



The Striezel is finally back!



Dresden.
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Programme of events

23 November to 24 December 2022

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...That long-awaited feeling of enjoying twinkling lights, the aroma of Glühwein and delicious treats, to the tune of magical Christmas music in a unique atmosphere!

Make Advent a feast for the senses! Take it all in as you stroll around the 588th Dresden Striezelmarkt. Advent is a time of peaceful festivity, and the heart of the old town has an amazing experience in store for the whole family: Germany's oldest Christmas market, with impressive lighting across the downtown area, plus more than 200 gorgeously decorated stalls selling delicious treats and wonderful gift ideas.

This year's programme of events offers a whole host of entertainment for all tastes, ranging from dance, song and a vibrant children's programme, to fun Advent games, impressive concerts and traditional festivities.

The Wichtelkino, puppet theatre and display workshops will also put a smile on every family member's face, transporting them to a captivating world filled with all things Christmas.

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Opening hours

Daily
10am to 9pm

Opening day
23 November
4pm to 9pm

Christmas Eve
24 December
10am to 2pm

History and tradition

The first Dresden Striezelmarkt went for only one day. In 1434, Friedrich II, Elector of Brandenburg, approved an open-air market to be held at Dresden's Altmarkt square. It was initially a meat market for locals to choose their celebratory roasting meats after their pre-Christmas fasting. As the market was a success, it was kept and expanded to include other wares. And, over the 500 years that followed, the Dresden Striezelmarkt would grow to become one of Germany's most popular Christmas markets.

Striezel

The name 'Striezelmarkt' comes from the delicious fruit loaf that is today world famous as the 'Dresdner Christstollen.' 'Strutzel' or 'Striezel' was the Middle High German term for an elongated, sometimes even braided, pastry, likely designed to look like the swaddled child from the Christian Nativity story.

Santa Claus

From 1 December, Santa and his elves will open a window of the Advent calendar every day at 4.15pm, except on Christmas Eve, when they will open the window at 12.45pm!

Santa's letterbox

The letterbox at the Dresden Striezelmarkt will be cleared daily. It can be found near the themed houses next to the Christmas bakery.





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Pflaumentoffel

The Dresden Pflaumentoffel is modelled on chimney-sweep children who, in the early 19th century, had to climb into chimneys with their brooms to clean them from the inside. Many destitute families made Pflaumentoffel figurines for their children to sell. In 1850, people started denouncing this child labour, and it was finally banned in 1910. But the little figurine still remains hugely popular, as everyone likes to have a lucky charm.

Striezeltaler coins

The limited-edition 2022 Striezeltaler coin, worth one euro, can be redeemed at any stall at the Dresden Striezelmarkt. Ten euros will get you a total of eleven coins worth eleven euros. Coins and mugs are available at the Striezelmarkt's Tourist Information Office (see market map), at the main train station, in the QF shopping mall at the Frauenkirche or online at www.striezeltaler.de



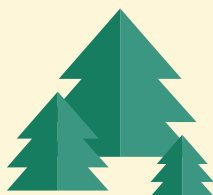
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Zero Euro banknote

Collectors will be familiar with the Zero Euro banknotes featuring motifs of various cities. There is now a new Striezelmarkt edition issued by the Dresden Information pavilion for people to collect, gift or enjoy as a memento. Zero Euro banknotes make space-saving souvenirs and can bring back wonderful memories of a visit to Germany's oldest Christmas market. The new Striezelmarkt souvenir will become available around the middle of the Advent period. In December, you will be able to purchase the Zero Euro banknotes directly from the Dresden Information pavilion at the Striezelmarkt itself, while stocks last.



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Opening

Interfaith service at the Kreuzkirche

Wednesday, 23 November | 3pm

The Dresden Striezelmarkt is traditionally opened with a service in the Kreuzkirche with the Kreuzchor boys' choir. Entry is free.

Opening ceremony at the main stage

Afterwards, Lord Mayor Dirk Hilbert, along with the Kreuzchor and other guests will head to the 'Geschichtenbühne' ('storytelling stage'), where the 588th Dresden Striezelmarkt will be officially opened at around 4 pm – this year accompanied by a moment's silence. The Kreuzchor will kick things off for the first time with the song Verleih uns Frieden ('Grant us peace'). This will be followed by the firing-up of the Christmas pyramid, which will see the lights start glowing and the market stalls open. The Dresden Philharmonic Children's Choir will start its performance at 5pm.

Enna Miau

Christmas
concerts at the
Striezelmarkt

**Saturday
26/11, 3/12,
17/12 7pm**

With Whysker,
Annamarie
Rynis and
Martin Seidel

**Saturday
10/12 8pm**
With Anja
Schumann

1st weekend of Advent

Dresden Gingerbread Festival

Saturday, 26 November | 2.30pm

The festival pays homage to local gingerbread bakeries in the region, and to the preservation of this tradition and Saxon craft. It will be capped off with the naming of the 2022 'Gingerbread Princess'.



Dresden Advent Calendar Festival

Sunday, 27 November | 2.30pm

This day is one of several special highlights, particularly for our littlest guests. It centres on stories about the history of the Advent calendar, with traditional figures from the Dresden Striezelmarkt and distribution of 2x 588 Advent calendars free of charge.

2nd weekend of Advent

Dresden Stollenfest

Saturday, 3 December | from 10am

Find out all there is to know about the historic fruit loaf at this unique festival celebrating Dresden's bakers and pastry chefs, run by the 'Dresdner Stollen' e. V. association. It includes a traditional procession involving around 350 people, starting outside the Semperoper, passing through the baroque old town and ending at the Striezelmarkt stage, where 588 limited-edition Dresdner Stollen fruit loaves will be sold for a good cause.



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3rd weekend of Advent

Festival of Christmas sounds,

presented by the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra

Saturday, 10 December | 11am to 8pm

A moment of reflection and peace amidst the vibrant Striezelmarkt hustle & bustle, intended to get marketgoers singing along and pausing for thought. Accompanied by the Philharmonic Choirs and the brass players from the Sächsisches Landesgymnasium für Musik Carl Maria von Weber Dresden, among others.



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Dresden Pyramid Festival

Sunday, 11 December | 1.30pm

Figures from the world's largest step pyramid introduce themselves in their own unique way, while Frederic Günther, CEO of the Association of Ore Mountain Craftsmen and Toy Manufacturers, recounts interesting facts about the world's largest Ore Mountain step pyramid and its history.



4th weekend of Advent

Dresden Pflaumentoffelfest

Saturday, 17 December | 2.30pm

Pflaumentoffel is a figure made from dried plums that have been stuck together. It is a common symbol of Dresden's Christmas period, and of the Striezelmarkt in particular. It is geared around an informative programme for children and families, using various forms of art to provide visitors with an historic background on how the Dresden Pflaumentoffel came into being and eventually became a good-luck charm.

Advent from the Palast

In December, the Städtische Bibliotheken and Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra will be running a free cultural programme in the Kulturpalast foyer daily at **4.15pm and 5pm.**



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Themed houses

Wichtelkino

This cinema for kids gets people of all ages in the mood for Christmas with a programme of children's events that changes every day.



Wichtelkino from 26 November to 24 December

Monday to Thursday 2pm to 6pm

Friday 2pm to 8pm | Saturday 10am to 8pm

Sunday 10am to 6pm, 24 December 10am to 2pm

Entry: Children 2.50 euros/Adults 3 euros

Special programme for short-film day on

Wednesday, 21 December 2pm to 6pm

Advent calendar & Santa Claus

Every day, Santa will be opening a new window of the Advent calendar, gradually reducing the wait for Christmas Eve. From 1 December daily at 4.15pm, on Christmas Eve at 12.45pm

Puppet theatre

The puppet theatre at the Advent calendar is open daily from 3.45pm 23 November to 24 December, and from 1pm on Christmas Eve. Figurine theatres from Dresden and its surrounds will be performing little plays.

Children's railway and enchanted forest

The children's railway directly alongside the Advent calendar runs through the enchanted forest and past many characters from well-known fairytales.

23 November 4pm to 9pm, otherwise Monday to

Sunday 10am to 9pm, 24 December 10am to 2pm

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Display workshops

Witness craftsmanship at the display workshops. Watch Ore Mountain artisans carve and shape delicate Christmas ornaments, or look over the shoulders of Stollen bakers as they prepare the traditional 'Dresdner Christstollen', also known as 'Striezel.'

Pyramid

The vane atop the Ore Mountain step pyramid spins around at a height of 14.61 metres, making it the tallest in the world. It features six tiers of Christian and Ore Mountain Christmas figures, as well as traditional wooden Striezelmarkt characters.

„Schwibbogen' (candle arch)

The climbable Ore Mountain candle arch forms the entrance to Dresden's Striezelmarkt. Measuring 6.63 metres high and 13.03 metres wide, it provides a wonderful view over the market.

Weihnachten im Dresdner Rathaus

Der Verein NEUE ART e. V. bereitet auch in diesem Jahr die traditionelle Benefizveranstaltung „Weihnachten im Dresdner Rathaus“ vor. 300 sozial schwache oder behinderte Kinder und Jugendliche unserer Stadt werden am 13. Dezember vom Weihnachtsmann beschenkt und von seinen Helfern bestens unterhalten.

Dresden storytelling stage

At the centre of the marketplace is the Dresden Geschichtenbühne or 'storytelling stage', where most of the events are held. The updated full programme can always be found online at striezelmarkt.dresden.de.



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‘So viel
Peinlichkeit’
(‘So
embarrassing’)

Christmas
comedy with
the Hofstaat zu
Dresden
at the Striezel-
markt stage

**Saturday and
Sunday**

26/11 & 27/11

3/12 & 4/12

11/12

17/12 & 18/12

8pm



Services at the Striezelmarkt

Market Supervisory Office

The Market Supervisory Office is home to the event’s management, which liaises with all security and safety providers, such as the police, municipal enforcement service and German Red Cross, and which co-ordinates smooth market operations. It is located at the eastern end (near the Haus Altmarkt). If you are looking for something, have a query or require information material, the Market Supervisory Services can help.

Free Wi-Fi: striezelmarkt-2022

There will once again be free Wi-Fi at the Dresden Striezelmarkt this year.



Striezelmarkt Tourist Information Office

In addition to numerous brochures, it also sells the popular Striezeltaler coins, postcards and souvenirs.

Lost children’s service

If your child has ‘gone their own way’, please contact the Market Supervisory Office at the Striezelmarkt. **N.B.:** The Tourist Information Office and Market Supervisory Office provides free wristbands for children, on which you can write the child’s name and their parents’ telephone number – so parents can be contacted as quickly as possible if their child does end up getting lost.

Lost-property office

Lost clothing or other items will be stored at the Market Supervisory Office until the end of the Striezelmarkt. If you notice you have lost something, please first report to the Market Supervisory Office. Any items not collected by the time the Striezelmarkt is dismantled will be handed over to the city’s lost-property office.

Striezelmarkt police station

A mobile police station at the Haus Altmarkt will be ensuring security and order at the Striezelmarkt. Staff from a Dresden security company will guard the market stalls and decorations from the time the market closes until 8am the next morning. They, too, will be on site if a threat arises.

Christmas markets in Dresden



2022 Striezelmarkt mug

Heinrich-Schütz-Stadt Dresden

Made by Kan-negießer, the mugs feature hand-painted decorations and are individually numbered.

The motif of this year's Striezelmarkt coin also has a musical theme and is inspired by the mug.

The mugs and coins are available for purchase online at **striezeltaler.de**.

This year's Striezelmarkt mug was dedicated to composer and former Dresden Hofkapellmeister Heinrich Schütz to mark the 350th anniversary of his death. He was considered the 'father of German music', because he was a musician of Europe-wide acclaim well before Bach. His lifetime, which fell between the Renaissance and baroque periods, was shaped by the Thirty Years' War. At a time when everyday life was all about death and destruction, Heinrich Schütz lived an exceptionally long life, travelling all through Europe: He studied in Venice under Giovanni Gabrieli, the famous organist from St Mark's Basilica, before returning to his homeland and shaped Dresden's music scene for 40 years as Hofkapellmeister of Saxony's Electoral Court.

He died in 1672 at the age of 87. His eventful life meant he had intensively planned for his own death, deliberately creating his last major work, his 'swan-song', in 1671.

His virtuoso compositions continue to delight many music lovers to this day. Heinrich Schütz turned his deep Protestant piety into 'German music.'

In addition to the conventional Striezelmarkt mug, there is also a limited-edition version with gold decoration. Plus, this year, there will once again be a children's mug, featuring a Little Red Riding Hood motif.



Become a market trader!

Whether it be the weekly markets, the spring or autumn market or the Striezelmarkt, Dresden's markets all offer a unique open-air shopping experience in the Saxon capital. Most impressive is the selection of regional, agricultural and artisanal products; markets are indeed becoming social meeting places that are all about sustainability, regional cycles, great products and fair prices. Many of the merchants at Dresden's markets have been coming for years, because they know they'll get extensive support and advice there. **Want to be a market trader yourself?**
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**'We've been part of
the big Striezelmarkt family
for 20 years.'**

*If I ever have any questions,
I can always contact the
Office of Economic
Development – they help
and support me with all
my queries.*

*That's why I enjoy
working at the
market.'*





Altmarkt Galerie

Wilsdruffer Straße

Seestraße



Haltestelle Prager Straße: Linien 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 62, 68

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| ① Display workshops | ⑤ Märchenturm |
| ② Market Supervisory Office | ⑥ Wichtelkino |
| ③ Access to underground car park | ⑦ Advent calendar with puppet theatre and enchanted |
| ④ Stage | |

Dresdner Stollen Regional products and specialities

Food and fresh produce Snacks, sweets and

Kulturpalast

Frauenkirche



H Haltestelle Altstadt
Unien 1, 2, 4



i Striezelmarkt Tourist Information Office

Photo booth

Kreuzkirche



Regional arts and crafts

bar

Souvenirs

Sonstige Waren

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