



Market Statute

of the Ancient Trance Festival

Version from December 15, 2025

Please read the market statute carefully before applying.

All prices are exclusive of the statutory VAT of 19%.

What's new in 2026:

The well-known cashless payment system will continue at the festival in 2026. Participation in this system is mandatory for all food and beverage vendors. All other market stalls may offer this payment method optionally.

Cash payments will still be possible throughout the site in parallel.

All children of market vendors aged 12-15 can receive a free ticket upon request. Children up to 11 years old do not need a ticket anyway.

There is a new solidarity rate for instrument makers.

Special conditions apply for the location at the Taucha marketplace "Market of Opportunities" (MdM).

The previous percentage deductions from net sales often caused confusion and complicated accounting. Therefore, from now on, the basic principle applies to the stand fee: simply percentage from sales.

Please camp if possible. We have space for only one vehicle per stand. For additional nearby parking spaces, please buy caravan tickets in advance via the ticket shop. Otherwise, additional vehicles must be parked in the regular ATF visitor parking areas.

We cannot dispose of hazardous waste (e.g., frying oil). Please take such waste back with you.

Attention: You must strictly follow the instructions of the market team.

Registration Form

Filling out the registration form is mandatory each year to participate in the application process for the market at the Ancient Trance Festival.

Filling out the form alone does not guarantee a stall.

Only after written confirmation by the organizer and the transfer of your market fees does the registration become legally binding.

Our Prices and Tariffs

All prices are exclusive of the statutory VAT.

We will issue two invoices: one before the festival ("Pre-invoice") and one immediately afterward ("Sales invoice").

The pre-invoice includes an advance payment of the sales share, a flat fee for electricity and infrastructure, and possibly water and wastewater charges.

The sales invoice is based on the stand fees for each category and will be billed afterward after deducting the already paid advance (excluding electricity and water).

The advance payment can only be offset. If the sales share is lower than the advance, it will not be refunded. Also, in case of a short-notice cancellation by the vendor, we do not refund the pre-invoice amount.

Showcase Tariff

For craft artisans who produce their goods themselves and showcase them at the market.

No sales invoice afterward

Prepayment: €55 plus 19% VAT

Inclusive tickets: 1

Optional participation in the cashless system

Solidarity Tariff for Instrument Makers

Only for instrument makers who produce their goods themselves.

No prepayment or advance payment

Stand fee: 7% of sales

Inclusive tickets: 2

Optional participation in the cashless system

Crafts Tariff

For all artisans who produce their goods 100% themselves.*

Stand fee: 7% of sales, at least €75 on all festival grounds

MdM location: 2% of sales, at least €35

Prepayment: €35 or €75 + possibly electricity plus 19% VAT

Inclusive tickets: 1

Optional participation in the cashless system

**The market management reserves the right, even retroactively and without giving reasons, to switch applicants in this tariff to the "Trade/Non-Food" tariff.*

Trade/Non-Food Tariff

For everything purchased that is not self-produced.

Stand fee: 12% of sales, at least €140 on all festival grounds

MdM location: 7% of sales, at least €90

Prepayment: €140 or €90 plus possibly electricity plus 19% VAT

Inclusive tickets: 2

Optional participation in the cashless system

Gastronomy Tariff

Stand fee: 15% of sales, at least €170 on all festival grounds

MdM location: 10% of sales, at least €130

Prepayment: €170 or €130 plus possibly electricity and water/wastewater plus 19% VAT

Inclusive tickets: 3

Mandatory participation in the cashless system

Tickets for Staff

Additional tickets cost €100 plus 7% VAT (€107) and can be ordered approximately 2 months before the festival via a personal link.

Additional Costs

Tariffs for Performances, Crafts, and Solidarity:

The surcharge is €15 for a maximum power of 1kW. We provide one SchuKo connection.

Trade Tariff

The surcharge is €35 for a maximum power of 2.5kW. We provide one SchuKo connection.

Gastronomy Tariff

SchuKo: €50 per connection box (max 3.5kW)

High Power 16A CEE: € 120,- per connection box (max. 10,5kW)

High Power 32A CEE: € 220,- per connection box (max. 21kW)

Water connection: € 25,-

Wastewater connection: € 25,-

Space Allocation and Stand Location

Space allocation is done upon arrival after presenting the registration confirmation.

The stand location is non-negotiable.

We rely on your exact specified stand dimensions.

Driving on the Festival Grounds

Access is only allowed for setup, teardown, and goods delivery. These can be done from Thursday, July 6, 2026, to Sunday, August 9, 2026, between 6-9 AM.

From 9 AM onwards, driving on the grounds is prohibited.

Vehicles cannot stay at the stand during setup. Please unload quickly, then leave and set up.

All cars/trucks can be parked in a separate lot. Vehicles or buses at the stand are not allowed; trailers only by arrangement. Please keep this in mind during setup.

Setup and Takedown

Setup is possible from Tuesday, August 4, 2026, starting at 12 noon until Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 12 noon. (From Thursday at 9 AM, every vehicle must have vacated the area.)

Takedown begins Sunday after the end of concerts and closing ceremony, no earlier than midnight in the parking areas.

Exceptions for setup or takedown are only possible with prior arrangement and written confirmation by July 31, 2026.

Market Times

Market hours are from Thursday, July 31, 2025, starting at 12 noon, until Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 10 PM. The market is closed between 1 AM and 8 AM.

Please align your opening hours with the stage program, which can only be finalized a few weeks before the festival.

At minimum, the market should be open during these times:

Schöppenteich location: Thursday 3-11 PM / Friday + Saturday 10 AM - 11 PM / Sunday 10 AM - 11 PM

Festwiese location: Thursday 1 PM - 10 PM / Friday + Saturday 10 AM - 11 PM / Sunday 10 AM - 9 PM

MdM location: Thursday 3-9 PM / Friday + Saturday 9 AM - 10 PM / Sunday 10 AM - 6 PM

Camping site: Thursday-Monday daily from 8 AM to 2 PM

All times are subject to change.

Power and Water Connections

Supply must be registered in advance.

Power

Only cables, appliances, and distributors at least splash-proof (IP44) are permitted.*

Water:

All drinking water lines must be DVGW-approved*. We provide 3/4" connections. Allow at least 20 meters of line to the next distributor.

**Our electricians and installers are authorized to disconnect vendors' supply if their systems do not meet safety standards or maximum allowed consumption, especially if repeated faults occur.*

For Order, Safety, and Cleanliness

...each stand operator is responsible for their area. Food vendors, please bring your own trash bins!

Use certified compostable tableware

Gastronomy providers **must** use reusable or compostable dishes and cutlery. We reserve the right to check this.

We no longer want traditional disposable products at the festival.

Guests' own dishes

Gastronomy vendors are encouraged to serve food and drinks in guest-provided dishes, provided they are of appropriate size and cleanliness. They should prepare for this in their workflow.

Reusable / dishwashing rebate

We suggest offering discounts for food and drinks served in guest-provided dishes, if you do not already use reusable tableware.

Glassware

We want to dance barefoot until the end, so no glassware should be in circulation.

Recycling

Our recycling team, the Trashpandas, will contact you during setup and provide trash bags for sorting, especially if needed, and for further coordination. We appreciate your efforts in sorting your waste.

Please do not leave hazardous waste (e.g., frying oil) on the site.

Contractually Agreed Goods Offer

It is mandatory to adhere to the goods offered as agreed.

A balanced product range and fair cooperation with other vendors require following our agreements regarding your offered goods.

Particularly, goods not explicitly listed in your registration but offered nonetheless require our confirmation.

We reserve the right to exclude goods from sale if this rule is violated. The market team's interpretation is final.

Liability Risk

The stand operator bears full liability for their stand and must have appropriate insurance and comply with all hygiene and legal requirements.

A business registration and liability insurance are mandatory and must be provided before the event.

The operator must secure their goods and valuables around the clock. People will be on the festival grounds at night as well.

Attention: If some provisions are invalid or unenforceable, either before or after the contract, the validity of the rest remains unaffected. An invalid provision should be replaced with a valid one that comes closest to the intended economic purpose.

Invitations and cancellations will be sent no later than after the registration deadline, by April 15, 2026. Please refrain from asking beforehand.

We look forward to colorful, imaginative booth concepts!

Show us why you should be part of it :-)