

## Every year again - Advent and Christmas markets in Brussels

### The Advent season is approaching and, as every year, this includes numerous markets, bazaars and other events in Brussels.

The Saxon EU Representation will once again kick things off with the 16th Ore Mountains Christmas Market opening its doors on November 21 at 11 am. As always, visitors can look forward to handicrafts, music and culinary delights from the Ore Mountains and the partner regions of Liberec and Lower Silesia. The event is also an opportunity to draw attention to Chemnitz as European Capital of Culture 2025; on the "PURPLE PATH" you can discover art and culture along the places in the mining region that are connected by the path. Opening hours from Thursday to Saturday from 11 am to 8 pm, on Sunday (November 24) from 10 am to 7 pm.

On Saturday, November 30, the **German-speaking Protestant Emmaus parish** invites you to its Advent bazaar from 1 to 6 pm. It will take place in the community center on Avenue Salomé in Woluwe St. Pierre. The trombone choir, flute ensemble and children's choir will create an Advent atmosphere. There will be lots of handicrafts, ceramics, baskets, books as well as a toy flea market and a jewelry market. Children can decorate gingerbread hearts. Punch and mulled wine, sausages and stollen provide for the physical well-being. Visitors can order their Advent wreaths and Saxon stollen from the Solbrig bakery in advance (until November 17). On Sunday, December 1, the congregation invites you to an Advent service at 10:30 am.

<https://degb.be/gemeindeleben/advent-in-emmaus/>

Also on November 30, the **International German School Brussels (iDSB)** will be holding its traditional Christmas market in the Lange Eikstaat in Wezembeek-Oppem. From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be Christmas decorations, jewelry, handicrafts, home-sewn items and much more on offer. Fresh waffles and music are also included. If you would like to take part with your own stand, you can register until November 15.

<https://www.idsb.eu/2024/10/09/idsb-weihnachtsmarkt/>

This year's edition of the **"Winter Joys" (Plaisirs d'Hiver)**, as the Christmas market in Brussels city center has been called for several years, will begin on November 29 and run until January 5, 2025. More information will be announced later this month. However, visitors can once again look forward to numerous stalls selling arts and crafts as well as food and drink from Belgium and beyond.

<https://www.plaisirsdhiver.be/>

On Saturday, November 14, from 10 am to 5 pm, the traditional **"Femmes d'Europe" Christmas bazaar** will take place in the Commission building at 79 Rue Joseph II (Maelbeek metro station). By buying Christmas presents, visitors can also support one of the organization's humanitarian projects. On offer are handmade knitwear and leather goods, soaps, jewelry, books and Christmas decorations as well as gastronomic specialties from many EU countries. There will also be a raffle with prizes to be won: the draw will take place at 3 pm.

<https://www.assocfemmesdeurope.eu/Christmas-Bazaar-312?lang=fr>

And another tradition has been part of the Advent season in Brussels for years: the children's program by the **German Dance Company from Neustrelitz** in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. This year there will be a potpourri of various fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm under the title "Once

upon a time - Grimm Reloaded". The focus is on the wolf cub Wildfang, who makes a mess of everything. He nibbles away the plum jam from the brave little tailor, shaves King Thrushbeard and steals Cinderella's shoe. But that's just the prequel!

On Sunday, December 1, at 3 pm at Wolubilis, Cours Paul-Henri Spaak (Métro Roodebeek). Tickets are available via the Wolubilis online ticket system: <https://www.wolubilis.be/a-voir/il-etait-une-fois-grimm-reloaded/>

<https://deutsche-tanzkompanie.de/spielplan/#calendar-f2ce0dc0-a396-4ffb-9d12-58f59da1924d-event-m2300w10>

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