



## Culture in Hildesheim

### Roemer and Pelizaeus Museum

The Roemer and Pelizaeus Museum (RPM) is one of the most renowned museums in northern Germany, perhaps most well-known for its world-famous Ancient Egyptian cultural treasures. In "Egypt", the permanent exhibition, many unique exhibits provide evidence of the history of this fascinating advanced culture from its beginnings to the Christian Middle Ages in three thematically separate display areas. The more than 4000-year-old finds from the plateau of the pyramids of Giza command special attention – including the one-of-a-kind, life-sized statue of the Prince and Vizier Hemunu. The highest state official under the reign of King Cheops is also believed to be the architect of the Great Pyramid of Giza.

**Tel. 05121 – 93690, [www.rpmuseum.de](http://www.rpmuseum.de)**

**Opening hours: Tues. to Sun. 10 am to 6 pm**

**Closed Mon., except on holidays**

### Civic Museum in the Butchers' Guildhall

Experience the history of and the stories about the city of Hildesheim in the Civic Museum (Stadtmuseum) in the Butchers' Guildhall. The five floors in the impressive half-timbered building on the historical market square take visitors on an informative trip back through time. Such extraordinary exhibits as precious replicas of the "Hildesheim Silver Treasure" from the Roman period or the magnificent silverware of Prince-Bishop Friedrich Wilhelm von Westphalia from the 18th century provide visitors with valuable insight into the 1200-year history of the city.

**Tel. 05121 – 2993685**

**[www.stadtmuseum-hildesheim.de](http://www.stadtmuseum-hildesheim.de)**

**Opening hours: Tues. to Sun. 10 am to 6 pm**

### Cathedral and Cathedral Museum in Hildesheim

After close to five years of renovation and restoration, the Hildesheim Cathedral with its impressive architecture and unique art treasures was finally opened to the public once again on 15 August 2014. St. Mary's Cathedral was first built sometime in the 9th century and has been on the UNESCO list of World Heritage sites with its art treasures since 1985.

During a tour of the cathedral, you will see outstanding cultural and spiritual works from the Middle Ages contrasted against the newly renovated church space. You will explore the cloister, pay a visit to the 1000-year-old rosebush, see such works of art as the Bernward bronze doors and find out more about the key personalities in the 1200-year history of the bishopric.

The Cathedral Museum is part of the historical building complex that makes up the Hildesheim Cathedral. It is home to the Cathedral Treasure, which belongs to the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage, and provides visitors with a fascinating look at examples of medieval art. The museum was reopened in 2015. The award-winning exhibition rooms present outstanding exhibits in an impressive juxtaposition of medieval and contemporary art objects.

Several times a year, changing special exhibitions organised and integrated into the permanent exhibition. Therefore something new will be presented during each visit. Public guided tours take place at the Cathedral Museum regularly, in which an exciting insight to the unique collection will be granted.

**The Cathedral and the Cathedral foyer are open daily from 10 am to 6 pm (closed on 24. and 31.12.)**

**[www.mariendom-hildesheim.de](http://www.mariendom-hildesheim.de)**

**Opening hours for the Cathedral Museum: Tues. to Sun. 10 am to 5 pm, closed Mondays, closed on 24. and 31.12.**

**[www.dommuseum-hildesheim.de](http://www.dommuseum-hildesheim.de)**

**Cathedral information Tel. 05121 – 307770**

### TfN – Theatre for Lower Saxony

The TfN programme offers an excellent mixture of the best in entertainment on the one hand and a critical look at topics that affect us personally or all of society on the other. With all their skills and creativity, the actors on the stage and behind the scenes invite you to experience evenings of theatre that will captivate and delight you – be it opera, a play, a musical, a concert or children's and young people's theatre. We look forward to seeing you at the TfN.

**Ticket telephone: 05121-1693 1693**

**[www.tfn-online.de](http://www.tfn-online.de)**

## UNESCO World Heritage in Hildesheim

Two of Hildesheim's historic churches and their art treasures were both already added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage in 1985: St. Mary's Cathedral (Mariendom) with its Cathedral treasure and St. Michael's Church (Michaelis) form a unique ensemble reflecting decorative medieval art and architecture. Taken together, the two neighbouring churches, which share much the same history, provide an overview of the design and decoration of Romanesque churches in greater detail than can be seen anywhere else in the world.

### World Heritage Visitor Centre Hildesheim

The new World Heritage Visitor Centre Hildesheim, which is located on the historical market square, provides visitors with a first look at the topic of World Heritage, along with explanations and background information on the World Heritage churches in Hildesheim. A multimedia presentation using touch-screens, 3-D models, virtual historical panoramic views and interaction pads invites visitors to explore and encourages them to find out more about UNESCO World Heritage in Hildesheim. Starting from the market square, the large, light-coloured granite paving stones and built-in LED bars of the World Heritage Walk guide visitors on their way to the World Heritage churches.

**Admission is free of charge. Short guided tours are available for groups on request.**

**Tel. 05121 1798-0**

**[www.hildesheim.de/besucherzentrum](http://www.hildesheim.de/besucherzentrum)**

### Guided tours with tour guides in historical costume

1200 years of history come alive when proud, rich patricians and poor, hardworking tradesmen's wives, and even society's outcasts, share their personal experiences to shed light on their lives and the customs and practices of their times. Follow the "notorious" personalities on their exciting and entertaining journeys back in time.

**The open costume tours usually take place on the 1st Friday of each month.**

**Tel. 05129 – 96123, [www.costume-event.de](http://www.costume-event.de)**



**Guided city tours**

- St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Michael's Church have been part of the UNESCO World Heritage for some 30 years. During the 2-hour guided tour, you will find out more about the history of the city and St. Michael's Church. A one-hour guided tour of the recently reopened Cathedral is also part of the programme.  
From € 140
- Guided tour on "Getting to know Hildesheim" and different special-topic tours: 2 hours, € 70 (€ 80 in languages other than German), plus extra fee to see the Cathedral/rosebush
- Guided city tours for a quick overview: 1 hour, € 50 (€ 60 in languages other than German), plus extra fee to see the Cathedral/rosebush
- Bus tours in the region to the highlights surrounding Hildesheim: 2, 4 or 6 hours, € 70, € 120 or € 170, plus admission fee

**Excursion tips for longer stays**

- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites between the Harz Mountains and the Weser River
- Fagus Factory in Alfeld (approx. 40-minute drive)
  - Rammelsberg Mine, historic town of Goslar and Upper Harz Water Management System (approx. 50-minute drive)
  - Corvey Castle (approx. 75-minute drive)
  - Historic town of Quedlinburg (approx. 75-minute drive)

**Programme tip:** The Christmas Market from the end of November until after Christmas directly in front of the hotel and the historical backdrop of the old market square. The Christmas Market remains closed on 24/25 December and in the morning on 26 December.

**Service, Advising and Booking**

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**Opening hours: Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am to 6 pm, Sat. 10 am to 3 pm, April to October and on the Advent weekends also on Sun. 10 am to 3 pm**

**The Surrounding Area**

**Autostadt in Wolfsburg**

"People, automobiles and what moves them" is the motto of the Autostadt in Wolfsburg: On the 70 acres of the automotive theme and adventure park, it's all about mobility. Regardless of whether it's a trip back in time in the automobile museum spanning different car brands, a stroll through the interactive exhibitions or the eight pavilions featuring different Volkswagen car makes and models, a boat ride on the Mittelland Canal or a relaxing stay in the lovingly designed lagoon landscape – with its widely diverse range of offers, the Autostadt is the ideal destination for group excursions and, with more than two million visitors a year, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Germany.

**Opening hours: Daily from 9 am to 6 pm**  
**Tel. 0800 288 678 238**  
**www.autostadt.de**

**Marienburg Castle** – The former summer residence of the Royal Family of Hannover is a popular place to visit and only about a 20-minute drive from Hildesheim. During the season, visitors are welcome to tour the castle, climb the towers and enjoy open-air events. Culinary delights await you in the Castle Restaurant. Detailed information and the current programme of events can be found on the internet.

**Tel. 05069 – 348 000**  
**www.schloss-marienburg.de**  
**Available for group tours with prior registration outside of the official opening/seasonal hours**

**UNESCO World Heritage Fagus Factory in Alfeld**

The Fagus-Gropius Exhibition and the multimedia UNESCO Visitor Centre provide interactive information on the original building with its modern architecture as built by Bauhaus founder Walter Gropius. Tours (guided factory tours + audio guide) give visitors a look behind the scenes of the living monument, which is still used as a production factory today. Different events and exhibitions make up the cultural programme. The Fagus-Gropius Café offers a welcome opportunity to sit down and relax.

**Daily Opening hours:**  
**April to October: 10 am to 5 pm,**  
**November to March: 10 am to 4 pm,**  
**closed on 1. January, 24./25./31. December**  
**Tel. 05181 – 790, www.fagus-werk.com**



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