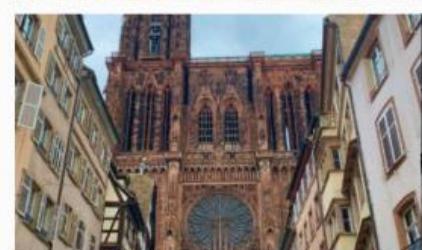# Strasbourg, The Christmas City

Strasbourg is a beautiful city in Alsace, known for Christmas. It has old buildings mixed with new ones. The Notre-Dame cathedral is big and old, and the Petite France area has pretty canals and houses with flowers. The city has the European Parliament and feels like many different cultures together.

There are markets, cafes, and food influenced by France and Germany. Strasbourg is a mix of history and today, and it's a great place for culture in Europe.

The Christmas Market

Strasbourg is said to have one of the oldest Christmas market in all of Europe, dating back to 1570. Today, that single market has expanded into 12 markets spread across the heart of the Old Town. There are more than 300 stalls to explore, thousands of twinkling lights lining the streets, and buildings that look like they were decorated by the elves of Santa's toy shop.

Strasbourg Cathedral is over 1,000 years old

Officially named "Notre-Dame de Strasbourg" ("Our Lady of Strasbourg"), the Cathedral was built in a Gothic style.

The statue of the trumpeter in the cathedral: Next to the cathedral, a statue of a trumpeter pays tribute to the musicians who once warned the city of impending dangers. Legend has it that the trumpeter fell asleep while warning of the arrival of enemy troops.

A city of canals

Strasbourg is known for its network of canals, which were once used for transportation and commerce, and are now a popular tourist attraction. The Petite France quarter is particularly picturesque, with its half-timbered houses, narrow streets, and charming canal-side restaurants.