



Friendly and warm atmosphere for your private Christmas event:

Enjoy enchanting and unforgettable hours at the "Romantic Christmas Market" at Merode castle! Celebrate with your own private Christmas party. Choose between the ancient vaulted-ceilinged chamber below the castle called "Kerkerstüberl", the former dungeon of the castle (reservations for meals with up to 30 guests are possible). Another option is to choose the warmth of the "Skihütte" in Bavarian alp design (reservations for meals up to 50 guests are possible). Everything is designed to make you enjoy a wonderful time at the "Romantic Christmas Market".



Opening hours: 23-11 to 23-12-2017

Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2 pm to 8 pm
 Fridays from 2 pm to 9 pm
 Saturdays from 2 pm to 10 pm
 Sundays from 12 am to 8 pm
 (sunday 26-11-2017 closed)

Entrance fee:

Wednesday to Friday: 7,00 €
 (Wednesday 50 % discount on the entrance fee)
 Saturday and Sunday: 8,50 €
 Children (aged 6 to 16): 2,00 €
 Disabled persons with valid card* 2,00 €

* The accompanying adult is free when the need for constant company is marked on the card with a "B"

Season ticket: 25,00 €

Reduced tickets for groups:

Groups of 10 will get 1 free ticket (9+1)

Happy hour (from 7 pm):

from Wednesday to Friday and Sunday: 3,00 €
 Saturday: 4,00 €

The christmas market proceeds contribute to the maintenance of the castle.

Visit of St Nicholas

Wednesday, 6th Dec., Saturday, 9th Dec., and Sunday, 10th Dec.

The Long Night of Lights and fireworks

Saturday, 9th Dec., Saturday, 16th Dec. and Saturday, 23rd Dec., 6 pm

Saint Lucia celebration

Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th December

Guild day with Epiphany-Shooting-Event

Saturday, 25th November, 2017

Guilds wearing a uniform get free entry



Further information:

www.weihnachtsmarkt-merode.de

Organisation :

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All information without guarantee. The organizer reserves the right to change programme, offer and prices.



„The most beautiful Christmas Market of North Rhine-Westphalia“

* Nominated and honored with the award for "The most beautiful Christmas Market" in North Rhine-Westphalia by the TV station WDR 2011.



Romantic Christmas Market

with Traditional Handicraft at "Merode Castle"



23rd November – 23rd December 2017

Open from Wednesday to Sunday

Again this year, during the Advent season, Prince Charles-Louis de Merode is opening the gates of his castle for the Romantic Christmas Market. This market, with its traditional hand-crafted items, won first place as the finest Christmas market of NRW in 2011.

Originally built during the 12th century, Merode is one of the most impressive water castles of the region. Surrounded by picturesque scenery and set in a beautiful natural park, the visitors will be welcomed to an idyllic village composed of lovely, decorated wooden Christmas stalls.

Getting in the Christmas mood.

You will find an impressive Christmas tree in the castle court and thousands of candles, torches, and lanterns will be illuminating the castle grounds.

Many craftsmen, including wood workers, blacksmiths, candle makers, glass blowers, basket weavers, potters, crèche makers, and spoon carvers, will be producing, and displaying their creations.

All over the property bon fires will radiate warmth, creating a delightful atmosphere. "Feuerzangenbowle", a traditional hot drink and regional specialty, will be brewed in large caldrons.

The delicious aroma of hot wine and the fragrance of local foods and sweets will be wafting through the winter air. A warm, calm retreat can be found in the castle's café with its rooms abundant in history, where visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee or a cocoa punch, as well as a piece of "Christstollen", a Christmas cake or other baked specialties.

The Long Night of Lights (09-12, 16-12 & 23-12)

This year again, on Saturday, 09th December, Saturday, 16th December and Saturday, 23rd December, a light celebration with music, light show and fireworks will take place at nightfall.

Saint Lucia celebration (16-12 & 17-12)

On Saturday, 16th December, and Sunday, 17th December, according to ancient tradition, St. Lucia robed in white with a crown of candles will walk through the market. Everybody is invited to participate at the procession.



The Christmas Angel and programme for children.

The visitors will have the opportunity to see the Christmas Angel appearing in a tower window, reciting Christmas poems. The Christmas story from the Scriptures can also be viewed through lighted pictures. In addition, the children can enjoy charming Punch and Judy shows. A nostalgic child merry-go-round will provide our youngest visitors with great entertainment. They also have the opportunity to pet live animals in the manger scene.

Each Advent weekend has a particular theme:

The opening night will have the traditional church blessing of the market and of the Nativity scene. On the second weekend of Advent, you may expect St. Nicholas' visit. The third weekend will host the procession of St. Lucia and the „Long Night of Lights“ which will also come back for the fourth weekend.

For more information on the cultural programme please refer to the homepage www.schlossmerode.de

