



WELCOME CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Center Events

Sunday, December 10

Deutsches Museum

The [Deutsches Museum](#) is the biggest natural scientific and technical museum of the world. About 28.000 objects of the areas Energy, Transportation, Materials and Production, New Technologies (Nano-and Biotechnology, laboratories), Communication and Musical Instruments are exhibited.

We will go on a guided tour that delivers insight into the highlights of the museum. Afterwards there will be time to explore the exhibitions individually or sit down together for a little snack and coffee.



Meeting Place: German Museum, Main Entrance, Museumsinsel 1, 80538 Munich

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Price: EUR 3.00

To register, please send an [e-mail to Julia Vrooman](#)

Tuesday, December 19

Welcome Center Christmas Party together with the TUM Graduate School

Christmas in Germany is a special time of celebration, reflection and sociability. We decorate our houses, bake Christmas cookies and get together with our families to spend a peaceful time waiting for Santa Claus. In order to share this special time of the year with you and to help you familiarize with some of the German Christmas traditions, we cordially invite you to our Welcome Center Christmas Party that we host together with the TUM Graduate School.



Location: TUM Graduate School, ground floor, Boltzmannstr. 17, 85748 Garching

Time: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Deadline for registration: December 12

To register, please send an [e-mail to Julia Vrooman](#)

Events in Munich

Friday, November 24 – Sunday, January 21

Eiszauber

The [Eiszauber](#) at Karlsplatz (Stachus) offers ice skating in the open for adults and children alike. The Christmassy surroundings are a splendid setting. Skaters and spectators have the opportunity to watch ice skating parties and shows, also from up high on the wooden tribunes. All kinds of delicacies will be available. You can either bring your own skates or rent them on-site.



Location: Karlsplatz (Stachus)

Public Transport: all lines of the S-Bahn, U4/U5, many trams and buses

Time: daily from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Price: EUR 5.00 – 8.00, EUR 3.50 – 6.00 (for children until the age of 12)

Sunday, December 2

TEDxTUM 2017

At [TEDxTUM 2017](#), we invite you to join us in a discussion about the kind of place we want to work, live and grow in tomorrow. What will the ideas and concepts nourishing our inspiration be? What can we do to keep improving? We believe that what we design, discuss and do is driven by our inherent desire to improve our surroundings.



But in this age of sensationalism and self-serving agendas, the shape, size and structure of our collective future is being steered in a surprisingly restrictive direction.

The form of tomorrow seems to require a recalibration of our expectations, for us to identify our values with certainty and support an inclusive future for everyone. Join us at TEDxTUM and let's explore the "Re-Formations of Tomorrow".

Location: TUM Audimax, Arcisstr. 21, 80333 Munich

Public Transport: U1/U2 Theresienstraße

Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Price: EUR 59.00 (includes a full-day program with food & drinks)

Saturday, December 2 – Saturday, December 23

Christkindl-Tram

The atmospheric [Christkindl-Tram](#) of the Munich Transport Corporation (MVG) is circulating in the city center again. On board as well: mulled wine, nonalcoholic glogg, Christmas goodies and festive music. The tram departs every half and full hour from Sendlinger Tor. The round trip lasts about half an hour.



The tram goes via Isartor through the district Lehel to Maxmonument and Nationaltheater, and then continues via Theatinerstraße, Lenbachplatz and Karlsplatz (Stachus) back to Sendlinger Tor. To make the tour a special event for children, there is a special children's program on all Sundays in Advent (3.12., 10.12., 17.12., 23.12.). Santa Claus will visit the Christkindl-Tram on Wednesday, December 6th from 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Location: departure at Sendlinger Tor

Public Transport: U1 / U2 / U3 / U6 / U7 / U8, Tram 16 / 17 / 18 / 27 / 28

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. (Monday to Friday), 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Saturday + Sunday)

Price: EUR 2.00, children between the age of 6 and 14 EUR 1.00 – available at Sendlinger Tor

Thursday, December 7

Dies academicus – the annual academic celebration

Staff, students and alumni of the Technical University of Munich (TUM) come together every December to celebrate this traditional university event – the "[dies academicus](#)". This event gives the university the opportunity to look back over the past year and honor individual achievements in research, highlight up-and-coming research talents and reward employees for their excellent work.

Location: TUM Audimax, Arcisstr. 21, 80333 Munich

Public Transport: U2/U8 Theresienstraße

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Price: free

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve Run

On the 31st of December 2017 the 34th edition of the [New Year's Eve Run](#) of the Road Runners Club (MRRRC) takes place at the Event-Arena in the Olympic Park. The day starts with the children run and is followed by a 2.5 and 10 kilometer run, for each performance and age. The route of the main run passes all the popular sights of the park before it leads the runners back to the finish line at the Event-Arena.



Location: Olympic Park, Spiridon-Louis-Ring, 80809 München

Public Transport: Tram 20/21 Olympiapark West

Time: 11 a.m.

Price: starting from EUR 10.00

Events in Garching

Friday, December 1

Town Hall Christmas Market

As in the past years, also this year more than 50 artists will present their artworks [inside the Town Hall of Garching](#). Besides a various children's program and handcrafted goods, you will find outside the hall everything that belongs to a typical German Christmas Market: sweets, food and Glühwein – all packed up in nicely decorated stalls.



Location: Town Hall of Garching, Rathausplatz 3, 85748 Garching

Public Transport: U6 Garching

Time: Fri. 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Sat. + Sun. 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Price: free

Monday, December 11

Application 4.0 – How to be Ahead of the Crowd (workshop in English)

In this [hands-on workshop](#) you will learn to be successful with your job applications in Germany. We will look into the most important topics like career planning, job searching, new online recruiting methods, application documents and how to convince recruiters in a job interview. You will also learn self-marketing techniques that will enable you to present clear and individual USPs to differentiate you from other candidates.



Location: Campus Garching

Public Transport: U6 Garching-Forschungszentrum

Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

To register, please send an [e-mail to Karin Schächinger](#)

Events in Freising

Thursday, November 30 – Saturday, December 23

Altstadt-Christkindlmarkt Freising

The [Christmas market of Freising](#) is located in the beautiful old town of the city. You can find a broad range of arts and craft and delicacies in the stands scattered over the market place. Kids can enjoy the market's puppet theatre, storyteller, merry-go-round and live nativity scene. Heated huts, mulled wine and live music will surely put you in a Christmas mood.

Location: Christopher-Paudiß-Platz, 85354 Freising

Public Transport: S1 Freising

Time: Sun – Thu 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. / Fri – Sat 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Price: free

Saturday, December 9 – Sunday, December 10

Christmas market at the Schafhof

On the 2nd Advent weekend, the House of arts transforms again into a [Christmas craft market](#). More than 50 artists present their handmade crafts in the atmospheric ambience of the historic building. Whether paper, leather, metal or textile – here you will find the perfect Christmas presents! Or why don't you take part yourself in one of the creative workshops, while your family and friends enjoy the culinary delights?

Location: Schafhof, European Art House of Upper Bavaria, Am Schafhof 1, 85354 Freising

Public Transport: S1 to Freising, then Bus 630 Wallbergstraße or Bus 631 Plantagenweg

Time: Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Price: free

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Little “How do Germans tick” Guide: German Christmas Traditions

Many of the Christmas customs originated in Germany and Austria. Considering most of them only date back to the 19th century, they are not quite as “traditional” and laid down as one might believe. The date of the celebration of Christ’s birth has been changed a few times, until the Roman church set it to December 25. Nowadays Christmas time starts with the first of Advent, the fourth Sunday before Christmas – even though the Christmas delicacies being sold in German stores as early as September might make you believe otherwise.



Different to customs in most other countries, many German families begin the celebration on Heiligabend (Holy Evening or Christmas Eve) on December 24, which is not a national holiday and therefore shops are open till early afternoon. This day is followed by two national holidays, the first and second day of Christmas. Beginning in the mid or late November, the Weihnachtsmarkt or Christkindlmarkt becomes a feature of almost every city in Germany.

The time leading up to Christmas is marked by the four Advent Sundays on which families gather and each week light a new candle on the Adventskranz (Advent wreath). Not only children enjoy the Adventskalender (Advent calendar), which contains twenty-four doors with small chocolate treats, one for each day of December leading up to Christmas. The most popular Christmas carol is probably “Stille Nacht” (Silent Night), which was composed in Austria in 1818 and soon found its way to the US.

Another famous “export” to the US, that surpassed the popularity of the original by far, is Santa Claus. First sketched out by the German emigrant in the 1860s, Santa Claus became the modern image of Saint Nikolaus. In Germany St. Nikolaus is still celebrated on December 6th, when children place a Nikolausstiefel (a boot or a shoe) in front of their door, hoping for St. Nikolaus to fill them with sweets over the night. Christmas, on the other hand, is not the night of Santa Claus, but of the Christkindl (Christ Child), who brings gifts on Christmas Eve.

Accommodation Center

If you plan to leave Munich in a while and are staying in a private accommodation that could possibly be rented out again to other international guests, please send an [e-mail to the Accommodation Center](#). The team of TUM International Center wishes everyone leaving a good continuation of your research and hope to welcome you back here someday.

TUM Research Alumni Network

Before leaving Munich, do not forget to join the [TUM Research Alumni Network](#). In this way, you will remain part of the international academic community of the Technical University of Munich. Also, do not miss to join the [TUM Research Alumni Gallery](#) and thus show your enduring affiliation to our institution.

Mentoring for Scientists

The [Mentoring for Scientists program](#) is designed for [international Research Alumni](#) and current guest scientists of TUM. It supports PhD students and post-docs in research and research-related matters. If you want to share your knowledge or learn from experienced colleagues, you can either apply for a mentor or a mentee during your stay at TUM.

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