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99 Days Until Cambria Christmas Market: Spectacular Holiday Event Awaits!

Tickets and hotel packages are on sale to experience 3+ million lights, German vendor market, Santa, Train Rides, and more | Open most dates, Nov. 29 – Dec. 31, 2024

Cambria Christmas Market - Cambria, Calif. -- The countdown to the most magical time of the year has officially begun! With only 99 days left until the highly anticipated Cambria Christmas Market, the enchanting holiday extravaganza is gearing up to delight visitors with an unforgettable Christmas wonderland experience. Tickets and overnight hotel packages, which include tickets and parking passes, are now on sale for the awe-inspiring, annual Cambria Christmas Market. For the first time ever, the event will be open on November 29th, running through December 31st (6 days longer)!

"Our team works hard year-round to make this a truly magical event on the Central Coast," said Mike Arnold, Event Manager for the Cambria Christmas Market. "We are so happy to see the excitement around this year's event and our extended dates - tickets and overnight stays are selling faster than ever before!"

Embark on a delightful holiday journey that is perfect for all ages! Step into a world of enchantment as you walk through an immersive path adorned with more lights than ever before, with three million twinkling lights. Feel the magic come alive as you hop on a merry train ride, capturing the essence of the season. Snap a picture with Santa while the air is filled with the harmonious notes of live music, providing a festive backdrop to your experience. Visit the Biergarten, enjoy a local brew, and indulge in an array of international cuisines and beverages, including traditional German gluhwein (mulled wine).

As you explore further, immerse yourself in the charm of the **authentic German Vendor Market** brimming with **local handmade gifts** and other treasures like handcrafted, **imported German goods** such as nutcrackers,

ornaments, smokers, and more. With 46 local vendors –twice as many as last year – the event focuses on its German heritage and gathers inspiration from authentic German Christmas Markets, with collectible mugs; traditional lebkuchen (gingerbread hearts) and gluhwein; and a light section dedicated to Krampus - the wicked German counterpart to St. Nicholas. This holiday extravaganza promises to provide endless cherished memories that make this time of the year so special.

The Market starts on Friday, November 29th, and runs through Tuesday, December 31st, 5-9 p.m. (open most dates). Admission ranges from \$25-\$40 per person ages 6+ depending on the evening; children 5 & under are free. <u>Tickets</u> are available online in advance and tend to sell out quickly. A limited number of <u>VIP parking passes</u> are available at Cambria Pines Lodge for \$60, <u>VIP parking passes</u> are also available at Cambria Nursery for \$40, and free shuttles will be provided throughout town.

The Cambria Christmas Market is proudly sponsored by <u>Wood Pellet Products</u>, <u>Zenner's Sausage Company</u>, <u>CoastHills Credit Union</u>, and <u>Moonstone Hotel Properties</u>.

CAMBRIA NURSERY

The neighboring <u>Cambria Nursery</u> will also participate in the festivities, with thousands of lights, a Christmas Shoppe & Museum, and plenty of shopping opportunities, including imported German Christmas collectibles and ornaments.

Visit the Enchanted Christmas Extravaganza shopping experience at Cambria Nursery opening on October 1st. Guests can also visit the extravaganza during the Cambria Christmas Market (entry included with Cambria Christmas Market tickets). Guests can marvel at our magnificent themed displays, adorned with intricately decorated trees and photo ops designed to capture the joy of the holidays. This truly is a shopping experience like no other!

More details will be announced on the Nursery's Facebook and Instagram pages.

OVERNIGHT HOTEL PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Don't wait to book an overnight stay, our partner hotels typically sell out for the season before opening day and weekend stays are already going fast! All hotel packages include event admission for each person on the reservation, a hotel room, and breakfast:

• <u>Cambria Pines Lodge</u>: Stay just steps away from the action, some hotel room decks even overlook the

lights! Large suites for the whole family and pet-friendly rooms are available.

- <u>Sea Otter Inn:</u> The charming Inn across from Moonstone Beach offers a quick, complimentary shuttle
 ride to the event. This hotel features newly renovated rooms, breakfast basket delivery, fire pits
 overlooking the ocean, and more.
- The J. Patrick House & Inn: Across the street from the lights, this is the perfect location for couples or solo travelers (not ideal for children) and includes fresh cookies daily and a breakfast basket delivery.

For those who want to avoid the crowds and enjoy just the lights, Cambria Pines Lodge also offers access on Lights Only nights Dec. 2-3, 9-10 & 24-25. On these nights, only the lights will be on, and there will be no vendors, Santa, train, food, beverage, live music, etc. This special light access is only available to those staying at <u>Cambria Pines Lodge</u>.

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY EVENTS IN CAMBRIA

CHARLES DICKENS' GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON PERFORMS "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Gerald Charles Dickens, the great-great-grandson of the legendary Charles Dickens, will bring the timeless tale of "A Christmas Carol" to life at Cambria Pines Lodge, during his only West Coast performances. With matinees and dinner shows on November 15-17, Dickens' performance is sure to get you in the holiday spirit!

The Lodge is offering a **special 20% overnight discount for guests who purchase "A Christmas Carol" tickets**. This discount must be **booked online by using code DICKENS**. Offer is valid only on nights of the show (November 15-17). Proof of tickets must be shown at check-in.

In what promises to be a spellbinding, one-man show, Gerald Charles Dickens will transport audiences into the enchanting world of Ebenezer Scrooge and his magical journey of redemption. Through his exceptional storytelling skills and the uncanny resemblance to his esteemed ancestor, Dickens will capture the essence of the beloved characters, evoking both laughter and tears as he recreates the heartwarming tale. Following the performance, attendees will have a unique opportunity to meet Gerald Charles Dickens and acquire autographed memorabilia.

- <u>Dinner Show: Nov. 15-17, 5:30pm</u>: Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at the Lodge that includes a complimentary glass of wine (21+) and tickets to the show. Afterward, enjoy a festive performance by Dickens in the Peacock Room at the Lodge. Tickets are \$89 for adults (11+) and \$49 for children (10 & under).
- Matinee Show: Nov. 15-17, 1pm: Light snacks and refreshments will be available to purchase. Tickets

are \$25 for adults (11+) and \$15 for children (10 & under).

"SHAKING UP CHRISTMAS" MUSICAL AT CAMBRIA PINES LODGE

New this year, Cambria Pines Lodge will offer a special "Shaking Up Christmas" family-friendly holiday musical with a delicious 5-course dinner experience, on Saturdays and Sundays from November 23-December 29, at 2:30pm. A "perfect family Christmas" is shaken up by a mysterious blizzard. Will they find their way back to each other this Christmas?

 <u>Early bird tickets are now on sale!</u> Tickets include VIP entry (skip the line!) to the Cambria Christmas Market.

For the latest news and details on the Cambria Christmas Market, follow @cambriachristmasmarket on Facebook or Instagram.

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About Moonstone Hotel Properties: Moonstone Hotel Properties started in 1983 with the building of the Sea Otter Inn in Cambria, Calif. From there, the family-owned company went on to open garden-themed properties in Oregon and California. Today, Moonstone Hotel Properties owns the Sea Otter Inn, Cambria Pines Lodge, the J. Patrick House & Inn, Cambria Nursery, The Monterey Hotel, and Oregon Garden Resort. Moonstone Hotel Properties remains committed to retaining a reputation for exquisite boutique hotels with beautiful grounds in West Coast destinations.