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Christmas tree from Antdorf set up on the Marienplatz

This year, a Christmas tree from the Upper Bavarian district of Weilheim-Schongau is the landmark of the Christkindlmarkt (Christmas market) on Marienplatz (Main square). The 44-year-old coastal fir comes from the 1,400-inhabitant municipality of Antdorf, is 23 meters high, weighs 5.5 tons and has an impressive 82 centimetres in diameter at the lower trunk.

Previously, the fir tree stood in the hamlet of Breunetsried, three kilometers east of the main village of Antdorf. The felling was necessary because the fir tree was standing between buildings and posed a potential risk due to its size.

The tree was felled on Monday, November 4, and carefully loaded onto a heavy transport vehicle. During the night of November 6, the transport set off on the 60-kilometer journey to Munich. The Christmas tree arrived at Marienplatz early on Wednesday morning. From 6 a.m., a team from Munich's professional fire department used heavy equipment to ensure that the tree was erected and lowered by crane into the two-meter-deep hole in the ground in front of the Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall), where it was wedged into place. A staff of the street lighting division in the Baureferat (city's construction department) will decorate the tree with fairy lights over the next few days. Once again, energy-saving LED lighting will be used.



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The grand opening of the traditional Christkindlmarkt will take place on November 25 at 5 pm. As part of the opening ceremony, Lord Mayor Dieter Reiter and the Mayor of Antdorf, Klaus Kostalek, will officially hand over the tree donation to the people of Munich - accompanied by the ringing of Old Peter's bell.

The Antdorf local associations will be running a mulled wine stand in the inner courtyard of the town hall until December 23. In addition to mulled wine, regional delicacies are also on offer.

The Christmas tree with its approximately 3,400 lights will shine in festive splendor until January 7, 2025. In order to save even more energy by using LED technology, the lights will not be switched on in the morning this year either, but only from dusk at around 4.00 pm until 8.15 am the next morning. The tree will be taken down on January 9. It remains to be seen what "career" the tree will continue after its deployment on Marienplatz.

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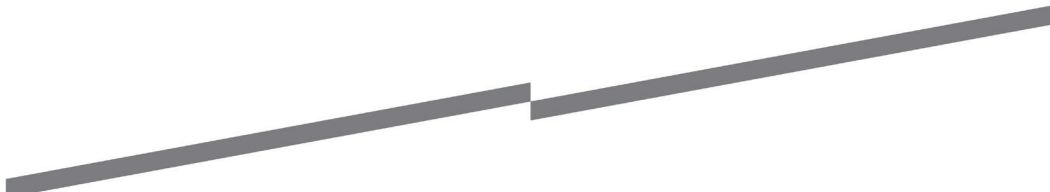
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