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- Winter village on St George's Square



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Bocholt. Set-up is in full swing, and the scent of mulled wine will soon be in the air once more: from 26 November to 22 December 2026, the Bocholt Christmas market will be welcoming visitors to the festively decorated town centre for the 20th time. Against the atmospheric backdrop of the historic town hall with its illuminated Advent calendar, guests can look forward to a festive experience on the market square, in Neustraße, at the start of Nordstraße, as well as on Neutorplatz and St. Georg-Platz.

Grand opening on 26 November

The Christmas market will be officially opened on Thursday 26 November at 5 pm by Mayor Christian Mangen, Wine Queen Dana I and City Marketing Managing Director Ludger Dieckhues. Musical entertainment will be provided by the "Lustigen Egerländer%$. The festive Christmas lights and numerous 3D illuminated figures are already bathing the town centre in a warm, wintry atmosphere. The market is open daily from 12 noon.

Winter Village on St. Georg Square

Once again this year, St. Georg Square is being transformed into a small, enchanting winter village. Until 10 January 2027, visitors can enjoy the most wonderful time of the year together amidst the festive glow of the lights and Christmas decorations. A particular highlight are seven genuine, lovingly converted ski gondolas from the Rosenalmbahn in the Zillertal, which create a cosy winter atmosphere. The rustic, heated gondolas, each with its own unique décor, can accommodate six people and create a cosy atmosphere all of their own amidst the festive hustle and bustle. Whether with friends, family or

colleagues, this is the perfect place to enjoy the Advent season in a special setting.

The gondolas are proving very popular again this year. A few time slots are still available. These can be conveniently booked online via the City of Bocholt's website at www.bocholt.de/gondeln for €15 per gondola. During their visit, guests will be served drinks directly in the gondolas. Food can be conveniently purchased from the stalls at the Christmas market and then enjoyed in the gondolas.

Musical programme for the first weekend of Advent

Thursday, 26 November

5-9 pm: The Merry Egerlanders

Friday, 27 November

5 pm-8 pm: jazzy music from Hardy's Jazz Band

Saturday, 28 November

3-5 pm: atmospheric tunes from Beat Motion

5-7 pm: Bocholt Marine Kameraden shanty choir

7-9 pm: Dutch brass band Op Tied Muuj

Sunday, 29 November

2.30-3.30 pm: Cyclone Saxophone Quartet

4-6 pm: Christmas show by Clown Georg

Weekly Market

Due to the Christmas market, the weekly market will move to Gasthausplatz and Osterstraße for four weeks. The evening market will also take place on Osterstraße during this period.

Sponsors

The Bocholt Christmas Market is supported by stadtwerker and Stadtsparkasse Bocholt.

Further information on the Christmas market is available at www.bocholt.de/weihnachtsmarkt.