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OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET AT WISCONSIN'S OSTHOFF RESORT IS ABSOLUTELY MAGICAL

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (October 20, 2015) – If you're the kind of shopper who eschews generic gift cards and made-by-the-millions products for artisan-crafted finds and tradition-rich gifts, then do get to the Old World Christmas Market at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wis. this year.

The 10-day run of the Market begins Friday, December 4 and wraps up Sunday, December 13 and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For those who have never been, this is Wisconsin's take on the centuries-old Christkindlesmarkt of Nüremberg, Germany, complete with fresh pine trees, twinkling lights, more than 70 timber booths filled with the wares of artisans from around the world, food court, and an appearance by Father Christmas, all staged in a heated tent the size of a football field. For details, log on to <u>www.ChristmasMarketAtOsthoff.com</u> or call 877.517.4596. Admission is \$6 per adult,



with children 14 and under receiving complimentary admission with an adult ticketholder. Discounted ticket prices for groups of 10 or more are available. The resort is located at 101 Osthoff Avenue.

Now let's get to that shopping list:

- For Mom: Woolen cape from Estonia, fashionable fur accessories, amber jewelry, alpaca sweater, Turkish textiles.
- For Dad: German cuckoo clock, carved nutcracker, gourmet chocolates. New this year pewter sculptures.
- For Grandparents: New this year homemade jams and jellies. Pair with a wreath of fresh greens.
- For Best Friends: Turkish pashmina shawl, stained glass, German lace.
- For Neighbors: Czech blown-glass ornaments, homemade candles and soaps.
- For Collectors: Russian nesting dolls, hand-painted Russian Santas, Polish pottery, Scandinavian items.

To keep energy levels up and spirits high, make your way to the Old World food court while at the Market, where you'll find Nüremberg bratwurst made from a secret recipe, sauerbraten, potato pancakes, roasted almonds and apple strudel. Warm up with a hot glühwein or a hot cocoa. New this year – authentic Bavarian soft pretzels.

Overnight Packages

The AAA Four Diamond Osthoff Resort offers a holiday package during the run of the Christmas Market that includes a one-night stay and two tickets to the Market with rates starting at \$154 plus tax (premium rates on weekends apply). For reservations, call 800.876.3399 or book online at www.Osthoff.com.



Also During the Run of the Market

Let's not leave out the little ones, as there are magical happenings just for them.

- Children's Holiday Workshops December 5, 12 & 19, 2015: Cookie decorating, hayrides, and ornament-making workshops for children (ages 4-10) assisted by Mrs. Claus.
- Holiday Hayrides December 5, 12 & 19, 2015: Horse-drawn wagon rides, hot chocolate, and Christmas carols.
- **Breakfast with Santa Claus December 5, 12 & 19, 2015**: A festive knee-high breakfast buffet in honor of Santa Claus. Children will receive a special gift from the jolly old elf.
- **Brunch with St. Nicholas and His Reindeer December 6 & 13, 2015**: Bring along your last-minute wish list. Accompanying St. Nicholas is one of his trusty reindeer!

About The Osthoff Resort

The Osthoff is a AAA Four Diamond property featuring elegant suites and guestrooms, a stunning lakefront setting, two restaurants, Aspira Spa, L'ecole de la Maison cooking school, year-round recreation, spa and gift boutiques, and grand conference rooms and meeting spaces. It is located just one hour north of Milwaukee, less than two hours from Madison and approximately three hours from Chicago. The Osthoff was named one of the "Top 500 Hotels and Resorts in the World for 2014" by the readers of *Travel + Leisure* magazine.

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