



May we find inspiration and calm in art and nature.
May the peace and harmony of our historic gardens reach all our homes.
Merry Christmas and happy 2022.

Christmas PROGRAMME 2021



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MUSEUM OF KING JAN II PALACE AT WILANÓW

9/10/2021 - 27/02/2022

ROYAL GARDEN OF LIGHT

The Royal Garden of Light at the Wilanów Palace is an outdoor exhibition where thousands of multi-colored diodes have been shaped into artful light sculptures. Our installations are bound to brighten up dull wintry evenings, and satisfy kids and adults alike!

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NATIONAL PALACE OF PENA

04/12/2021 - 06/01/2022

“THE PINE TREE OF PENA”

Since 2019, the National Palace of Pena celebrates Christmas with the historical reconstruction of the Christmas Tree of Ferdinand II – the “Pine Tree of Pena”. Ferdinand II, who was the monarch responsible for the construction of this Palace, is recognized as the historical figure that introduced the habit of evoking the festive season with a decorated pine tree to the Portuguese court.

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MAINAU ISLAND

24/11/2021 - 9/01/2022

CHRISTMAS GARDEN INSEL MAINAU

As twilight falls, the magic begins. It won't be gloomy and dark on Mainau Island this winter. The Christmas Garden brings – in fact and also literally – light into the dark season and invites you to take a deep breath and enjoy the anticipation of Christmas in peace and quiet. The Christmas Garden Insel Mainau is a pre-Christmas paradise where friends, couples and the whole family can spend an evening in an idyllic and festive atmosphere. The Christmas Garden will take you on an almost two-kilometer-long circular walk across the flower island of Mainau with numerous glittering illuminations into a magical Christmas world.

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HISTORICAL GARDEN OF PARC SAMÀ

17/12/2021 - 5/01/2022 (Except days 24, 25)

II EDITION CHRISTMAS GARDEN MARKET

The Christmas Garden Market returns to the Historic Garden of Parc Samà from next Friday, December 17. Families will find a large nativity scene, and the little ones can leave their letter in the large mailbox of the Three Wise Men located at the foot of the palace steps. On Saturday 18, from 6 p.m., children's entertainment activities are planned. During the day, visitors will enjoy 14 hectares of freedom in the open air, surrounded by nature, with the inspiration of Christmas music in the background and the attractive market. At dusk, in an enclosure reduced to 5 hectares, the light show begins, combined with classical music in the palace, and as a novelty this year, a luminous itinerary to the turret of the lake.

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HERRENHAUSEN GARDEN

18/12/2021 - 19/12/2021

CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN HERRENHAUSEN

The Lower Saxony State Orchestra of Hannover has been playing its Christmas concert in the Herrenhausen gallery building for many years, this year with two dates on the Saturday before the 4th Advent, as a benefit concert for the Orchestra Foundation. Andreas Sperling, one of the leading specialists in historically informed performance practice, will conduct the concert. The program ranges from Agostino Steffani's last opera "Tassilone", composed for Düsseldorf in 1709, to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Latin motet "Exsultate jubilate" - a showpiece for every opera singer. [Read more](#)



SERRALVES PARK

20, 23, 27, 31/12/2021

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN SERRALVES

Holidays in Serralves is a program of playful-pedagogical workshops aimed at children and young people between 4 and 14 years old. In contact with the Park and Quinta Urbana, children are invited to explore these spaces through their involvement in activities that value curiosity and creativity, experimentation and group living. This Holidays Camp, which takes place over a week (mornings and/or afternoons), offers challenges in the field of experimental sciences, movement and expression. The Thematic Workshops comprise sequential sessions lasting 3 hours in the Environment thematic axis. [Read more](#)



LA ALHAMBRA

24/12/2021 - 5/01/2022

GUIDED TOURS AT CHRISTMAS

The Alhambra offers new guided tours at Christmas to bring its heritage monument closer to families.

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