

Press information

Hannover's Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen

The Great Garden is one of the most important baroque gardens in Europe, captivating tourists from all over the world. The main attraction here is the recently rebuilt Herrenhausen Palace, home to the new Herrenhausen Palace Museum. The Garden itself presents a dazzling array of romantic fountains, exotic plants and striking sculptures. Events such as the international fireworks competition and the Small Festival in the Great Garden regularly attract large numbers of visitors.

The Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen are Hannover's most famous attraction, a reflection of aristocratic savoir-vivre for more than 300 years. The centrepiece is the 17th-century Great Garden, one of the best-preserved baroque gardens in Europe. Be sure to visit Herrenhausen Palace there. Rebuilt to its original splendour and boasting cutting-edge, multimedia facilities, the palace now hosts more than 160 events every year as a scientific venue and innovation hotspot for the whole of Lower Saxony – very much in the tradition of a famous former resident: the universal scholar Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz.

The Great Garden is a place to lose oneself in, to marvel at the magnificent Great Fountain, which is 82m high (the largest of its type in Europe) and the Grand Cascade, to be enchanted by artist Niki de Saint Phalle's magically decorated grotto. And during the annual international firework competition, to watch transfixed as world-class pyrotechnics transform the sky above into a dazzling sea of trailing sparks. The Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen provide the atmospheric backdrop for a variety of unforgettable events and festivals throughout the year, including the KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen arts festival, musical and theatrical performances in the Garden Theatre, the Small Festival in the Great Garden (with over 100 acrobats, mime artists and musicians), and various gala concerts and winter variety shows in the gallery and orangery buildings. Completing the ensemble of gardens is the idyllic Georgengarten (in the style of an English landscaped garden), the tree-lined Herrenhäuser Allee and the Berggarten, with its 12,000 plants and its display houses.

More information are available at
www.hannover.de/en/herrenhausengardens , www.visit-hannover.com/en &
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