

## Göttingen – Expanding Today's Knowledge

Göttingen: the centre of southern Niedersachsen between the Harz mountains and the Weser river – university town with tradition, charm and top quality of life. Visitors especially love the esprit of the historic Old town: “let's see and be seen” is the motto for strolling about the bustling pedestrian area, enjoying the southern atmosphere, and relaxing in the many street cafés.

The traces of the town's history stretch back over more than 1000 years and are on show everywhere. The Old Town surrounded by an almost completely preserved city wall prides itself on its impressive churches, imposing university buildings, and numerous restored half-timbered houses. Göttingen's iconic emblem is the Gänseliesel statue in the market fountain in front of the medieval Old Town Hall. This art nouveau statue features a girl herding geese. It is a tradition that all new doctoral graduates from the University kiss the cheeks of the statue after passing their examinations. This makes her „the most kissed girl in the world“.

The Georg-August University was founded in 1734 and boasts many famous scientists amongst its alumni including more than 40 Nobel laureates. The famous Brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm taught and worked here as librarians and professors between 1829 and 1837 until they were ejected due to a demonstration in 1837. Both of them demonstrated with five other professors, known as “The Göttingen Seven (Göttinger Sieben)”, against the abolishment of the bill of Rights of Hannover by the king Ernst August of Hannover.

Göttingen also boasts a huge culture programme: its theatres, orchestra, museums and major events attract visitors from far and wide. Tourists on city breaks appreciate the gastronomy landscape with its diverse flair and the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the lively town, whose streets are full of students and international visitors.



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