

# Vienna Airport: "Winter Wonderland" Christmas Market Opens

As of today, Vienna Airport launches its Christmas season activities and is opening the Christmas market in Terminal 1. This year everything is operating under the motto "Winter Wonderland", with a romantic mistletoe kiss station, a festive tinsel photo wall as well as stalls for Christmas punch and confectionery. Furthermore, a unique winter design created by Austrian artists adorns the walls, the gift paper and the gift carrier bags at the free "gift wrapping station". Donations made at the gift wrapping service are for the benefit of the "Hilfe>Armut" charitable initiative of Caritas Austria. The Vienna Airport Christmas market will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until December 24, 2017.

### Winter Wonderland open from November 22 – December 24, 2017

Vienna Airport will gleam in a Christmas flair up until December 24, 2017. Festive decorations as well as a modern-winterly design will pervade the terminals. Cookies and regional Christmas biscuits, Christmas punch and Austrian souvenirs can be obtained at the Christmas market in Terminal 1 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Against the backdrop of a festive tinsel photo wall, visitors and travellers can take the first pre-Christmas photos. Mistletoe, the lucky charm and bringer of kisses during Advent, ensures a romantic touch. A further highlight is the sparkling Christmas tree decorated with more than a thousand Swarovski ornaments which is located in the Plaza.

### Gift wrapping service with exclusive gift wrapping paper

Presents purchased at the airport can be wrapped for free by the "gift wrapping station" in return for a voluntary donation. The packaging service is available to passengers in the Plaza of Terminal 1. The special feature is that the designs of the gift wrapping paper and the gift carrier bags were created exclusively for Vienna Airport by three Austrian artists - Francesco Ciccolella, HFA Studio and Thomas Zeitlberger. Moreover, all the donations given to the free gift wrapping service will be handed over to the "Hilfe>Armut" (Help>Poverty) charitable campaign of Caritas Austria.

## International Christmas: snow, palm trees and a fabulous animal world

One person may spend Christmas in the midst of a snow-covered landscape, whereas others celebrate Christmas under palm trees. The designer and illustrator Thomas Zeitlberger unites these two worlds as well as marvellous wildlife to create a surreal winter wonderland. A combination of what is modern along with Gothic elements lends a nostalgic touch to the Vienna Airport "Winter Wonderland" Christmas market. The unique design created by Thomas Zeitlberger adorns the walls, the gift wrapping paper and the gift carrier bags obtainable at the gift wrapping service. In addition, the youngest passengers will be given a coloring book with the Christmas motifs collected together for coloring.

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