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MINIGUIDE TO CHRISTMAS MARKETS



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AVOID THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

If you want a more leisurely experience, visiting the markets on weekdays would be best. Evenings tend to be busier than the daytime, Monday to Thursday nights are usually the quietest. Expect the weekends to be busy and crowded.



ARE THE MARKETS EASILY ACCESSIBLE?

The majority are suitable for wheelchair users but it might be worth considering that some are located on cobbled streets (not suitable for high heels) and there could be narrow alleyways to contend with.



CAN I TAKE A PICNIC?

With a lot of crowds and the cold weather, Christmas markets aren't an ideal place to have a picnic and you'd be hard pushed for places to eat. That said, there should be plenty of cafes and food stalls to keep you fed.



CAN I BRING THE CHILDREN WITH ME?

Of course, children are welcome at any of the Christmas Markets but must be accompanied by an adult at all times. A great experience for the whole family to get into the spirit of Christmas.



WHAT DO I WEAR?



Most markets are held outside so make sure that you dress suitably for spending time in the open air. Lots of warm layers are key and think hats, thick socks and good quality gloves - temperatures can drop to minus levels, especially in places like Copenhagen. Failing that, there'll be plenty of mulled wine to warm your cockles.

WHAT SHOULD I TAKE?

Loose change is a must as there will be a lot of traditional chalets and credit or debit cards are not always accepted. Take a big bag and some 'J' cloths or kitchen towels to protect those delicate gifts you've purchased.



PLAN YOUR TRIP

It's worthwhile checking the websites for the Christmas Market that you intend to visit so you can find out who will be exhibiting and what delights will be on offer. Some also provide programmes that you can download. If you can't find a particular stall, ask the friendly guides who will be happy to help.



WHERE CAN I EAT AND DRINK?

You'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to food and drink with many stalls offering Glühwein, Bratwurst, Christmas Stollen, Lebkuchen, hot chocolate, mince pies and mulled wine. You should also make time to eat in a traditional café or restaurant if you're visiting a continental market.



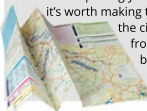
WHAT WILL I FIND AT THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS?

Christmas Markets are perfect for finding that elusive Xmas gift for someone who has everything! You'll find traditional handicrafts, lighting, decorations, nutcrackers, candles, glass baubles, music boxes and wonderful edible treats!



WHAT ELSE CAN I DO THERE?

As well as exploring your Christmas Market of choice, it's worth making time to see some of the sights in the city your visiting. These can vary from churches and museums to baroque palaces, shopping arcades and popular tourist attractions.



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