



New Town Hall Hannover, Germany (2011)



Administration

Country	<u>Germany</u>
State	<u>Lower Saxony</u>
District	<u>Hannover</u>
City subdivisions	13 Districts
Lord Mayor	Stephan Weil (SPD)
Governing parties	<u>SPD / Greens</u>

Sister City of Kansas City, Missouri



Hannover, Germany

On the River Leine

A City for All Seasons

Lord Mayor (Oberbürgermeister) Stephan Weil

Mayor (Bürgermeisterin) Dr. Hilde Moennig

Mayor (Bürgermeister) Bernd Strauch

Capital of the Federal State of Lower Saxony, Hannover offers the visitor:

Architecture:

An architectural heritage ranging from North German Brick Gothic to Baroque Buildings, to prestigious Royal Buildings right down to the Neo-Classical and Postmodern Times – an impressive architectural tour if you consider that all had to be re-built after WWII since well over ¾ of the city was destroyed by the bombs at the time.

Culture:

The annual MASALA World Beat Festival with concerts by artists from Africa, India, the Arab countries, Central and South America and southern Europe, a meeting place of all generations and cultures. It is the Jazz capital of Germany and you can also hear plenty of Classical Music, sit in the State Opera or watch a variety of performances in about 40 theaters throughout the year.

Industrial Heritage:

The world's largest machinery and industry exhibition as well as the huge IT Communications Fair CeBIT (again the largest of its kind in the world) are held annually in Hannover. It is still one of the most important industrial cities in Germany today. - The Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles Transporter (VWN) factory at Hannover-Stöcken is the biggest employer in the region and operates a huge plant at the northern edge of town adjoining the Mittellandkanal and Motorway A2. Jointly with a factory of German tire and automobile parts manufacturer Continental AG, they have a coal-burning power plant. Continental AG, founded in Hanover in 1871, is one of the city's major companies, although a takeover is in progress: the Schaeffler Group from Herzogenaurach (Bavaria) holds the majority of the stock but were required due to the financial crisis to deposit the options as securities at banks.^[12] TUI AG has its HQ in Hannover. ³Hannover is home to many insurance companies, many of which operate only in Germany. One major global reinsurance company is Hannover Re, whose headquarters are east of the city centre. - HannoverImpuls is a joint business development company from the city and region of Hannover. The company was founded in 2003 and supports the start-up, growth and relocation of businesses in the Hannover Region. The focus is on seven sectors, which stand for sustainable economic growth: Automotive, Energy Solutions, Information and Communications Technology, Life Sciences, Optical Technologies, Creative Industries and Production Engineering.^[14] - A range of programs supports companies from the key industries in their expansion plans in Hannover or abroad. Three regional centres specifically promote the international economic relations to Russia, India and Turkey.

Royal Heritage:

Germany and was once by personal union the family seat of the Hanoverian Kings of Great Britain. Take a walk in the footsteps of the Royal House of Guelph and through the famous Herrenhausen Royal Gardens and the "Princely Residence" (now the Duke Palace Museum) of George Louis, elector of Hannover who reigned as King George I. in Great Britain. When George sat on the throne in London he continued to concern himself with the extension work at the Royal Gardens in Herrenhausen / Hannover. He brought German customs to England and introduced the Christmas Tree there.

At the end of the Napoleonic Wars, the Electorate was enlarged to become the capital of the Kingdom of Hanover, and in 1837 entered into the personal union with England, which came to an end after 123 years (1714 – 1837) and since that time, the descendants of these Hannoverians are still ruling as Majesties in the United Kingdom today.

Museums:

Several excellent museums, among them the well known Sprengel Museum with its superb collection of German Impressionists and Modern Paintings are well worth a visit. The Sprengel Museum shows the art of the 20th century. It is one of the most notable art museums in Germany. The focus is put on the classical modernist art with the collection of Kurt Schwitters, works of the German expressionism, and the French cubism, the cabinet of abstracts, the graphics and the department of photography and media. Furthermore the museum shows the famous works of the French artist Niki de Saint-Phalle.

In the Herrenhausen Gardens you find the Cave Grotto of Niki's Magic World. Artist Niki de Saint Phalle created in a 325 year old grotto a place of enchantment composed of mosaics of mirrors, pebbles and colored glass which has been attracting young and old visitors alike from all over the world since it was opened in 2003 making her a world celebrity.

The Historic Museum describes the history of Hanover, from the medieval settlement "honovere" to the world-famous Exhibition City of today. The museum focuses on the period from 1714 to 1834 when Hanover had a strong relationship with the British royal house.

With more than 4,000 members, the Kestnervesellschaft is the largest art society in Germany. The museum hosts exhibitions from classical modernist art to contemporary art. One big focus is put on film, video, contemporary music and architecture, room installments and big presentations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and video art.

The Kestner-Museum is located in the House of 5.000 windows. The museum is named after August Kestner and exhibits 6,000 years of applied art in four areas: Ancient cultures, ancient Egypt, applied art and a valuable collection of historic coins.

The KUBUS is a forum for contemporary art. It features mostly exhibitions and projects of famous and important artists from Hanover.

The Kunstverein Hannover (Art Society Hanover) shows contemporary art and was established in 1832 as one of the first art societies in Germany. It is located in the Künstlerhaus (House of artists). There are around 7 international monographic and thematic Exhibitions in one year.

The Lower Saxony State Museum is the largest museum in Hanover. The State Gallery shows the European Art from the 11th to the 20th century, the Nature Department shows the zoology, geology, botanic, geology and a Vivarium with fishes, insects, reptiles and amphibians. The Primeval Department shows the primeval history of Lower Saxony and the Folklore Department shows the cultures from all over the world.

The Theatre Museum shows an exhibition of the history of the theatre in Hanover from the 17th century up to now: opera, concert, drama and ballet. The museum also hosts several touring exhibitions during the year.

The Wilhelm Busch Museum is the German museum for caricature and critical graphics. The collection of the works of Wilhelm Busch and the extensive collection of caricatures and critical graphics is this museum unique in Germany. Furthermore the museum hosts several exhibitions of national and international artists during the year.

A cabinet of coins is the Münzkabinett der TUI-AG. The Polizeigeschichtliche Sammlung Niedersachsen is the largest police museum in Germany.

Textiles from all over the world can be visited in the Museum for Textile Art.

The EXPOseum is the museum of the world-exhibition "EXPO 2000 Hannover".

Carpets and things from the orient can be visited in the Oriental Carpet Museum.

The Blind Man Museum is a rarity in Germany, another one is only in Berlin.

The Museum of veterinary medicine is unique in Germany.

The Museum for Energy History describes the 150 years old history of the application of energy.

The Home Museum Ahlem shows the history of the district of Ahlem.

The Mahn- und Gedenkstätte Ahlem describes the history of the Jewish people in Hanover and

the Stiftung Ahlers Pro Arte / Kestner Pro Arte shows modern art.

Modern art is also the maintopic of the Kunsthalle Faust,

the Nord/LB Art Gallery and of the Foro Artistico / Eisfabrik. Some leading art events in Hanover are the Long

Night of the museums and the Zinnober Kunstvolkslauf which features all the galleries in Hanover. People who are interested in space should visit the Observatory Geschwister Herrschel on the Lindener Mountain or the small planetarium inside of the Bismarck School.

Education:

The Leibniz University Hannover is the largest funded institution in Hanover for providing higher education to the students from around the world. Below are the names of the universities and some of the important schools including newly opened Hannover Medical Research School in 2003 for attracting the students from biology background from around the world.

There are several Universities in Hannover:

Leibniz University Hannover

Hanover State University of Music and Drama^[15]

Hannover Medical School^[16]

School of Veterinary Medicine Hanover (Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover)

There is one University of Applied Science and Arts in Hanover: Fachhochschule Hannover^[17]

The Schulbiologiezentrum Hannover maintains practical biology schools in four locations (Botanischer Schulgarten Burg, Freiluftschule Burg, Zooschule Hannover, and Botanischer Schulgarten Linden).

The University of Veterinary Medicine Hanover also maintains its own botanical garden specializing in medicinal and poisonous plants, the Heil- und Giftpflanzengarten der Tierärztlichen Hochschule Hannover

Incredible ZOO:

The Hannover Zoo's natural habitat combined with a smart and beautiful layout on a relatively small area in the city is surprising – exemplary in Europe. You can take a Boat Trip on the Zambezi, or go to an Indian Jungle Palace or visit with Marsupials "Down Under", drop in on Yukon Alaska and do a lot more with kids. We went back and have visited it three times already. You can visit part of it via our Kansas City Zoo's website.

Or drive by the 50ft high Rainforest House Glass Dome in the Hill Garden opened during the world EXPO 2000.

Immerse yourself in the world of the Tropics in this "Guggenheim Museum for Plants".

(Contact through Hannover Committee Member Alfred Kohler, email: akohler@faultless.com).

Religious Centers:

Hannover has a wide mosaic of religious life. There are 96 Christian Churches and Cathedrals, of which 60 are Christian Protestant with: 34 Lutheran Evangelic Churches, 14 Baptist, 4 Methodist, 4 Reformed Evangelic and 4 Independent Lutheran Churches as well as 36 Roman Catholic Churches. Further, there are 3 Christian Orthodox Churches and 2 Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches. Hannover has 4 Jewish Temples and Jewish Youth Centers, 9 Mosques, 2 Hindu Temples, 8 Buddhist Temples.

More information at: http://hannover.de/de/gesundheit_soiales/region/religion/index.html

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Sports and Recreation:

The culturally diverse and the artistically eclectic city of Hannover is also rich on the sports and recreational fronts. Sports and recreation in Hannover gives you plenty of options while vacationing in Hanover. Golf, soccer, walking trails, sightseeing tours in balloons and boats: sports and recreation in Hannover takes on myriad forms, each one as splendid and as the other.

Soccer is definitely one of the most popular modes of sports and recreation in Hannover, Germany, it takes on the status of a religion and there are numerous soccer clubs who are its ardent devotees. The Hannover 96 (Soccer Club), Hannover is one of the more well-known of the soccer clubs in Germany. Now it is a Bundesliga team and a force to reckon with. Golf is not much far behind. The Golf Club Hannover, the oldest golf course in Hannover, the charming and the challenging greens at this 18-hole golf course draws the golfing enthusiasts from all over the world.

The choices for sports and recreation in Hannover get more heady with choices for recreation in Hannover, Germany and in particular, the Red Thread (Walking Tour). This walking trail is a self-guided walk past and through as many as 32 sightseeing destinations in Hannover following a red line that has been painted on the sidewalk. More choices regarding sightseeing tours in Hannover exist with the Hannover Bus Tour that covers the premier tourist spots in the city of Hannover. This sightseeing tour is one of the more popular options for sports and recreation in Hannover, apart from the boat, balloon and the grand horse-drawn double decker omnibus tours.

City Life:

There is much more to see and to do and shopping addicts will find one of the biggest pedestrian zones of a German city right downtown. Hannover's night life offers everything from pubs, discos, bar scenes to fun places where you can dance your feet off until the day is dawning.

Festivals:

A yearly JAZZ Festival, famous beyond Germany's borders, is held each Spring in Hannover.

Mayor Bernd Strauch is the President of the Hannover Jazz Club.

World's largest Marksmen's Fun Fair (Schützenfest) is held yearly.

It may come as a surprise to many that the World's second largest Oktoberfest can be found in Hannover, North Germany.

Population: 523.000 approx.

Climate: Oceanic

If you want to know more, please, contact the Hannover Chair of the Kansas City Sister Cities Association Traute Kohler, Ph.D., by email: trautekohler@kualumni.org.

If you plan a trip to Germany, make a Stop in Hannover!

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