



**DRESDNER
STRIEZZELMARKT**
seit 1434



Dresden.
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583rd Dresdner Striezelmarkt

29 November to 24 December 2017



Opening Times

Daily: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Opening day: **29 NOV** 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sternstunden
(long Striezel night): **15 DEC** 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Last day: **24 DEC** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Father Christmas

Every day at 4.15 p.m. (on Christmas Eve: 1 p.m.), Father Christmas and his elves open the current window in the Advent calendar. Telephone calls can also be made. From 30 NOV to 23 DEC, Father Christmas is available on +49 351 488 24 12 daily from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Father Christmas's letter box on the Striezelmarkt is emptied daily.

Striezeltaler



Striezeltaler tokens, each equivalent to one euro, are accepted by all traders on this year's Striezelmarkt. They can be obtained from the tourist information offices on the Striezelmarkt (near the demonstration workshops), in Dresden's main station and in the QF Passage in the block next to the Frauenkirche. Take out eleven tokens worth eleven euros for the price of just ten euros.

Tip

You can easily order your Striezeltaler by email or phone. Our service centre staff will be happy to help you. Telephone +49 351 50 15 81;
info@dresdeninformation.de,
www.dresden.de/tourismus





Welcome ...

... to Germany's oldest recorded Christmas market. The delicious smell of roasted almonds, the twinkling lights and numerous programme highlights will take you into a fascinating Christmas realm. Go through the merry hustle and bustle of the seasonal market and be enchanted by a unique atmosphere.

History and Tradition

Dresden's first Striezelmarkt lasted only one day. In the year 1434, elector Frederic II gave permission for a free market to be held on Altmarkt square. For the time being, this was a meat market, where townspeople could select the roast for their festive Christmas dinner after the pre-Christmas fast. Having proven successful, the market was continued and extended to include other goods as well. Through the half millennium that followed, the Striezelmarkt developed into one of Germany's most popular Christmas markets.

Pflaumentoffel

The Dresden Pflaumentoffel (a miniature man made of prunes) is modelled on child chimney sweeps who, in the early nineteenth century, had to climb into chimneys with their brushes to clean them from inside. Driven by great want, many poor families used to make Pflaumentoffel, and the children had to go and sell them, rain or shine. The use of child sellers met with criticism from 1850 onwards and was finally prohibited in 1910. The little man still enjoys great popularity – after all, everyone loves a lucky charm.

The Striezel

The name "Striezelmarkt" is derived from the delicious cake which is now world-renowned as "Dresdner Christstollen". In Middle High German, "Strutzel" or "Striezel" denoted a yeast-dough pastry of oblong and sometimes braided form. This was probably meant to be suggestive of the Christ child wrapped in swaddling clothes as described in the Christian nativity story.



29 NOV
3 p.m.

Opening

Ecumenical church service and opening ceremony

It is a tradition for Dresden's Striezelmarkt to be opened with an ecumenical service in the Church of the Holy Cross. Admission is free. Around 4 p.m. the Mayor of Dresden will make the first cut into the 2017-mm-long authentic Dresdner Christstollen on the Geschichtenbühne (story-telling stage). The slices are then distributed to attendees.

1 DEC
from 6 p.m.

1st weekend of Advent

Dresdner Posaunenabend | trombone evening

The first trombone bands were founded in the eighteenth century in the Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine (Moravian Church). Numerous trombone bands will enchant market visitors with their music on the evening of 1 DEC.

2 DEC
from 1 p.m.

Dresdner Adventskalenderfest | Advent calendar festival

Since the nineteenth century, Advent calendars have shown how many days are left until Christmas. A puppet theatre and a fairy-tale hour with hand puppet Pittiplatsch will feed a growing anticipation until the little door in the calendar is opened.

3 DEC
from 1 p.m.

Dresdner Pfefferkuchenfest | gingerbread festival

These fancy cakes from Pulsnitz, the town of Saxon Pfefferkuchen (gingerbread), are very popular, and not just in Saxony. Like every year, a new Pfefferkuchen Princess will be crowned during the 2017 festival.



2nd weekend of Advent

8 DEC

from 6 p.m.

Dresdner Bergmannsabend | miners' evening

Shortly after the feast day of St Barbara, the patroness of miners, miners' bands from Saxon guilds play Christmas concerts in their traditional costumes.

9 DEC

from 10.30 a.m.

Dresdner Stollenfest | stollen festival

A festive procession through the Baroque old town ushers in the Dresdner Stollenfest. It is followed by the first cut into the giant stollen made by the "Royal Court Baker" and the Dresdner Stollenmädchen (Stollen Girl).

10 DEC

from 1 p.m.

Dresdner Pflaumentoffelfest | Pflaumentoffel festival

The Pflaumentoffel festival focuses on the history and the meaning of the Dresdner Pflaumentoffel.

3rd weekend of Advent

15 DEC

from 6 p.m.

Sternstunden – the long Striezel night

From 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Striezelmarkt traders offer part of their assortment to late-night visitors at reduced prices. Moreover, a seasonal revue full of magic and entertainment draws visitors.

16 DEC

from 1 p.m.

Dresdner Pyramidenfest | festival of the Christmas pyramid

At more than 14 metres high, the pyramid from the Ore Mountains towers over the hustle and bustle on Dresden's Striezelmarkt. On this special day the figures and themes on all six levels will come to life.

17 DEC

from 1 p.m.

Dresdner Schwibbogenfest | festival of the candle arch

Telling stories, singing and dancing, musicians and artists present the artisans' traditions and customs. Centre stage is taken by the world's biggest walk-on candle arch.



4th weekend of Advent

22 DEC

from 6 p.m.

Dresdner Gospelabend | gospel evening

Shortly before Christmas, Dresden's best gospel choirs sing contemplative songs to put the visitors in the right mood for the festive days to come.

23 DEC

from 10 a.m.

Kreuzkirche Day

A festive vesper service puts visitors in a Christmassy mood. Adults and children are invited to discover the Church of the Holy Cross during guided tours.



*Wichtelkino |
elves' cinema*

Advent exhibition, children's movies, Advent wreaths to make or to marvel at – this is the place for young and old to get in the right mood for Christmas.

Advent exhibition: 29 NOV from 4 to 9 p.m.,
30 NOV to 3 DEC 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wichtelkino: from 8 DEC Sat + Sun 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.,
Admission fee: Children € 1.50 / adults € 2.

*Knusperhaus |
gingerbread
house*

Decorate your own gingerbread in the gingerbread house, assisted by Hansel and Gretel, two fairy-tale characters.

29 NOV from 4 to 7 p.m., thereafter Mon–Thur
from 1 to 6 p.m., Fri from 1 to 7 p.m., Sat + Sun
from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (closed on Christmas Eve).

Advent Calendar

Every day Father Christmas opens the current window in the Advent calendar, whiling away the time until Christmas Eve.

From 1 DEC daily at 4.15 p.m.,
on Christmas Eve at 12.45.

Puppet Theatre

From 30 NOV., the puppet theatre by the Advent calendar is open daily from 3.45 p.m., on Christmas Eve from 1 p.m.

*Märchenhaus |
fairy-tale house*

Stories around Christmas: In his fairy-tale house, the old wood carver reads stories and fairy tales to children. 29 NOV to 23 DEC daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, booking required,
Telephone +49 351 4 10 79 55.





Striezelmarkt stories

Families, companies or associations may listen to fascinating stories from 583 years of the Striezelmarkt. The reading takes 45 min. Prices: € 3 for adults, € 2 for children up to age 12.

29 NOV 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.,
from 30 NOV to 23 DEC 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.,
closed on Christmas Eve. Booking required,
Telephone +49 351 4 10 79 55.

Christmas Bakery

Young and old Striezelmarkt visitors can try their hands at baking here, assisted by bakers from Schutzverband Dresdner Stollen e.V. (association for the protection of Dresdner Stollen).

29 NOV 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.,
all other days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(closed on Christmas Eve).



Pflaumentoffel House

In this Umgebindehaus (a type of regional vernacular architecture), children get expert assistance in making Christmas gifts, which they may take home in return for a small sum. 29 NOV 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., thereafter Mon–Thur 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Fri 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sat + Sun 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (closed on Christmas Eve)

Children's railway and Fairy-tale Forest

Right next to the Advent calendar, the route of the children's railway runs through the fairy-tale forest and past many figures from famous fairy tales. 29 NOV 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., otherwise Mon–Sun 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., 15 DEC 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., 24 DEC 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Demonstration workshops

In the seasonal demonstration workshops, visitors can immerse themselves in the arts and crafts. Before visitors' eyes, artisans carve and turn delicate Christmas ornaments and bakers prepare Dresdner Christstollen, or Striezel, the traditional way.

Pyramid

The propeller of the stepped pyramid from the Ore Mountains rotates at a height of 14.62 m above the Striezelmarkt, making it the world's biggest Christmas pyramid. Seasonal wooden figures of Christian and regional backgrounds, as well as typical Striezelmarkt characters, stand on six levels.

Schwibbogen

The walk-on candle arch from the Ore Mountains forms the entrance gate to Dresden's Striezelmarkt. 5.85 m high and 13.03 m wide, it provides a wonderful view across the hustle and bustle of the market.

Dresdner Geschichten- bühne | story-telling stage

The Dresdner Geschichtenbühne stands at the centre of the market square. It is the venue for most of the 170 events. For the complete programme, see www.dresden.de/Striezelmarkt.

Christmas in Dresden's City Hall

As in previous years, the NEUE ART e.V. association prepares the traditional welfare event "Weihnachten im Dresdner Rathaus". On 18 December, 300 poor or disabled children and young people from this city receive gifts from Father Christmas and are entertained by his assistants.



Christmas markets in Dresden

Neustädter Advent Market (9)

Augustus Market (8)

Elbhangfest Christmas Market (10)

Neustädter Gelichter Market (11)

Dresdner Striezelmarkt (1)

Dresdner Hüttenzauber Market (Postplatz) (7)

Dresdner Winterlichter Market (2)

Advent at Neumarkt Square (3)

Traditional Christmas Market at Frauenkirche Cathedral (4)

Medieval Christmas Market in the Stallhof Courtyard (5)

Romantic Christmas Market at the Castle (6)

Landmarks: Semperoper Opera House, Zwinger Palace, Brühl's Terrace, Frauenkirche Cathedral, Neumarkt Square.

Bridges: Marienbrücke Bridge, Augustusbrücke Bridge, Carolabrücke Bridge.

Roads: A4, A17, 170, 97, 6, Hauptstrasse, Grose Meissner Str., Augustusstr., Prager Strasse, St. Petersburger Strasse.

Public Transport: Tram 11/12, Bus 62.

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Wilsdruffer Strasse



Altmarkt Galerie

Seestrasse



Prager Strasse Stop: Lines 11, 12, 62

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- ⑧ Fairy-tale tower
- ⑨ Gingerbread house with puppet theatre
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