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Dresden Christmas markets

3–4 days: the Striezelmarkt, the Frauenkirche, Neumarkt and the Zwinger

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Advent in Dresden over a long weekend: the Striezelmarkt on the Altmarkt, Germany's oldest documented Christmas market, with a giant pyramid and Stollen, the market on Neumarkt below the Frauenkirche, the medieval market in the Stallhof courtyard, the Zwinger and the view over the Elbe from Brühl's Terrace. About 2¼ hours by train from Prague. This guide has the Advent 2026 dates and works offline.

At a glance

ID card is enough

Germany is in the EU and Schengen: Czech citizens need only a valid ID card or passport (Czech MFA)

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Striezelmarkt 25 Nov–24 Dec

daily 10–21; opens 25 Nov at 16:30, until 14:00 on 24 Dec (2026)

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Stollen Festival

the giant Stollen parade is traditionally on the Saturday before the second Sunday of Advent; check the 2026 date on dresden.de

Shops shut on Sundays

shops close on Sundays; the markets stay open

Carry some cash

smaller stalls may not take cards

EHIC

the European Health Insurance Card is valid; travel insurance is still recommended

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Day by day

1 **Friday: the Striezelmarkt**

The Altmarkt and the Striezelmarkt with its pyramid and Stollen, then Neumarkt below the floodlit Frauenkirche after dark.

2 **Saturday: the Zwinger and Stallhof**

The Zwinger and the Old Masters gallery with the Sistine Madonna in the morning, the Semperoper and Brühl's Terrace. The medieval market in the Stallhof in the afternoon, the Augustusmarkt on Hauptstraße in the evening.

3 **Sunday: the Frauenkirche**

The Frauenkirche or its dome, a walk along the Elbe, then head home.

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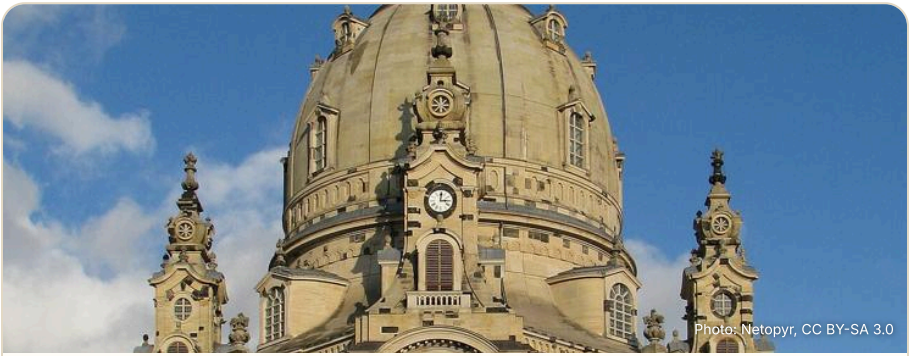
What you will see



Striezelmarkt

The Altmarkt market with a giant step pyramid, running since 1434.

Time: 2 hours



The Frauenkirche

The baroque church rebuilt after the war, with a dome you can climb.

Time: 1 hour

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The full guide: Dresden Christmas markets

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