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### Christmas markets in 2022

From the end of November, the unmistakable aroma of fir trees and candles, Christmas cookies and mulled wine will once again draw people to the Christmas markets in and around Hannover. As part and parcel of Germany's festive Advent season, they help get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

In the Old Town, in front of the Central Station, along the Lister Meile shopping street and at many other places within the Hannover

region, visitors can enjoy this convivial Christmas atmosphere. Around the Market Church, in Hannover's historic Old Town, 21 November marks the start of the lively run-up to Christmas, with more than 180 stalls exuding festive magic, sparkle and seasonal aromas.

In the historical Christmas Village, on the banks of the River Leine, artisan tradespeople such as ropemakers, smiths and brushmakers show off their skills, while jesters, magicians and mystical

figures amaze and delight the crowds. And, as every year, the Ballhofplatz square next door is home to the Finnish Christmas Village. Delicious flame-grilled salmon, washed down with hot Glögi, traditional Finnish mulled wine made of berries and a magical mix of spices, is a sure-fire recipe for Christmas cheer.

**From 21 November 2022**

*Old Town, Lister Meile and Central Station*

partially 

### Guided Christmas walk

## Illuminated Hannover

How about a pre-Christmas guided walk through Hannover's city centre and Old Town to set the mood for the festive season? Be enchanted by the romantic setting of the festively illuminated city centre.

Experience and rediscover our city in a new light with experienced tour guides. Round off the tour with a warming drink in the festively decorated Old Town.

**From 25 November 2022**

Every Friday at 16:00

Meeting point:

Tourist Information Centre  
at Ernst-August-Platz



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€ 14,-

Adults

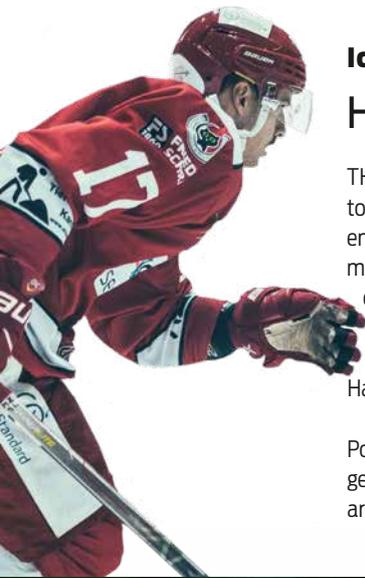
€ 10,-

Children up to 14/  
pupils/students

includes a hot beverage in the  
Old Town after the tour

Duration: 90 minutes





### Ice Hockey Open Air

## Hannover derby with music stars

THE year-end highlight in Hannover: Music and sport come together to create an unforgettable and emotional experience. At the Ice Hockey Open Air, top stars from the world of music will rock the home stadium of Hannover 96 football club, providing match-day entertainment in the Heinz von Heiden Arena for the only city derby in German ice hockey: the clash between the Hannover Scorpions and the Hannover Indians.

Popular German DJ and music producer Alle Farben will get the fans fired up. The other announced musical acts are none other than cult Hannover band Fury In The

Slaughterhouse and Berlin-based dancehall and hip hop group Culcha Candela.

On the rink, fans can expect a well-matched encounter in the traditional duel between the Scorpions and the Indians. What's more, leading celebrities and Hannover ice hockey legends will be getting their skates on too – all in the name of charity.

**17 December 2022**

Heinz von Heiden Arena



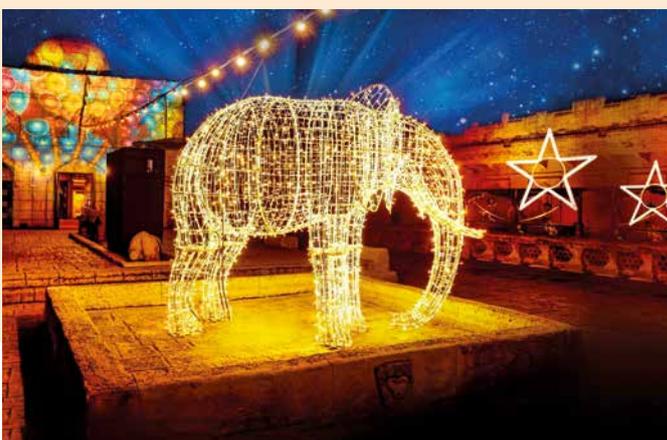
### Christmas Garden

## Festival of lights at the Adventure Zoo

After dark, the grounds of the zoo are transformed into a twinkling wonderland with breathtaking light displays, fantastic luminous figures and fabulous illuminations. On a circular route some two kilometres long through the impressive setting of the Adventure Zoo, the Hannover Christmas Garden will enchant visitors with amazing examples of the art of light, colourful light installations and spectacular illuminated backdrops.

**18 November 2022 – 15 January 2023**

Hannover Adventure Zoo



## Christmas Experience package

### Your package includes:

- 1 night B&B in a 4-star hotel (double room with additional bed or family room)
- Tickets to the Christmas Garden at the Adventure Zoo

**€ 199**

2 adults + 1 child up to 14 years  
(until 18 December 2022)  
€ 209 (from 19 December 2022)

**€ 205**

2 adults + 2 children up to 14 years  
(until 18 December 2022)  
€ 215 (from 19 December 2022)

**€ 175**

2 adults in a double room  
(until 18 December 2022)  
€ 179 (from 19 December 2022)

## 4 Christmas & festivities

### **GOP Winter Variety Show**

## Changes – an opportunity

Against the backdrop of a now-deserted petrol station, a young group of acrobatic artists tells a story of change. A story of the past and of the here and now, of clinging on and letting go – something the protagonist has not yet dared to do.

Experience the Winter Variety Show in the atmospheric setting of the Orangerie in the Herrenhausen Gardens, and be enthralled at the highly acrobatic ups and downs with both timeless comedy and amazing physical control.

**18 November 2022 – 22 January 2023**

*Orangerie in the Herrenhausen Gardens*



## Christmas Experience package

### **Your package includes:**

- 1 night B&B
- Top-price seat at the Changes Winter Variety Show
- Day pass on public transport (Zone A / city centre)

**Optional:** Three-course meal in a selected restaurant, price: €44 per person

**3-star hotel € 115**  
per person in a double room;  
single-room surcharge: € 40

**4-star hotel € 125**  
per person in a double room;  
single-room surcharge: € 44



### **A winter fairytale at Marienburg Castle**

## Festive Christmas splendour behind historical walls

**In 2021, more than 20,000 enthusiastic visitors enjoyed the Winter Fairytale theme at Marienburg Castle.**

This year the blend of beautifully decorated castle rooms, a spectacular light show in the inner courtyard, mulled wine and hot waffles will once again spread undiluted Christmas cheer. Choirs and marching bands will provide the musical background to complete the magical atmosphere.

**25 November 2022 –  
8 January 2023**

*Marienburg Castle*

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### Weihnachtszirkus

## 4<sup>th</sup> Artists Grand Prix

This unique, spectacular arena show combines top circus feats with the world of figure skating. This stunning new production takes its audience on an astonishing icy journey where, for the first time, ice skating meets sensational acrobatics and daring trapeze acts.

Never-before-seen performances move from the ice to scale dizzy heights, creating breathtaking illusions. With their world-class skating and acrobatics, the artists will demonstrate total mastery over the ice in flowing, lightning-fast motion that seems to defy the laws of gravity.

**16 – 31 December 2022**

Schützenplatz Hannover

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### Winterball 2022

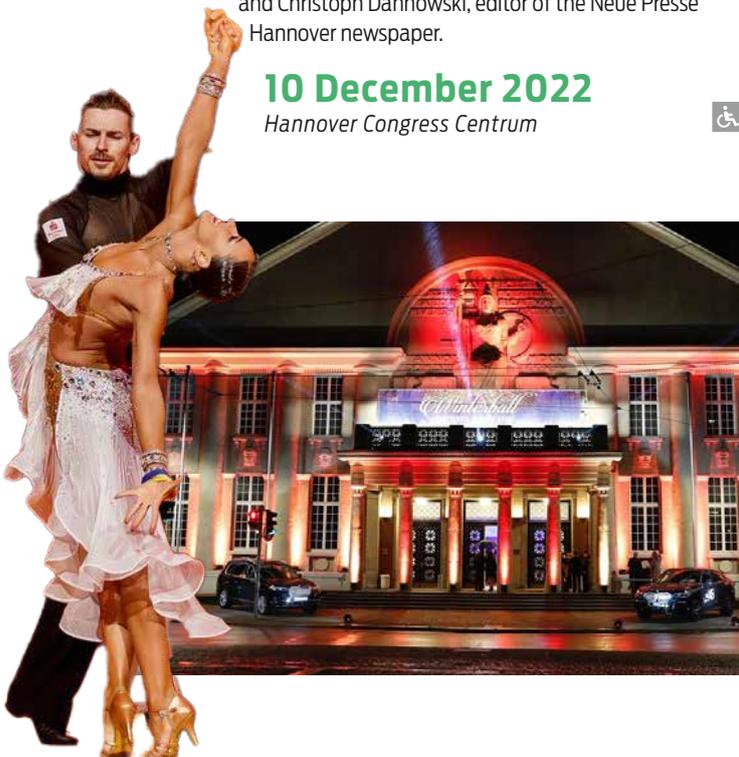
## Magic at the Kuppelsaal venue

With their bandleader Michi Högl, the Munich-based Högl Dance & Fun Orchestra will provide the perfect musical accompaniment to this year's Winter Ball organised by the Bothe School of Dance.

High-calibre headliners include the current World Latin Dance champions Marius-Andrei Balan and Kristina Moshenska, from Romania and Ukraine respectively. Other distinguished entertainers and DJs will make this occasion an evening to remember. The event will be hosted by Barynia Bothe and Christoph Dannowski, editor of the Neue Presse Hannover newspaper.

**10 December 2022**

Hannover Congress Centrum



## Night of the Proms

At the Night of the Proms, classical meets pop, arias meet chart hits, suits meet leather jackets, stilettos meet chucks, and Tchaikovsky meets Boy George. Experience the merging of two genres long thought to be firmly separate: classical and popular music.

Appearing alongside Kool & The Gang will be Amy Macdonald, Nik Kershaw, Carol Decker of T'Pau and Matt Simons – as well as a classical soloist, Yolanda Brown. These stars will perform their greatest hits accompanied by the Antwerp Philharmonic Orchestra and the Fine Fleur choir, conducted by Alexandra Arrieche.

**8 December 2022**

ZAG Arena



## 6 Event highlights



### 31<sup>st</sup> International Fireworks Competition 2023

## Brilliant as always & closer than ever!

#### Explosive Hannover

This event is a highlight in the literal sense of the word – the 31st International Fireworks Competition will see Europe's leading pyrotechnicians pitted against one another. In addition to the German team, four neighbouring countries will also put on spectacular firework displays.

Array after extraordinary array – if only the 25 minute performance could go on and on! It's hard to imagine a more beautiful setting for these breathtaking aerial displays than the Baroque Great Garden. Several hours before the competition starts, a programme of supporting attractions with smaller performances and live music will entertain visitors to the Herrenhausen Gardens.

Herrenhausen Gardens

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## Package deal

#### Your package includes:

- 1 night B&B
- Ticket to the 31st International Fireworks Competition

**3-star hotel** € 89  
per person in a double room; single-room surcharge: €36

**4-star hotel** € 99  
per person in a double room; single-room surcharge: €40

**Optional:** Four-course meal in a selected restaurant (starting at € 75 per person)

#### Dates:



**20 May**  
Germany



**10 June**  
France



**19 August**  
Switzerland



**2 September**  
Belgium



**16 September**  
Austria

### Glitterbox 2022

## Drag queens, house & disco sounds

This year the lifestyle of the 1970s, the disco decade will be celebrated at the Hannover Congress Centrum's exclusive Kuppelsaal venue again. With a soundtrack featuring nu-disco, classic house and fresh vocal sounds, Germany's only Glitterbox has the ultimate party atmosphere. Under disco balls by the dozen and with euphoric confetti moments, the vibe will be positively electric. Accompanied by outrageously styled drag queens who have travelled specially from London, as well as plenty of dance and show numbers, the event will serve up house music and disco sounds from these scenes' top stars. Mousse T., the Glitterbox family's DJ, is excited about the event returning to his home town!

**26 November 2022**

Hannover Congress Centrum



Tickets:



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**Herrenhausen Barock****Classical music in Herrenhausen's Gallery**

During the winter months, the Herrenhausen Baroque concert series comprises ten concerts featuring delightful Baroque music in the frescoed banquet hall at Galerie Herrenhausen. To launch the series, Catalan viola da gambist Jordi Savall will be performing with his ensemble, who are stars of the early-music scene. In December, there will be an unusual blend of Henry Purcell and music from the Arabian world featuring countertenor Valer Sabadus, followed by the traditional Christmas concert by the Niedersächsisches Staatsorchester and, to see out the year in style, the Hannoversche Hofkapelle.

In the New Year, classical music fans can look forward to more concerts, including Handel's timeless works sung by the Hannover Boys' Choir and performances by the Agostino Steffani Forum.

**29 November 2022 – 26 February 2023**

*Galerie Herrenhausen*

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**Opernball 2023****Bésame Mucho**

After a three-year hiatus, the biggest event of northern Germany's ball season is finally returning. Inspired by the cultures of Central and South America, the Opera House will be decked out with a colourful Latin flair that exudes joie de vivre. From Latin American market places to coffee houses and taverns – the highlights of the region's architecture and beauty will receive a unique staging, conjured through a variety of bright colours and patterns.

Artists from the State Opera, various bands and the sounds of Lower Saxony's Staatsorchester will make for an unforgettable night of non-stop music and dancing. From the central ballroom to the dancefloor for revellers – at the 2023 Opera Ball, dance enthusiasts will find everything their hearts desire.

**17 + 18 February 2023**

*Opera House*

**Hannover Silvester Party****Dance into the New Year**

**Welcome 2023 at northern Germany's biggest New Year's Eve party, hosted at the Hannover Congress Centrum!**

On five different dancefloors, revellers will be dished up a wide range of music including house, chart songs, R&B, 90s & Mallorca hits, as well as reggaetón and Latino sounds. Everywhere in the venue, live acts, DJs and show highlights will get the dancefloors heaving.

There are also plenty of bars offering a huge selection of great drinks, with snacks also available.

**31 December 2022**

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## 8 Packages & city tours

### Flashlight Tour

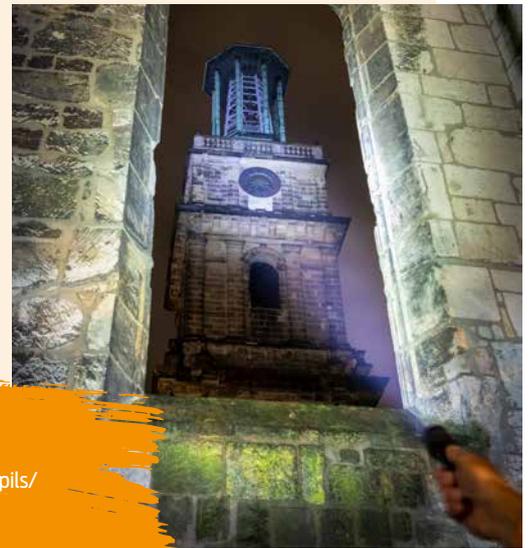
Experience the city in a whole new light on one of our Flashlight Tours!

As night falls, switch on your torch and explore the city's sights with a whole new perspective. Tracking the painted line known as the 'Red Thread', see the city's highlights illuminated by our torch beams and hear fascinating stories told by experienced guides.

It's guaranteed to be great fun, and you may discover things you had overlooked in broad daylight.

Dates and further information:

[visit-hannover.com/en/Sightseeing-City-Tours](https://visit-hannover.com/en/Sightseeing-City-Tours)



€ 13 Adults

€ 8 Children up to 14 years/pupils/  
students/HannoverCard

Duration: 2 hours



### Winter Zoo Experience for the whole family

Experience Hannover with the whole family: As always at this time of year, the Adventure Zoo offers winter fun full of surprises and attractions!

While some of the zoo's residents prefer to withdraw into the cosy warmth of their enclosures, others come into their own in cold temperatures and show off their thick winter coats. Enjoy the beautifully designed themed areas created to replicate the animals' natural habitats: Yukon Bay, Meyers Hof, the Outback, Jungle Palace, Afi Mountain and Zambezi.

#### Your package includes:

- 1 night B&B in a 4-star hotel (double room/single room/double room with additional bed/family room)
- Ticket(s) to Hannover Adventure Zoo in Winter

from **€ 175**  
2 adults + 1 child up to 14 years

from **€ 195**  
2 adults + 2 children up to 14 years

from **€ 165**  
2 adults + 2 children up to 14 years

from **€ 115**  
1 adult in a single room

**Bookable:** until 17 March 2023

### Service

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#### Extra nights

We are happy to take bookings for extra nights (prices for a double room):

**3-star hotel: from € 54** per person per night B&B

**4-star hotel: from € 65** per person per night B&B

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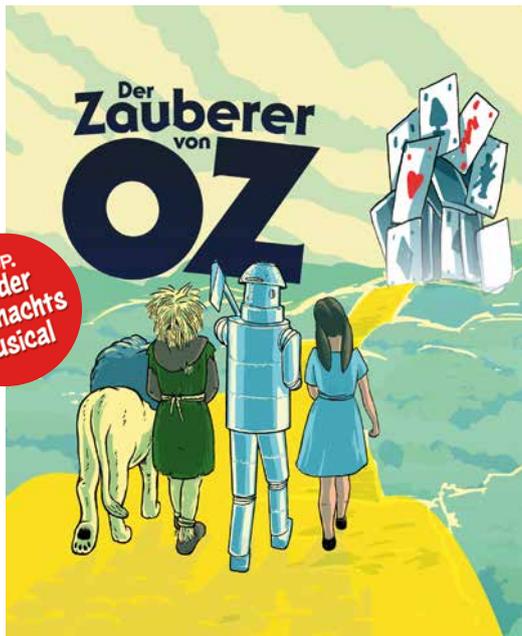


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## Der Zauberer von Oz

The children's show that has taken Hannover by storm is back for the ninth time. Knut Gminder's terrific musical, featuring music by Jens Eckhoff (formerly of the band Wir sind Helden), is moving into the GOP venue. This family musical extravaganza is for children aged 4 and over – and for anyone who enjoys the latest pop music, puns, physical comedy and a rousing tale. Der Zauberer von Oz (The Wizard of Oz) will be an unforgettable shared experience this winter season.

### Your package includes:

- 1 night B&B in a double room with additional bed or in a family room
- Tickets (top price category) for this children's Christmas musical

**3-star hotel € 182**  
2 adults + 1 child up to 12 years

**3-star hotel € 205**  
2 adults + 2 children up to 12 years

**4-star hotel € 205**  
2 adults + 1 child up to 12 years

**4-star hotel € 235**  
2 adults + 2 children up to 12 years

**Bookable:** until 8 January 2023



## Christmas shopping

Enjoy the anticipation and the atmosphere of pre-Christmas cheer at this cosy time of year. Hannover's central pedestrianised zone is surrounded by attractive shopping opportunities with modern arcades and plenty of specialist shops catering for every taste. Stroll through the city centre taking in the Christmas lights, shop for presents and then enjoy a festive hot drink in Hannover's Old Town. A delicious three-course meal awaits you back at the hotel.

### Your package includes:

- 1 night B&B in a double or single room at a 4-star city-centre hotel
- 1 festive hot drink in the Old Town
- Three-course meal in the hotel restaurant
- Information pack incl. shopping guide

**4-star hotel € 145**  
per person in a double room; single-room surcharge € 50

**Bookable:** 2 – 23 December 2022



Group special

## Magical Hannover

On Friday evening, nightwatchman Melchior will take you on an unconventional city tour and show you his Hannover, while on Saturday you will explore the city's 'jewel', the Herrenhausen Gardens. The evening will start with culinary delights at the Gondel restaurant before you enjoy the latest show at the GOP Variety Theatre. This package contains all you and your friends need for an unforgettable mini-break in Hannover.

### Your Group Special includes:

- 2 nights B&B
  - Guided city tour with nightwatchman Melchior (Friday)
  - Guided tour of the Great Garden (admission included)
  - GOP Variety Theatre deal, consisting of a three-course meal and a top-price ticket (Saturday)
  - Group HannoverCard for 3 days
- Minimum 10 people

**3-star hotel from € 235**  
per person in a double room;  
single-room surcharge € 60

**4-star hotel from € 255**  
per person in a double room;  
single-room surcharge € 70



**Phyllida Barlow**

## Breach

Phyllida Barlow is one of the leading contemporary sculptors. The sheer physical presence of her monumental installations – made from simple, tactile materials such as timber, cement, paint, cardboard, plaster and fabric – are architecturally challenging for the viewer. After her show in the British Pavilion at the 2017 Venice Biennale and her major retrospective at the Haus der Kunst in 2021, Barlow – holder of the 2022 KURT SCHWITTERS AWARD – is now creating a new installation for the main exhibition hall at the Sprengel Museum.

until **19 March 2023**

*Sprengel Museum*



**Musical**

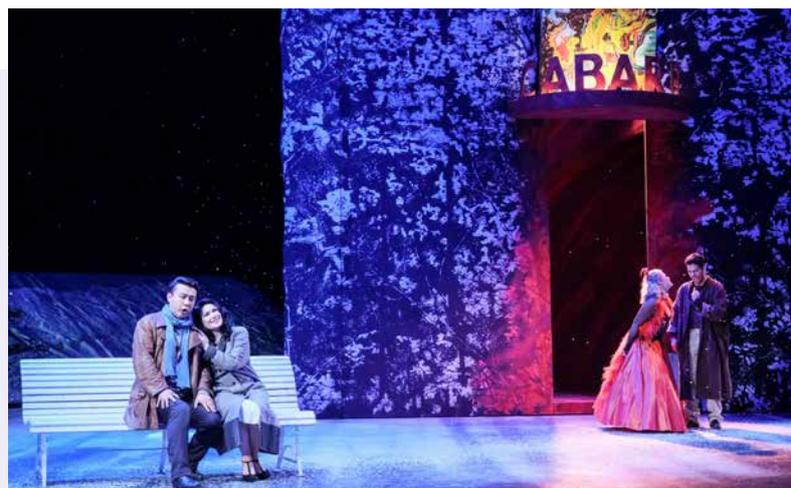
## Drei Haselnüsse für Aschenbrödel

This is one of the loveliest fairy-tale feature films ever made, and is a fixture in Germany's Christmas TV listings: *Drei Haselnüsse für Aschenbrödel* (*Three Wishes for Cinderella*)

The six-strong cast breathes new life into the familiar story on stage, taking the audience on a journey to a fairy-tale land where wondrous things can spring forth from the most unlikely beginnings. With plenty of audience interaction, everyone will be swept along and become part of the performance themselves.

**9 December 2022**

*Theater am Aegi*



**A Christmas classic**

## La Bohème

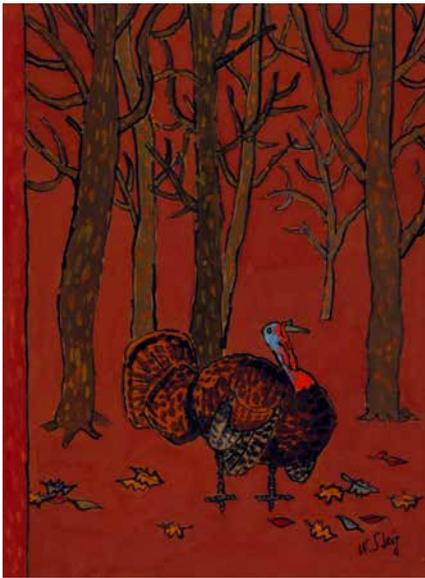
Christmas in Paris: Four young men at the margins of society who are unwilling – and financially unable – to conform. What happens? All-consuming love? The start of a brilliant career? Hunger? Anarchy against the establishment? The melancholy love story of Rodolfo and Mimi with its tragic ending consistently captivates audiences.

A traditional Christmas favourite, *La Bohème* – a Hannover State Opera production – returns to the stage this festive season. Without a doubt, the unprecedented popularity and ongoing topicality of this opera are largely down to its timeless, exquisite melodies. The musical score characterises, in great detail and without sentimentality, the atmosphere of *La Bohème*'s story.

from **9 December 2022**

*Opera House*





## 90 years of the Wilhelm Busch Society

### Collecting, exhibiting, researching

The primary functions of a museum – collecting, preserving and researching – usually remain largely hidden to the public. Yet it is the results of these activities that form the basis for exhibitions and outreach.

An exhibition featuring some 180 exhibits – entitled **Sammeln, Ausstellen, Forschen!** ('Collecting, Exhibiting, Researching') – marks the 90th anniversary of the Wilhelm-Busch-Gesellschaft e.V. and offers a great opportunity for visitors to immerse themselves in all aspects of the work done at the museum.



until **31 December 2022**

Wilhelm Busch Museum –  
the German Museum of Caricature and Graphic Art

## Premiere

### Luft

Experience the cultural side of Hannover with the premiere of **Luft** (Air), directed by Anja Herden – a powerful reminder that sometimes it takes air to slam us into the full reality of life. Just a little. A single breath. Not fearfully gasping for air. Not frantically panting. No, taking a deep breath in order 'to be'. 'Be-ing there' so we can help allay the very big and the very small fears that hold sway over our lives, day in, day out. Let's collectively take a breath and sing in defiance of all those things that rob us of our breath. Spread our wings and immerse ourselves in everything that music has to offer, from Wagner to AC/DC, and from Peter Alexander to Billie Eilish. Breathe deeply and briefly 'take off' so you can then allow yourself to fall and let go!

**Premiere 26 November 2022**

Schauspielhaus



## Compact culture package

Can be booked with only one overnight stay!

## A cultural weekend in Hannover

Experience Hannover's diverse museum scene and round off your visit with a night at the State Opera or the theatre (Schauspielhaus).

### Your package includes:

- 2 nights B&B
- 1 'The Red Thread' mini city guide
- A public city sightseeing tour on a hop-on, hop-off double-decker bus
- Tickets for the Sprengel Museum and August Kestner Museum
- Opera tickets (category C) or theatre tickets (category B) on **Saturday evening**

### 4-star hotel with opera tickets

per person in a double room; single-room surcharge: €80

**€ 245**

### 4\*\*\* Hotel mit Schauspiel

per person in a double room; single-room surcharge: €80

**€ 225**

## Summer Carnival 2023

# P!NK

### P!NK is back – twice!

With a string of chart-topping singles, and album and ticket sales in the millions, P!NK is one of the world's most successful female pop artists. In 2019 Hannover hosted her spectacular live show which combined her powerful voice with an awe-inspiring stage production.

The Summer Carnival 2023 will be another impressive milestone in what is already a phenomenal career, and an unforgettable live experience for her fans.

## 12 + 13 July 2023

Heinz von Heiden Arena



## Hannover Screenplay Festival up-and-coming

The tension is rising among talented up-and-coming writers who are in the running to win the award for promising young screenplay authors in Germany. Who will end up on the victory podium? This will be decided live, both at the Künstlerhaus venue and online, in late November. Experts will pass on their knowledge to young authors in numerous online panels and events. At the festival, the high-calibre jury will present the German up-and-Coming Screenplay Writers' Award to two joint winners who have written the best two screenplays of the 134 entered.

## 25 – 27 November 2022

Künstlerhaus and online at [up-and-coming.de](http://up-and-coming.de)



### New Year's Eve special

## Feuerwerk der Turnkunst: A gymnastics extravaganza

SPIRIT – the name says it all. This show will usher in a new era in spectacular gymnastics. Mystical illusions, enchanting panto and dynamic Risley acrobatics will be presented by the best performers in the world. A carefully crafted show radiating spectacle, drama and emotion – after all, it's the contrasts that create beauty and breathe life into the SPIRIT.

## 31 December 2022

ZAG Arena



## Christmas Experience package

### Your package includes:

- 1 night B&B
- Admission to the New Year's Eve show Feuerwerk der Turnkunst at 17:00
- Transfer from the hotel to the venue and back
- Admission to the New Year's Eve party 'Albertz Nacht', incl. gala buffet and a flat-rate drinks package until 2:00
- See the New Year in with dance and music at the bar



**Tip:** Extend your stay in Hannover until 2 January 2023!

### 4-star hotel € 325

per person in a double room; single-room surcharge: € 64

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