

AN EVENT BY THE MAIRIE D'ORLÉANS

Place du Martroi • Place de la République • Place de Loire



to  
**28**  
December

From  
**28**  
November

# Christmas Market Orléans

IN THE LAND OF TOYS • 2025



  
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Orléans  
Mairie

# Christmas in the **Land of Toys**

**Orléans City Council welcomes you to the enchanting Land of Toys, where fun and nostalgia await for a whole month brimming with festive cheer.**

Head to Place du Martroi, where beloved traditional toys spring back to life. Stroll among the chalets, rediscover your childhood favourites and enjoy precious moments with your loved ones. Can you hear those melodies calling you over to Place de la République? It's Christmas in Retro Game Land – a joyful celebration of the technicolour 1980s! The perfect place for fabulous fun with family and friends.

Down by the Loire, there's another square buzzing with excitement – yes, it's Carousel Kingdom on Place de Loire. Get set to awaken your inner child! Climb aboard the magical rides and share the wonder with the whole family.

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET OPENING DATES**

**FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER.**

Funfair open until 4 January 2026.

### **Opening times:**

- Monday to Thursday and Sundays: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Fridays: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Wednesday 24 December from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday 25 December from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## **Game: The Hidden Elves!** ✨

There are 7 little elves hiding in the pages of this programme...

### **Can you find them?**

*(Watch out – they're hiding everywhere! Among the chalets, by the attractions... and even on the map!)*



# Place du Martroi

## Christmas in Traditional Toyland



### *The traditional Christmas chalets*

Find original products and gift ideas whilst enjoying a delicious festive treat.

### *The local heart of the Christmas Market*

Explore the 21 chalets celebrating local crafts and the values of sustainable development.

Every Friday, you'll find new stallholders waiting to introduce you to unique, hand-crafted, ethical and responsibly made products.

From artisan creations and original decorations to zero-waste items and natural cosmetics, every visit promises something new!

**And from 12 to 28 December**, the spotlight turns to local gastronomy: six of these chalets will host producers and artisan food suppliers for two whole weeks. Come and taste, or take home, the very best festive flavours – wines, honey, jams, chocolates, cured meats, and other seasonal delights – for a deliciously authentic Christmas.

### *The Charity Chalet*

Around twenty associations will take turns to share their good causes.

**Until 4 January 2026:**

### *Attractions on Place du Martroi*

· **SANTA'S SLEIGH:**

**€4 a ticket.**

· **THE BIG WHEEL:**

**Standard rate €6/reduced rate €5  
(under 10s).**

Embark on an immersive audio journey and learn more about Orléans. Created by the City of Art and History department.

· **CAROUSEL:**

**€3 a ticket, €10 for 4 tickets.**

**6 to 12 December 2025**

· **POLISH WEEK**

Come and discover Polish traditions and customs with the Loire-Vistula Association and a traditional toy maker from Krakow.



# Place de la République

## Christmas in Retro Gameland



Soak up the vibrant, colourful atmosphere as the square comes alive with entertainment, with delicious food on offer throughout the day!

### THE "AMAZING CHRISTMAS TREE" RIDE

You'll be whisked away on a magical journey inside a giant Christmas bauble!

Price: €4 a ticket.

**LET'S KEEP  
THIS YEAR'S  
CHRISTMAS MARKET  
GREEN:**

**REMEMBER TO BRING  
YOUR ECO-CUPS  
AND REUSABLE  
CONTAINERS!**



### SANTA'S GROTTO

Bring your children for a special moment with Santa Claus and let them share their wish list.

**Friday 28 November**  
from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays, Saturdays  
and Sundays**  
from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Monday 22 and Tuesday 23  
December**  
from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Wednesday 24 December**  
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

You can take your own photo or opt for a souvenir photo taken by a professional.

Price: €3

# Place Sainte-Croix

## CATHEDRAL LIGHTS

Every evening from 5 p.m.,  
the cathedral is bathed in festive light.



# Place de Loire

UNTIL  
4 JANUARY  
2026

## CHRISTMAS IN CAROUSEL KINGDOM

Place de Loire is turned into a magical kingdom of spinning rides and sparkling smiles. One simple rule: have fun!

### THE “FLYING CHAIRS” RIDE

The flying chairs swirl around to the sound of children’s laughter!

Price: €3.50



### “THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN” RIDE

All aboard for a magical journey on the little Christmas train, ideal for your little ones.

Price: €4



### FESTIVE TREATS

Our stallholders stand ready with chichis, waffles and mulled wine – perfect for a cosy break!



## The Advent Calendar

From 1 to 24 December,

The [@villedorleans](#) Instagram account delivers a daily dose of magic.

- ✦ **Every day brings a new surprise:** a prize draw for your chance to win a gift offered by our Christmas Market stallholders!



# MAP OF THE CHRISTMAS MARKET



 Christmas in  
Traditional Toyland

 Christmas in  
Retro Gameland

 Cathedral  
lights

 Christmas in  
Carousel Kingdom



# THE PROGRAMME

## at a glance

DATES	TIMES	SHOWS AND ACTIVITIES	SITES
<b>Saturday</b> <b>29</b> <b>November</b>	FROM 5:30 P.M.	<b>Official opening</b> of the Christmas Market <b>Grand parade of music</b> and light <i>Pegasus, the Song</i> <i>of the Stars</i>	THE PARADE SETS OUT FROM PLACE SAINTE-CROIX, ALONG RUE JEANNE D'ARC, RUE ROYALE, AND ARRIVES AT PLACE DU MARTROI
Wednesday 3 December	FROM 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M.	Giant wooden games	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Thursday 4 December	FROM 6 P.M.	<b>JUNIPER</b> in concert	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Friday 5 December	FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.	Santa's Teatime Treats	PLACE DU MARTROI
Friday 5 December	FROM 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.	Music quiz night <i>with La Bonne Pioche</i>	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Wednesday 10 December	FROM 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M.	Christmas card workshop <i>By Atelier Pomme</i>	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Thursday 11 December	FROM 6 P.M.	<b>SELON LES</b> <b>HUMAINS</b> in concert	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Friday 12 December	FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.	Santa's Teatime Treats	PLACE DU MARTROI
Friday 12 December	FROM 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.	Karaoke night	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Wednesday 17 December	FROM 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M.	Wooden spinning top decoration	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Thursday 18 December	FROM 6 P.M.	<b>TIM!</b> in concert	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Friday 19 December	FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.	Santa's Teatime Treats	PLACE DU MARTROI
Friday 19 December	FROM 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.	Christmas Jumper Day Dance party	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Wednesday 24 December	AT 4 P.M.	Your best Santa's "Ho Ho Ho" competition	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
Friday 26 Saturday 27 December	FROM 3 P.M. TO 7 P.M.	Traditional storytelling	PLACE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE IN SANTA'S GROTTO

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS



## THE GRAND OPENING PARADE

### *Pegasus, the Song of the Stars*

Join us to celebrate the opening  
of the Christmas Market!

Follow the shimmering wings of Pegasus as  
magic fills the squares from Place Sainte-Croix  
to Place du Martroi.

Let the magic sparkle!  
Let the stars shine bright!  
The Christmas Market is officially open!

### **SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER**

*from 5:30 p.m. – departing from Place Sainte-Croix, along  
rue Jeanne d'Arc, rue Royale, and arriving at Place du Martroi.*



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## WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

*Every Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Place de la République.*

### **WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER**

#### **GIANT WOODEN GAMES**

Test your skill, logic, and team spirit  
in the welcoming world of traditional games,  
recreated on a grand scale.

### **WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER**

#### **CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOP**

##### **Atelier Pomme**

Discover the art of screen printing and create your own greetings card.

### **WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER**

#### **WOODEN SPINNING TOP DECORATION WORKSHOP**

Create your own wooden spinning top, decorated in festive colours,  
and send it spinning in the magic of the season!



**NEW**

# THURSDAY CONCERTS CHRISTMAS FROM THE BALCONY

Every Thursday at 6 p.m., Place de la République, local artists perform from the town hall balcony.

## THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER JUNIPER

Guitar and vocals. With airy, lyrical folk, the duo Juniper takes us on a journey through soft, ethereal soundscapes.

## THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER SELON LES HUMAINS

The Orléans-based band interprets the songs of Samuel Archambault, whose humour and sensitivity tell stories of our times and our country.

## THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER TiM!

Accompanied by Éric Amrofel on guitar and keyboard, TiM! captures fleeting moments, memories and emotions – the thrill felt on a station platform, the start of a brand new story, the nostalgia of a love affair, the vastness of a city.



## SANTA'S TEATIME TREATS

Come and join Santa Claus on **Friday 5, 12 or 19 December** from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and share some teatime treats as we wander around Place du Martroi and over to Joan of Arc's statue.

# FRIDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

**From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**, Place de la République comes to life with music, making it the perfect place for fun with family, friends or colleagues!

## **FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER**

### **MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT**

*by La Bonne Pioche*

Put your music knowledge to the test in teams... fun and laughter guaranteed!

## **FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER**

### **KARAOKE NIGHT**

Sing your heart out, let yourself go, and get swept up in the Christmas spirit! Solo, duet or group – take to the stage to perform your favourite songs!



## **FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER**

### **INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOLLOWED BY A DANCE PARTY**

*with Romain Verbeque*

All day long, come and show off your finest Christmas jumper then, as evening falls, dance the night away in front of Santa's grotto at our festive after-work celebration.



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## **WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER**

### **YOUR BEST SANTA'S "HO HO HO" COMPETITION**

**From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in front of Santa's grotto**

Kids and grown-ups alike, come and show us your best Santa Claus impression with a jolly "Ho Ho Ho" and win prizes while joining in the laughter and festive cheer.

## **FRIDAY 26 AND SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER** **CHRISTMAS STORYTELLING**

*with Du soufflé aux cordes theatre company*

**From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. inside Santa's grotto**

Step into Santa's grotto, which will be filled with imagination and wonder thanks to the warm tales of our storyteller and her musician.





# SIDE EVENTS AT THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

## Christmas at Halles Châtelet

MONDAY 1 DECEMBER  
TO TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER

**The traders at Halles Châtelet  
await you for a host of activities  
throughout December.**

**21, 22 and 23 December:  
open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Come and meet Santa Claus  
on 20, 21, 23 and 24 December,  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A wonderful chance for the whole family  
to have a chat with him and grab a photo!  
And on Wednesday 10 December, come  
and write your letter to Santa Claus  
(in partnership with Vitrines d'Orléans).

## Loire Art Show

FROM 5 TO 21 DECEMBER

**Galleries Lafayette,  
entrance via the Duralex store.**

Now in its 7th year, this exhibition is  
brought to you by Orléans City Council  
and the Sacre Bleu association. Discover  
a constellation of artists from France  
and beyond, all from the contemporary  
urban art scene. Monumental murals,  
immersive installations, bold graphic art  
and live performances await you inside  
Galleries Lafayette. Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
& Thursdays **5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Fridays **5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** Saturdays  
**11 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Sundays **2 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

*Free admission*

## Christmas in Saint-Marceau

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

**Botanical Gardens Greenhouse,  
from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Come and  
have fun with Father Christmas and  
post your wishes in his magical postbox,  
specially set up so kids can share all  
their Christmas dreams.

## Téléthon Charity Event

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

### Place du Martroi

**11 a.m. to 9 p.m.** Support the Téléthon  
fundraiser with Orléans City Council: gift  
stall and activities with the Compagnons  
du Devoir, all in aid of AFM-Téléthon.

## Top Nativity Display competition

FROM 6 DECEMBER 2025 TO 4 JANUARY 2026

### Sainte-Croix Cathedral

Now in its 10th year, this beautiful  
exhibition of nativity scenes explores the  
theme "Light and Shadow: A Journey  
of Hope" in the luminous atmosphere  
of the cathedral.

## Saint Nicolas des Mariniers

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

### Quai du Châtelet, from 9 a.m.

Blessing of the boats, tribute to boatmen  
who have passed, followed by a  
procession to Saint-Donatien Church.  
Return around midday to Halles Châtelet  
for festive refreshments.

*Free and open to all, organised by the  
Compagnons Chalandiers.*

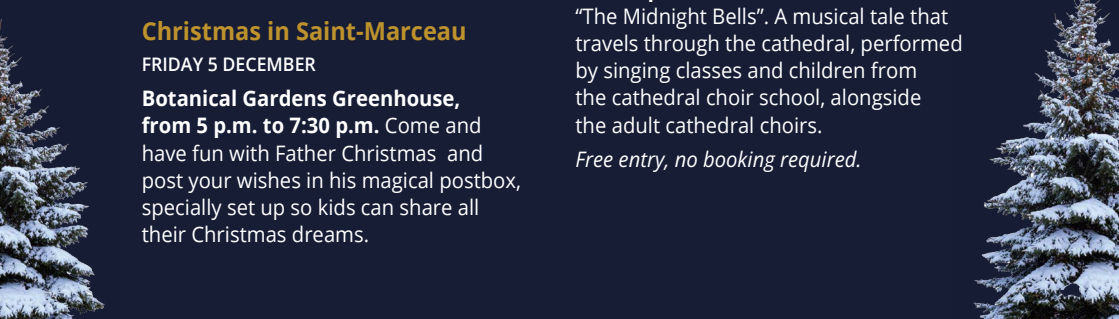
## Christmas concert at Orleans Cathedral

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

### Orleans cathedral, from 3:30 p.m.

**to 4:30 p.m.** Christmas concert,  
"The Midnight Bells". A musical tale that  
travels through the cathedral, performed  
by singing classes and children from  
the cathedral choir school, alongside  
the adult cathedral choirs.

*Free entry, no booking required.*





**Christmas Concert with  
Orléans Symphony Orchestra**

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER AT 8:30 p.m.  
AND SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER AT 4 p.m.

**Salle de l'Institut**

*"The magic of Christmas concerts...  
especially the wonderful compositions  
that Christmas has inspired in so many  
musicians, transporting us into a world  
that is both spiritual and luminous."*

Featuring the Orléans Conservatoire  
Vocal Ensemble and OSO instrumental  
ensemble (9 musicians).

*Booking and tickets: Orchestra office:  
02 38 53 27 13, 6 rue Pothier,  
45000 Orléans, on [orchestre-orleans.com](http://orchestre-orleans.com),  
or at the Tourist Office*

**Guided tours by the tourist office**

*Tours limited to 20 people.  
Booking required at the Tourist Office or via  
the website. Departs from the Tourist Office*

**Guided tours – "Christmas in Orléans,  
History explained"**

WEDNESDAY 10 AND SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER  
AT 4 p.m.

Discover fascinating historical tales linked  
to the Nativity, including a visit to the  
nativity display at Sainte-Croix Cathedral.

*Price: €12.50 – Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Discovering Old Orléans:  
Christmas Special**

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 10:30 A.M.

Wander the streets of Orléans' historic  
centre and trace the history of Sainte-  
Croix Cathedral and the Hôtel Groslo.

*Price: €12 – duration 1 hr 30 min*

**Amuse-môme: a tale  
with a message from Santa Claus**

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER AT 3 p.m.

A magical tale full of dreams and wonder,  
where children can share their very own  
letter with Santa Claus himself!

*Price: €8 – duration 1 hour. Each child  
must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Amuse-môme: Christmas Toys,  
Then and Now**

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER AT 3 p.m.

Children will hear fascinating stories,  
plunging them into the history of the  
toys of yesteryear, with a chance to  
compare them with today's favourites.  
And to finish? A giant game of snakes  
and ladders!

*Price: €8 – duration 1 hr 30 min  
Each child must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Stations Carmes celebrates Noël!**

**Meet a different kind of Santa on  
6, 13 and 20 December**, along with  
creative workshops (temporary tattoos,  
decorations, letters to Santa) and a  
charity toy collection.

Festive window displays and  
a warm atmosphere throughout  
the neighbourhood!





Shops  
in **OR**léans



**COMPETITION**  
THE BEST  
CHRISTMAS SHOP  
WINDOW DISPLAY.

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**VOTE!**  
for your favourite  
shop window displays!

From Monday 15 to Sunday 28 December 2025,  
on **www.orleans.fr**

Discover the Christmas window displays of the shops in Orléans  
and vote for your favourites!

When you take part, you'll be automatically entered into a prize  
draw held at the end of the competition, and you could win one  
of the fantastic prizes up for grabs!



**Vote for your  
3 favourite  
displays**



**YOUR CITY CENTRE SHOPS ARE OPEN  
ON SUNDAYS 7, 14 & 21 DECEMBER.**

Visit [www.orleans.fr](http://www.orleans.fr) for terms and conditions  
and information about the prizes.

