



# The world's best Christmas markets

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**(CNN)** — Christmas shopping doesn't have to mean joylessly battling through department store crowds or trawling the Internet for bargains.

These Christmas markets are the places to head for traditional gifts, glasses of glühwein and that unbeatable festive feeling.

## **Grand Christmas Market, Montreal, Canada**

Now in its second year, Montreal's Grand Christmas Market takes its inspiration from Europe's biggest festive events.

Running from December 2 to 24 on the pedestrian thoroughfare of Ste Catherine Street, 2016 sees the event triple in size, with 60 wooden houses plying their wares, from warming winter drinks to essential Christmas handicrafts.

The market is especially good for kids, with an elves' workshop, Santa's sleigh and even an igloo.

### **What makes it special:**

Although it closes its doors on Christmas Eve, Montreal's Grand Market reopens a week later to see in the New Year. Local DJs provide entertainment as the clock strikes midnight.