



Join the festive spirit at Winchester's Christmas Market

Always a magical experience, the festive season in Winchester will be truly memorable this year, with the iconic Coca Cola Christmas truck set to take centre stage for one night only at the heart of the city.

For the first time ever, the Coca Cola truck and choir will be visiting the city centre on its 45-stop tour of the UK, arriving in Winchester High Street on Thursday 17th December, with activities from 12 noon to 8pm.

This year marks the 10th Cathedral Christmas market and ice rink and, in an effort to offer more family fun, the Visit Winchester team will be hosting a Father Christmas grotto, based on artwork in the children's picture book 'The Night Before Christmas' by internationally-renowned children's illustrator Christian Birmingham.

Pre-bookable tickets, priced at £5 per person, are available between 10am and 1.15pm, and from 1.15pm to 4.30pm the grotto will be operating on a first-come first-served basis.



Founded in 2006, Winchester's Christmas Market is inspired by traditional German Christmas markets and attracts more than 350,000 visitors each year. The pretty wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic close surrounding an open-air real ice rink. All exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high-quality and unique products - many of which can't be bought on the high street.

The Christmas market will be running from Thursday 19th November to Tuesday 22nd December, open every day from 10am-6pm (Sunday to Wednesday) and 10am-7.30pm from Thursday to Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Tourist Information Centre is hosting the Winchester Charity Christmas Card volunteers for the second year.

More park and ride services will also be available throughout the festive season.



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