



584. Dresdner Striezelmarkt

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Opening hours

Daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Opening day (**28 November**): 4 to 9 p.m.
Long Friday (**14 December**): 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Christmas Eve (**24 December**): 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Father Christmas

Every day at 4.15 p.m. (Christmas Eve: 12.45 p.m.), Father Christmas and his elves open the next door on the Advent calendar. He can also be contacted by telephone. From 29 NOV to 24 DEC the Father Christmas hotline will be live every day from 5.30 to 7 p.m. Call (0351) 4882412. The Father Christmas postbox on the Striezelmarkt is emptied daily.

Striezeltaler



The Striezeltaler tokens, each worth one euro, can be redeemed by all traders at this year's Striezelmarkt. The tokens are available at the tourist information centre on the Striezelmarkt (demonstration area), at the main station or in the QF Passage at the Frauenkirche. For ten euros, you receive eleven tokens, worth eleven euros in total.

Tip

Order your Striezeltaler from the comfort of your home by e-mail or phone. Our staff at the service centre will be happy to help.
Tel. (0351) 501501, info@dresdeninformation.de,
www.striezeltaler.de





Welcome ...

... to Germany's oldest recorded Christmas market.

The wonderful aroma of roast almonds, twinkling fairy lights and a packed programme of highlights will transport you into a fascinating Christmas wonderland.

In the cheerful Advent hustle and bustle, the market's unique atmosphere will cast a spell on you.

History and tradition

The first Dresden Striezelmarkt lasted only one day. In 1434, Electoral Prince Friedrich II approved an independent traders' market on Altmarkt square. Initially it was a meat market where local people came after the pre-Christmas fasting period to choose their Yuletide roasts. The market proved a success, staying on and being extended to include other goods. Over the half a millennium that followed, the Striezelmarkt gradually became one of Germany's most popular Christmas markets.

Pflaumentoffel figures

These 'plum devil' figures, made of prunes, are fashioned after the young sweeps sent up chimneys at the start of the nineteenth century to clean them with their brushes. Many poor families made Pflaumentoffel, often out of pure desperation, for their children to sell come rain, come shine. From 1850 there was public disapproval of this use of child sellers, and eventually, in 1910, it was prohibited altogether. The little sweeps are still hugely popular – after all, everyone likes a lucky charm.

Striezel

The name 'Striezelmarkt' goes back to the delicious cake which has today achieved worldwide fame as 'Dresden Christstollen'. In old German, 'Strutzel' or 'Striezel' was a long or sometimes plaited yeast-risen cake. It was probably meant to bring to mind the Holy Child of the Christian Christmas story, wrapped in swaddling clothes.



28 November
3 p.m.

Opening

Ecumenical church service and opening ceremony

Dresden's Striezelmarkt is traditionally opened with an ecumenical church service in the Kreuzkirche church. Admission is free. The 584th Dresden Striezelmarkt will be officially opened with the Mayor of Dresden, Dirk Hilbert, at a ceremony on the 'Dresden Story Stage' at roughly 4 p.m.

1st weekend of Advent

1 December
from 6 p.m.

Christmas concerts

'Blasorchester Elbflorenz', 'Ziehsack und Streichholz' and 'Posaunenchor Dresden-Strehlen'

1 December
from 2.30 p.m.

Dresden Advent calendar festival

Since the 19th century, the Advent calendar has shown the remaining days until Christmas. For the third Advent calendar festival, 2 x 584 Striezelmarkt chocolate Advent calendars will be handed out free of charge to children.

2 December
from 2.30 p.m.

Dresden Gingerbread Festival

This festival focuses on the history of our region's gingerbread-making companies, and how this custom and Saxon crafts are being preserved. A highlight is the crowning of what is now the 13th Gingerbread Princess.

2nd weekend of Advent

8 December
from 6 p.m.

Christmas concerts

'Linda und Florian', 'Streichholz und Ziehsack' and 'Posaunenchor der Kirchgemeinde Dresden-Löbtau'

8 December
from 10.30 a.m.

25th Dresden Stollen Festival

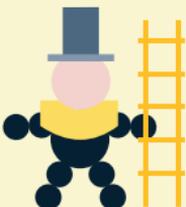
from 9.30 a.m. (at the Hotel Taschenbergpalais)

The Dresden Stollen Festival begins with a parade through the baroque Old Town. The "Royal Master Baker" and the Dresden Stollen Girl then cut the first slice of the giant stollen.

9 December
from 2 p.m.

Dresden Pflaumentoffel Festival

This festival focuses on the story of how the Dresden Pflaumentoffel came to be, its historical significance and how it became a lucky charm.





15 December
from 6 p.m.

3rd weekend of Advent
**'Where Fairy Tales Are Real' –
Christmas dance show**

15 December
from 8 p.m.

**'It's Christmas Time' –
'Birdhouse Jazz Dresden'**

15 December
from 1.30 p.m.

Dresden Pyramid Festival
Focusing on the world's biggest tiered Ore Mountain 'candle pyramid' and its history, find out all kinds of interesting facts about the tradition of craftspeople and toymakers, at the 20th Pyramid Festival.

16 December
from 1 p.m.

Dresden Schwibbogen Festival
The unmistakable symbol of this traditional market is the Schwibbogen, its carved scenes depicting the daily lives of miners in the Ore Mountains, where it originates.

22 December
from 6 p.m.

4th weekend of Advent
Christmas concerts
'Bergmännischer Musikverein Jöhstadt-Grumbach',
'Ziehsack und Streichholz' and 'Blechblasquartett
Goldmessing'

22 December
from 2.30 p.m.

**'We are Christmas' –
Dresden Christmas tree decorating**
with the Nuremberg Christkindl, the Stollen Girl, the Mayor of Dresden, other guests of honour and the traditional figures from Dresden Striezelmarkt.

23 December
from 9.30 a.m.

Dresden Kreuzkirche Day
With its Christian tidings, Dresden Kreuzkirche epitomises the Dresden Striezelmarkt. In the evening hours, especially, it is dedicated to the festive season, with religious topics. Among other things, there will be a concert with the Dresdner Kreuzchor.





Elves' cinema

An Advent exhibition, children's films, admiring and making Advent wreaths all get visitors young and old in the mood for Christmas.

Advent exhibition

29 Nov. from 4 to 9 p.m.,

30 Nov. to 2 Dec., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Elves' cinema

from 3 Dec., Mon to Thu 2 to 6 p.m., Fri 14 until

8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

24 Dec. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission: € 1.50 per child / € 2 per adult.



Gingerbread House

Decorate your own gingerbread in the Gingerbread House. 'Hansel and Gretel' help.

29 Nov. from 4 to 7 p.m., OTHERWISE Mon to

Thu 1 to 6 p.m., Fri 1 to 7 p.m., Sat and Sun 10 a.m.

to 7 p.m. (closed on Christmas Eve).

Advent calendar

Every day, Father Christmas opens the next door on the Advent calendar, making it one day less before Christmas comes.

From 1 Dec. 4.15 p.m. every day,

Christmas Eve 12.45 p.m.

Puppet theatre

From 29 Nov. the puppet show by the Advent calendar will be opening at 3.45 p.m. every day, and 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Fairy-Tale House

Christmas fairy stories

The old wood carver reads children stories and tales in his fairy-tale house.

29 Nov. to 23 Dec. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day, free entry, book in advance, tel. (0351) 4107955.



Striezelmarkt stories

Families, companies and clubs can look forward to exciting Christmas stories spanning 584 years of the Striezelmarkt's history. Each reading lasts 45 minutes and costs 3 euros for adults and 2 euros for children under 12.

29 Nov. 4 to 9 p.m.,
from 30 Nov. to 23 Dec. 3 to 9 p.m.,
closed on Christmas Eve, book in advance,
tel. (0351) 4107955.

Christmas bakery

Striezelmarkt visitors young and old can try their hand at baking with the help of bakers from the Dresdner Stollen e.V. protective association.

28 Nov. 4 to 6 p.m., OTHERWISE 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
every day (closed on Christmas Eve).

Pflaumentoffel House



In this traditional timber-framed house, children can make their own Christmas gifts under expert supervision and take them home for a small fee.

28 Nov. 4 to 7 p.m., OTHERWISE Mon to Thu 1 to 6 p.m.,
Fri 1 to 7 p.m., Sat and Sun 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(closed on Christmas Eve).

Miniature railway and fairy-tale forest

The children's miniature railway puffs right through the fairy-tale forest by the Advent calendar, past characters from German fairy tales.

28 Nov. 4 to 9 p.m., OTHERWISE Mon to Sun 10 a.m.
to 9 p.m.,
14 Dec. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.,
24 Dec. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Craft demonstrations

Market-goers can watch live craft demonstrations in the Christmas pavilions. Artisans carve and turn delicate wooden Christmas decorations and stollen bakers open their doors to let visitors see them in action as they prepare traditional Dresden Christstollen, also known as Striezel.

Pyramid

The sails of the tiered 'candle pyramid' from the Ore Mountains turn in the air 14.62 metres above the Striezelmarkt. The largest of its kind in the world, its six tiers hold traditional wooden figures from the Christmas story, the Ore Mountains and the Striezelmarkt.

Schwibbogen

The giant walk-in Schwibbogen candle holder is the gateway to Dresden Striezelmarkt. At 6.63 metres high and 13.03 metres wide, it offers a great view over the hustle and bustle of the market.

Dresden Story Stage

The Dresden Story Stage is in the centre of the market square. Most of the 170 events take place here. The full programme can be found online at striezelmarkt.dresden.de.

Christmas at Dresden City Hall

This year, once again, the association NEUE ART will be organising its traditional charity event 'Christmas at Dresden City Hall'. On 18 December, 300 socially deprived or disabled children and young people from our city will get gifts from Father Christmas and be entertained by his helpers.



Christmas markets in Dresden



Wilsdruffer Strasse



Altmarkt Galerie



Seestrasse

- ① Demonstration workshops
- ② Market management
- ③ To underground parking
- ④ Stage
- ⑤ Pflaumentoffel house
- ⑥ Elves' cinema
- ⑦ Christmas bakery
- ⑧ Fairy-tale tower
- ⑨ Gingerbread house with puppet theat
- ⑩ Fairy-ta
- ⑪ Advent

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