Take the tram to Edinburgh's Christmas — the market opens today

Edinburgh is about to host one of the UK's most popular winter wonderlands, and the city's multiaward-winning tram network is gearing up to help visitors make the most of the acclaimed Christmas Market in Princes Street Gardens.

The nearest tram stop on Princes Street is just a few minutes' walk away from the selection of stalls and other festive attractions from this Friday.

Just over a week later, on 23 November, St Andrew Square will welcome the big man in the red suit — Father Christmas who will be offering little ones the chance to hear his incredible stories.

The excitement will continue to build over the coming weeks as George Street, which is within easy walking distance of St Andrew Square tram stop, is transformed into an incredible ice bar from Monday 25 November.

Jamie Swift, Edinburgh Trams' Marketing Manager, said: "Christmas lovers are in for a fantastic start of the season as the Star Flyer, the Big Wheel, and the wonderful market make an early return this year.

"Clearly, as the big day approaches, roads in and around the city will be extremely busy. With parking in short supply, the tram is an even more attractive way to get around over the festive season.

"Those driving from beyond the city can take advantage of the Ingliston Park & Ride facility, which has over a thousand free parking spaces available as well as its own tram stop."

Anyone heading for the attractions can save a few pounds by purchasing their tram tickets in advance, including a host of 'multi-day' tickets, and more information can be found on the operator's official ticketing website.

