



Rothenburg
ob der Tauber

Christmas Market

December 1st – 23rd, 2023





The »Reiterlesmarkt« of Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Once a year the medieval town of Rothenburg transforms itself into a fairytale winter wonderland. Ever since the 15th century the festive time prior to Christmas (Advent) has been accompanied by a delightful Christmas market. Looking back on over 500 years of tradition little has changed over the years and the historical customs have been closely followed. Many cultural events take place throughout the duration of the Christmas market. The height of the event however is the arrival of the "Rothenburger Reiterle" (Rothenburg Horseman) which also gave the market its name. The "Reiterle's" (horseman's) historical origin however stems from dark times long past. Our ancestors were under the belief that he was a descendant of another world who during the winter months glided through the skies with the souls of people past. Throughout the centuries however the horseman's image changed from a ferocious character people feared and dreaded to a warmly welcomed ambassador of the Christmas season who is now loved by young and old alike. Holding true to traditions the narrow winding streets and picturesque squares around the town hall and its archways are lined with wooden booths, appropriately decorated for the Christmas season.



Opening hours Christmas Market

Monday to Thursday 11.00 am – 7.00 pm
Friday to Sunday 11.00 am – 8.00 pm

Everything your heart desires can be found at this charming market, may it be the traditional Christmas cookies and pastries or the "Weißer Glühwein" (white mulled wine, indicative to the area). Gadgets and treasures as well as lovingly crafted Christmas decoration can be found in a variety of booths and are sure to serve as a token of appreciation for loved ones at home as well as a welcomed reminder of your time spent in Rothenburg.

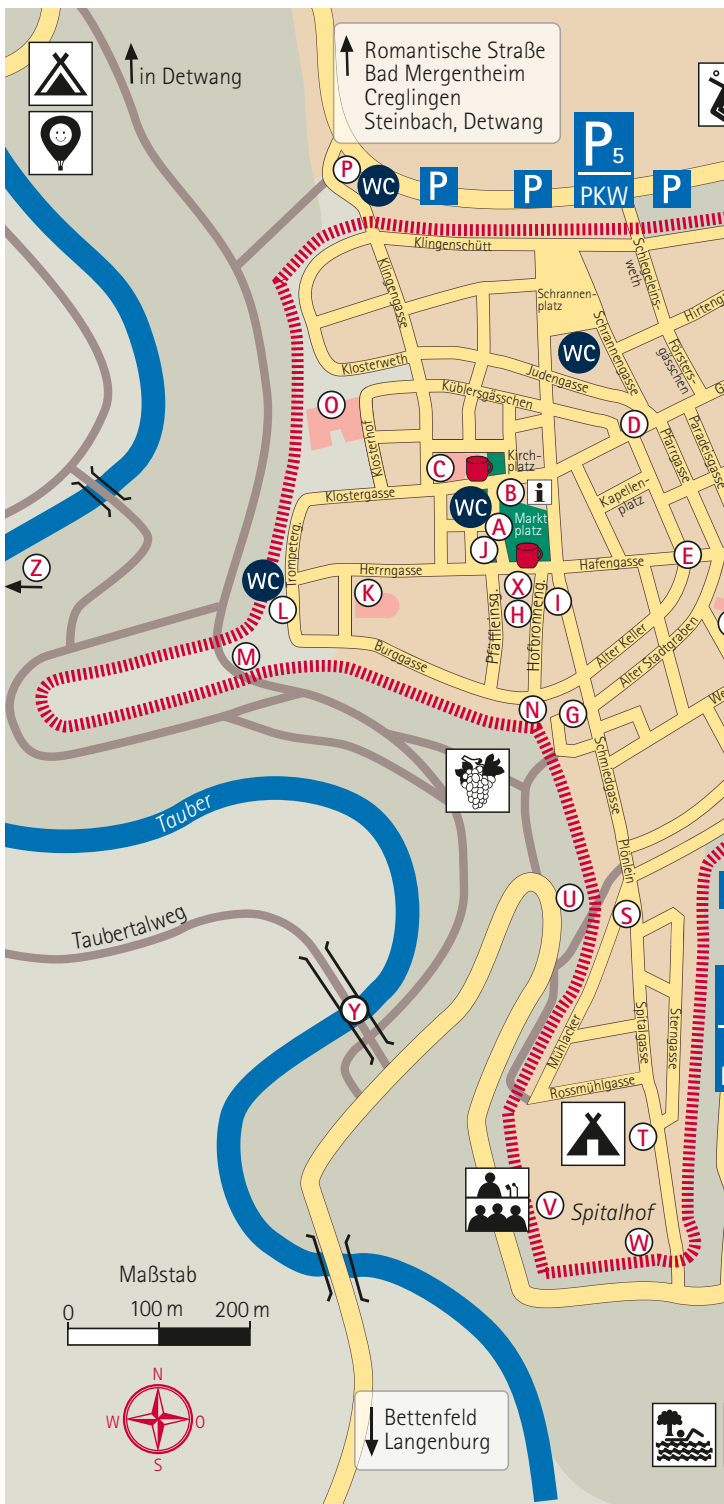


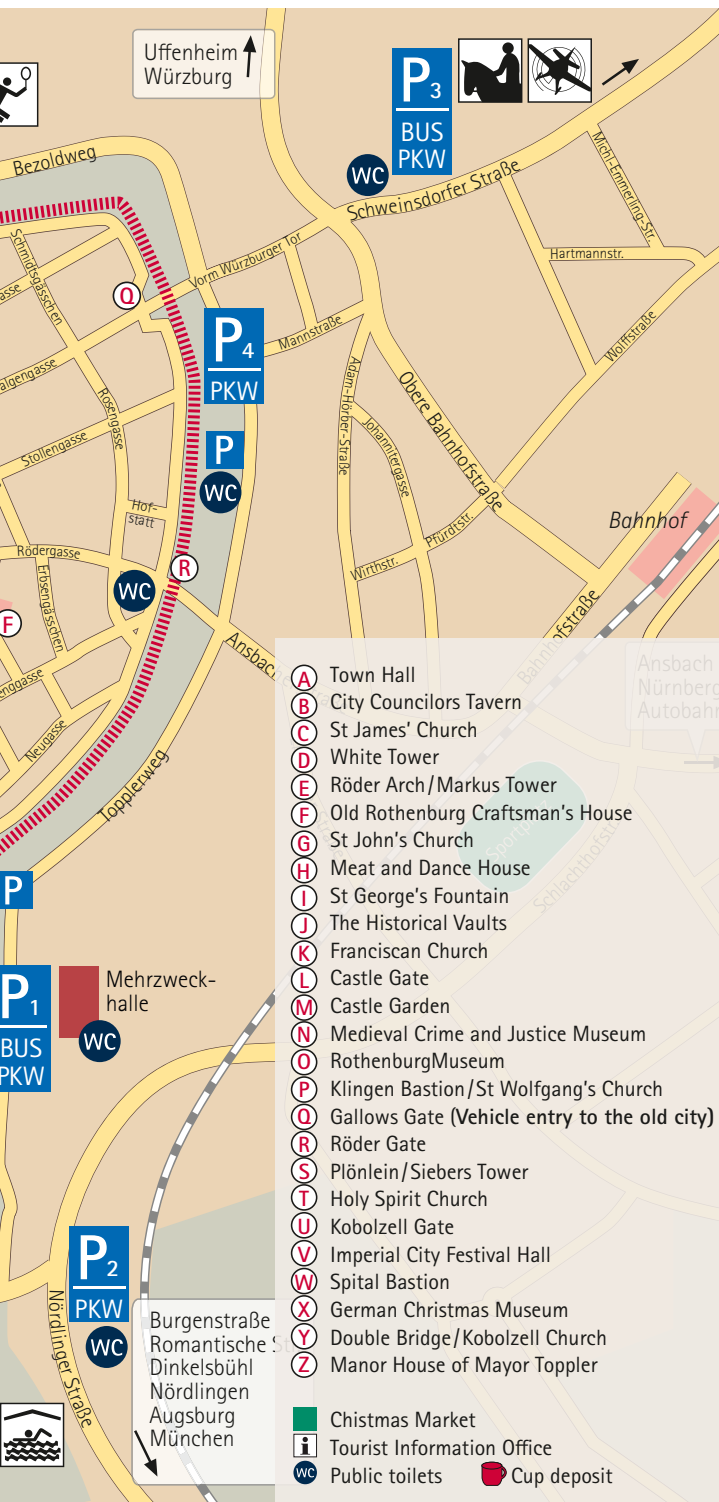
The "Reiterlesmarkt" has grown over centuries and has become a true symbol of a romantic and idyllic Rothenburg Christmas which is also enhanced by the festively decorated city that surrounds it.

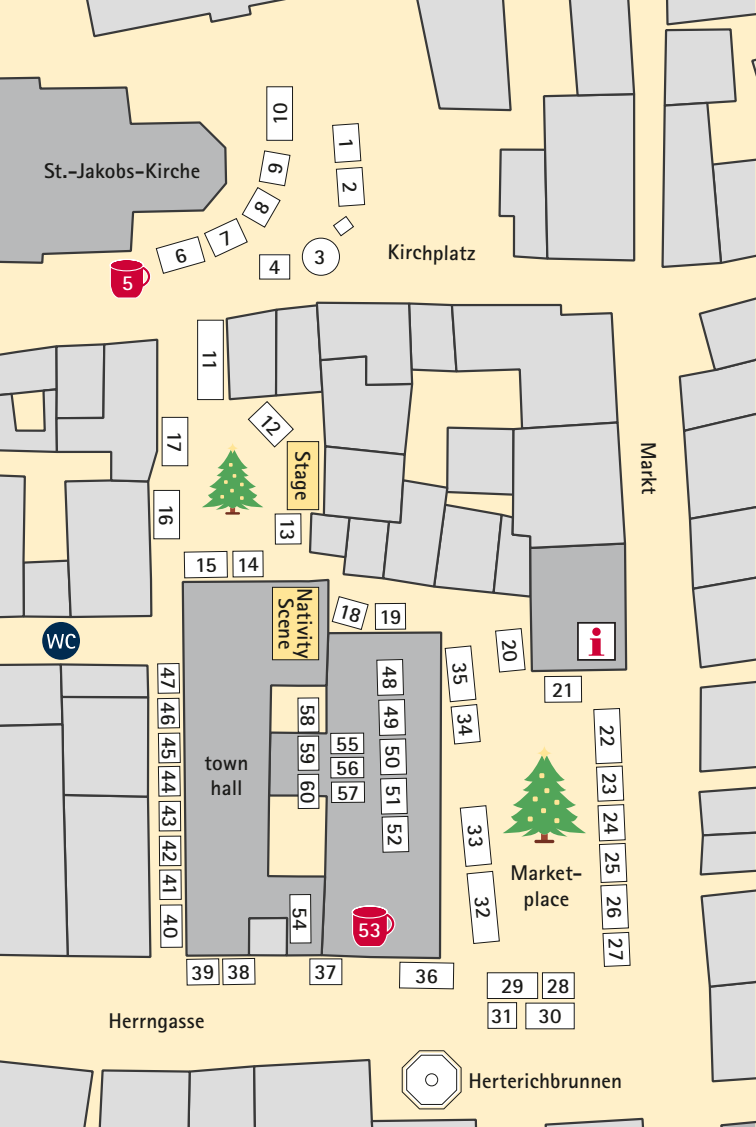
Next year's dates:

Christmas Market 2024:

November 29th – December 23rd







Stalls at the Christmas market

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| 1 | Vegan soups, Christmas cocktails
(Mucho Amor – Wholehearted Events) | 5 | Cup deposit |
| 2 | Hornware
(Ingo Nowotka) | 6 | Creperie, Punch, Coffee
(Stefan Wentzl) |
| 3 | Carousel
(Ralf Kauffmann) | 7 | Christmas stars, light strings
(Winkelmann & Wolf) |
| 4 | Chestnuts
(Erika David-Domokos) | 8/9 | Woodcarvings, wooden goods
(Sonia Demetz) |
| | | 10 | Mead, mulled beer
(Met & Gesöff) |

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| 11 | Snacks, sausages
(Hahn Zelt & Catering GmbH) | 37 | Cheese, Bacon
(Petra Vetter) |
| 12 | Steaks, sausages, mulled wine
(Kgl.-priv. Schützengilde 1374) | 38 | Spirits from the Black Forest
(Franz Wild GbR) |
| 13 | Mulled wine, punch, Kir
(Hotel Roter Hahn) | 39 | Nutcracker, Christmas pyramids
(Günter Lange) |
| 14 | Jewelry, pearls
(Perlkönig GmbH) | 40 | Pizza, mulled wine
(Pizzeria – Restaurant Hallenbad) |
| 15 | Snacks, mulled wine
(TSV-Handball) | 41 | Poker work, wooden toys
(Elwera Bügler) |
| 16 | Stocking wool, yarn
(Firma Volker Schönnemann) | 42 | Vegetarian snacks, mulled wine
(Siegmond Heimerl) |
| 17 | Roasted almonds, sweets
(Weigmann Süßwaren) | 43 | Gingerbread, "Stollen"
(Eckstein GmbH) |
| 18 | Honey, jams, sausage specialties
(Andreas Fröhlich) | 44 | Christmas stars, light strings
(JustStars – Heimat Berlin
Mücke GmbH) |
| 19 | Bunzlauer Ceramic
(Manfred Marx) | 45 | Christmas handicrafts
(CASPAR Fashion GmbH) |
| 20 | Lanterns, wind chime
(ISB Michael Blank) | 46 | Leather goods, backpacks
(Antonio Duarte) |
| 21 | Gifts, Christmas decoration
(Reeb-Cristallerie-GmbH) | 47 | Felt slippers, wool socks,
knee socks
(Yesulen Munkhdelger) |
| 22 | Snacks, mulled wine
(Rothenburger Festwirte
Gemeinschaft) | 48 | Handmade soaps and creams
(Das Seifenkistel) |
| 23 | Quince mulled wine,
vegan sausages
(Evang.-Luth. Dekanat
Rothenburg) | 49 | Olive wood goods
from Bethlehem
(Naim Shahwan) |
| 24 | Mead, writing instruments
(Johannes Wittmann) | 50 | Leather- and wood goods
(Laura Kuno) |
| 25 | Minerals, fossils, jewelry
(Rüdiger Hesse) | 51 | Rolling pins, wooden stamps
(Jacek Padol) |
| 26 | Snowballs & Sweets
(Trautmann Keller
Schaustellergeschäfte) | 52 | Goods from Scotland
(Der Schottenladen) |
| 27 | Charity
(Ehrenamtsbude) | 53 | Cup deposit |
| 28/29 | Snow globes, bird houses
(Wolfgang Stiegler) | 54 | Scarfs, caps, gloves
(Helga Bürstlein) |
| 30 | Punch, burger
(Franken Knights e.V.) | 55 | Glass beads, jewelry
(Christiane Dorn) |
| 31 | Wool products
(KüstenAdel) | 56 | Handmade Fashion
(AnRa-Mode GmbH) |
| 32 | Snacks, mulled wine
(TSV Hauptverein) | 57 | Coffee beans, liquers
(Stefan Gögelein) |
| 33 | Christmas articles
(Käthe Wohlfahrt GmbH) | 58 | Chocolate
(Schokomell GmbH) |
| 34 | Wool jackets, wallets
(Roland Jung) | 59 | Mulled wine
(Glocke Weingut und Hotel) |
| 35 | Snacks, mulled wine, pretzels
(Eduard Wentzl) | 60 | Backpacks, purses, belts
(Leis Lederwaren) |
| 36 | Mulled wine & sweets
(Rudolf Paul) | | |



Daily events

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| 2.00 pm | Market-Square: English Guided Tour (until Dec 23 rd) |
| 4.30 pm | Christmas Market: Santa Claus visits the Christmas Market (until Dec 23 rd) |
| 5.00 pm | Christmas Market: Illumination of the new advent window (Dec 1 st – Dec 23 rd) |
| 5.30 pm | Christmas Market: Brass band concert (until Dec 23 rd) |
| 8.00 pm | Market-Square: Guided Tour with the Night Watchman (except Dec 24 th , 31 st) |

Daily exhibitions

Christmas Market: Nativity Scene

(during the opening hours of the Christmas Market) and at the St James' Church, St. John's Church, Holy Spirit Church

Medieval Crime and Justice Museum, Johanniterscheune, Burggasse 3–5

Opening hours December: from 11 am – 5 pm
(December 24th and 31st from 10 am – 1 pm)

"Treasure and treasure hunting" in law and history
until December 31st, 2024

RothenburgMuseum, Klosterhof 5

Opening hours: during the Christmas Market:
10 am – 4 pm, January daily from 1 – 4 pm

"Kinder, Kinder, wie die Zeit vergeht ..."

Childhoods in Rothenburg from 1900 to 1950 until January 28th, 2024

"Ganz rein" – (A series of pictures of Jewish ritual baths by Peter Seidel)
until January 31st, 2024

Heiner Krasser – Still life and Landscapes until May 1st, 2024



Program

Friday, December 1st

from 10.00 am	Christmas Village, Herrngasse: Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
11.00 am	Christmas Market: Opening of the Christmas market booths
05.00 pm	Opening of the Christmas Market: by the "Rothenburger Reiterle", the Lord Mayor and the Rothenburg City and Youth Orchestra
06.30 pm	St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James): Concert of the chamber choir "Acustico", free admission

Saturday, December 2nd

from 10.00 am	Christmas Village, Herrngasse: Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
02.00 pm	Christmas Market: Brass band concert
06.00 pm	St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James): 30 minutes organ music, free admission
from 08.00 pm	Café Lebenslust, Kirchgasse 5: live music

Sunday, December 3rd

from 10.00 am	Christmas Village, Herrngasse: Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
11.15 am	Balcony of the town hall: Christmas concert
from 11.30 am	Hotel Eisenhut, Herrngasse 3-5/7: Christmas Brunch (registration: www.hotel-eisenhut.de), piano music in the afternoon
02.00 pm	Christmas Market: Brass band concert
05.00 pm	St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James): Advent concert, free admission

Saturday, December 2nd

and Sunday, December 3rd

Performance by the Enchanting
Carol Singers on the Christmas
Market and in the old town.

Saturday: 4 pm – 9 pm,

Sunday: 1 pm – 5 pm.



Monday, December 4th

from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Tuesday, December 5th

from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

from 06.00 pm **Mucho Amor Bar, Kapellenplatz 5:**
Seminar on how to prepare a winter cocktail
(registration: info@mucho-amor.com)

Wednesday, December 6th

from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

04.30 pm **Old town:** Light parade of the pupils of Rothenburg –
welcome speech by the Lord Mayor and the "Reiterle"

Thursday, December 7th

from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Friday, December 8th

from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark

05.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):**
Guided tour with Christmas music, free admission

06.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert

Saturday, December 9th

- from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
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- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
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- 03.30 pm **Christmas Market:** Concert with "Alphornbläser"
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- 06.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):**
30 minutes organ music, free admission
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- from 08.00 pm **Café Lebenslust, Kirchgasse 5:** live music

Sunday, December 10th

- from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
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- 11.15 am **Balcony of the town hall:** Christmas concert
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- from 11.30 am **Hotel Eisenhut, Herrngasse 3-5/7:**
Christmas Brunch (registration: www.hotel-eisenhut.de),
piano music in the afternoon
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- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert

Monday, December 11th

- from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Tuesday, December 12th

- from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Wednesday, December 13th

- from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden



from December 14th – 23rd, 2023

Castle Garden – "Winterglühen" alternative Christmas Market with illumination, music and culinary delights.

Opening hours: to be announced

www.formatf.de

Thursday, December 14th

from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Friday, December 15th

from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark

05.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):**
Guided tour with Christmas music, free admission

Saturday, December 16th

from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark

02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert

05.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):** Christmas Oratorio
from St.-Jakobs Choir and the Chamber Orchestra from
Ansbach, Admission: 15 € p.p.

from 08.00 pm **Café Lebenslust, Kirchgasse 5:** live music

Sunday, December 17th

from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark

from 11.30 am **Hotel Eisenhut, Herrngasse 3-5/7:**
Christmas Brunch (registration: www.hotel-eisenhut.de),
piano music in the afternoon

02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert

Monday, December 18th

from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Tuesday, December 19th

from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark

from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Wednesday, December 20th

- from 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
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- from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
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- 05.15 pm **Christmas Market:** Rothenburgs bakers present their gingerbread house
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- 06.15 pm **Christmas Market:** Concert with "Alphornbläser"
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Thursday, December 21st

- from 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
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Friday, December 22nd

- 05.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):**
Guided Tour with Christmas music, free admission
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- 06.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
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Saturday, December 23rd

- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
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- 06.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):** 30 minutes organ music, free admission
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- 06.30 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8:**
Concert "Christmas meets latino"
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- from 08.00 pm **Café Lebenslust, Kirchgasse 5:** live music
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- Catholic Service
- 04.30 pm **St. John's Church:** Service in Croatian Language
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- 06.00 pm **St. John's Church:** Service
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Sunday, December 24th

Lutheran Service

- 11.00 am **Holy Spirit Church:** Service for families
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- 03.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):** Service for families
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- 04.30 pm **Franciscan Church:** Youth-Service
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- 05.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Service
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- 05.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):** Service with music
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- 06.00 pm **Church of St. Peter and Paul, Detwang:** Service
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- 10.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Service
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- 10.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):** Service
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Catholic Service

- 10.00 am **St. John's Church:** Service
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- 04.15 pm **St. John's Church:** Service for families with nativity play
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- 10.00 pm **St. John's Church:** Service
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Brethren assembly:

- 04.00 pm **Schweinsdorfer Str.:** Service for families with music
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Monday, December 25th

from 11.30 am **Hotel Eisenhut, Herrngasse 3-5/7:**
Christmas Brunch (registration: www.hotel-eisenhut.de),
piano music in the afternoon

Lutheran Service

05.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):**
Service with trombone choir

Catholic Service

10.30 am **St. John's Church:** Service

Tuesday, December 26th

Lutheran Service

09.30 am **St.-Jakobs-Kirche:** Service with choir

Catholic Service

10.30 am **St. John's Church:** Service
04.30 pm **St. John's Church:** Service in Croatian Language

Wednesday, December 27th

08.00 pm **Imperial City Festival Hall:** Christmas Concert with the
Rothenburg City and Youth Orchestra. Tickets available
at the Tourist Office, Tel. +49 9861 404-800

Thursday, December 28th

08.00 pm **Imperial City Festival Hall:** Christmas Concert with the
Rothenburg City and Youth Orchestra. Tickets available
at the Tourist Office, Tel. +49 9861 404-800

Sunday, December 31st

from 08.00 pm **Market Square:**
New Years Eve Celebration "Silvesterfunkteln"

10.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):**
Organ concert, Admission: 12 € p.p.

Lutheran Service

03.00 pm **Church of St. Peter and Paul, Detwang:** Service
05.00 pm **St.-Jakobs-Kirche (St James):**
Service with choir and trombone choir

Brethren assembly:

10.30 am **Schweinsdorfer Str.:** Service



"Christmas Markets" in Hotels and Restaurants

Bayerischer Hof, Ansbacher Str. 21

"Winterterrasse" with mulled wine and food

Opening hours: to be announced

www.bayerischerhof.com

Café Lebenslust, Kirchgasse 5

"Winterluke" in the inner courtyard with mulled wine, beer and cocktails

During the Christmas Market: Wednesday and

Thursday from 3 pm to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday

from 1 pm to midnight, Sunday from 1 pm to 9 pm

www.lebenslust-rothenburg.de

Hotel Eisenhut, Herrngasse 3-5/7

"Winterzauber auf der Eisenhutterrasse":

enjoy mulled wine, waffles and stollen

From December 1st to December 30th, 2023:

Thursday to Monday from 6 pm to 9 pm

www.hotel-eisenhut.de

Landwehr-Bräu am Turm, Spitalgasse 1

"Glühgarten" with mulled wine and culinary delights

Opening hours: to be announced

www.landwehramturm.de

Hotel Reichsküchenmeister, Kirchplatz 8

"Weihnachtsgarten" with mulled wine, hot cocktails and tarte flambee

During the Christmas Market: daily from 4 pm to 10 pm

www.hotel-reichskuechenmeister-rothenburg.de



Opening hours Christmas Market

Monday to Thursday 11.00 am – 7.00 pm
Friday to Sunday 11.00 am – 8.00 pm

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