



The Christmas Fair starts on Friday in Gdańsk. Attractions, illuminations, an extensive programme and over 170 Christmas stalls.

On 24 November, at 12:00 noon, the Christmas cottages will open in the Coal Market (Targ Węglowy) and so the Christmas Fair in Gdańsk will begin. It will be filled with attractions, illuminations, an extensive programme and, above all, over 170 stalls. It's time to officially say: We're Celebrating in Gdańsk!

It's time to begin the Christmas Fair in Gdańsk! One of the most highly anticipated events in the Pomorskie region will illuminate the Coal Market, Bogusławskiego St. and Tkacka St., the Armoury (Zbrojownia) and the Foregate Complex (Zespół Przedbramia). The stands will open at 12:00 noon. They will include: handicrafts, food & beverages and regional produce. There will be a total of more than 170 stands brought to life by 150 exhibitors.

The first day will be open to retail, with the exhibitors enticing the first visitors with their works and specialties. It is also a great opportunity to admire the stunning, festive arrangement of the Fair ensured, among others, by the Polish State Forests which provided the Christmas trees. This is how the Coal Market has turned green and become filled with the scent of Christmas.

Opening Ceremony

The Fair's artistic programme will be launched on Saturday, 25 November, when the organisers have planned the official Opening Ceremony. Actors and stilt walkers from the Gdańsk Archipelago of Culture (GAK) Theatre, children from four artistic and creative teams of the Youth Centre (Pałac Młodzieży) and children from the Gdańsk Archipelago of Culture Song and Dance Ensemble (ZPiT GAK) will form a pageant of festive winter characters. They will be accompanied by the Taraban band, i.e. the Gdańsk Garrison reconstruction group and the Gdańsk Academy of Music instrumental ensemble. Together, they will set off in a parade at ca. 15:30 from Tkacka St. (from the Armoury side) towards Długa St. and then go through the Golden Gate to the Coal Market and towards the Fair stage.

The Opening Ceremony will start at 16:00 on the stage of the Christmas Fair. First, we will get to know the winners of the Christmas Fair Bugle Call Competition, which was held in partnership with the Gdańsk Academy of Music. Its students will perform the winning piece.

After the official opening, the parade will proceed back to the Coal Market and Bogusławskiego St. to celebrate the opening of the Fair together with the visitors, while playing out various scenes

The popular favourites, Mr and Mrs Nutcracker, will also be waiting at the stage or in the Armoury, from 17:00 to 19:00.

Weekly Plan

Saturday will be the first day of programme events. The extensive programme, available in full at <https://bozonarodzeniowy.pl/en/daily-program/> covers all event days, except Mondays, which are retail days.

Here is the detailed programme from Sunday, 26 November, to Friday, 1 December.

Sunday / 26 NOVEMBER

- / area around the stage, Wielka Zbrojownia Sztuki ASP (Great Armoury of Art, Academy of Fine Arts)
- 15:00-18:00 **Festive Freeze Frames: MR & MRS NUTCRACKER, AKA THE CHRISTMAS FAIR NUTCRACKER GRANDPA & GRANNY**
Our Christmas Fair showpiece! They are happy to pose for souvenir snapshots
/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), stage
- 15:00 **RUDOLPH'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES,**
activities and fun with Manufakturą Wydarzeń
- 15:30-17:30 **Feel Happy Like a Child: QFER THEATRE presents . . .**
15:30 Festive Hyde Park | express yourself on stage
16:00 Keep your nerves in check for the Elves are coming | fun, games, & competitions
16:30 Christmas Classic: *Snow White and the 7 Elves* | a play
Elf Fiddle-Faddle will tell stories about Snow White. He will invite you to play together. *Snow White* is a play with fun for children and their parents. Humorous dialogues, catchy movement songs and winter scenery will keep you entertained! A POLISH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER will be present during the play.
event partner: Joanna Kozłowska, *Palce Lizać (Finger Licking Good) Ice Cream & Coffee Shop*

Tuesday / 28 NOVEMBER

- / area around the stage, Wielka Zbrojownia Sztuki ASP (Great Armoury of Art, Academy of Fine Arts)
- 16:30-19:30 **Festive Freeze Frames: MR & MRS NUTCRACKER, AKA THE CHRISTMAS FAIR NUTCRACKER GRANDPA & GRANNY**
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/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), stage
- 17:00 **RUDOLPH'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES,**
activities and fun with Manufakturą Wydarzeń
- 17:15 **WYBRZEŻE THEATRE READS FAIRY TALES: MAŁGORZATA BRAJNER**
- 17:45 **RUDOLPH'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES,**
activities and fun with Manufakturą Wydarzeń
- 18:30 **Let the Sound of Christmas Ring: SLAVIC SOUL Christmas**
SŁOWIAŃSKA DUSZA (Slavic Soul) is an international vocal and instrumental band whose members come from Poland, Ukraine and Belarus. They were brought together by their love of music and the desire to save the cultural richness of the Slavic nations.
The band includes the violin, accordion, double bass, piano and drums.

Wednesday / 29 NOVEMBER

- / Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Wielka Zbrojownia Sztuki ASP (Great Armoury of Art, Academy of Fine Arts)
- 16:00-19:00 **Santa's Workshop: CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS MAKING WORKSHOP WITH GDAŃSK ARCHIPELAGO OF CULTURE**
from: GAK Gdańsk Archipelago of Culture
/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), stage
- 17:00-20:00 **Let the Sound of Christmas Ring: CHRISTMAS KARAOKE**
Everyone can sing! We are waiting especially for you!
Rudolf will also be present at karaoke and will not hesitate to throw some of his festive challenges your way! Are you ready?

Thursday / 30 NOVEMBER

- / Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Wielka Zbrojownia Sztuki ASP (Great Armoury of Art, Academy of Fine Arts)
- 16:00-19:00 **WELCOME, SANTA!**
Meet Santa, take a souvenir snapshot and whisper in his ear what you're dreaming of for Christmas
/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Wielka Zbrojownia Sztuki ASP (Great Armoury of Art, Academy of Fine Arts)
- 16:30-19:30 **Festive Freeze Frames: MR & MRS NUTCRACKER, AKA THE CHRISTMAS FAIR NUTCRACKER GRANDPA & GRANNY**
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/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), stage
- 17:00 **RUDOLPH'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES,**
activities and fun with Manufakturą Wydarzeń
- 17:15 **GET TO KNOW OUR EXHIBITORS**
You can find many products at the Fair: handicrafts, preserves, decorations. But who made them and why? The interviews conducted by our Rudolph on the Christmas Fair stage will allow you to learn about what's interesting on offer, who our exhibitors are and what they are creatively passionate about! Score the best buys!
- 18:00 **WYBRZEŻE THEATRE READS FAIRY TALES: DOROTA KOLAK**
/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Advent Gate
- 18:30 **FIRE THEATRE: A SHOW**
A fire show full of dancing and circus performances at the Christmas Fair. There will be joy, power, tenderness and frenzy aplenty.
from: Teatr Młodych

Friday / 1 DECEMBER

- / Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Wielka Zbrojownia Sztuki ASP (Great Armoury of Art, Academy of Fine Arts)
- 16:00-18:00 **At Santa's Workshop: LYNX'S CHRISTMAS TREE WORKSHOP**
Together with the Gdańsk Zoo, you can make Christmas tree decorations inspired by a Lynx that AmberExpo has under its care.
organised by: Gdańsk Zoo
/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), stage
- 17:00-19:00 **Feel Happy Like a Child: THE SNOW QUEEN AND SANTA IN MEXICO**
Once again, we will go to the land of the Snow Queen, who this time has lost her sleigh and is looking for it all over the world. This time, the search takes place in Mexico. Kai and Santa accompany her on the journey. Will you join them, too?
from: Wykrzyknik Academy of Fun & Education
event partner: PREMIUM Gracjan Gacek
- 19:00-20:00 **Let the Sound of Christmas Ring: CHRISTMAS DANCE**
DJ Set with Christmas hits
/ Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Advent Gate
- 18:00 **THE SECRETS OF THE ADVENT CALENDAR. LET'S OPEN WINDOW #1**
from: GAK Gdańsk Archipelago of Culture, Gdańsk Garrison
Advent Calendar co-organised by: E.Wedel brand

Come Feel the Magic of Christmas

The festive town is a place where you can get inspired and find one-of-a-kind gifts. A special crafts and handicrafts offering will be available at over 80 stalls, 45 of which will be located in the Armoury (Zbrojownia). The Christmas Treasure Trove of Ideas (a special display case) will also premiere there, with the Christmas Fair exhibitors presenting their most inspiring gift ideas.

Over 60 Christmas stalls will be filled with the flavours of various world cuisines. There will be Polish, Kashubian, Oriental, Crimean Tatar and Hungarian cuisines, and more. If you have a sweet tooth, you'll

find it hard to ignore Dutch poffertjes, doughnuts, churros and kürtőskalács. If you are more into savoury flavours, you can choose from: sprats in dough, roasted chestnuts, pierogi, lángos and raclette.

Hot chocolate and various types of tea infusions will bring the temperature up. Gourmets will enjoy spiced, raspberry and orange mulled wine. They taste best in the original Christmas Fair Mug, which is perfect for all types of beverages. And, most importantly, some of the proceeds from their sale will go to the Hospice Foundation.

Christmas Travel Corner with AmberSky

New on the 2023 Christmas Fair map is the Christmas Travel Corner with AmberSky. It is a special place with attractions for kids: Santa's Magic Sleigh VR simulator, Gdańsk Carousel, Observation Wheel on Ołowianka Island and, new this season, the Barrels of Fun Spinning Coaster. In the pre-holiday rush, it's good to find the time for moments of joyful relaxation and fun with family and friends. An all-in-one ticket will make it easier for you to use all the attractions.

The price list of the attractions is available at bozonarodzeniowy.pl.

We Are Lighting Up Christmas! Starting on 5 December

We Are Lighting Up Christmas campaign is here again! We are launching it together with the Gdańsk City Hall on 5 December 2023.

Magical illuminations and decorations in various arrangements will appear in the Coal Market and Tkacka St., in Oliwski, Oruński, Kuźniczki and Jana Pawła II Parks, on the promenade in Brzeźno, the Green Bridge (Zielony Most) and Stągiewna St., you can also see them in Heweliusza and Kobzdeja Squares.

The illuminations include over 160 figures, featuring those already familiar to the locals and visitors alike, alongside new ones. Floating Lilies will appear in Oliwski Park for the first time. The promenade in Brzeźno will sport an almost 8-metre-wide Gantry Crane, which will have the now-familiar 11- and 12-metre-tall Shipyard Cranes for company. This light arrangement is sponsored by the Port of Gdańsk Authority. Tkacka Street will feature a fairy-tale Rocking Horse. You can walk under a plant motif Gate next to the Armoury, and will find festively illuminated lamp posts and a romantic illuminated Bridge in Oruński Park. Right at the entrance, you will be greeted by a gate illumination, which will also appear in Kuźniczki Park.

These figures will be arranged into compositions. The popularity of the campaign and the interest from new sponsors have also made it possible to put up impressive single-feature illuminations. A 6-metre-tall Carillon will sparkle in Young Poland Square, and a Solidarity sign will stand on the Road to Freedom. #GDN will illuminate Fishermen's Riverfront (Rybackie Pobrzeże) and the Baltic HUB Christmas Tree will light up Stogi Square.

It is worth adding that the illuminations that are well-known from previous years also attract sponsors. GPEC is the sponsor of a modern Christmas Tree in Kobzdeja Square, GAIT (Gdańsk Buses & Trams) naturally sponsors the glowing Bus and Tram on the Green Bridge and in Stągiewna St. The Gdańsk Tourism Organisation favours Hevolion the Lion in the Coal Market, and Lech Wałęsa Gdańsk Airport for obvious reasons takes care of the Flight Zone in John Paul II Park. The Polish State Forests support the Christmas Arbour in the Coal Market, a sleigh sponsored by Forum Gdańsk is located nearby, as is the E.Wedel's Fountain in Tkacka St.

All illuminations use soft, yellow light. They are made using energy-saving eco-LED technology, which is why they require 9 times less electricity than regular light bulbs.

20 illuminations will be lit up earlier as they can be found at the Gdańsk Christmas Fair.

During the Fair, owing to the stunning illuminations, the streets of the historic heart of Gdańsk will turn into a festive town. This has been made possible by, among others, Gdańskie Wodociągi (Gdańsk Waterworks), the Strategic Partner of the Christmas Fair and Gdańsk Illuminations.

The GPEC Group is a Supporting Partner of the Gdańsk Christmas Fair and a sponsor of the Gdańsk illuminations.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NON-STOP ATTRACTIONS

- YOUNG GDAŃSKERS' CHRISTMAS TREE
- CHRISTMAS TRAVEL CORNER with AMBERSKY
- Gdańsk Carousel
- SANTA'S SLEIGH Flight Simulator
- BARRELS OF FUN Spinning Coaster
- Observation Wheel

TALKING KATARZYŃKA POST BOX

CHRISTMAS STAGE WITH SANTA'S THRONE

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

ADVENT GATE with TREATS FOR KIDS

GPEC CHRISTMAS MAGIC

LUCKY THE MOOSE

ANGEL MILL

SHRINE GROVE

ENCHANTED FOUNTAIN by E.WEDEL

ILLUMINATIONS AT THE FAIR: 20 figures!

ILLUMINATED JARMARK BOŻONARODZENIOWY (CHRISTMAS FAIR) SIGN

ILLUMINATED ROOF IN BOGUSŁAWKSIEGO St.

ILLUMINATED ROOF & GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ARMOURY

FIGURES: CLOCK, CANDELABRA, ARMCHAIR, BAUBLE

THREE ILLUMINATED GATES, ARBOUR, CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN by E.Wedel, WINGS

Key information:

Stalls available to visitors:

Sunday–Thursday 12:00–20:00, Friday–Saturday 12:00–21:00

The Christmas Fair, 24 November–23 December

Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Bogusławskiego Street, Tkacka Street, Zbrojownia (Armoury), Zespół Przedbramia (Foregate Complex), Gdańsk, Poland

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