

# THE BEST CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN FRANCE



France is full of destinations to experience the magic of Christmas. Each of its cities allows you to spend a convivial moment with your loved ones, especially during the Christmas markets. From Strasbourg to Colmar via the capital, here are the places not to be missed in France during Christmas time.

## Most Beautiful French Christmas Markets

What could be more beautiful than spending Christmas 2022 with your family? There are several ways to celebrate this holiday in the right way. For example, you can enjoy mulled wine with your loved ones while waiting for Santa Claus to arrive.

**Throughout the month of December, attending numerous cultural and artistic events is part of the programme.** For example, you can take full advantage of the Alsatian Christmas to enjoy this event in an original way. The cities of Strasbourg and Colmar are among the most coveted to admire the wonders of Christmas in a different way.

For more excitement, a trip to the Christmas village in Reims is also a must. Otherwise, the French capital, Paris, is ready to offer a truly unforgettable Christmas shopping experience.

## The Strasbourg Christmas Market

Since its creation in 1570, the Strasbourg Christmas market has remained one of the oldest Christmas markets on the European continent. With about 300 wooden Christmas chalets set up in several strategic locations in the city, visitors will be simply enchanted by this event. During this great event, they will especially discover and meet the best local craftsmen and producers. For 2022, this market, set up on several squares in the city center and in front of the cathedral, will take place from 25 November.

The most curious will not fail to stop in front of the big Christmas tree on the Place Kléber. During this period, they will also be carried away by the characteristic scents of wine, gingerbread and hot chestnuts. From the Saint-Etienne district to the Petite France, one can attend numerous animations including musical evenings and various shows.

In order to fully enjoy this warm atmosphere, good organization is required. For example, it is imperative to book a hotel in advance because this market attracts a good number of visitors.

## The Colmar Christmas Market

Still in Alsace, a trip to Colmar offers an exceptional opportunity to attend many unusual Christmas markets. The most famous of these are in front of the 16th century Dominican church and the place de l'ancienne Douane.

These various places guarantee an unforgettable spectacle that can be enjoyed with family or friends. There are also old half-timbered houses that were built in the Middle Ages.

## **The Christmas Market in Paris**

The Christmas market in Paris is one of the most important ones in France. Wooden chalets will be set up in the most famous streets of the capital. From the Gare de l'Est to the Champs Élysées via the Tuileries, there is something for everyone. These small winter villages will be decorated with unique Christmas decorations for the pleasure of the eyes only. From November 20 until December 31, 2022, residents and tourists will have plenty of time to explore the Parisian Christmas village.

**Among the animations available on the spot, we can mention the meetings with Santa Claus, the visit of the creation workshops, the shows, the ice rinks and many others.** Among the must-see Christmas markets in Paris in 2022, the one in Saint-Germain-des-Prés is definitely worth a visit in its own right.

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