



Rothenburg ob der Tauber: Romantik erleben.



Christmas Market

November 29th – December 23rd 2019

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ob der Tauber



The “Reiterlesmarkt”

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.

Everything your heart desires can be found at this charming market, may it be the traditional Christmas cookies and pastries or the “WeiBer 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.

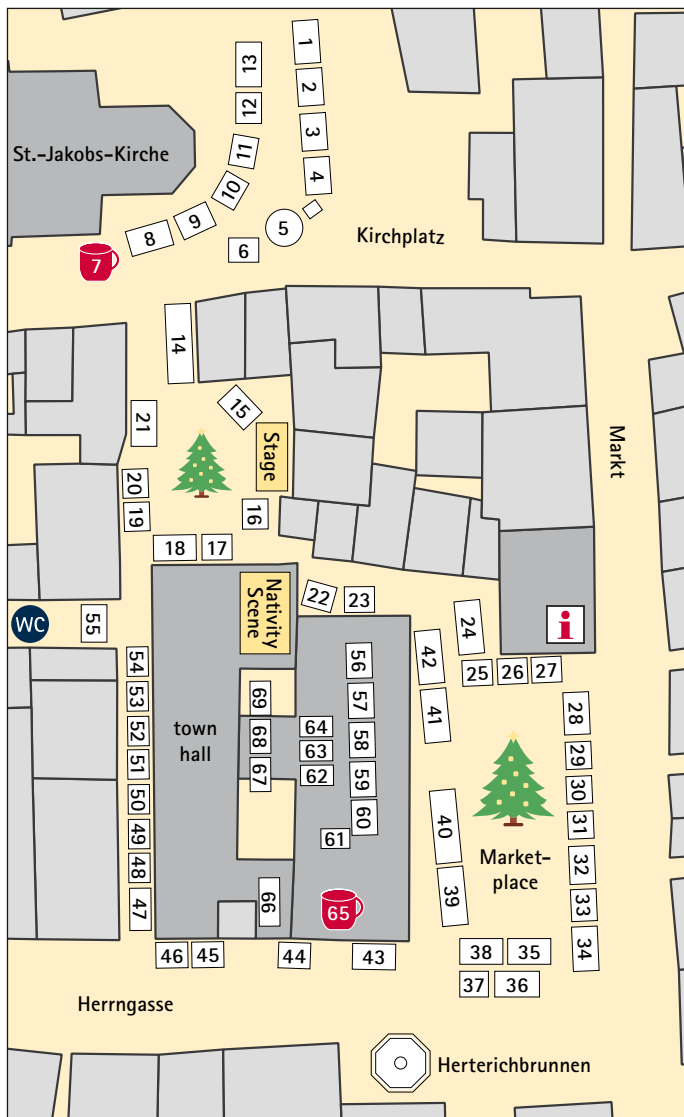
The “Reiterlesmarkt” has grown over centuries and has become a true symbol of a romantic and idyllic Rothenburg Christmas which is also enhanced by the festively decorated city that surrounds it.

Next year’s dates:

Christmas Market 2020: November 27th – December 23rd



Stalls at the Christmas market



- 1.....French style pizza bread, Mulled wine (Augustin & Benningsen GbR)
- 2.....Decoration, Glassware, Ceramics (Marcel Heinke)
- 3.....Hornware, Jewelry, Incense cone (Jambolo)
- 4.....Medieval writing instruments, Wooden toys (Die Waffenkammer)
- 5.....Carousel (Ralf Kauffmann)
- 6.....Chestnuts (Jack Marrone)
- 7.....Cup deposit

- 8.....Historical wooden lanterns, Soapstone lamps (Der Heimeleuchter)
- 9.....Creperie, Coffee (Capricorne Crêpes & more)
- 10....Christmas stars, light strings (Winkelmann & Wolf)
- 11/12 Woodcarvings, Wooden goods (Sonia Demetz)
- 13 ... Historical wines, Mead (Met & Gesöff)

- 14 ...Snacks, Sausages (Hahn Zelt & Catering GmbH)
- 15 ...Mulled wine, Hot cider, Apple punch, Sausages (Kgl. Priv. Schützengilde 1374 Rothenburg ob der Tauber)
- 16 ...Mulled wine, Coffee, Cocoa (Hotel Roter Hahn)
- 17 ...Jewelry (Perlkönig GmbH)
- 18 ...Snacks, Mulled wine (TSV-Handball)
- 19 ...Chocolates, Snowballs and Sweets (Trautmann-Keller Schaustellergeschäfte)
- 20 ...Christmas stars (Herrnhuter Sterne GmbH)
- 21....Roasted almonds, Sweets (Weigmann-Süßwaren)
- 22 ...handmade Ceramic, fragrance lamp (Fa. Manureva)
- 23 ...Bunzlauer Ceramic (Markthandel Petra Sämmer)
- 24 ...Lanterns, Candleholders (ISB Michael Blank)
- 25 ...Noble brandies, Liguers (Edelbrennerei Henninger)
- 26 ...Gifts, Christmas decoration (Trendhouse Reeb)
- 27 ...Mulled wine, Russian souvenirs (Städtepartnerschaftsverein)
- 28 ...Snacks, Mulled wine (Rothenburger Festwirte GdB R)
- 29 ...Charity (Ehrenamtsbude)
- 30...Quince mulled wine, vegan sausages (Evang.-Luth. Pfarramt St. Jakob)
- 31....Leyk model houses (Leyk Lichthäuser GmbH)
- 32 ...Minerals, fossils (Schatzinsel)
- 33 ...Sweets, Nuts (Süßwaren Schmidt)
- 34 ...Knitted- and fleece clothes (Winteraccessoires)
- 35 ...Candles (Candela Präsente GmbH)
- 36 ...Punch, Burger (Franken Knights e.V.)
- 37 ...Fruit Bread, Gingerbread (Lebe Gesund GmbH & Co. KG)
- 38 ...Spices, fragrance oils (Grubauer's Gewürze, Tee und Heilkräuter)
- 39 ...Snacks, Mulled wine (TSV Hauptverein)
- 40 ...Christmas Decoration (Käthe Wohlfahrt KG)

- 41... Wallets, Bags, Key rings (Roland Jung)
- 42 ...Snacks, Mulled wine, Beer (Imbissbetrieb Kamm)
- 43 ...Sweets, Mulled wine (Imbissbetrieb Rudolf Paul)
- 44 ...Table linen, lavender products (Gabriele Rother)
- 45 ...Nutcracker, Christmas pyramids (Günter Lange)
- 46 ...Specialities from South Tyrol (Berger's Speckstandl Spezialitäten)
- 47 ...Olives, Specialities (Giuseppe Farruggio)
- 48 ...Handicrafts (Stefanie Bühler)
- 49 ...Honey (András Marcell Fröhlich)
- 50 ...Pizza (Restaurant Hallenbad)
- 51...Vegetarian dishes (Imbissbetriebe S.u.S. Heimerl)
- 52 ...handmade leather goods (Fa. Marktfreude)
- 53 ...Gingerbread, "Stollen" (Eckstein GmbH)
- 54 ...Music boxes, snow globes (Handelsvertretung Wolfgang Stiegler)
- 55 ...Stocking wool, yarn (Volker Schönemann)
- 56 ...Handmade soaps (Das Seifenkistel)
- 57 ...Olive wood goods from Bethlehem (Naim Shahwan)
- 58 ...Leather- and wood goods (SoMos)
- 59 ...Amber jewelry (Fa. Bernstein-Route)
- 60 ...handmade goods from Scotland (Der Schottenladen)
- 61....Silver bracelets (Viktor Knezevic)
- 62 ...Candy (Rothenburger Bonbon-manufaktur GmbH)
- 63 ...Felt design fashion (AnRa-Mode-GmbH)
- 64 ...Glass beads, Jewelry (Christiane Dorn)
- 65 ...Cup deposit
- 66 ...Lambskin - and wool goods (Fell- und Wollhandel GmbH & CO. KG)
- 67 ...Herbs, Pesto (Essendorfer Genusschmelzerei GmbH)
- 68 ...Mulled wine (Glocke Weingut und Hotel)
- 69 ...Chocolate (Fa. Schokomelli)



Daily events

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)
7.15 pm	Market-Square: Ghost-tour (except Dec 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th , 26 th , 31 st)
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, Franciscan Church, St. John's Church, Holy Ghost Church

Photo Exhibition by the Fotoclub Rothenburg ob der Tauber e.V.

Staatliche Berufsschule Rothenburg, Bezoldweg 31

1. – 22.12.2019, Saturday & Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

"Along the trail from picturesque Rothenburg perspectives to the Modern era – Walter John's journey into abstraction"

Galerie John, Herrngasse 27

Saturday & Sunday 10 am – 3.30 pm

Exhibitions of paintings by Rainer Hufnagel

Galerie Kulturhalle Korn, Schützenstr. 11

Monday – Friday: 9 am – 6 pm, Saturday 9 am – 1 pm



Program

Friday, November 29th

10.00 am	Christmas Village, Herrngasse: Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
11.00 am	Christmas Market: Opening of the Christmas market booths
03.00 pm	Hotel Eisenhut: Coffee time with piano music
05.00 pm	Opening of the Christmas Market by the Lord Mayor and the Rothenburg City and Youth Orchestra
06.30 pm	Hotel Eisenhut: Live piano music

Saturday, November 30th

10.00 am	Christmas Village, Herrngasse: Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
10.00 am	Allegra-Schokolade: Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de
02.00 pm	Christmas Market: Brass band concert
03.00 pm	Hotel Eisenhut: Coffee time with piano music
03.00 pm	Franciscan Church: Musical church service
03.30 pm	St James' Church: Guided tour
06.00 pm	St James' Church: 30 minutes organ music
06.00 pm	Holy Spirit Church: Concert of the City Music School
06.30 pm	Hotel Eisenhut: Live piano music



Sunday, December 1st

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 10.00 am **Allegra-Schokolade:** Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de
- 11.15 am **Balcony of the town hall:** Christmas concert
- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 03.30 pm **St James' Church:** Advent concert

Monday, December 2nd

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Tuesday, December 3rd

- 02.00 pm **Market Square-fountain:**
hiking tour through the winter forest
- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Wednesday, December 4th

- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
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"
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Thursday, December 5th

- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Thirsty Thursday" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Friday, December 6th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 04.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Concert
- 05.00 pm **St James' Church:** Guided tour with Christmas music
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Saturday, December 7th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 10.00 am **Allegra-Schokolade:** Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de
- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 03.00 pm **Franciscan Church:** Musical church service
- 03.30 pm **St James' Church:** Guided tour
- 06.00 pm **St James' Church:** 30 minutes organ music
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Sunday, December 8th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 10.00 am **Allegra-Schokolade:**
Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de
- 11.15 am **Balcony of the town hall:** Christmas concert
- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 03.30 pm **Christmas Market:** Concert Choir Harald Beibl

Monday, December 9th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Tuesday, December 10th

- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.00 pm **Allegra-Schokolade:**
Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de

Wednesday, December 11th

- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Thursday, December 12th

- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Thirsty Thursday" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music
- 06.30 pm **Evangelische Tagungsstätte Wildbad:** Dinner Concert,
participation only with registration Tel. +49 9861 9770

Friday, December 13th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 04.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Concert
- 05.00 pm **St James' Church:** Guided tour with Christmas music
- 06.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Saturday, December 14th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 10.00 am **Allegra-Schokolade:** Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de
- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 03.00 pm **Franciscan Church:** Musical Church Service
- 03.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Andy Lang "A celtic Christmas concert"
- 03.30 pm **St James' Church:** Guided tour
- 06.00 pm **St James' Church:** 30 minutes organ music
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Sunday, December 15th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 10.00 am **Allegra-Schokolade:** Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de
- 11.15 am **Balcony of the town hall:** Christmas concert
- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 02.30 pm **Holy Spirit Church:**
Concert of the Rothenburg "Sternsinger"
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 03.30 pm **Christmas Market:** Concert

Monday, December 16th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden



Tuesday, December 17th

- 02.00 pm **Market Square-fountain:**
Hiking tour through the winter forest
- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden

Wednesday, December 18th

- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
- 05.15 pm **Christmas Market:**
Rothenburgs bakers present their gingerbread house
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Thursday, December 19th

- 04.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Blue hour" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
"Thirsty Thursday" in the Christmas Garden
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Friday, December 20th

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 05.00 pm **St James' Church:** Guided Tour with Christmas music
- 06.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Saturday, December 21st

- 10.00 am **Christmas Village, Herrngasse:**
Personalised ornaments by Gosbert Stark
- 10.00 am **Allegra-Schokolade:** Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de
- 02.00 pm **Christmas Market:** Brass band concert
- 03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music
- 03.00 pm **Franciscan Church:** Musical Church Service
- 03.30 pm **St James' Church:** Guided tour



06.00 pm **St James' Church:** 30 minutes organ music

06.30 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Live piano music

Sunday, December 22nd

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

10.00 am **Allegra-Schokolade:** Chocolate figurine making, participation only with registration at info@allegra-schokolade.de

11.15 am **Balcony of the town hall:** Christmas concert

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

03.00 pm **Hotel Eisenhut:** Coffee time with piano music

Monday, December 23rd

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

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

07.00 pm **Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:**
Concert "Christmas meets latino"

Tuesday, December 24th

Lutheran Service

03.00 pm **St James' Church:** Service for families

03.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Service for families with nativity play

04.30 pm **Franciscan Church:** Youth-Service

05.00 pm **St James' Church:** Service

05.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Service with trombone choir

06.00 pm **Church of St. Peter and Paul, Detwang:** Service

10.00 pm **St James' Church:** Service with music

10.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Service with church choir

Catholic Service

04.15 pm **St. John's Church:** Service

10.00 pm **St. John's Church:** Service

Brethren assembly:

04.00 pm **Schweinsdorfer Str.:** Service

Wednesday, December 25th

Lutheran Service

09.30 am **St James' Church:** Service with trombone choir

Catholic Service

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

Thursday, December 26th

Lutheran Services

09.30 am **St James' Church:** Service with choir

10.15 am **Holy Spirit Church:** Service

Catholic service:

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

Friday, 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

Saturday, December 28th

06.00 pm **Franciscan Church:** 30 minutes organ music

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

Tuesday, December 31st

06.00 pm **Market Square:** New-Years-Speech by the Lord Mayor

10.00 pm **St James' Church:** Organ concert

Lutheran Service

03.00 pm **Church of St. Peter and Paul, Detwang:** Service

05.00 pm **St James' Church:** Service with choir concert

05.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Service with brass band concert

Catholic service:

05.00 pm **St. John's Church:** Service

Brethren assembly:

04.00 pm **Schweinsdorfer Str.:** Service

Wednesday, January 1st

Lutheran Service

10.00 am **St James' Church:** Service at the Holy Blood Altar

05.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Service with concert

Friday, January 3rd

04.00 pm **Holy Spirit Church:** Concert

Christmas Market

Opening hours

Monday to Thursday: 11.00 am – 7.00 pm

Friday to Sunday: 11.00 am – 8.00 pm

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