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Enchanting Winter Moments at Europa-Park

Thousands of lights, 2,500 snow-covered Christmas trees and 10,000 glittery baubles let Germany's biggest theme park shine in a festive splendor during the chilly season. From 25th November 2017 to 7th January 2018 (excluding 24th/25th December), Europa-Park welcomes its guests for the 17th time to a wonderful winter opening. Alongside the sparkling Bellevue Ferris wheel and the fascinating show programme, many winter specials like the unique Circus Revue and Christmas gastronomy offerings ensure pulses race at the world's best theme park. In Europe's largest flying theater, the Voletarium, guests will also experience an emotional journey through Europe in the winter. At the Mercedes-Benz Hall, the great art exhibition, OTTOs World, will also enchant the entire family with more than 100 works of art, including Ottifanten & Co.

Enchanting Winter Wonderland

Also at Christmas time, 15 European themed areas, rapid rollercoasters, as well as exciting adventures guarantee a lot of fun and variety in Germany's largest theme park.* In the Spanish Arena, visitors can look forward to MAGIC ICE - Ed & Edda's magical fairytale world. In eight lovingly designed scenes, guests of all ages can discover ice sculptures up to four meters high, from the imaginative stories of the Brothers Grimm and other authors. In Portugal, guests can revel in the 55-meter-high Bellevue Ferris wheel's breath-taking view and look out over the beautifully decorated Europa-Park, between the Black Forest to the Vosges. In the Glaciar ice bar in the Spanish themed area delicious mulled wine warms the adults, while the small ice princesses and princes with ice skates take to the great ice rink on the lake in Scandinavia or try some cross-country skiing. Bold riders bounce around with the mini-skibob. Young winter adventurers who cannot get enough can also dash down the huge snow ramp on tires or skis in Austria. Starting during the winter season, Paddington Bear will invite visitors to embark on a new VR adventure on Alpenexpress Coastality. A unique nativity exhibition in the Stave Church in the Scandinavian themed area will further get visitors in the Christmas spirit. The extensive collection of nativity scenes belong to Monsieur Paul Chaland's and have been collected over more than 30

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years and from over 70 countries. In the GAZPROM Theme World, Christmas motives made of hundreds of balloons are on display, and at the Postamt Himmelspforten in the Russian themed area, Santa Claus receives the children so that they can whisper their wishes in his ear. A real eye-catcher and particularly popular with the little ones is the giant Advent calendar on the Italian outdoor stage: daily at 7pm, a new door is opened with a children's Christmas animation. By the time the sun sets a visit to the great Chinese Light Festival is just another must. Celebrating the motto 'China is a guest at Europa-Park', up to 3.5 meters high illuminated animal and plant motifs can be admired in front of the Historic Balthasar Castle

OTTOs World – New Exhibition at Europa-Park

Children and adults love him equally for his unique sounds, songs, sketches, rhymes, and unmistakable drawings: 'Otto', the native and probably most prominent East Frisian of all time, has amused and brought a laugh to his audiences over the past few decades in many ways. During the winter opening, the world's best theme park will showcase over 100 works by the popular all-round comedian and entertainer at the Mercedes-Benz Hall. The exhibition is included in the park admission. On top of that, Otto Waalkes will meet his fans and sign autographs to start off the winter season on 25th November 2017 from 12pm at the Mercedes-Benz Hall.

Fantastic shows

In the chilly season, visitors can also look forward to numerous show highlights with more than 300 international artists at Germany's largest theme park: 'Let the show begin', echoes through the tent when artists, comedians, and dancers ensure unforgettable moments with a 60-minute programme. Especially children are very enthusiastic about the children's musical, 'I want ... the Christmas Chaos', and the new children's animation, 'Otto', at Ireland – Children's World. Young and old can also be excited about the 'Surpr'ice with the son of Santa Claus' ice show and the 'A Musical Christmas Market' musical at the Globe Theatre. The daily winter Starlight Parade with a stop at the 18 meter high Christmas tree on Luxemburg Square, as well as the 'Luna Magica' light show on the lake in the Adventureland promise even more colorful highlights.

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A sensational start to the New Year can be enjoyed by guests of the great New Year's Eve party at Europa-Park. Those who want to celebrate the last evening of the year are in the right place. In addition to relaxed lounge music and exciting club beats, as well as a diverse range of drinks and snacks, spectators await a gigantic fireworks display. At midnight, the skyline of Germany's largest theme park will sparkle.

Visitors of the 'Cirque d'Europe' dinner show should get ready for an evening of sophistication: in the baroque Teatro dell'Arte, artists present breath-taking acrobatics, dance and music, while an exquisite gala menu from 2* Michelin chef Peter Hagen-Wiest from the 'Ammolite - The Lighthouse Restaurant' is served.

Pleasant Christmas Markets

The festively decorated Christmas market in the German Alley offers visitors the opportunity to get into the festive season with a cosy atmosphere, sound winter melodies, and delicious scents. At the new swing grill hut in the heart of the German street, all guests can enjoy hearty grilled sausages and juicy steaks. Other culinary delights such as cheese and cake specialties, fine chocolates or regional and European spirits are also on offer. In addition, there is a lot to discover on the ancient 'Christkindlmarkt' in the Historic Balthasar Castle Park: in many tents in the German themed area, old professions such as bookbinder, goldsmith or the crib of Christ builders are demonstrated. At nightfall, torches and fireplaces illuminate the stands.

The ERDINGER Urweisse Hütt'n invites visitors during the winter opening on selected dates for social gatherings in a cosy atmosphere. Wintery cheese fondue, braised veal cheeses and live music guarantee not only a quaint evening but also a great experience.

Wonderful Overnight Stay

After both the cold muffle and the snow enthusiast have reached their full satisfaction in Germany's largest theme park, the five 4* hotels at Europa-Park offer fantastic accommodation possibilities. As a continuation of the winter fun, anyone can enjoy hot tea and sweet treats in front of cuddly chimneys or in the seasonally decorated bars. In addition, the

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spacious wellness and spa areas invite you to relax with massages and peels. The high-quality restaurants ? including the 2* Michelin 'Ammolite ? The Lighthouse Restaurant' ? offer a variety of culinary delights and guarantee a perfect end to the day.

With the new Europa-Park Hotel Friends loyalty programme, all guests that stay overnight frequently in Europa-Park hotels or the Camp Resort can enjoy exclusive advantages. At the end of their reservation, members of the programme can, among other advantages, choose their preferred room from the available rooms in the reserved category.

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