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GERMANY'S  
CHRISTMAS MARKETS:  
SIMPLY WUNDERBAR!

HAPPY HOLIDAY TRAVELS AROUND VIETNAM



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**WHO: The BFF**

**WHERE: Peacock Boutique, 35 Ton That Thiep, D1.**

Once you want to find something a little bit dramatic, which fits well with your confidant and outgoing friend, stop by Peacock shop. This is a decadent feminine boutique which feels almost like Moulin Rouge dancers could pop out of the changing room at any time. Prime location, with an interesting selection of women's clothes. Designed and produced in Vietnam.



**WHO: The Exacting Aunt**

**WHERE: MH Craft, 58 Dong Du, D1.**

Besides clothing, you can also present the ones you love with something more peticular. MH Craft owns a profuse collection of fine handicrafts, artworks, furniture and decorative items made of Vietnamese traditional materials from buffalo horn to bamboo, eggshell and more. These are really special presents on Christmas occasion because they can be used for decorating house and carry a lot of moral value.



**WHO: The Lepidopterologist**

**WHERE: Wing Art, 208 Bui Vien, D1.**

It is an art gallery that sells art made out of monarch butterfly wings. The gallery is amazing and the artwork is so reasonable. You would be shocking at how inexpensive they are. The artwork is about \$45 US for a 12x15 and with a frame, an additional \$5 US. Altogether I spent \$186 US for 4 pieces. This will be an interesting experience for shopping once you've had enough with common gifts as usual people often give to each other. Imagine how your husband or boyfriend would be surprised when receiving such art things.



**WHO: The Gourmand**

**WHERE: Bacchus Corner, 158D Pasteur, D1. bacchuscorner.com**

The team serving here really knows a lot about wine and others alcohols. There are many products for all budgets and you can even taste wine like in a wine bar at an affordable price). It is very classy but not snob. In the shop, they do not only sell wines but also many other alcohols. For instance : vodka, tequila, rhum... If you are an amateur you will appreciate this wide choice. Come and buy some as gifts for your lover or husband and you two could spend a wonderful Christmas Eve together. There are products for all budgets.



**WHO: The Fashion Diva**

**WHERE: Gucci, 88 Dong Khoi, D1 or 63 Ly Thai To, Hanoi. gucci.com**

Festive mood is spreading all over the town in celebration of the approaching sparkling Christmas and prosperous New Year. Christmas trees, Santa Claus, blossoming flowers and vibrant melodies are heating up another season of fun and joy. For this special spirit, Gucci Vietnam will officially be celebrating this season of festivals with the kicking-off Sales starting from December 6th 2010. This exclusive Fall Winter sales feature discount on numerous items under categories of handbags, shoes, wallets, belts, large leather goods, small leather goods, jewelry and other Gucci accessories.



**WHO: The Eco-Chic Cousin**

**WHERE: Villa Anupa, 17/27 Le Thanh Ton, D1. anupa.net**

Nothing says "beautiful, sustainable designs" than an Anupa creation. Go online at anupa.net to browse her sophisticated and modern fashions and accessories from women's clothes, sparkling obsidian jewellery and men's accessories to the new iPad laptop mini bags for him and her.



**WHO: The Princess**

**WHERE: ER Couture, 43 Thao Dien, An Phu D2. er-couture.com**

Looking for the perfect holiday frock? Stop into ER Couture and browse through Roloskov's elegant and sophisticated options. ER-Couture's first collection of leather bags is in store too! Check out the new wrap, imitated crocodile bag in cow leather; the perfect little stocking stuffer. ■