

# HANNOVER



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HANNOVER REGION

## Exhibitions unlimited

At the Sprengel Museum Hannover, directly alongside Maschsee Lake, you will find great names such as Picasso, Nolde or Klee. But Hannover also boasts other galleries of contemporary art that are well known far beyond the boundaries of the region: among them are the kestnergesellschaft, the Kunstverein and the Ahlers Pro Arte / Kestner Pro Arte Foundation. The State Museum (Landesmuseum) with its departments of Prehistory, Natural History and Ethnology, the State Art Gallery and the Vivarium, is a museum for the whole family. At the Museum August Kestner, the art of Ancient Egypt and other ancient civilisations stands alongside applied art and design, a coin collection and an enormous library.

Wilhelm Busch · The German Museum of Caricature and Graphic Art possesses a unique collection of satirical art from four centuries that will put a twinkle in the eyes of the whole family; it is home to Max and Moritz and all the other famous creations from the pen of Wilhelm Busch.

Herrenhausen Palace Museum opened in 2013 as a branch of the Museum of History. Organised by the state capital of Hannover and sponsored by the state of Lower Saxony, it presents changing exhibitions in the restored summer residence of the Guelph dynasty.

In the "Klosterstollen", a preserved coal mine in Barsinghausen, visitors can don helmet and overalls and set out on the trail of the "black gold". Laatzen Museum of Aviation is a place for those who are fascinated by the history of technology, a place where they can allow their imaginations to soar; as is also the case at the "World of Aviation" experience exhibition at Hannover Airport. And there is plenty of historical rail engineering to gape at at the Tramway Museum in Wehmingen, near Sehnde, where some of the veteran trams are even in operation.



Museum Night

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Exhibition room

### Sprengel Museum Hannover 1

Focussing on German expressionism and French modern art, this museum is one of the major exhibition venues for 20th and 21st century art. Prominent exhibits feature artist groups such as "Die Brücke" (The Bridge) and "Der Blaue Reiter" (The Blue Rider), as well as works of cubism and surrealism. In addition to groups of works (Picasso, Ernst, Klee, Nolde) and Kurt Schwitters' 'Merzbau', there is also an impressive collection which was presented to the museum by Niki de Saint Phalle.

2015 will see the inauguration of the striking annex, which has enlarged the museum by roughly one third.

✉ Kurt-Schwitters-Platz  
30169 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 16 84 38 75  
[www.sprengel-museum.de](http://www.sprengel-museum.de)

🚌 Bus line 100 from Kröpcke  
Stop: Maschsee/Sprengel Museum  
🕒 Tue 10 am–8 pm, Wed–Sun 10–6 pm



Exhibition hall

### kestnergesellschaft 2

Located in the heart of Hannover, the kestnergesellschaft is one of the largest and best-known art associations in Germany. The light, airy rooms of this converted art nouveau swimming pool provide a magnificent setting where internationally acclaimed artists can show their latest works. Since 1916, this venue has presented the most exciting contemporary artists, from Joseph Beuys and Tony Cragg to Cindy Sherman and Santiago Sierra and even Andy Warhol. A highly diverse event programme that includes exhibitions, guided tours, concerts, children's events and supporting events communicate the works and viewpoints of modern art and culture to the public.

✉ Goseriede 11  
30159 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 70 12 00  
[www.kestnergesellschaft.de](http://www.kestnergesellschaft.de)

🚌 Tram lines 4, 5, 6, 11  
Stop: Steintor  
🕒 Tue–Sun and public holidays 11 am–6 pm  
Thu 11 am–8 pm/ Fri: free entry



Collection product design

### August Kestner Museum 3

The museum opened in 1889 and is named after August Kestner (1777–1853), who collected Egyptian, Graeco-Roman objets d'art, paintings and graphics while serving as the Hanoverian Ambassador to Rome. After the addition of the Friedrich Culemann collection, the museum now presents 6,000 years of applied art including various exhibits which cannot be seen anywhere else in the world, such as ancient and Egyptian cultural objects, applied art and design as well as a valuable collection of coins.

Interesting aspects of art history are communicated to visitors in the form of exhibitions, guided tours, lectures and workshops.

✉ Tramplatz 3  
30159 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 16 84 27 30  
[www.museum-august-kestner.de](http://www.museum-august-kestner.de)

🚌 Tram lines 3, 7, 9 Stop:  
Markthalle/Landtag, 5 min walk  
🕒 Tue and Thu–Sun 11 am–6 pm  
Wed 11 am–8 pm/ Fri: free entry



Hito Steyerl 'Digital Conditions'

### Kunstverein Hannover 4

Founded in 1832, Kunstverein Hannover is one of the largest and oldest art associations in Germany. Every year, it stages up to seven themed or monographic exhibitions, focusing on contemporary art and its relationship to the regional art scene. A varied programme of guided tours, lectures, podium discussions and special events, as well as a wide range of offers for children and young adults communicate modern art effectively to different target groups. Since 1983, Kunstverein Hannover has promoted young artistic talent in Germany and Lower Saxony by awarding a scholarship to the Villa Minimo in Hannover.

✉ Sophienstrasse 2  
30159 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 16 99 27 80  
[www.kunstverein-hannover.de](http://www.kunstverein-hannover.de)

🚌 Tram lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11  
Stop: Kröpcke, 5 min walk  
🕒 Tue–Sat 12 noon–7 pm, Sun and public holidays 11 am–7 pm/ Fri: free entry



Golden coach

### Museum of History

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If you want to explore Hannover, you should really visit the Museum of History. The museum tells the history of Hannover from the Middle Ages to the present, tracing its evolution from a market town to a city hosting international trade fairs, as well as regional history and Lower Saxon folklore. With an exhibition area of approx. 4,500 m², this is one of the largest local history museums in Germany. The medieval Beginenturm (Beguin Tower) can be visited on a guided walking tour. Special exhibitions, talks and a museum educational programme offer a stimulating gateway to its rich history.

✉ Pferdestrasse 6  
30159 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 16 84 39 45  
www.historisches-museum-hannover.de

🚊 Tram lines 3, 7, 9 Stop:  
Markthalle/Landtag, 5 min walk  
🕒 Tue 10 am–7 pm, Wed–Fri 10 am–5 pm  
Sat, Sun 10 am–6 pm / Fri: free entry



Herrenhausen Palace Museum

### Herrenhausen Palace Museum

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In the rebuilt summer residence of the Guelph dynasty, the Herrenhausen Palace Museum relates the history of the gardens and those who enjoyed them.

Be enchanted by the sumptuous visual culture of the Baroque, which offers a glimpse into life at the Hannover court. In the East wing you'll encounter several famous personalities, such as the polymath Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz and Electress Sophia. The Treasure Chamber displays sumptuous exhibits from the Baroque period, while the West wing presents the history of the palace gardens and their link with the present day.

✉ Herrenhäuser Strasse 5  
30419 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 16 84 93 83  
www.hannover.de/herrenhausen

🚊 Tram lines 4, 5  
Stop: Herrenhäuser Gärten  
🕒 April–Oct: daily 11 am–6 pm  
Nov–March: Thu–Sun 11 am–4 pm



Hands-on dinosaur experience

### Hannover State Museum

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Not far from Lake Maschsee, the largest state museum in Lower Saxony beckons: from seahorses past dinosaurs, golden treasures and bog mummies to the paintings of Cranach, Rubens and Modersohn-Becker, you are led on a voyage of discovery through the five major State Museum collections. In addition to the newly designed permanent collection, the State Museum presents a programme of changing temporary exhibitions as well.

There is also a museum shop and a café with a scenic atrium. Free entrance on Fridays from 2 pm to 5 pm (excluding holidays and special exhibitions).

✉ Willy-Brandt-Allee 5  
30169 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 980 76 86  
www.landesmuseum-hannover.de

🚊 Tram lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11  
Stop: Aegidientorplatz / bus line 100  
Stop: Maschsee/Sprengel Museum  
🕒 Tue–Fri 10 am–5 pm, Sat + Sun 10 am–6 pm



Wilhelm Busch Museum

### Wilhelm Busch – German Museum of Caricature and Critical Graphic Arts

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Located in the Wallmoden Palace in Georgengarten, the museum houses the greater part of the complete works of Wilhelm Busch, including the famous illustrated tales of "Max and Moritz" as well as a collection of more than 40,000 historical and contemporary works by leading international satirical artists – from the early days of caricature to works by Hogarth, Grandville, Daumier, Goya and the creators of "Simplicissimus" right through to modern day artists such as Loriot, Ungerer, Waechter and Deix. Special exhibitions are devoted to caricature, children's book illustrations, fashion drawings and cartoons/comics.

✉ Georgengarten  
30167 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 16 99 99 11/16  
www.karikatur-museum.de

🚊 Tram lines 4, 5 Stop: Schneiderberg/  
Wilhelm-Busch-Museum  
🕒 Tue–Sun 11 am–6 pm





Come and join us

### Museum Night

**Our tip**

Readings, drama, short films and activities for children – and all on the same night!

Many of Hannover's museums and art galleries invite you to enjoy a unique cultural treat in June. Take a leisurely stroll around the art works after 6 pm. Enjoy special guided tours, literary readings, lectures, theatre performances, activities for kids, short films, or simply soak up the atmosphere of the light displays on the museum façades and numerous music performances. A free shuttle bus runs between the different locations.

www.hannover.de/nachtdermuseen



Exhibition space

### Foundation Ahlers Pro Arte / Kestner Pro Arte

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The objective of the foundation is to document and scientifically explore the impact of German Expressionism on 20th century art in Germany and abroad. Through exhibitions, lectures, literary readings and concerts, it makes a valuable contribution to cultural life.

✉ Warmbüchenstrasse 16  
30159 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 51 94 97 41/43  
www.ahlers-proarte.com

🚌 Tram lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 17  
Stop: Aegidientorplatz, 6 min walk  
🕒 Fri–Sun 12 noon–5pm



Rickshaws in Singapore

### EXPOSEEUM

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The EXPOSEEUM spotlights the theme of 'World Exhibitions', in particular the only World Expo to have taken place in Germany to date. On display are the official gifts presented on Nations Days, photos, a short film about the Expo 2000, a site model and several original artefacts and documents. It also illustrates the subsequent reuse of the site.

✉ Expo Plaza 11  
30539 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 228 46 52  
www.exposeeum.de

🚌 Tram line 6  
Terminus: Messe/Ost (EXPO Plaza)  
🕒 Sun 11 am–4 pm



Kitchen from the 1970s

✉ Spichernstrasse 22  
30161 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 54 30 08 58  
www.wok-museum.de

### WOK – World of Kitchen

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The World of Kitchen conveys the fascinating history of cuisine and culinary culture from the Middle Ages to the present day. This fascinating interactive museum is open by appointment only and provides visitors with in-depth impressions of the cultures of various different nations and continents, features myths and fables as well as mobile kitchens.

🚌 Tram lines 1, 2 Stop: Werderstrasse,  
6 min walk  
🕒 By appointment only (by telephone)  
Tue–Sat 11 am–7 pm



Theatre Museum

✉ Prinzenstrasse 9 (im Schauspielhaus)  
30159 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 99 99 20 40  
www.theatremuseum-hannover.de

### Theatre Museum

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This is the only museum of its kind in Germany that is actually located in a theatre: since 1993, Hannover Theatre Museum has been located in the Playhouse – or 'Schauspielhaus' – in Prinzenstrasse. Its vivid portrayal of the history of theatre is enhanced by its close proximity to real performances. It stages special and cabinet exhibitions, readings, lectures and concerts.

🚌 Tram lines 10, 17  
Stop: Thielenplatz/Schauspielhaus  
🕒 Tue–Fri and Sun 2–7.30 pm  
Closed June to mid-September



Haute Couture

✉ Borchersstr. 23  
30559 Hannover-Kirchrode  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 529 55 17  
www.museum-fuer-textile-kunst.de

### Museum of Textile Art

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Evening dresses created in international fashion centres between the 1920s and the 1950s, wedding saris from Benares, woven tree bark from the South Seas worn for hula dances – and Hannover's haute couture from the 1950s. The museum displays a unique collection of textiles featuring traditional, imaginative and precious needlecraft from all over the world.

🚌 Tram lines 123, 124, 370  
Stop: Kleiner Hillen, 5 min walk  
🕒 Tue–Fri 11 am–6 pm. Open Sat + Sun  
by appointment (telephone or e-mail)



Interactive exhibition

### Zinnober Children's Museum

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Give it a go, explore things, be creative - and simply have loads of fun! Housed in a former factory canteen in Hannover-Linden, the Children's Museum offers exciting interactive exhibitions, workshops and events for children and young people, the whole family, school groups, nurseries and other organisations.

✉ Badenstedter Strasse 48  
30453 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 89 73 34 66  
www.kindermuseum-hannover.de

🚌 Tram line 9, bus line 120  
Stop: Bernhard-Caspar-Str., 5 min walk  
⌚ Mon–Fri 9 am–5 pm, Sun 11 am–5 pm  
Sat: Birthday parties only (booking req.)



Fascinating Radio

### Museum of Energy History

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This museum encourages kids to try things out, discover things in a fun way and be creative. The Children's Museum features interactive exhibitions. The organisers, who have already staged numerous exhibitions and projects at changing venues, also offer workshops in cooperation with schools and nurseries.

✉ Humboldtstrasse 32  
30169 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 89 74 74 90 0  
www.energiegeschichten.de

🚌 Tram line 17, bus lines 120, 300  
Stop: Humboldtstrasse  
⌚ Tue–Fri 9 am–4 pm (except public holidays)



Laves House

### Laves House

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The neoclassical Laves House was built in 1824 by the renowned architect and town planner Georg Friedrich Laves. The building is now home to the Lower Saxony Chamber of Architects and stages exhibitions on architectural subjects. The annex built by Laves in 1855 is used as an exhibition room and is also the vocational training centre for the Chamber of Architects.

✉ Friedrichswall 5  
30159 Hannover  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 28 09 60  
www.aknds.de

🚌 Tram lines 3, 7, 9  
Stop: Markthalle  
⌚ Mon–Thu 9 am–4 pm,  
Fri 9 am–12 noon



Inside the cockpit

### World of Aviation

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The dream of flying has fascinated people throughout the ages. This exhibition presents the "old" aviation pioneers and their first attempts at flight, but the main attraction is the opportunity to watch the "authentic" goings-on on the runways and apron of Hannover Airport. Moreover, visitors also have the chance to look at airport life behind the scenes.

✉ Hannover Airport, between Terminal A and B, Flughafenstrasse 4  
30855 Langenhagen  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 977 12 38

🚌 Commuter rail line (S-Bahn) 5  
Terminus Stop Hannover Airport  
⌚ Mon–Fri 9 am–6 pm  
Sat, Sun, public holidays 10 am–7 pm



Messerschmitt Me 209

### Aviation Museum

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Over an area of 3,500 m<sup>2</sup>, the exhibition shows almost 4,000 different items, including 35 aeroplanes, more than 800 model planes, piston engines, pilot's clothing etc. The exhibition begins with a presentation of the ascent of the first hot-air balloon in 1783. Highlights are an original Royal Air Force Spitfire, a Bf 109 G-2 and the first Focke-Wulf Fw 190 A-8.

✉ Ulmer Strasse 2  
30880 Laatzen  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 879 17 91/92  
www.luftfahrtmuseum-hannover.de

🚌 Tram lines 1, 2 Stop:  
Werner-v.-Siemens-Platz, 15 min walk  
⌚ Tue–Sun 10 am–5 pm



Tramway Museum

### Tramway Museum

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This museum makes the history of trams come alive and presents trams through the ages and also the history of automobile engineering. The collection covers a varied fleet ranging from a 19th-century horse-drawn tram (replica) to models from the early 20th century right through to a "modern" and yet old-fashioned underground train.

✉ Hohenfelder Strasse 16  
31319 Sehnde  
Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 646 33 12  
www.wehmingen.de

🚌 Tram line 6 Stop: Kronsberg, bus line 330 to Wehmingen, 5 min walk  
⌚ Sun and holidays 11 am–5 pm  
(Open from April – end of Oct)



Loom

### Steinhude Museums

#### Fishing and Weaving Museum

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A typical Steinhude half-timbered house built in 1850 and located directly on the banks of Lake Steinhude, complete with the typical furniture, has been converted into a museum which portrays the history of fishing and weaving. Exquisite woven items and a handloom, a peat barge, creels and smokers in this largely unchanged building convey an authentic picture of the predominant occupations.



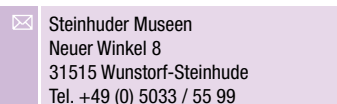
Tin toys

#### Toy Museum

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The collection is displayed in the Fishing and Weaving Museum building. Toys that belonged to the upper classes from ca. 1860 to 1960 indicate the typical gender roles during that era: fine china head dolls for girls, technical tin toys for boys.

The first floor takes visitors on a trip through the ages, from the first traces of toys in the Mesolithic Age to tin soldiers and cuddly soft toys.



Steinhuder Museen  
Neuer Winkel 8  
31515 Wunstorf-Steinhude  
Tel. +49 (0) 5033 / 55 99

March, April and Nov: weekends  
and public holidays 1–5 pm  
May to Oct.: Tue–Sun 1–5 pm  
www.steinhuder-museen.de

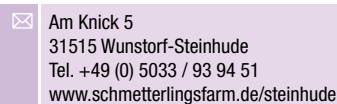


Atlas moth

#### Insect Museum

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Minute and delicate, fluttery and colourful, burly and impressive: with more than 100,000 exhibits, the Insect Museum reveals the diversity of the world of bugs, butterflies and insects. The adjacent free-flight hall allows about 600 gorgeously-coloured butterflies to flutter around.



Am Knick 5  
31515 Wunstorf-Steinhude  
Tel. +49 (0) 5033 / 93 94 51  
www.schmetterlingsfarm.de/steinhude

February to October daily 11 am–6 pm  
July and August 10am–6 pm



Silver furniture

### Marienburg Castle

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The castle is now a museum and an important cultural location in Hannover Region. The authentically preserved summer residence of the Guelph dynasty takes visitors on a trip back through the ages with guided tours through the different rooms in the palace. The inner courtyard provides a charming setting for open-air concerts and other events.

Marienberg 1  
30982 Pattensen  
Tel. +49 (0) 5069 / 348 00 - 0  
www.schloss-marienburg.de

Bus line 300 to Pattensen ZOB bus station, change to bus line 310 to Schloss Marienburg Stop  
Sat/Sun/public holidays, Apr–Oct



Down the mine

### Exhibition Mine

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Visitors to the former Klosterstollen mine can look forward to a fascinating trip in the footsteps of the old miners. The exhibition shows mining tools, typical miners' clothing, Davy lamps and other traditional implements, creating the right mood for a trip down below ground. In the main gangway of the pit, qualified guides provide visitors with interesting facts and figures about mining.

Hinterkampstrasse 6  
30890 Barsinghausen  
Tel. +49 (0) 5105 / 51 41 87  
www.klosterstollen.de

Commuter rail line (S-Bahn) 1 or 2 to Barsinghausen, then a 10 minute walk  
Open all year round by appointment



Farm Museum

### Wöhler-Dusche-Hof

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Wöhler-Dusche Farm Museum is a listed building that dates back to the late 16th century. The ensemble consists of the main farmhouse, a traditional half-timbered building with two central rows of supporting posts, open barn, cottage garden and bakehouse. All parts of the building have been authentically preserved on the original location.

Am Ortfelde 40  
30916 Isernhagen  
Tel. +49 (0) 160 / 95 11 85 50

Tram line 9 Stop: Fasanenkrug, change to bus line 620 Stop: Isernhagen, Auf dem Windmühlenberge  
May to September Sun 11 am–5 pm



The map does not show the museums in the surrounding region (Nos. 17-25).







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A full range of services for your visit to Hannover is available at the Tourist Information (directly opposite the central railway station) or at the info counter in the New Town Hall. Whether you are looking for information about individual places of interest, brochures, guided tours or souvenirs: give us a ring or drop in.

#### Tourist Information

Ernst-August-Platz 8 | 30159 Hannover

Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 123 45 - 111 | [info@hannover-tourismus.de](mailto:info@hannover-tourismus.de)

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9 am–6 pm, Sat 10 am–3 pm,

April–Oct: Sun 10 am–3 pm

#### Info counter in the New Town Hall

Trammplatz 2 | 30169 Hannover | Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 16 84 53 33

Opening hours: March–Oct: Mon–Fri 9.30 am–6.30 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am–6.30 pm,  
Nov–Feb: daily 11 am–4.30 pm



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