



**Christmas and
New Year's Market
Schloss Schönbrunn**

19 November 2022 to 4 January 2023

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The Romance of Christmas at Schönbrunn

Myriad lights, around eighty lovingly decorated huts and a varied programme make Schönbrunn Christmas Market into a festive occasion to remember.

The former Habsburg summer residence in Vienna once again offers the magnificent setting for the traditional Schönbrunn Christmas and New Year's Market from 19 November 2022 to 4 January 2023. Around eighty exhibitors from Austria and neighbouring countries will be presenting traditional handicrafts, unique Christmas decorations, nostalgic toys and choice regional delicacies. The food stands will feature delicatessen items and beverages from Vienna and the provinces, including a wide variety of punch concoctions and tea specialities to keep visitors warm.

Apart from long-standing exhibitors, this year some Schönbrunn newcomers will be showing their handicrafts, from designer cards with Viennese and European motifs to artistic linocuts, distinctive collages and fancy soaps.

For the first time this year senior citizens from the Generationencafé Vollpension will be delighting visitors with their delicious "buchteln" (sweet yeast dumplings). Another newcomer is punschsache.at with regional and innovative hot beverages and traditional tornado potatoes and sweet potatoes.

Advent programme for young and old

The diverse programme in Schönbrunn will put adults and children alike in a festive mood. Choirs, brass bands and music groups will play free of charge for visitors on the stage in front of the brightly lit Christmas tree donated as every year by Österreichische Bundesforste AG. While the adults are enjoying the live music, younger visitors can have fun in the Children's Hut in the centre of the market or solve tricky puzzles and carry out exciting tasks with the help of the shepherds on stilts in the Interactive Game. And in the Christmas Workshop children from four years upwards can make marzipan snowmen or decorate gingerbread with the assistance of experts.

In front of the stage, visitors will be drawn to the hand-made manger with over 250 figures. There is also plenty to discover in the Advent calendar in the middle of the market. Every day from 1 to 24 December a new Christmas scene will be revealed featuring artworks contributed by exhibitors.

With guided tours, interactive games, a workshop, a search for hidden objects and lots more, Schönbrunn Palace Children's Museum will help children wile away the time until Christmas Eve. Further details can be found www.kindermuseumschoenbrunn.at.



Return of the New Year's Market

This year the Christmas Market will be transformed overnight from 26 to 27 December into the Schönbrunn New Year's Market. Many busy hands will present New Year's greetings and hand-made lucky charms. Every day at 4 p.m. Dixieland, swing and jazz ensembles will celebrate the New Year.

Excursion tip: the enchantment of Christmas at Schloss Hof

Just 45 minutes' drive from Schönbrunn is the Christmas Market at Schloss Hof. In a magnificent Baroque setting in the heart of the countryside, every weekend from 19 November to 18 December visitors of all ages can enjoy an unforgettable family day out, with traditional handicrafts, culinary treats, concerts and a colourful children's programme. Further information can be found at www.schlosshof.at.

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19 November (Illumination of the Christmas tree) 5 p.m.

19 November to 23 December daily 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

24 December 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

24 Dezember to 4 January 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Further information can be found at www.christmasmarket.at.

We welcome your interest and would be grateful if you were to write about the market. We would be glad to assist with questions and interviews.

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With best regards,

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