# Christmas in Lille 202.5 A Magical Winter in the Heart of Northern France

Lille, France – November 2025

As international media prepare special features on Christmas destinations across Europe, **Hello Lille** is delighted to share what makes **Christmas in Lille and its Metropolis** such a magical and meaningful experience.



### The Heart of Christmas in Lille

For six enchanting weeks, from **November 19 to December 30, 2025**, Lille transforms into a glowing winter wonderland where the warmth of northern France meets the sparkle of European Christmas traditions.

At the heart of the celebration lies the **Christmas Market of Lille**, located on **Place Rihour**, right in the city centre. Over **90 wooden chalets** welcome visitors with handcrafted gifts, decorations, jewellery, local products, and gourmet specialties. From crispy waffles and

melted cheese dishes to hot chocolate and mulled wine, every scent tells a story of French festive tradition



Lille also shines with joyful attractions: a 50-metre-high Ferris wheel overlooking the city lights, the nostalgic "Idéal Chenille 1922" carousel, the charming Santa's Chalet for children, and lively musical and light parades every weekend that makes Lille's Christmas Market a must-see.

### Roubaix Christmas Market - A Sustainable and Creative Celebration

Just a few minutes from Lille by metro or tram, the city of **Roubaix** celebrates the holidays with a distinctive and eco-friendly touch.

Located in front of the renowned La Piscine Museum, the Roubaix Christmas Market **2025** brings together around **60 exhibitors over four festive weekends**.



Proudly known as a sustainable Christmas market, the event promotes local crafts, ethical consumption, recycled and upcycled creations, and responsible holiday shopping. Visitors can enjoy concerts, creative workshops, and community-driven animations — all designed to celebrate Christmas with creativity and conscience.

# A Festive Metropolis

Together, Lille and its surrounding cities form a vibrant Christmas destination within the Lille European Metropolis (MEL) — a territory known for its dynamic blend of heritage, creativity, and conviviality.

From the cobbled streets of Old Lille to the artistic energy of Roubaix and the modern attractions of nearby towns, the entire metropolitan area celebrates the end of the year with lights, music, and a welcoming northern spirit.

Located **just 1 hour from Paris** and **35 minutes from Brussels** by high-speed train, the Lille Metropolis is easily accessible by train or air, with **Lille-Lesquin Airport** only **10** 

### kilometres from the city centre.



# **Practical Information - Lille Christmas Market**

**Location:** Place Rihour, 59000 Lille, France **Dates:** November 19 - December 30, 2025

**Opening hours:** 

Sunday - Thursday: 11 am - 8:30 pmFriday & Saturday: 11 am - 10 pm

• December 24: closes at 6 pm

• December 25: closed

### **Practical Information - Roubaix Christmas Market**

Location: In front of La Piscine Museum, Roubaix, France

**Dates:** Four weekends in December 2025

Program: Around 60 exhibitors, live concerts, festive workshops, and creative animations

### **Invitation to International Media**

Hello Lille warmly invites international journalists and media outlets to experience and share Lille's festive atmosphere and the creativity of the metropolitan area with their audiences.

Press materials and interview opportunities are available upon request.

For high-resolution images from the **Christmas Market of Lille**, please visit our **photo library**: registration is required, after which you will have access to a wide selection of photos.



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