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What to Expect at the Two-Weekend Christkindlmarket Des Moines

The European cultural experience the community has come to know and love is expanding to two weekends for twice the fun

DES MOINES, October 7, 2025 – Celebrating its 10th year in downtown Des Moines, Christkindlmarket Des Moines (CDM) will take place Dec 4 – 7 and Dec 11 – 14, 2025 at Principal Park. With the community’s support, CDM has grown to become the second largest Christkindlmarket in the U.S. based on average daily attendance. Due to its continued success, CDM2025 is expanding to the first two weekends of December with more amazing activities, vendors and performers.

“Our patrons will want to visit Christkindlmarket Des Moines both weekends, if only to enjoy all the traditional European food made especially for CDM by our hand-selected Midwestern Vendors”, Suzanne Hull the Director of Christkindlmarket Des Moines explains. “We'd love to see our patrons both weekends, but if they have their heart set on enjoying our signature experiences, visiting their favorite Vendors or enjoying seasonal performances, they'll want to schedule their visit accordingly.”

First Weekend

[Vendors](#)

[Performers](#)

[Nonprofit Tree Silent Auction](#) presented by
Siegwerk, USA

[Opening Ceremony](#)

[Krampuslauf](#) presented by Big Grove Brewery

Second Weekend

[Vendors](#)

[Performers](#)

Christkindlmarkttrëff (NEW for 2025)
enjoy mini golf (fee) on Thu and Fri

[Breakfast with St. Nick](#)

Visit Christkindlmarket Des Moines to enjoy the holiday season as you participate in a 750-year-old tradition. Shop regional vendors selling old-world, hand-crafted products from wooden vendor stalls; enjoy lively performances of polka music, traditional dance and choirs in Yuletide Hall; participate in children's activities; sip Glühwein (warm, mulled wine) and savor European beer.

The festival is open to the public free of charge:

Thu, Dec 4, 5pm – 9pm

Fri, Dec 5: 11am – 9pm

Sat, Dec 6: 11am – 9pm

Sun, Dec 7: 11am – 5pm

Thu, Dec 11, 5pm – 9pm

Fri, Dec 12: 11am – 9pm

Sat, Dec 13: 11am – 9pm

Sun, Dec 14: 11am – 5pm

IECC is always looking for enthusiastic nonprofits, volunteers, sponsors and vendors to be involved and help CDM fully encompass the European holiday spirit. Visit our website <https://christkindlmarketdsm.com> for more information on our nonprofit partnership program, volunteering, vendor applications and sponsor opportunities. All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

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Christkindlmarket Des Moines 2025 Sponsors:

Due to the generous support of numerous donors and sponsors, we're able to offer Christkindlmarket Des Moines free to our community. 2025 sponsors included:

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