



German Fairy Tale Route follows the world of the Grimm Brothers

It was founded in the historical city hall of the Grimm Brothers city *Steinau an der Straße* in 1975: The German Fairy Tale Route, a 360 miles long string of more than 60 cities, municipalities and districts in the northern part of Germany. According to the founders the Fairy Tale Route was supposed to link the life stations of the language scholars Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm as well as to lead to the work-places and home towns of their friends and tellers of fairy stories. Tales, fables and legends round up the claim of the German Fairy Tale Route.

The route leads from the national monument in Hanau, near by Frankfurt, where the two brothers were born in the years 1785 and 1786, through the Kinzig valley to *Steinau an der Straße*, the place of their carefree childhood, where the "Fairy-tale House of the German people" can be visited today.

The next station of their life was the picturesque upper-town of Marburg – where they discovered their love for the almost forgotten tales of the people. In the North Hessian metropolis Kassel they collected their world famous fairy-tales, founded the German grammar and started the German dictionary.

The "Brothers Grimm Museum" in the Palais Bellevue, where they once worked, displays today memorabilia, manuscripts and their books. Until 1837 – they were professors in the romantic university town of Göttingen.

A colourful enrichment of the German Fairy-tale Route puts the fairy-tale figures in specific places e.g. "Little Red Riding Hood" in the Schwalm region, "Sleeping Beauty" at the Sababurg Castle, deeply hidden in Reinhard-Forest, "Mother Carey" at the legendary mountain "Hoher Meißner" or the legend of "Doctor Eisenbarth" in Hann. Münden, the "Baron Münchhausen" in Bodenwerder as well as Wilhelm Busch's scamps "Max and Moritz" in Ebergötzen and the world-renowned "Pied Piper" of Hamelin. The romantic tale of the "Travelling Musicians of Bremen" close up this adventurous route.



The Fairy Tale Route – one of the oldest and favourite holiday routes in Europe – offers much art, culture and eight national parks. After exiting the Autobahn, you'll drive on meandering byways through dreamy river valleys and magnificent forests. Soak up the atmosphere, admire centuries-old architecture, colourful villages with half-timbered houses, romantic towns, quiet market squares, old churches and imposing castles.

Country towns like Hanau and Marburg, Göttingen and Hameln are architectural gems of exhibit beauties and historical interests. The Wilhelmshöhe just above Kassel imparts a special fascination, and the coastal city of Bremen carries that typical hanseatic flair.

The Fairy-tale Route offers a variety of events that are staged every year, like the weeks of Fairy-tales in Bad Oeynhausen, Steinau and Bad Sooden-Allendorf and the Fairy-tale Festival in Hanau as well as different open-air performances of fairy-tales like the "Bremen Town Musicians", the "Pied Piper" of Hamelin or the Hieronymus "Baron von Münchhausen" of Bodenwerder and the "Dr. Eisenbart" of Hann.-Münden.

Legendary events await you in the land of fairy-tales.

Information:

Deutsche Märchenstraße

Kurfürstenstr. 9

34117 Kassel

E-Mail: info@deutsche-maerchenstrasse.de

Web: www.deutsche-maerchenstrasse.de