



„Most beautiful *Christmas Market* of North Rhine-Westphalia“  
 \* Nominated and honored with the award for “The most beautiful Christmas Market” in North Rhine-Westphalia by the TV station WDR 2011.

**Friendly and warm atmosphere for your private Christmas event:**

Enjoy enchanting and unforgettable hours at the “Romantic Christmas Market” at Merode castle! Celebrate with your own private Christmas party. Choose between the ancient vaulted-ceilinged chamber below the castle called “Kerkerstüberl”, the former dungeon of the castle (reservations for meals with up to 30 guests are possible). Another option is the very cozy “Skihütte” in Bavarian alp design (reservations for meals up to 50 guests are possible). Everything is designed to make you enjoy a wonderful time at the „Romantic Christmas Market“.

**Opening hours: 26-11 to 20-12-2015**  
 wednesdays & thursdays from 2 pm to 8 pm  
 fridays from 2 pm to 9 pm  
 saturdays from 2 pm to 10 pm  
 sundays from 12 am to 8 pm

**Entrance fee:**  
 wednesdays to saturdays: 6,50 €  
 sundays: 7,00 €  
 Children (aged 6 to 16): 2,00 €  
 \* Disabled persons with valid card 2,00 €  
 Happy hour: 3,50 €  
 Season ticket: 20,00 €  
 Reduced tickets for groups:  
 Groups of 10 will get 1 free ticket (9+1)

The accompanying adult is free when the need for constant company is marked on the card with a “B”

**Wednesday:**  
 50% on entrance fee  
 50% on one “Kinderpunsch” or on one “Glühwein”

**Further information:** [www.weihnachtsmarkt-merode.de](http://www.weihnachtsmarkt-merode.de)  
**Organisation:**  
 ARGE Weihnachtsmarkt Merode  
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*Romantic Christmas Market*

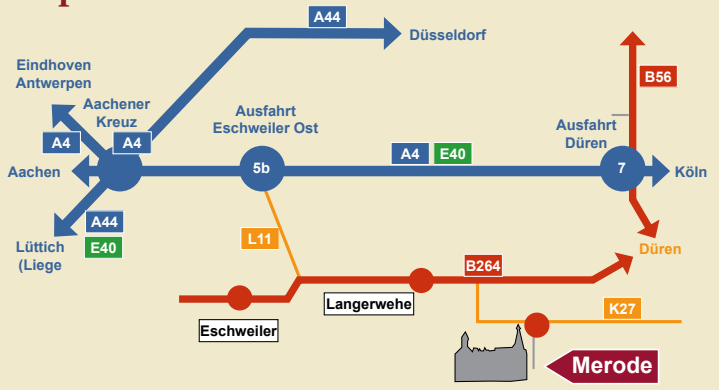
with Traditional Handicraft at “Merode Castle”

**26th November – 20th December 2015**

Open from wednesday until sunday during Advent



**Map:**



Schloss Merode | Eifelstraße | D - 52379 Langerwehe



“Enjoy the Spirit of Christmas with an unforgettable visit to “Merode Castle!”



Again this year, during the Advent season, Prince Charles-Louis de Merode is opening the gates of his castle for the Romantic Christmas Market. This market, with its traditional hand-crafted items, won first place as the finest Christmas market of NRW in 2011.

Surrounded by picturesque scenery and a natural park, the visitors will be welcomed to an idyllic village composed of lovely, decorated wooden Christmas stalls.

### Getting in the Christmas mood

An impressive Christmas tree will be in the castle court. Thousands of candles, torches, and lanterns will be illuminating the castle grounds.

Many craftsmen, including wood workers, blacksmiths, candle makers, glass blowers, basket weavers, potters, crèche makers, and spoon carvers, will be producing, displaying, and offering for sale their creations.

All over the property bon fires will radiate warmth, creating a cozy atmosphere. “Feuerzangenbowle”, a traditional hot drink and regional specialty, will be brewed in large caldrons.

The delicious aroma of hot wine and the fragrance of local foods and sweets will be wafting through the winter air. A warm, calm retreat can be found in the castle’s café with its rooms abundant in history, where visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee or a cocoa punch, as well as a piece of “Christstollen”, a Christmas cake or other baked goodies.

### The Long Night of Lights (11-12 & 19-12)

This year again, on Friday 11th and Saturday 19th December, a moving light show will take place at nightfall.

### Saint Lucia celebration (12-12 & 13-12)

On Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December, according to ancient tradition, St. Lucia robed in white with a crown of candles will walk through the market. The bring of throwing stars or lanterns allows anyone to participate at the procession.

### The Christmas Angel and program for children

The visitors will have the opportunity to see the Christmas Angel appearing in a tower window, reciting lovely Christmas poems. The Christmas

story from the Scriptures can also be viewed through lighted pictures. In addition the children can see charming Punch and Judy shows. A nostalgic child merry-go-round will provide our youngest visitors with great entertainment. They also have the opportunity to pat live animals in the manger scene.

### Every Advent weekend will highlight a special feature

Besides the traditional church blessing of the market and of the nativity scene on the opening night, besides the visit of Santa Claus on the 2nd Advent and the procession of Saint Lucia on the 3rd Advent is the “Long Night of Lights” on 3rd and 4th Advent certainly a very special highlight. On the 4th weekend of Advent there will be a great surprise for the visitors. A wonderful join-in nativity play will get adults and children in the right mood for the Holy Night!

For more information on the framework program please refer to the homepage [www.schlossmerode.de](http://www.schlossmerode.de)

