

Fabulous Performances und Museums

Bad Oeynhausen

German Fairy-Tale and Wesersagamuseum

Tuesday – Sunday, all year round

Fairy-tale narrations every first Friday of the month.

1973: Opening of the museum in the rooms of the villa Paul-Baehr at the spa park. Nowadays the museum collects a wide range of visual fairy tales such as books, pictures, puppets and the image processing of fairy tales in modern arts.

Fairy-tale days November

Numerous events of fairy telling for children as well as for adults, culinary fairy-tale evening, theatre for children, handicraft workshops and films.

Bad Sooden Allendorf

Fairy-Tale Week April

Young and old alike will experience a varied programme with theatre for children, fairy-tale narrations, evenings full of music, humorous speeches, fabulous hikes and guided tours.

Mother Carey is plucking her goose for you every day!



Baunatal

Brewery Knallhütte

Brewery and restaurant, birthplace of the Brothers Grimm "Fairy-tale woman: Dorothea Viehmann".

If desired storytelling by "Dorothea Viehmann" possible

Bodenwerder

Münchhausen-Museum

The exhibits of the lovely museum remind the tourist of the "Lügenbaron" or "Tall Tales Baron". Opened daily from Eastern until October.

Performance "The Baron of Münchhausen" May – October, every Sunday of the month

2 pm concert of the Münchhausen musicians

3 pm Münchhausen performance

The Baron of Münchhausen and his company of table invite you to see the Münchhausen performance in front of the town hall.

Bremen

Open-Air Fairy-Tale Performance "The Bremen Town-Musicians"

May – September, Sundays at 12 am

The Bremen Town-Musicians themselves are telling their story in the open and in front of an historical background of the old part of the town, next to the Liebfrauenkirche (church). The actors of Bremen's Waldau-Theater are presenting the tale in a humorous way and with a lot of music.

Fürstenberg

Porcelain Painting in the Porcelain Manufactory all year round

Museum and Shop "Porcelain in the castle".

Changing special exhibitions during the whole year.



Hameln

Museum of local history Daily from 10am until 4.30 pm

(Closed on Mondays)

The saga of the Pied Piper of Hameln is domiciled at that place.



The Pied Piper Open-air Performance

May – September, every Sunday at 12 am

Traditional performance of the Pied Piper and his cortage at the Weddinghouseterrace, Old Town.

Pied Piper Musical "Rats" May – September, Wednesday, 4.30pm

Humorous and peppy interpretation of the saga.

Performances live at the Weddinghouseterrace in the midth of the colourful timbered houses of the Old Town, every Wednesday at 4:30 pm

Hanau

Brothers Grimm Fairy-Tale Festival May – July

Every year the fairy tales are performed embedded in a romantic scenery in front of the Castle Philippsruhe using inventive costumes.

Activities nearly every day.



Hann. Münden

Open-air theatre "Dr. Eisenbart Performance" May – August, sundays

The theatre presenting the life of the travelling physician of the 17th/early 18th century and his special medical treatment is performed in front of the historic Town Hall.

Doctor Eisenbart's little consultation-hour: May-October Saturdays at 1:30 pm

Hess. Oldendorf

Schillat Stalactite Caves all year round

The Schillat Cave has a length of 180 m and is situated 45 m below earth. The Cave displays imposing stalactites and stalacmites as well as a large exposition.

Hofgeismar

Sleeping Beauty Castle Sababurg

Sleeping Beauty Castle Sababurg with hotel.

April – October every Sunday at 4.30 pm traditional performance of Sleeping Beauty and Prince. Further performances on request.

Oldest European zoo with forest and hunting museum, raptor show, natural forest Sababurg, trips with coaches and fairy-tale pottery.



Kassel

Brothers Grimm Museum Monday until Sunday all year round

The exhibition is located in the historical Palais Bellevue. The constant exhibition demonstrating the life and work of the Brothers Grimm shows the most important stages of their life in connection with their scientific and political activities. One room is furnished according to the style of their time with original furniture and other testimonials. Alternating exhibitions about the topic fairy tales and Brothers Grimm.

Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe

Wilhelmshöher Wasserkünste (waterfall displays) May – October

Europe's biggest and unique hill park the Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe offers romantic nature and fascinating play of water.

Waterfall displays: Ascension Day until the beginning of October, every Wednesday as well as sundays and on holidays at 2:30 pm, illuminated play of water: every first Saturday of the month from June to September starting at the beginning of the dusk of the evening.

Polle

Cinderella-Performance May – September, every third Sunday of the month

The play takes place amidst the ruins of the romantic castle Polle. The scenery couldn't be more fabulous. Further fairy-tale performances upon request.



Schauenburg

„Märchenwache“ exhibition all year round

A fixed exhibition in honour to Friedrich Krause and Marie Hassenpflug, two narrators of the Grimm fairy tales, showing books, woodcuts and etchings. Changing concerts, lectures and special exhibitions.

Schwalmstadt

Museum of the Schwalm region all year round

Exhibition of the picturesque Schwälmer Tracht (traditional local costumes), reminding of the fairy-tale: Little Red Riding Hood. Unique embroideries known all over the world, pictures of local painters as well as local handicraft showing the daily routine of the region are displayed in the museum.

Steinau a. d. Straße

Brother's Grimm House Monday until Sunday all year round

The permanent exhibition showing the life and work of the Brother's Grimm focuses on the teenage time spent on the Main and Kinzig river as well as the topic of sagas and fairy tales. In addition there are changing special exhibitions.

Puppet-theatre "Die Holzköpfe" All year round

Playing in the former royal sheds of the Renaissance castle Steinau the different fairy-tale plays are not only enchanting the children but also the adults.

Closed on Mondays



Weser and Fulda (rivers)

River navigations March – October

Delightful river navigation through the rural idyll of the Weserbergland and the Fulda valley.

Liner trade and extra trips for groups.

German Fairy-Tale Route – “A Trip to Fairy-Tale Land”



Hanau – City of Brothers Grimm – Hanau is the centre of business and culture in the east of the Rhine-Main-Region.

The Rhine-Main Airport is only 25 km away from Hanau. In Hanau is where it starts: the German Fairytale Route. Along more than 600 km, it demonstrates the stages in the life of the brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm who were born in Hanau and spent their early childhood in Hanau. This fabulous journey between Hanau and Bremen runs through the places and landscapes in which their fairytales are based.

Every year between May and July, the old times – when making a wish really did help – come to life again: Hanau rejoices – The Brothers Grimm Fairytale Festival, one of the most frequented open-air festivals in Germany.

50 km / 31 miles to

Steinau an der Straße – Home Town of the Brothers Grimm – once upon a time ...

In Steinau fairy tale feelings materialize. From 1791 – 1796 the father of the Brothers Grimm worked and lived here with his family, among them Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, world famous by their fairytales. Today there is a museum, the “House of the Brothers Grimm”.



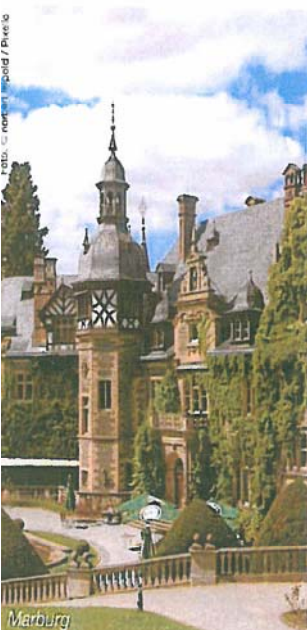
Directly in front of the big castle the market place is surrounded by historical buildings.

The center is the fairytale fountain, designed for the bi-centenary of Jacob Grimm's birthday. Steinau is a lovely, dreamy small village with framework-

houses, the puppet play "the Holzköpfe", the palace, the devils cave with stalactites and stalagmites, the recreational park and natural environment. For nature-lovers the hills of the Spessart are an idyllic location.

65 km / 41 miles to

Alsfeld – Once upon a time there was a town along the route for commerce from Frankfurt to Leipzig. Until the middle of the 13C, Alsfeld was administratively incorporated. It brought prosperity in olden times. Today the charm of the town lies in the half timbered houses grouped around the picturesque old market place. Don't forget to visit the unique museum of the fairy-tale "Little Red Riding Hood".



45 km / 28 miles to

Marburg – Marburg offers historic sites of interest as well as attractive shopping in its town centre with a medieval backdrop to a future-oriented set. Cultural facilities such as museums, galleries and exhibition halls underline this unique blend of the historic and the contemporary, keeping time with theatre, concerts, festivals

and events. On a stroll through the quaint and ever novel lanes you will come upon a number of traces and documents left by renowned figures such as the Brothers Grimm, Martin Luther and the Nobel laureate Emil von Behring.

80 km / 50 miles to

Baunatal – The city of Baunatal in the heart of Germany is situated at the Autobahn intersection of A7, A44 and A49, benefiting from excellent transport links. Thus it offers many interesting possibilities for an eventful and recreative stay.

One rewarding outing is offered by the restaurant Brauhaus Knallhütte, situated along the A49, where every Saturday at 5.30 pm guests will be entertained with Brothers Grimm fairy tales, told by Fairy-tale Lady Dorothea Viehmann.

10 km / 6 miles to

Kassel – *Europe's top art venue* – With its long tradition as the focal point of contemporary art, the documenta has made Kassel the centre of the most important exhibition worldwide. The city of Kassel, with its central location in the heart of Germany, has much to offer visitors. The Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe is the world's most unique hillside park, containing more than 600 different types of trees and bushes. Its most striking features include





the mighty Hercules monument, the ornamental water landscapes, Löwenburg castle ruins. Castle Wilhelmshöhe is home to one of the biggest

and most important Rembrandt collections. Kassel is the capital of the German Fairy-Tale Route, where visitors can immerse themselves in the world of the Brothers Grimm, by visiting the many different museums the area has to offer.

35 km / 22 miles to

Trendelburg – Trendelburg castle stands on a rock and rises above the idyllic Diemel valley. Today the massive building is used as a hotel. An overnight stay promises to be a fairy – tale night of romance. Trendelburg is a quiet small town of half-timbered frame buildings. Cycle paths, hiking trails, bridle ways and canoe tours in this varied landscape are an attraction for the visitor.

10 km / 6 miles to

Sababurg – Sleeping Beauty Castle – Dornröschenschloss Sababurg in North Hesses's Forest of Reinhardswald was founded in 1334. It prides itself in being the "Sleeping Beauty" castle of Brothers Grimm fame. The SabaBurgTheater is a local cultural centre, concerts and lectures are held in the medieval cellar vaults. At the base of the castle hill lies "Tierpark Sababurg", Europe's oldest zoological gardens. Nearby is "Urwald Sababurg"- an extensive area of uncultivated forest and the oldest nature reserve in Hesse.

20 km / 12.5 miles to

Hann. Münden – Alexander von Humboldt is said to have once described Hann.Münden as "one of the

seven most beautifully situated towns in the world", between the three rivers of Weser, Werra and Fulda. Thanks to intensive efforts at restoration it ranks as one of the finest half-timbered towns in Europe. Several times a day Doctor Eisenbart, a famous doctor of the baroque era, comes to life when the doctor Eisenbart chimes with their revolving clockwork figures are a reminder of the extraordinary lay doctor. In summer the doctor Eisenbart plays amusingly tell of his skills in treating ailments.

30 km / 19 miles to

Göttingen – The renowned university town of Göttingen in the South of Lower Saxony has a recorded history going back as far as 953. It was awarded a civic charter in 1210 and flourished as a member of the Hanseatic League. The Georg-August University was founded in 1734. The famous Brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm taught and worked here from 1829 until 1837.

The rich cultural and educational life in Göttingen attracts visitors from the city and well beyond. The venerable medieval Town Hall in the heart of the



Old Town and the market Fountain with the statue of „Gänselesel“, the „most kissed girl in the world“, the splendid churches and half-timbered houses still imbue the modern city with a breath of the Middle Ages.





60 km / 37.5 miles to

Fürstenberg – Fürstenberg is perched on a cliff nearly 300 feet high above the river *Weser*. From this dominant position, the castle offers spectacular views over the *Weser* valley. The famous Fürstenberg manufactory was founded more than 250 years ago. Since then, it is not only the manufactory in Lower Saxony with the richest tradition, but also one of the oldest and most renowned porcelain manufacturers in Europe.

25 km / 16 miles to

Polle – The home of Cinderella, is located within the valleys of the *Weser* Mountain region. The ruin of Earl of Everstein's castle is a beautiful scenery high above the *Weser* river. The view over the countryside is amazing and always invites for a rest. Different fairy-tale festivals take part from May to September.

35 km / 22 miles to

Hameln – With its population of 60.000, Hameln is the economic, cultural and touristic centre of the *Weser* Mountain area. The legend of the Pied Piper made Hameln world-famous. Yet the city's wealth was obtained due to its convenient position as a trading centre on the river *Weser*. Such prosperity resulted in the emergence of splendidly decorated houses erected by well-to-do merchants as evidence of their affluence. Thus, Hameln evolved into a jewel of *Weser* Renaissance architecture.

Sunday for Sunday – between mid-May and mid-September some 80 actors in historical costume show the crowd of circa 3000 visitors from all over the world just how the loss of the Hameln children came to pass.

50 km / 31 miles to

Bad Oeynhausen – Bad Oeynhausen is a spa town and health resort. The spa gardens, which were designed as an English country garden, and the magnificent buildings are a document of the Royal Prussian epoch. Let yourself be enchanted from the Magical Water Park, the stories in the fairy tale museum, by the variety show artists or simply by good music in the enchanting atmosphere of the park theatre.

120 km / 75 miles to

Bremen – Begin or end your trip by this wonderful Hansetown and consider staying in Bremen for a few days. The city of Beck's Beer and football-team Werder Bremen includes many attractions, like the Schnoor – Bremen's oldest quarter, the *Weser* river promenade, the unusual architecture of quaint little Böttcherstrasse or the cathedral. It is also famous for its venerable figure of Roland on the historical market square which is, as well as



the *Weser*-Renaissance-style town hall, part of UNESCO world heritage. And last but not least, enjoy the Bremen Town Musicians from the Brothers Grimm fairytale.