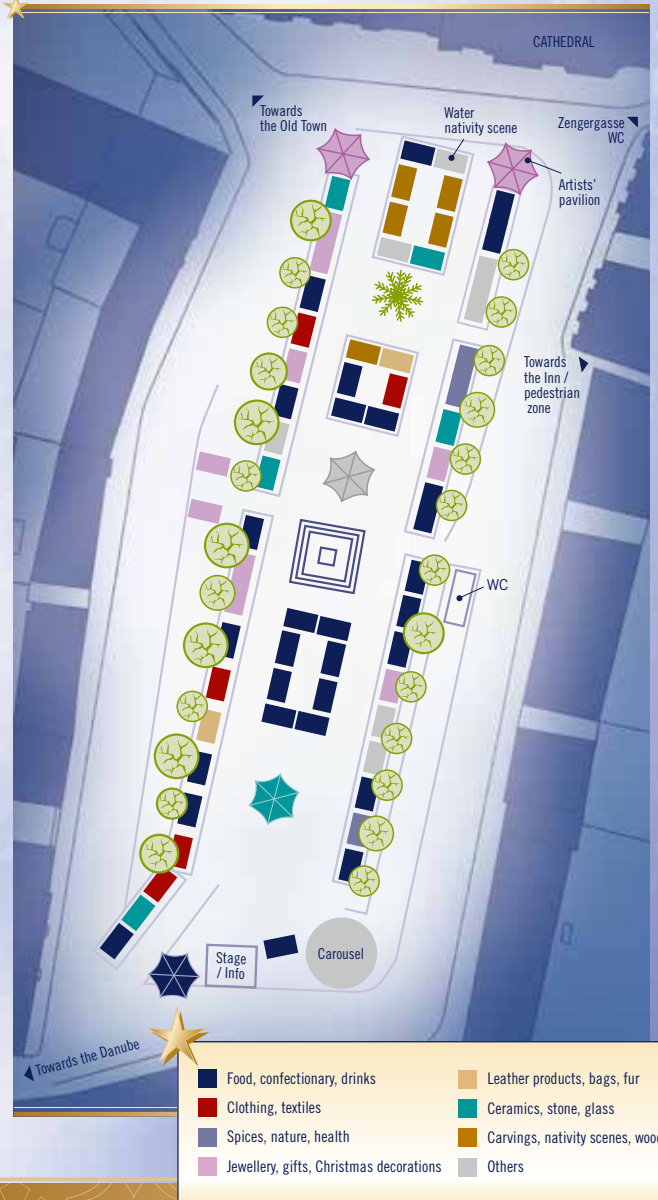
# FESTIVE VARIETY

# MAP

Passau Christmas Market offers a broad range of high-quality gifts in a stylish atmosphere brimming with unique Bavarian flair. Discover the variety of crafts, time-honoured art forms and regional specialities on offer. Enjoy a few relaxing hours surrounded by the irresistible smells of mulled wine and gingerbread. Pause and listen to the wide-ranging entertainment programme offered at our event stage. When planning the programme, organisers placed a great emphasis on presenting our region and in particular showcasing our young artistic talents.



Photo: Lindinger, Stadt Passau



# GORGEOUS PROGRAMME

## PERCHTEN



Perchten refers to an ancient tradition from the folklore of Lower Bavaria and other Alpine regions. Perchten groups perform with intricately carved masks. One important tool for the Perchten is the bell, which is intended to drive away the evil spirits of winter. Different Perchten groups from our region are performing at the Christmas Market every Tuesday.

## TRADITIONAL FOLK MUSIC IN ADVENT

In cooperation with Kathrin Gruber, Passau City Council's traditional folk music expert, music groups dedicated to playing the traditional folk music of our region will be showcased every Thursday between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

These high-quality concerts are intended to both fascinate guests and contribute to preserving the musical heritage of the region.



## FESTIVE MUSIC IN PASSAU CATHEDRAL

During Advent, festive organ concerts are held at midday twice a week in Passau Cathedral. For visitors, this is the perfect opportunity to combine a visit to the Christmas market with a concert played on the world's largest cathedral organ. Concerts are being held on the following dates:

Saturday	26.11.	12 pm	Saturday	10.12.	12 pm
Wednesday	30.11.	12 pm	Wednesday	14.12.	12 pm
Saturday	03.12.	12 pm	Saturday	17.12.	12 pm
Wednesday	07.12.	12 pm	Wednesday	21.12.	12 pm

Event organiser: Dommusik, Tel. +49(0)851/3938153



## PUPPET THEATRE

Wednesday afternoons are once again dedicated to children at this year's Christmas Market. Every Wednesday at 3:15 pm, our youngest visitors can enjoy puppets performing in their very own theatre in the stage tent and playing out exciting stories.



# BOUNDLESS CHRISTMAS

## CITY TOURS

In Passau, city tours are held on a daily basis for both individual guests and groups of visitors. Individual guests can gather at 12.45 pm (without prior registration) at the entrance to the cathedral for a German-language city tour in the period from November to April. Tours for groups in many different languages are also offered (minimum 20, maximum 30 persons, pre-booking in written form is required: Fax +49 851 95598-30, stadtfuehrung@passau.de). One example is the Magic Winter Tour in Advent which leads through the beautifully decorated Old Town to the traditional confectioner Simon. There, you can bake German Christmas gingerbread with the master confectioner and enjoy festive treats washed down with a glass of punch. Meanwhile, in the "Passau Twinkles and Gleams Tour", you can take part in an atmospheric torch-lit walk through the illuminated Old Town with plenty of mulled wine and punch along the way.

## WOOD MARKETS

A wood market is being held in parallel to the Passau Christmas Market in the Pedestrian Zone on 1 and 6 December. The tradition of wood markets in the city dates back to the 16th Century. From 1878, the wood market took place in connection with a pig market during Advent. However, since 1950, the wood market has been held as an event in its own right and it now features over 40 exhibitors from Bavaria, Austria and the Czech Republic.



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Passau City Centre boasts the longest stretch of Christmas lights in all of Bavaria. 4000 m of lighting chains adorn the entire length of the pedestrian zone as well as the narrow streets of the Old Town around the Christmas Market. The coherent concept and design bathes the whole of the city centre in an icy glow, while the Old Town basks in cosy warm lighting.



## NATIVITY SCENES FROM PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COLLECTIONS



The nativity trail features numerous nativity scenes, ranging from traditional to contemporary, made of various materials including chocolate, glass, wool, tin, silver, ceramics and of course wood from all over the world. The route, which winds its way through the Old Town and City Centre, will also showcase nativity scenes which have never been seen before in public. Get ready for the finest traditional craftsmanship as well as modern interpretations. Special nativity scenes are also being exhibited in empty shops. More information at: [www.cmp-passau.de](http://www.cmp-passau.de)

# DIRECTIONS AND PARKING



## CARS AND PARKING OPTIONS

From the area around the station (Hauptbahnhof) to Klostergarten and Römerplatz, there are numerous well sign-posted parking garages and car parks in the city. Please use the Passau parking guidance system.

## TRAIN AND COACH

Passau is also easy to reach by public transport – by train with Deutsche Bahn or via long-distance coach services (e.g. MeinFernbus FlixBus).

## BUS AND CITY-BUS

To allow the convenient drop-off and pick-up of guests, the Donaulände bus car park is only 3 minutes on foot from the Christmas Market. 1 km away from the market is the Güterbahnhof long-stay car park, from where a City-bus departs to the Christmas Market every 15 minutes and every 30 minutes on Sundays.

The City-bus makes the journey from the Bahnhofstraße car park directly to the Christmas Market every 15 minutes and every 30 minutes on Sundays. A single ticket costs € 1.00. The short-term parking ticket from the Bahnhofstraße car park is also valid as a return ticket with the City-bus.

# INFORMATION

# PASSAU IN ADVENT

## ACCOMODATION & INFORMATION

The city offers a wide range of accommodation for guests. Extensive information on the numerous accommodation options, special Christmas deals and attractions in Passau during Advent are listed here:

[www.passauer-christkindlmarkt.de](http://www.passauer-christkindlmarkt.de)

### Tourist-Information

Rathausplatz + Bahnhofstraße 28  
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[www.tourismus.passau.de](http://www.tourismus.passau.de)

## EVENT ORGANISER

### Stadt Passau - Veranstaltungen

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### Opening Hours Christmas Market

Mon-Thu: 10.00am - 8.00pm

Fri-Sat: 10.00am - 9.00pm

Sun: 11.30am - 8.00pm



Passau Christmas Market website



[facebook.com/ChristkindlmarktPassau](https://facebook.com/ChristkindlmarktPassau)



The new Passau app:

[www.passau.de/Quicklinks/Passau-App.aspx](http://www.passau.de/Quicklinks/Passau-App.aspx)

## A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE

Passau's Old Town is like a mighty ship rising up out of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. The city skyline is dominated by church towers, with St. Stephen's Cathedral forming the imposing centrepiece. At Christmas, the Old Town is adorned with festive decorations, centring on the Cathedral Square – home of the Christmas Market.

The city's magical townscape, built in the Italian baroque style, is full of historic buildings, large squares, romantic promenades and winding lanes. Passau's historic Old Town and attractive City Centre are within easy reach of the Christmas Market. The Old Town boasts many impressive sights, including the Bishop's Residence, the Town Hall and the Museum of Modern Art. In addition, the many shops around the Christmas Market cater to every taste. Well-known brands, unique products and arts & crafts mean that everyone can find the perfect Christmas gift in Passau's Old Town and City Centre. Passau also has what is thought to be Bavaria's longest unbroken stretch of Christmas lights, making every festive trip to the city truly unforgettable.



