

Event Highlights 2025



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Braunschweig

Events

■ Applause Garden | 28/05 – 29/06

In the garden of Hofbrauhaus Wolters brewery, visitors can enjoy a variety of concerts in a relaxed atmosphere. Regional and national artists such as TOM TWERS, NURA, and Giovanni Zarrella invite guests to dance and celebrate the start of summer.

■ ATP Challenger Tournament – BraWo Open | 03/07 – 12/07

Professional tennis and a lively atmosphere await visitors at the ATP Challenger Tournament BraWo Open. During the day, players compete on the tennis court, while in the evening, party music and live performances ensure great entertainment.

■ Volksbank BraWo Stage 09/08 – 17/08

Two weekends full of music: This year, the Volksbank BraWo Stage at Raffteichbad will feature performances by Provinz, Jan Delay, Kontra K, and Johannes Oerding, creating an unforgettable atmosphere in an idyllic setting.

■ Burgplatz Open Air „La Traviata“

23/08 – 10/09

Love, jealousy, and tragedy: The Staatstheater Braunschweig presents Giuseppe Verdi's opera *La Traviata* at this year's Burgplatz Open Air, set in the impressive surroundings between Dankwarderode Castle and St. Blasii Cathedral.

■ 39th Braunschweig International Film Festival | 10/11 – 16/11

A celebration of global cinema: The 39th Braunschweig International Film Festival invites movie lovers to experience international films on the big screen. A highlight of the festival is the prestigious award ceremony.

www.braunschweig.de/veranstaltungen

Christmas market

26/11 – 29/12

In the historic ensemble around the St. Blasii Cathedral, numerous craftspeople and market traders with lovingly decorated stalls invite you to linger and enjoy. A cultural programme for all ages accompanies the Braunschweig Christmas market.



Events

■ Anniversary Year: 250 years Caroline Mathilde Throughout the year, starting in January



Celle celebrates the 250th anniversary of Caroline Mathilde, the Danish queen who made Celle her home after living in London and Copenhagen. Numerous events will honor her life, legacy, and strong connection to Celle and its castle. More information is available at: www.250jahre-carolinemathilde.de

■ Hygge – Nordic Summer at the Castle 07 – 09/06

To mark the 250th anniversary of Caroline Mathilde, the castle park will transform into a Scandinavian-themed park, offering everything a Nordic heart desires.

■ Celle Wine Market | 22 – 27/07

Riesling and Rioja, white and red, jazz and swing, tarte flambée and bratwurst, chatting and dancing – all this is the Celle Wine Market. Variety, enjoyment and joie de vivre and a daily changing music programme in the heart of Celle's old town centre.

■ Classic cars & Half-Timbered Houses 10/08

Every two years, Celle's breathtaking half-timbered cityscape becomes the backdrop for northern Germany's largest and most beautiful classic car gathering, featuring over 1,000 vintage vehicles.

Christmas market

24/11 – 28/12

The historic old town of Celle with its pretty half-timbered houses is predestined for an atmospheric Christmas market. With a mulled wine or punch in your hand, you can listen here at Celle Christmas market to trombone choirs and concerts with family and friends- You are guaranteed to get into the Christmas spirit.



Celle

■ City festival | 19 + 20/09

The popular City festival, voluntarily organised, is held in the beautiful Old Town centre on three stages (castle/railway/Old Town Hall), each with different music genres over two days and is free of charge.

■ Medieval market | 31/10 – 02/11

Medieval traders sell their wares in front of Celle Palace, craftsmen such as blacksmiths, potters and jewellery makers introduce their craft. Magicians, heralds and music entertain the visitors. With Sunday shopping.

www.celle-tourismus.de/veranstaltungen





Einbeck

Events

■ Kulturkrafttage | 20 – 23/03

This unique cultural event combines music and literature in a special way thanks to captivating artists.

■ Spring Market | 28 – 31/03

For more than 100 years, spring has been traditionally welcomed in Einbeck. A festival for the whole family with gourmet and amusement stalls and an open Sunday.

■ Einbeck Brewery Courtyard festival 26/04

The annual party highlight organised by Einbecker Brauhaus AG with a festive bock beer tapping ceremony and live music.

■ Old-Opel Meeting | 10 – 11/05

For the fourth time, the Old-Opel Classic Tour will take place on May 10, culminating in the historic city center with fascinating tourist highlights.

■ Bierstadtlauf (beer run) | 17/05

A unique running event for all ages, featuring different race distances.

■ Classic Car days | 04 – 06/07

Traditional classic car rally, parade through the city centre with mobility mile and open Sunday for the 10th anniversary of the PS.SPEICHER.

■ Einbeck Music Night | 06/09

Live music at its finest: from classical to blues, rock, and pop, the city center of Einbeck becomes a stage for a vibrant night of music.

■ Einbeck Owl Festival | 10 – 12/10

The largest town festival in southern Lower Saxony attracts visitors with colourful market stalls in historic alleys, music on many stages and Sunday shopping.

www.einbeck-tourismus.de

Christmas market

26/11 – 29/12

Einbeck Christmas Village: Atmospheric Christmas market in a historical backdrop



Events

■ Tour d' Energie | 27/04

The „Tour d'Energie“ in Göttingen, a cycling race for all, is one of the biggest events of its kind with over 3,200 participants. www.tourdenergie.de

■ International Handel Festival 16 – 25/05

The International Handel festival brings together artists and guests from all over the world and set the city in an extraordinary festival atmosphere. www.haendel-festspiele.de

■ Night of Culture | 14/06

At the night of culture numerous Göttingen's cultural institutions are taking part with a wide range of different programmes. A great atmosphere in the city is created by the open air concert of the Göttingen Symphony Orchestra at the Market Square. www.einkaufen-in-goettingen.de

■ Göttingen Summer of culture June – August

The Göttingen Summer of Culture entertains with cabaret, literature, music and theatre and brings renowned artists to the city. www.kultursommer.goettingen.de

■ Gänselieselfest (City festival) | 28/09

In addition to the open Sunday and the election of the Miss Gänseliesel the 28th Gänselieselfest (festival around the goose girl fountain) offers a varied programme with activities to take part in, watch or simply to enjoy. www.einkaufen-in-goettingen.de

Christmas market

24/11 – 29/12

The Göttingen Christmas Market invites you in the middle of the Old Town to get in the mood for the Christmas season. Over 70 stalls offer arts and crafts and Christmas decorations as well as culinary delights and mulled wine variations.

www.goettingen-tourismus.de/weihnachtsmarkt



Göttingen

■ Göttingen Literary Autumn 18/10 – 02/11

Adjacent to the renowned Frankfurt Book Fair, the Göttingen Literary Autumn presents the latest from the German and international literary scene. Multiple award-winning writers, guests from all over the world and the young German literary scene present their latest works and enter into dialogue with the audience. www.literaturherbst.com

www.goettingen-tourismus.de





Goslar

Events

■ Walpurgis | 30.04.

On the night of 1 May, the Harz becomes mystical when the witches and devils make their mischief on the market square and welcome the spring in memory of Saint Walburga. Festival with Live Music and open Sunday.

■ Garden festival | 04/05

At the Jakobi Churchyard, gardening enthusiasts can find inspiration and tips for the new gardening season and can buy gardening tools, plants and decorations directly on site. In addition, visitors can expect a colourful supporting programme in a in a spring-like atmosphere.

■ Markmen and funfair | 04 - 13/07

Fast-paced rides, a traditional pot and kram market and tasty snack offers ensure fun for the whole family on the more than 80,000 m² large Osterfeld.

■ Handicraft Market | 02 + 03/08

Stroll, browse, find treasures! Numerous craftsmen present their works in the alleys and on the squares of the historic old town.

■ Vienenburg Lake Festival | 08 - 10/08

A real sandy beach provides relaxation and a South Sea feeling. Incl. live music, activities for children, a rubber dinghy race, and much more.

■ Imperial Palace Open-Air Concerts

15 + 16/08

Against the historic backdrop of the Imperial Palace, concert highlights featuring Völkerball and Ben Zucker will take place. Get your tickets now!

■ Old Town Festival | 12 - 14/09

Live music, gastronomic variety, arts and crafts and numerous activities for children promise a varied programme. With an open Sunday.

■ Imperial Market | 03 - 05/10

Minstrels, knights, and merchants gather at the Kaisermarkt, creating a medieval atmosphere for the whole family.

www.meingoslar.de

Christmas market

26/11 - 30/12

Romantically framed by the backdrop of the market square 60 lovingly decorated wooden huts invite you to stroll and feast. The fairytale Christmas forest, in the middle of the historic old town, is a cosy place to drink punch, meet friends and enjoy the Advent season. In the middle of 60 large, romantically illuminated fir trees on a fragrant forest floor, your visit will be a contemplative event.



Events

■ Mystica Hameln - Medieval and fantasy spectacle | 07 - 09/03

A medieval and fantasy spectacle where knights, craftsmen, merchants, jesters, and musicians meet elves, wizards, pirates, trolls, and forest fairies.

■ Pied Piper Open-Air Play

11/05 - 14/09, every Sunday at 12:00 PM

The legendary tale of the Pied Piper brought to life as an open-air theater performance - free of charge.

■ Pied Piper Musical "RATS"

28/05 - 03/09, every Wednesday at 4:30 PM

A humorous interpretation of the Pied Piper legend, performed open-air and free of charge.

■ Hameln "Come as You Are!"

01/06 - 20/08

Colourful seating areas are placed throughout the historic old town, inviting visitors to relax. The „KlimaKiste“ (Climate Box) offers a cool retreat while encouraging reflection on urban climate change.

■ Wine Festival | 17 - 19/07

Three days of celebration with live music and exquisite wines.

■ Pflasterfest | 29 - 31/08

The region's biggest city festival transforms Hameln into a musical party mile, featuring everything from rock to punk.

Christmas market

24/11 - 23/12 & 27/12 - 30/12

Hameln attracts ... especially at Christmas time! Every year, the magnificently illuminated buildings of the Weser Renaissance and charming half-timbered houses with lovingly decorated shops form the unique backdrop of Hameln's Christmas market.

60 individually designed stands and the huge pyramid are set in a Christmassy scene. Colourful and cheerful, the Pied Piper parades through the streets with the visitors, and in the theatre the „Musical-Winter Hameln“ attracts visitors with a spectacular stage show. Let yourself be enchanted by Hameln and its fabulous attractions.



Hameln

■ Autumn Market | 03 - 05/10

The historic old town transforms into a bustling market scene. Experience traditional craftsmanship, from blacksmithing and pottery to basket weaving and leatherworking, while the harvest crown is beautifully crafted.

■ Musical "The Pope Joan" | 12 - 31/12

A new staging of Donna W. Cross's worldwide bestseller returns to the Hameln theater stage. Power, intrigue, and love shape Johanna's adventurous journey in the 8th century, leading to her rise as Pope Joan.

www.hameln.de





Hannover

Events

- **700 Years of Garden Culture – 350 Years of Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen** | *All Year Round*

Hannover, City of Gardens: The city boasts a unique cultural heritage with parks, gardens, and cemeteries representing the most important epochs of garden art since the 14th century. At the heart of the numerous events is the Great Garden in Herrenhausen.

- **Evangelischer Kirchentag (Evangelical Church Congress)** | *30/04 – 04/05*

Under the motto „Courageous – Strong – Warm-hearted“, Hannover will become a gathering place for thousands of people for five days, featuring more than 1,500 events.

- **33rd Int. Fireworks Competition**

17/05, 14/06, 16/08, 06/09, 20/09

A sparkling anniversary: Celebrating the 350th anniversary of the Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen, the International Fireworks Competition 2025 invites visitors to five spectacular firework displays between May and September, set against the stunning backdrop of the baroque Great Garden.

- **Markmen’s fun fair** | *04/07 – 13/07*

The largest Markmen’s fair in the world offers folkloric hustle and bustle, a giant fun fair and pure party atmosphere. The highlight is the parade on 30 June with around 12,000 participants, including colourful floats, bands and horse-drawn carriages.

- **Lake Maschsee festival** | *30/07 – 17/08*

Concerts, cabaret, culinary specialities and much more around the Lake Maschsee. More than two million visitors celebrate each year a huge party with Mediterranean flair.

www.visit-hannover.com/veranstaltungen

Christmas market

24/11 – 22/12

Three Christmas markets at once set the entire city in a festive mood. The Christmas market in the Old Town is rich in tradition with its historic and Finnish Christmas village and the wishing well forest. In front of beautifully illuminated historical buildings Christmas tree decorations, arts and crafts as well as Christmas specialities are on offer.

Christmas market in front of the main station until the end of December



Events

- **Hildesheim Wine festival**

Ascension Day

On Hildesheim’s market square in front of the historic backdrop, winegrowers and wine merchants invite you to the traditional wine festival.

- **Hildesheim Jazztime** | *Whitsun*

Fans of jazz, blues, and country music can enjoy open-air performances by artists from many countries – every year at Whitsun in Hildesheim.

- **UNESCO-World Heritage Day**

30/05 – 01/06

A whole weekend dedicated to World Heritage! With a diverse program, Hildesheim celebrates the 40th anniversary of its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/welterbetag

- **Hildesheim City Beach** | *27/06 – 17/08*

Each summer the Citybeach on the Square “An der Lilie” provides holiday flair and beach feeling in the city centre of Hildesheim. The most beautiful open-air event in the region! Lots of sand, palm trees, beach chairs and cool, delicious drinks put visitors into a holiday mood. The South Seas ambience invites you to relax, lean back, meet friends or, of course, enjoy a round of beach sports.

Christmas market

24/11 – 28/12

When the street lamps wear Father Christmas hats, advent music can be heard and the sweet smell of roasted almonds wafts through the city centre, then the pre-Christmas season begins in Hildesheim. From 25 November to 28 December, the Hildesheim Christmas Market conjures up a special atmosphere around the impressive backdrop of the historic market square, the square “An der Lilie” and the adjacent areas. A varied supporting programme complements the colourful hustle and bustle.



Hildesheim

- **Int. Circus Theatre Dance Festival “Pflasterzauber” – Old Town Festival**
05 – 06/09

For the “Pflasterzauber“ the city centre of Hildesheim is transformed into a large open-air stage for musicians, magicians and acrobats.

- **HI-Light-Shopping in Hildesheim**

24/10 until 11 pm

Night owls take note: On 24 October you can stroll and shop through Hildesheim until late into the night.

www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/veranstaltungen





Wolfenbüttel

Events

- **Easter Festival on the Palace square**
19/04 | 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A colourful programme for the whole family. Children romp around in a farm atmosphere between fairy tale theatre, Easter craft stations, bouncy castles and entertainment with dancing and singing. The Easter Bunny hands out colourful gifts.

- **Wine Festival in the Palace square**
15 – 18/05

Wines from winegrowers and wine merchants enjoy the visitors from Thursday to Sunday. A varied range of food complements the delightful offer. Regional farm shops and market traders present their own products while musicians and DJs add to the cheerful summer atmosphere.

- **Summer of culture** | 04 – 20/07

In summer, it's Summer of culture time on the forecourt of the theatre with a large open-air stage where artists from all over the world follow each other in quick succession.

- **Old Town Festival** | 15 – 17/08

The Old Town Festival transforms the Wolfenbüttel city center into a lively festival mile. The entire weekend offers special experiences and unique moments.

Various stages throughout the city center feature live music and performances, while children's play areas with bouncy castles and climbing walls, food and drink stands, and regional and international artists create an unforgettable atmosphere. Concerts continue late into the night, featuring high-caliber performances in diverse music styles, including pop, rock, party music, indie, jazz, and brass music.

www.lessingstadt-wolfenbuettel.de

Christmas market

25/11 – 23/12 | daily 11 am to 9 pm

In the heart of the city centre, against the backdrop of the Town Hall and historic half-timbered houses, lovingly decorated huts shine.

The Advent market in the "Kommissie" with its artisans is also open on the weekends. In cosy seating areas between twinkling fir trees sweet treats and hot mulled wine can be enjoyed. Imposing light installations invite you to stroll through Wolfenbüttel's city centre. Let yourself be enchanted by the glow of the lights and experience unique moments!

www.wolfenbuettel.de/weihnachtsmarkt



The Autostadt in Wolfsburg

Events

- **25 years of Autostadt**

An extraordinary light installation on the four power plant chimneys will accompany the entire anniversary year.

- **Spring in the Autostadt**

Colourful and varied spring programme around the Easter holidays

- **Summer in the Autostadt**

with numerous summer concerts

- **Winter in the Autostadt**

www.autostadt.de/events

Summer 2025

This summer, numerous offers from the Autostadt in Wolfsburg will once again provide holiday feeling. In addition to cool drinks at the beach club Cool Summer Island, a variety of summer delights in the restaurants and cafés, visitors can look forward to lots of action for the whole family. Of course, mobility is not neglected either: Set sail on an electric boat, travel into the future of mobility in interactive exhibitions or experience the driving feeling of electric mobility on a test drive. You can also enjoy festival atmosphere at one of the numerous Autostadt summer concerts. *(Subject to change)*

Winter 2025

When the days become shorter, for many people the most beautiful time of the year begins – and in the winter world of the Autostadt you can really enjoy this time of year: with a festively decorated park landscape, a huge ice rink, a hearty winter market and much more.

Experience action in the snow and on ice or spend contemplative moments with friends or family under the soft glow of lights and the scent of cinnamon, cloves and oranges. *(subject to change)*





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From open-air highlights in summer to Christmas markets in winter, the programme of events in the 9 cities + 2 in Lower Saxony is colourful and high-calibre. History comes alive at many traditional events. In the Advent season, the Christmas markets shine in front of enchanting historical backdrops.

All events at one glance: www.9cities.de/events

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