



Toulouse



Christmastime in Toulouse: Markets, Music and Museums



XX December 2025. London, UK – Known for its diverse cultural and historical offerings, Toulouse is an unsung festive destination with much to offer. Christmastime in Toulouse is defined by its many unique Christmas markets, taking place throughout the end of November and into early January, dappling the city with festive charm.

Proudly a UNESCO-designated City of Music, Toulouse is home to a wide range of musical events for the Christmas season, from classical concerts and ballets to Christmas tunes with a flair. The city also leans into its status as a culture and arts hub in the south of France, with exceptional museum exhibits and special events.

Below, we've rounded up the top festive experiences in the city of Toulouse this year:

Christmas Markets

- **Place du Capitole Christmas Market** – step into a twinkling Christmas wonderland at Place du Capitole's Christmas Market from 28th November to 28th December 2025. This centrally located market will allow visitors to stroll through a magnificent, illuminated village, while perusing pristine white chalets offering a wide variety local speciality gifts and Christmas treats. Visitors can take a break from browsing to enjoy the ice rink and lean into the winter spirit.
- **Charles de Gaulle Square** – Running from 27th November to 28th of December 2025 and just a few steps from the Capitole, discover the Christmas Market in Charles de Gaulle Square

with sublime decorations, entertainment for all ages, and the much-anticipated presence of St. Nick himself.

- **[Village of Creators](#)** – on the Ramblas, the Village of Creators will feature chalets dedicated to local artisans and creators, with new and improved exhibits every week from 28th November to 24th December 2025.
- **[Les Halles de la Cartoucherie](#)** – throughout December, the cross-disciplinary Les Halles de la Cartoucherie offers a full programme of food, sports, cultural and social events across the 13,500 m² space. There's the opportunity to sample the best local products throughout the festive month. The market opens 28th November with a one-weekend-only [Hyperpop Christmas](#) market pop-up, featuring graphic art, jewellery, and upcycled clothing, perfect for gift-giving. From Christmas Bingo to DJ sets, shortbread making workshops to a market focused on the wider Occitanie region, the festive events will be interspersed throughout the lively month-long run. This is one of the most diverse Christmas market spaces in Europe, with a focus on charity and fashion as well as local delicacies and products that make any gift special.
- **Other Markets** – Toulouse boasts many small markets with specific purposes throughout the holiday season, dotted across the city; including but not limited to the [Maker's Market](#), [The Creators & Artisans Fair](#), and the [Occitanie Gourmet Markets](#). Each small market brings something unique to the city's Christmas offerings, from local cuisine to hand crafted products perfect for holiday gifts.

Music, Culture and Art

- **[Reopening of the Musée des Augustins](#)** – housed in a former convent, Toulouse's fine arts museum will reopen its doors to the public on 19th December 2025. Closed for several years for major renovations, the museum has typical Toulousian architecture and buildings classified as historic monuments, offering an exceptional setting for paintings and sculptures dating from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. While the restoration of the great cloister is scheduled for completion in early 2027, the public is able to discover the new entrance and exhibition rooms from December, followed by the church and Gothic rooms in June 2026. Entrance is €5 (approx. £4.40) per adult and €3 (approx. £2.70) for 6-17 year olds. To book, visit [here](#).
- **[The Nutcracker Ballet at Opera National du Capitole](#)** – no other musical performance emits Christmas energy like The Nutcracker. For a classic night of Christmas spirit, enjoy Tchaikovsky's stunning work in Toulouse's historic opera house on the Place du Capitole. Tickets start from €8 (approx. £8). To book, visit [here](#).
- **[Christmas at the Musée des Abattoirs](#)** – beginning on 12th December 2025 and going into summer 2026, the city's modern and contemporary art museum, Les Abattoirs is dedicating an exceptional "Imagination in Power" exhibition to Jean Charles de Castelbajac, the visionary fashion designer and multifaced artist. For travellers looking to take a deeper look at Toulouse's culture of fashion during the festive season, this exhibit is sure to provide a space to enjoy art to the highest degree. The museum features over 3,400 works and hosts a variety of Christmas events throughout December and January, including an open/slam poetry session on 15th December and a screening of Mr. Jack's Christmas on 11th January.

Tickets are €5 (approx. £4.40) per person for adults, and €3 (approx. £2.70) for 17 and under. To book, visit [here](#).

Food

- **[Christmas Lunch of the Little Mechanics](#)** – from 22nd December to 4th January, animatronic exhibition space Halle de la Machine invites guests to experience a meal to remember: Lunch of the Little Mechanics. The extraordinary lunch is saturated in distinction and imagination, as engaging servers operate ingenious machinery to present a special four-course meal. Capturing Christmas with every theatrical moment, diners will enjoy a festive table, delicious dishes, and bubbles, with a dining experience like never before. Prices start from €65 (approx. £57) per person. To book, visit [here](#).
- **[Taste of Toulouse food tours](#)** – eat your way through Toulouse on a food tours, perfect for the holiday season. Enjoy the festivities of this time of year at Victor Hugo Market tour in the vibrant heart of Toulouse, to enjoy local cuisine and homegrown ingredients. For those with a sweet tooth, The Ultimate Chocolate & Pastry Tour is perfect for fulfilling the urge for delicious yuletide treats. And finally, for those looking to enjoy the season with a bit of Christmas cheer, embark on the Toulouse Wine Bar Tour, where guests will take a deep dive into the local wine scene and savour the best Toulouse has to offer. To book a tour, visit [here](#).

For more information about Toulouse and how to visit this festive season, please visit:

<https://www.toulouse-tourisme.com/>

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About Toulouse

Toulouse, often referred to as "La Ville Rose" (The Pink City), is a vibrant city in the Occitanie region of France. Renowned for its rich history, aerospace industry, and picturesque landscapes, Toulouse offers a unique blend of modernity and tradition, making it a must-visit destination for travellers from around the world.



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