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Christmas in July: Cambria Christmas Market Returns for 2023 Season

Tickets, hotel packages are on sale to experience 2+ million lights, authentic German Market, Santa, Train Rides and more | most dates Nov. 24 – Dec. 23, 2023

Cambria Christmas Market - Cambria, Calif. -- While the summer sun shines brightly, it's never too early to start thinking about the magic of the holiday season! Cambria Christmas Market tickets and overnight stays are on sale and weekend dates are already going fast! With limited availability, act now to ensure your spot at this cherished holiday event, tickets and overnight stays are expected to sell out before the event begins.

"We are so excited for this year's Market and our team is working hard to make this another successful year," said Mike Arnold, Event Manager for the Cambria Christmas Market. "We were amazed at how fast tickets and overnight packages went in 2022 and we are expecting to sell out even earlier this year."

This joyous holiday experience is perfect for all ages - walk through an immersive path packed with more than two million lights, take a train ride, snap a picture with Santa, enjoy live music and a local beer in the Biergarten, taste international cuisine and drink (including gluhwein) and shop for handmade gifts and imported German goods (like handmade nutcrackers) at the authentic German Christmas market booths.

The Market starts on Friday, November 24th and runs through Friday, December 23rd, 5-9 p.m. (closed Mondays and Tuesdays through Dec. 12th). Admission ranges from \$15-\$35 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 also available for \$35 at the Cambria Nursery, and free shuttles will be provided throughout town.

CAMBRIA NURSERY AND FLORIST

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

Guests will have a special opportunity to meet Christopher Radko, the designer of exquisite hand-crafted HeARTfully Yours™ ornaments, at the Nursery on December 15-17. After a 15-year hiatus, the world-renowned artist is making his grand return at the Cambria Christmas Market, making it his only current scheduled appearance on the West Coast. Radko's glass-blown ornaments have adorned in homes for decades and each piece is hand-crafted in limited-edition quantities by nine European families, personally selected by Radko.

If you aren't able to attend during Radko's visit, his line <u>HeARTfully Yours™</u> is available year-round in the Nursery's Yellow Gift Shop. More details are to be announced on the Nursery's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> 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 light display. 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 light display, 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, each hotel also offers access on Lights Only nights on Mondays and Tuesdays, Nov. 27 - Dec. 12. 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 our partner hotels.

CHARLES DICKENS' GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON TO VIST CAMBRIA PINES LODGE:

Cambria Pines Lodge is thrilled to announce an extraordinary holiday treat for lovers of classic literature and captivating performances. Gerald Charles Dickens, the **great-grandson of the legendary Charles Dickens**, will bring the timeless tale of "A Christmas Carol" to life at the Lodge. With **matinee and dinner show performances on November 11-12**, Dickens' performance is sure to get you in the holiday spirit!

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 in person at the signing event. This exclusive meet-and-greet will allow fans to engage with the talented performer, acquire autographed memorabilia, and deepen their connection to the Dickens literary legacy.

Cambria Pines 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 11 & 12). Proof of tickets must be shown at check-in.

- <u>Dinner Show: Nov. 11 & 12, 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 \$79 for an adult (11+) and \$49 for a child (10 & under). Now for a limited time only, guests have the opportunity to save \$5 with code JOLLY at check-out.
- Matinee Show: Nov. 11 & 12, 1pm: Light snacks and refreshments will be available to purchase. Tickets are \$20 for an adult (11+) and \$15 for a child (10 & under). Now for a limited time only, guests have the opportunity to save \$5 with code JOLLY at check-out.

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

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