



WHAT'S GOING ON

## Christmas MARKETS

For Christmas shopping that's as special as Christmas giving, plan a trip to Europe's historic markets. Here are three awe-inspiring locations to top your list.

### Strasbourg, France

**November 24–December 31**

Stop by Strasbourg for one of Europe's oldest Christmas markets, dating back to the late 1500s. The city's picturesque setting—with fairy-tale timber buildings and a stunning cathedral—is the perfect backdrop for nativity performances, an ice garden with ice-skating, and hundreds of stalls selling handmade decorations.

### Vienna, Austria

**November 17–December 24**

Amidst stunningly decorated trees and swirling aromas of cinnamon, more than 3 million visitors indulge their senses at Vienna's quintessential market and marvel at the choirs performing Christmas carols on Advent weekends at City Hall. Don't miss the market's traditional handicrafts and toys.

### Helsinki, Finland

**December 10–23**

For authenticity, head north toward Father Christmas' homeland and visit the St. Thomas Christmas Market, which features 120 stalls of furs and Nordic foods including Christmas beers and vodka-fortified mulled wine.

—Ginger Taggart