

!Kassel

Singularly multifarious.

World culture and hip graffiti art, exquisite culinary delights and cool hotspots, urban style and pure nature. Discover a city full of surprises.



04-07 **UNESCO World Heritage Site Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe**

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Art. Enjoyment. Experience.

Welcome to Kassel – a multifarious city in the heart of Germany that really will sweep you off your feet. After all, along with “classics” such as UNESCO World Heritage Site Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe, the fairytale legacy of the Brothers Grimm and documenta art, there are so many other discoveries to be made in Kassel. Whether it is vibrant urban life, or time spent relaxing in the great outdoors, art and culture, shopping and indulgence, you can look forward to a variety-packed, hospitable city, where many unforgettable experiences await. On the pages which follow we have compiled some of the many highlights for you.

Be inspired and enjoy a magical stay here in North Hesse!



Spellbinding views and a mesmerising spectacle

Discover one of the most fascinating testimonials to European landscape architecture: Spanning 560 hectares, Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe is the largest of its kind in Europe and has been a UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site since 2013. It was Landgrave Karl of Hesse-Kassel who designed this monumental park at the beginning of the 18th century. The world famous water features, which delight thousands of visitors every year, can also be attributed to him. From May to October see for yourself how the bubbling water gushes into the valley, to then burst into a powerful fountain. The Illuminated Water Features, which have impressively illuminated water feature stations, are a special experience, too.

OUR TIP

During the water feature season (1 May to 3 October), you can experience the mesmerising, bubbling spectacle while on a guided tour. During the tour, find out lots of interesting facts about the technology and history of the water features, and get to the individual stations at just the right time!



On a journey of discovery through World Heritage

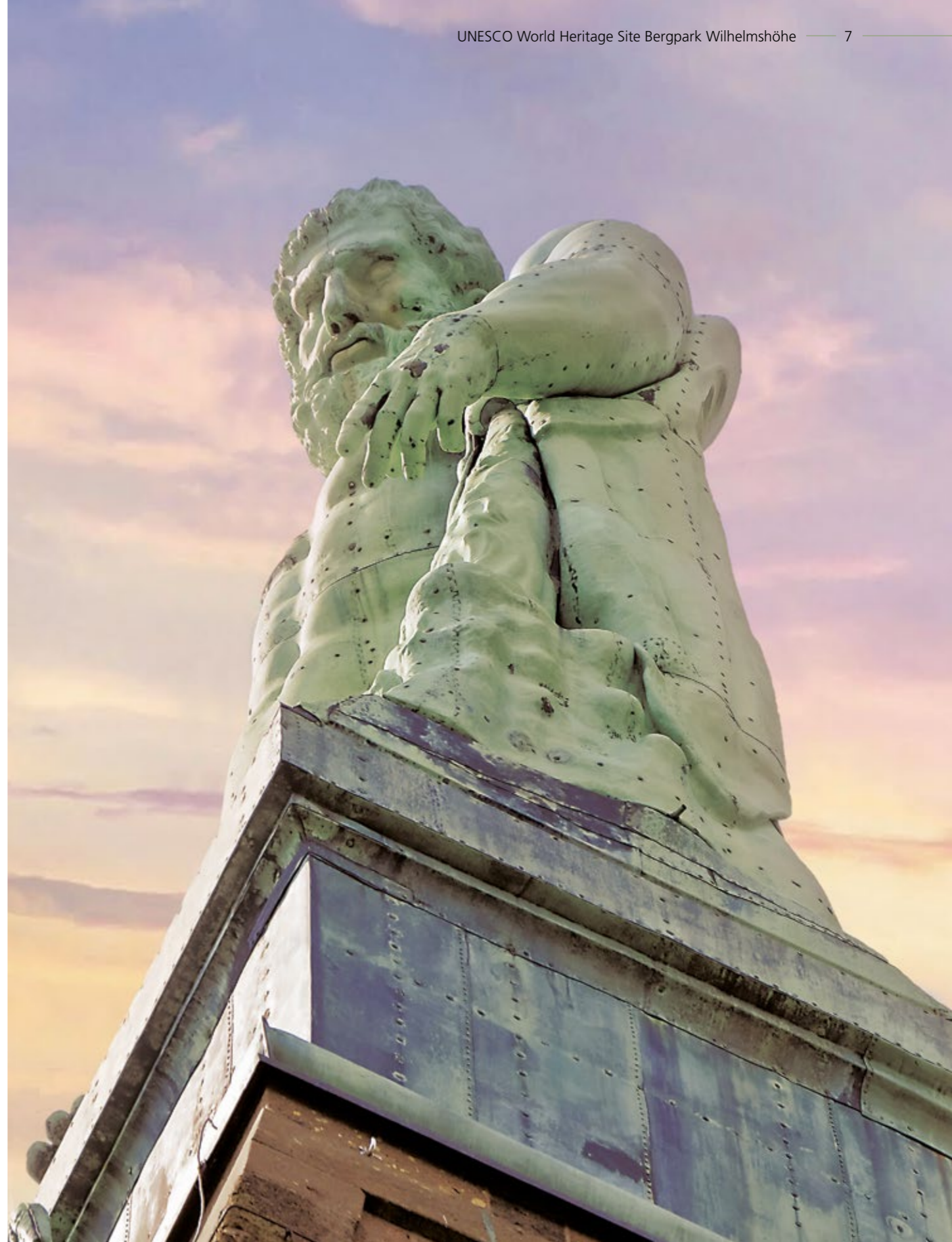
It is not only the water features that make a visit to Bergpark a real highlight. As you stroll down from the Hercules monument, alongside the cascades, there are many other highlights to look forward to. Löwenburg for instance – a pleasure palace built in medieval style, resplendent after extensive restoration work.

In Wilhelmshöhe Palace, the Old Masters Picture Gallery, one of the most significant art collections in Germany, awaits and a visit to the Collection of Antiquities is also well worthwhile. Also not to be missed is a visit to the glass construction Great Greenhouse and the Isle of Roses.



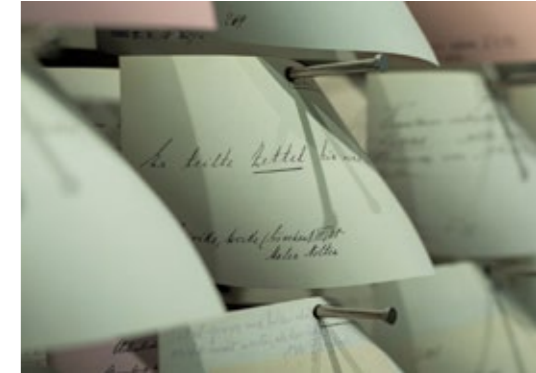
ONE TICKET – THREE ATTRACTIONS

With the 3-for-1 Wilhelmshöhe day ticket for just EUR 6 (concessions EUR 4), you can visit Wilhelmshöhe Palace, Löwenburg and the Hercules monument with the platform and pyramid (1 Apr. – 31 Oct.) or the Great Greenhouse (1 Nov. – 31 Mar.) at a discounted rate.



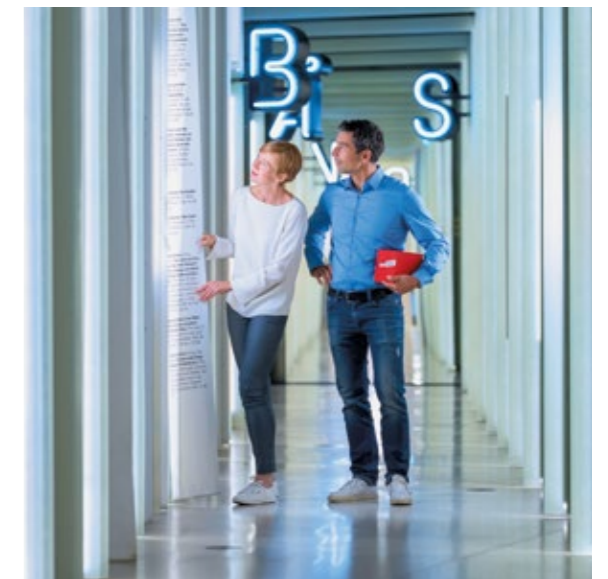
Dive into the world of the Brothers Grimm

Once upon a time, a long time ago, there lived two learned brothers in a beautiful city in North Hesse. They were called Jacob and Wilhelm – and it was here in Kassel that they not only penned many of their fairy tales, now famous the world over, but also, by their own admission, spent the most productive part of their lives. Reason enough to dedicate a realm of discovery to them in the guise of GRIMMWELT, which brings their work to life in a unique way. Dive into a variety-packed world of experience, which also focuses on the brothers' pioneering work as linguists. You can also admire their personal copies of the Children's and Household Tales here, which have been included in the UNESCO 'Memory of the World' Register since 2005.



HIGHLIGHT

So has the exhibition tour piqued your appetite? In GRIMMWELT, café-restaurant FALADA awaits, with an extensive selection of culinary delights. In summer, these can even be enjoyed outdoors in "Grimms Garten" – with a fantastic panoramic view across the south of Kassel.





In the footsteps of princes ...

A short stroll from the centre of Kassel, is the city's second large historic park: Karlsaue Park. Spanning 150 hectares, it is as extensive as the Principality of Monaco, tempting you to head out on extended strolls. At the northern end of the park is the Baroque Orangery, which houses the largest planetarium in Hesse as well as the Marble Bath – one of the most magnificent relics dating from the Baroque period. From here, winding paths lead through the idyllic park, so you can enjoy a stroll along artificial channels and lakes, just as the landgraves once did. Right at the southern section of Karlsaue Park, you will finally arrive at Siebenbergen Flower Island, complete with its luxuriant flora.



COLOURFUL BLOOMS

Siebenbergen Flower Island at the southern end of Karlsaue Park is home to more than 100 different species of plant from throughout the world, whose blossoms provide a glorious array of colours from spring to autumn. Come with us on a magical walking tour, taking you down winding paths through magnificent sea of flowers.

Trendy district with a special charm



SHOPPING FOR THE EXPLORER

Boxer shorts made from Granny's bedlinen, sustainable fashion, stylish home design ideas and unusual items from Kassel. Anyone who embarks on a shopping trip to the concept stores in Vorderer Westen can look forward to many fantastic finds and will definitely find their new favourite piece!

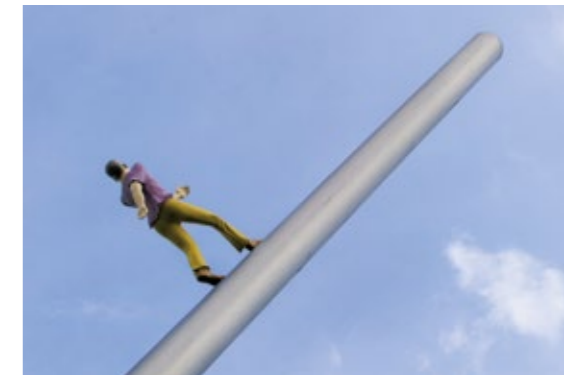
The Vorderer Westen district has blossomed into one of the trendiest districts and residential areas in Kassel. Primarily thanks to the many impressive Wilhelminian-style buildings that are found here: their lavish stucco decoration, oriel windows and turrets define the face of the district, providing a real feast for the eyes. This is also true of the windows displays at the many original concept stores along Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse and the freshly prepared, delicious food in the iconic cafés and restaurants, which are found everywhere here. A trip to Goetheanlage is also worthwhile. It is the 'green lung' of this area and a popular meeting place, especially in the summer.





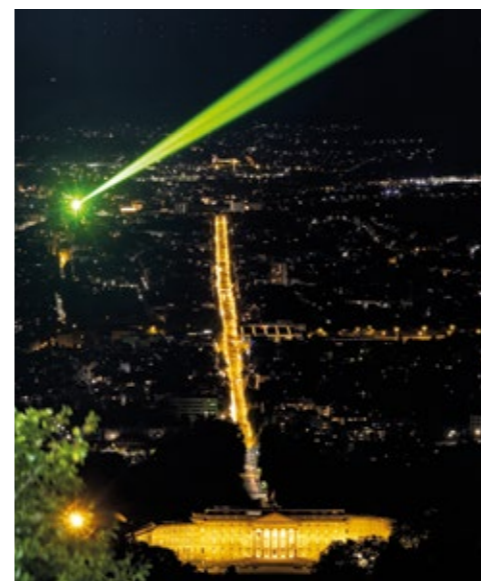
Art wherever you look ...

Did you know that Kassel is one of the greenest cities in Germany? This is not only because of the many parks and gardens in the documenta city, but also thanks to world-famous artist Joseph Beuys. In 1982, he initiated the "7000 Oaks" project for documenta 7. The saplings planted at that time have now grown into tall oak trees, defining the urban landscape, and they can be recognised by the basalt stone positioned next to each tree. Many other identifiable outdoor documenta artworks have found a permanent home in Kassel – from the "Man Walking To the Sky" outside the Kulturbahnhof to the oversized "Pickaxe" by the Fulda river and the obelisk on Treppenstrasse.



HIGHLIGHT

Would you like to explore the outdoor documenta artworks at your leisure? Our virtual documenta tours and free audio guides provide an opportunity to do this at any time while simultaneously learning so many interesting facts about the artworks and artists. Take a look now at www.documenta-historie.de



Kassel's collection of modern art

Schöne Aussicht in Kassel not only provides a wonderful panoramic view over Karlsaue Park. One of the most prominent museums in the documenta city is here too: New Gallery. In Kassel's collection of modern art, you get to enjoy some time travel; an exciting journey through recent art history,

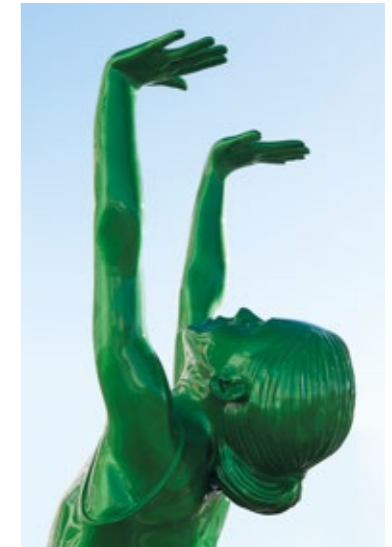
discovering works by world-famous artists including Lovis Corinth, Max Ernst, Gerhard Richter and Andy Warhol. The centrepiece of the collection is a room set up by Joseph Beuys himself on the ground floor, in which his installation "The Pack" and a number of smaller works by the artist are on display.



»ABOUT: DOCUMENTA«
The New Gallery has been closely linked with documenta for many years. This makes it the perfect location for the presentation "about:documenta", which has been on show here since 2019. The history of the global art exhibition and its rotating artistic concepts can be experienced in a fascinating way.



Art's beating heart is right here



Alexandra Bircken, "Top down/Bottom up", 2020, commissioned work by the Fridericianum
Photo by: Nicolas Wefers © Alexandra Bircken, Fridericianum



Rachel Rose: View of the exhibition
Photo by: Nicolas Wefers © Fridericianum

The impressive museum building in Kassel city centre was designed in the 18th century by Landgrave Friedrich II and was one of the first public museums in Europe. Today the Fridericianum is the core element of every documenta and a central location for contemporary art in Kassel. It is here that you get to experience rotating exhibitions by international artists and discover a global art exhibition – outside the building too, since there are a number of outdoor documenta artworks from past decades on the extensive Friedrichsplatz and in many other places in Kassel's city centre.

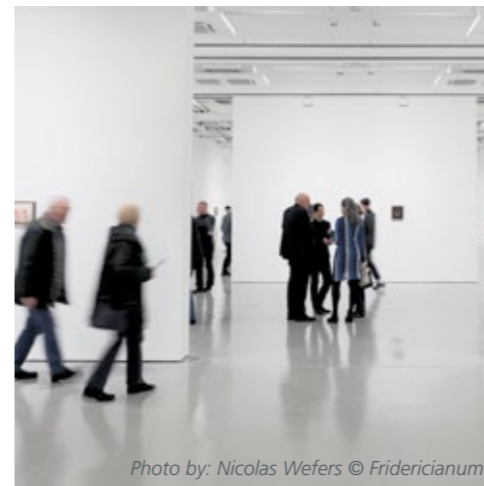


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OUR TIP

Culture and shopping is nearby!

In the immediate vicinity of the Fridericianum, you will also find many other cultural highlights – from the Ottoneum and the Natural History Museum to the Staatstheater and documenta Hall. And the Fridericianum is also the perfect starting point for shopping trips in the city centre and relaxed visits to cafés.



OUR TIP

Día de los Muertos – the Mexican festival of death

Every two years in November, the Museum for Sepulchral Culture provides you with the opportunity to experience the Mexican festival of death "Día de los Muertos" at first hand. In collaboration with Mexican citizens, the museum's team devises a variety-packed programme dedicated to this theme.



Vivacious – not deadly dull

How has the way we deal with death and mourning changed in the course of the centuries? And how do we deal with the finiteness of our existence today? This museum, the only one of its kind in Germany, addresses these questions in a lively manner, presenting fascinating testimonies about the burial, graveyard and mourning culture in German-speaking

regions from the Middle Ages to the present day. Here too you learn that death does occasionally have quite a cheerful aspect, often closely associated with love and Cupid. Rotational, special exhibitions are shown alongside the museum's collection, and there are also regular lectures, theatre and dance performances as well as concerts.





Enjoying art in its many and varied guises

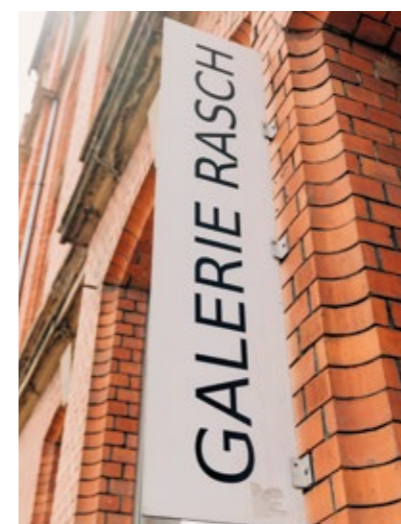
Kassel's Südstadt district has many aspects and is one of the most multifaceted districts in the documenta city. The art scene that has settled here is inspiringly varied, too. Along Frankfurter Strasse, numerous little galleries invite you to discover the latest works by international artists. These frequently also include pieces by graduates and students from the nearby art college, in whose new exhibition hall you will regularly be able to discover exciting contemporary art created by the students. Just a few steps away from there, a "work of art" of a completely different kind awaits in the guise of Karlsaue Park, inviting you to enjoy relaxing strolls through its magical park landscape.



HIGHLIGHT

Gallery Festival: Celebrating art

Every year in early summer, the Gallery Festival takes place in Kassel's Südstadt district where you are invited to enjoy art, culture, performances and live music in a fantastic atmosphere late into the evening. The Gallery Festival is rounded off by a variety-packed supporting programme of music, performances and film screenings.



Street art & Subculture in Nordstadt

Kassel's Nordstadt district, also known as "NordHolland" (North Holland) due to its proximity to Holländische Strasse, presents itself as multifaceted, vibrant and multicultural. It is home to Kassel's graffiti and street art scene, which has already jazzed up many façades with large-format murals. The result: a real "Public Art Gallery" inviting you to enjoy an exciting open-air art experience. Right at Nordstadtpark, you will find Kulturzentrum Schlachthof and punk rock bar Mutter. For a cool drink, we recommend a visit to Stecknpferd brewery on Pferdemarkt.



STREET ART FOR YOUR EARS

Whether it is large-scale murals or multicoloured graffiti: on a tour through the Public Art Gallery, you get to experience the many facets of urban art up close. The perfect companion for this is one of the free audio guides from the cdw Foundation, which you can simply download onto your smartphone: available at "street art in Kassel", www.izi.travel

We are here for you

We would like you to enjoy your experience of Kassel from the outset. With that in mind we offer our guests a comprehensive service – in our tourist information office in the heart of the city centre for instance. As well as individual advice and helpful tips, you can also obtain tickets and souvenirs here, along with plenty of practical information relating to your stay. Our visitor centres in Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe and the Kassel Service Point in the city centre also look forward to welcoming you. Inspiring travel tips and much more can be found twenty-four-seven on the internet.

So, we'll see you soon in Kassel!



OUR ON SITE SERVICE

Tourist Information

Wilhelmsstraße 23, T +49 561 7077-07

Information point in Wilhelmshöhe visitor centre

Wilhelmshöher Allee 380, T +49 561 316 80-751

Hercules monument visitor centre

Schlosspark 28, T +49 561 316 80-781

Kassel Service Point

GALERIA, 1st floor, Obere Königsstraße 31

ONLINE INFORMATION

www.wowkassel.com

Inspiration, insider tips and key facts for your city trip to Kassel.

www.kassel.de/gaeste

Information and booking options for your stay in Kassel.

visit.kassel.de

Free travel guide for your journey of discovery through the documenta city!

EVENTS IN KASSEL

Illuminated Water Features

Impressive, illuminated water features in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site
www.beleuchtete-wasserspiele.de

Kultursommer Nordhessen (North Hesse Summer of Culture)

The festival spans several months in various venues
www.kultursommer-nordhessen.de

Weisse Nacht (White Night)

Entertaining midsummer festival on the last weekend of June in Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe
www.museum-kassel.de

Brothers Grimm Festival

Open-air fairytale theatre for summer
www.brueder-grimm-festival.com

Zissel

The largest water and folk festival in North Hesse – every year on the first weekend in August
www.zissel.de

Night of the Museums

Museums and cultural institutions open their doors on the first weekend in September
www.museumsnacht.de

BergparkLeuchten

International light art in Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe
www.bergparkleuchten.de

Fairytale Christmas Market

Fairytale programme and enchanting highlights in Kassel city centre
www.weihnachtsmarkt-kassel.de

A complete overview of all events in Kassel can be found at www.kassel.de

OUR TIP

The KasselCard offers free use of public transportation and plenty of discounts for your stay. It is available at our service points, either for € 9.00 € (2 pers., 24 h) or € 12.00 € (2 Pers., 72 h).





YOUR TRAVEL COMPANION

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